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## CALVERT TOWNLEY, ENGINEER, 69, DEAD

Former Vice President of the  
Westinghouse Company Is  
Victim of Heart Attack.

### LONG ACTIVE IN UTILITIES

Aided in Electrification of New  
Haven Railroad—One Time  
Headed Professional Group.

Calvert Townley, well-known electrical engineer and a former vice president of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, died suddenly of a heart attack last night in the apartment of his son, Clifford Calvert, at 77 Park Avenue. He was 69 years old.

Several friends were visiting Mr. Townley when he collapsed. He died before his physician, Dr. John A. Hartwell, arrived. Dr. Hartwell said that the engineer had suffered from heart disease for several years and that an attack six months ago, while Mr. Townley was in a theatre, nearly caused his death at that time. Although Mr. Townley retired from business in 1931, his ailment did not prevent him from indulging in golf and other sports.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, son of the late John and Carrie Ackerman Townley, he attended local schools and later was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale. When he was 23 years old he joined the Westinghouse company, with which he remained, except for a short period, until his retirement.

During his service with the company Mr. Townley became interested in a large number of utility corporations and in 1904 he left the Westinghouse company to participate in the management of his utility interests. Until 1911 he was consulting engineer for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company in planning the electrification of railroad lines leading out of New York.

In 1911 he became vice president of thirty or more utility corporations controlled by the New York, New Haven & Hartford. He later returned to the Westinghouse company to become vice president and assistant to the president.

While he was engaged in railroad and electrical affairs, his knowledge of his subject and his ability to visualize future needs and trends made him a leader in the fast-growing industries with which he was connected.

In 1924 he was instrumental in arranging international radio broadcasts and was one of the sponsors of a broadcast sent by six stations more than 7,000 miles to various parts of the world. In 1927 he directed a survey for the radio engineering committee of the American Engineering Council, of which he was chairman. The result of the survey was the first plan to limit broadcasting and called for national planned control of the new industry.

Mr. Townley was a fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, of which he was once president; former president of the Yale Engineering Association, a member of the Ohio Society of New York and the Berzelius Society of Yale. His clubs were the Engineers, Yale, Railroad, Bankers, New York Automobile, Quinnipiack, Graduate and the New Haven Country.

Mr. Townley married twice. His first wife was the former Miss Edith W. Case of Hartford, Conn. His second marriage was to Miss Mabel McCormack Steele of Sardis, Miss. By his first marriage he had two sons, Clifford, at whose home he died, and Donald Case Townley of 815 Park Avenue.

# Calvert Townley Dies; Former Electric Official

## Retired From Westinghouse Company Last Year

Calvert Townley, who retired last year as assistant to the president of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, died unexpectedly last night at the home of friends at 77 Park Avenue. Mr. Townley, who lived at the Yale Club, was sixty-nine years old.

Mr. Townley was consulting electrical engineer in the electrification of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company from 1904 to 1911 and also was vice-president of about thirty utility corporations controlled by that railroad during the period. He had been connected with the Westinghouse company from 1887 to 1904, and joined it again in 1911 as assistant to the president. He was also vice-president of the Westinghouse X-Ray Company.

Mr. Townley was born in Cincinnati, the son of John Ackerman Townley and Carrie A. Calvert Townley, and was graduated in 1886 from the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University.

He was a fellow and past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, president of the Yale Engineering Association and a member of the Ohio Society of New York and the Berzelius Society of Yale. His clubs included the Engineers, Yale, Railroad, Bankers and the Automobile of New York, and the Quinnipiack, the Graduate and the New Haven Country Club, of New Haven, Conn.

His first wife was the former Edith W. Case, of Hartford, Conn., whom he married in 1889. They had two sons, Clifford Calvert Townley and Donald Case Townley. In 1911, he married Mabel McCormack Steele, of Sardis, Miss.