

MRS. COREY STRICTLY MUM ABOUT ESTRANGEMENT.

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Steel Magnate's Wife Is Here From Reno



A PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN SENSATIONAL DIVORCE CASE, NOW VISITING THIS CITY.

Mrs. W. E. Corey, wife of the Eastern steel magnate whose reported infatuation for pretty Mabelle Gilman, the actress, is said to have caused an estrangement between them, is at the Palace Hotel. She arrived early yesterday morning. Her object in visiting San Francisco at this time is unknown. She positively refuses to talk on the matter.

With Mrs. Corey is Miss Ada Corey, her sister-in-law, who is said to have remained loyal to the wife of her brother throughout all the trouble. Miss Corey is from Pittsburg. Misses Margaret Gray and Anna Risher of Pittsburg, personal friends of Mrs. Corey, are also with her.

It was not until after Mrs. Corey and her party had been at the Palace several hours that the public became aware of their presence here. They were given four rooms on the first floor of the hotel and went to them at once. Mrs. Corey did not come out all day. Miss Risher and Miss Gray, however, appeared in the corridors of the hotel during the afternoon, indicating that they were not trying to keep their presence here secret.

The Corey party came to San Francisco direct from Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Corey and her sister-in-law have been there for nearly a month with the evident intention of securing a residence. They rented a cottage and to all intents expected to remain there over the winter. It is reported that Mrs. Corey is thus giving her husband an opportunity of securing a divorce on the ground of desertion.

Mrs. Corey is a charming, middle-aged woman. She is quite pretty and speaks with a gentle melodious voice. She is rather short in stature. Her hair is quite dark. She shows gentle rearing and the sympathy of all who know her seems to be in her favor.

She positively refused to be interviewed. "I have nothing to say," she said, "and prefer not being asked any questions. I am very sorry that I cannot talk just now." The members of her party are equally silent over the reported troubles between Mrs. Corey and her husband.

Mrs. Corey and her three friends were served breakfast, luncheon and dinner in their rooms yesterday. It is reported

that they will leave San Francisco this morning.

MAY NOT RESIDE IN RENO.

Mrs. Corey Will, It Is Believed, Remain in California.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 8.—"Mrs. Corey has gone to San Francisco. She is accompanied by her sister-in-law. She left shortly after 7 o'clock last evening and will be gone about three months."

The above is the substance of a telephone message received from the Reno home of the Coreys to-night. It was sent by a woman who says that her name is Aubreon. She is the much-talked-of mysterious friend of the Coreys, but at last has consented to allow her name to be used. A half hour previously she had stated that Mrs. Corey was very nervous, confined to her room and suffering from the shock caused by the unpleasant notoriety of being accused of coming to Nevada to get a divorce, for which she is to receive \$1,000,000.

"Mrs. Corey is ill and nervous," said the Aubreon woman, "and cannot see any one to-night. She will give out a statement at 3:30 o'clock to-morrow." No one at the depot saw Mrs. Corey or her sister-in-law leave, though it is thought they took the Tonopah express.

It is now thought here that Mrs. Corey intends to remain in California and abandon her intention of securing a residence in Nevada.

STEEL TRUST OUSTS COREY.

Dropped From His Position as Head of Big Concern.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 8.—Information reaches your correspondent to-night from a source that must be considered reliable to the effect that Thomas Morrison today quietly succeeded W. Ellis Corey as head of the United States Steel Corporation. J. Pierpont Morgan and Andrew Carnegie, for the report says, insisted on Corey vacating immediately, but agreed that his retirement should be kept quiet for a few days.

UNPRECEDENTED FALL OF SNOW IN SHASTA

"Oldest Inhabitant" in Vicinity of Pittville Sees a Strange Sight.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

REDDING, Dec. 8.—Eight inches of snow fell Wednesday at Pittville, in northeastern Shasta County. The particularly strange and uncommon feature about the fall is the fact that when the storm began there was about two inches of dust on the ground. This is the first time within the remembrance of the oldest inhabitant that dust and snow have mixed in the Pittville section.