

MAGNATE OPPOSED TO ALL PUBLICITY

Even Reports to Stockholders Objectionable in Havemeyer Policy.

METHODS ARE REVEALED

Company Official Says That Head of Sugar Trust Brooked No Interference — Company Not Campaign Contributor.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Defending the late H. O. Havemeyer as a man who "did what he thought best for the stockholders," while conceding that "of course, public opinion has changed since then," Washington B. Thomas, ex-president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testified today before the committee that is investigating the sugar trust.

Thomas pictured Mr. Havemeyer as a man who ruled his company as a captain does a ship.

Capital Largely Increased.

Thomas said that in 1891 the American Company was capitalized at \$50,000,000, which was increased to \$75,000,000 when the American took in the Philadelphia refinery, and to \$90,000,000 when it entered the beet sugar field.

Thomas admitted that the American company, after buying the stock of the Baltimore Refining Company, closed the refinery there and shipped the machinery to New Orleans, where labor was cheaper.

"After acquiring the Mollenbauer and other refineries," asked Chairman Hardwick, "did not Mr. Havemeyer, James H. Post, representing the other refineries, and one or two other men meet and agree to limit the output of sugar and its price?"

"Not that I know of."

"As a director would you know about such an agreement?"

"Not necessarily, Mr. Havemeyer did not tell the directors all that he did."

Havemeyer's Actions Independent.

Thomas told the committee that while he and Mr. Bent had been appointed on the committee with H. O. Havemeyer to purchase refineries, Mr. Havemeyer never consulted them, but went ahead independently.

In discussing Havemeyer's methods, Thomas reiterated that Havemeyer always opposed any publicity of the company's business and even opposed making annual reports to stockholders.

Thomas said he had sufficient power to keep a friendly majority in the board of directors, who he mentioned all he did.

Representative Baker questioned Thomas as to his acquaintance with Havemeyer and the latter admitted that he was sufficiently busy to excite the ire of Mr. Baker, who said he doubted the good faith of the head of the American Sugar Refining Company.

Campaign Contributions Denied.

Baker took exception to the general tendency of sugar company employees to shift blame on the late Mr. Havemeyer. He inquired of Thomas as to the board of directors always knew what was going on, that Havemeyer submitted all issues to the board and that the board was free to object or overrule Havemeyer if it so desired.

"Were you present at a meeting of the board of directors of the American Sugar Refining Company when the question of making contributions to political parties was discussed?"

"I have no recollection of any such meeting."

"Did not your company make money contributions to both political parties, so that, no matter who won, the company would be safe?"

"Not that I know of."

"What about the secretary's report of 1910 that a resolution was submitted to the board of directors to make political donations, a report which does not tell what was done?"

"Not one cent" Paid.

"That was in 1910. I became a director in 1912 and know nothing about it."

"Now, come on right out with it, Mr. Thomas, and tell us how much the company gave in the campaign of 1910."

"Not one cent, and we were not asked for any."

"How much in 1904 did you give to the Harrington fund?"

"Nothing, and if we had been asked we would have refused."

"Do you mean to say the company was not asked by either of the big parties for money?"

"Not to my knowledge."

Baker got Thomas to admit that the board of directors was virtually self-perpetuating, that not to his knowledge had a director even been elected who had been opposed by the existing board.

WIFE NEED NOT TESTIFY

McNamara under that name, but later was told by him that his name was J. B. Hines, and, after he came from the coast, as Frank Sullivan.

"Where you present with J. B. McNamara and J. J. McNamara in the latter's office when the question was discussed as to what J. B. McNamara was coming to the coast for?"

"Infernal Machines Mentioned."

"I did not get much of that. It was almost all settled before I got there."

McManigal said James B. McNamara had a suit case and a dozen clocks or infernal machines, but did not mention any more.

"J. J. told J. B. as we were getting ready to leave, you go out there and get in touch with Clancy, and Clancy will make you acquainted with the bunch around there." He says, "you meet the old man out there and he will tell you what to do."

McManigal said he learned his name was Twittemore.

Cliff A. Twittemore, a San Francisco

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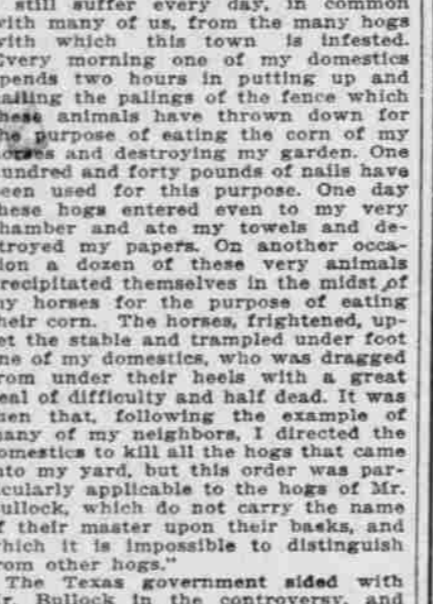
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Real Scientific Management.

Casler's Magazine.

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The Comstock Lode.

Charles M. Harvey, in the Atlantic.

"You've struck it, boys!" Thus said Henry Paige Comstock to Peter O'Riley and Patrick McLaughlin, who were his fellow prospectors in a search for gold in Six-Mile Canyon, near the present Virginia City, the Capital of Nevada.

The date was June 10, 1859. In that remote spot in the American wilderness, by these three obscure men, was made on that day a discovery destined to affect the current of American politics for a score of years, and to have for long a disturbing influence on the world's finances. The thing which was "struck" on that June day of 1859 was the vein covering what came to be known as the Comstock lode, in which were hidden the richest deposits of silver ever found anywhere on the globe. Their development, years afterward, simultaneously with that of the silver mines of Colorado, started the downward flood in the price of silver, which broke the old ratio between the money metals, changed the monetary system of the leading nations from the double to the single gold standard; incited the movement, beginning in 1871, under the leadership of Richard F. Blaine, for the reopening of the mints to silver on the same terms as to gold; led hence to the passing of the Bland-Allison limited silver-coinage law of 1873,

and to that of the Sherman silver-bullion-deposit act of 1890; and was the issue which split the two great parties and made havoc among the smaller ones in 1896, resulting in the act of 1900, which gave statutory recognition to the gold standard in the United States.

Trouble for Little.

New York Sun.

After a Chicago woman had left a hotel uptown a bellboy who had been sent up to the room she had occupied found a necklace on the floor. He rushed down to the office with it and a telegram was sent to the owner asking for instructions as to forwarding. After the woman's train had reached Chicago this reply came: "Keep necklace. It is not worth express charge."

They say the bellboy is offering the jewels for \$3 and would take less.

Last year there were in England 473 fatal accidents in the streets caused by mechanically propelled vehicles.

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