Ulysses Randolf Acquires Even More Assets Under His Name

House Randolf, famous for their chains of Rubidium mines, began buying up yet more mines on Dauntless and then Davila. Soon, this attracted the attention of Imperial authorities questioning right of a single House to own that much property, especially since House Randolf has been embroiled in legal battles attempting to assert ownership of a plot containing one end of a teleconnect. They began their investigation by questioning the infamous Ulysses Randolf, head of the Randolf family; enigmatic and full of gusto. He welcomed the investigators personally to examine the grounds he purchased on Davila. The investigators found themselves quite unprepared for what they found: the chains of mines purchased on Dauntless and Davila were previously owned by assorted small Houses, all of which Randolf seized by various legal means. Thus Ulysses amassed a vast array of resources, workers, and funds followed by the best legal counsel money can buy. The Investigators found him to be at fault in one area: around sixty percent of his workforce were not citizens of the Imperium at the time. This presented a conundrum, as they were undocumented he had no way of tracing where they were from or where they had been.

Under the laws of the Imperium, Ulysses was within his legal rights to vie for ownership of the land associated with the teleconnect. His sway with the Rubidium industry appproaches that of even some of the Great Houses with their full Imperial backing. This sparked the investigators to appeal to their superiors, to offer him official Imperial backing; with a teleconnect on Davila, the Randolf name could yet become synonymous with Imperial authority. There was one issue to be sorted; the previous owners of the mines that House Randolf had bought out had banded together and were inciting unrest amongst the populace to attempt to mar the name of Randolf.

Ulysses, acting shrewdly under pressure, encouraged the Imperium to publicise their deal. Not even the disgruntled mine owners were willing to get on the bad side of the Imperium, and soon there were talks of expanding Ulysses' savvy to the fields of IRON. With a teleconnect, large amounts of personal funding, and a willingness to take risks, he seems to be a viable candidate for a formal association with the Intrepid Branch of IRON. Ulysses declined, but offered another suggestion. He agreed to be a consultant for IRON on the condition that all the workers under his current employ would receive full Imperial Citizenship. With the legitimacy of his workforce established, he offered the new citizens under his employ additional benefits if they applied for the service of IRON. As a result, IRON received a significant number of new recruits, eager to carve out a new life for themselves, and could be deployed at a moment's notice via the teleconnect. It remains to be seen the impact of having house-aligned personnell responding directly to IRON leadership.