

WATER IN SUGAR STUCK ADMITTED

Chairman of Board Tells How First Refineries Were Taken by Trusts.

EFFORT AT CONTROL FAILS

Competition Declared to Be Increasing—Pensioning of Employees Among Reforms Instituted by Big Company.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Although the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors of the American Sugar Refining Company show that Washington B. Thomas, the present chairman of the board, was elected a member of a special committee with E. O. Havemeyer and Mr. Smith to acquire sugar refineries, Mr. Thomas today told the special Congressional committee investigating the so-called "sugar trust" that he knew nothing about it until he read it in the Government report at Washington a few days ago.

"Didn't Mr. Havemeyer notify you that you were a member of the committee to purchase independent beet sugar interests throughout the country?" Chairman Hardwick asked him.

"Not that I remember," Mr. Thomas replied.

Big Purchases Not Remembered.

"As a member of such committee did you ever participate in the purchase of such interests?"

"I don't think so."

"But the records show that you, as a member of the committee, joined in these \$25,000,000 purchases of independent refineries."

"I have no recollection of it. Mr. Havemeyer always attended to these matters alone and never consulted anyone."

Mr. Thomas told of his financial interest in the American Sugar Refining Company. His stock, he said, amounted to about \$375,000 and the holdings of the members of his family, including his own, are between 15,000 and 20,000 shares, with a value of between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

Stock Much Watered.

In reply to Representative Madison, Mr. Thomas went into the formation of the original trust.

"The refineries composing the first company were capitalized at \$4,500,000 and were given \$50,000,000 of sugar trust stock for their properties, were they not?"

"I believe so."

"That's a whole lot of moisture, is it not?"

"I guess so."

"Do you not know that much of the stock is now water?"

Mr. Thomas admitted that this might be true.

"In the reforms you inaugurated about the time of Mr. Havemeyer's death, did you reduce salaries?"

"I did in my case."

"What are you getting?"

"Twenty-five thousand a year."

Havemeyer's Salary \$100,000.

"What was Mr. Havemeyer getting?"

"One hundred thousand."

"Was not John E. Parsons, as counsel, paid \$100,000 for his services in bringing in the Philadelphia refineries?"

"Yes, but we have cut out such matters now."

Mr. Thomas added that Vice-President Atkins, although taking a very active interest in the affairs of the company, received no salary. He explained this by saying that Mr. Atkins liked to work.

Among the reforms to be instituted by the company, according to Mr. Thomas, is a pension system for employees.

Mr. Madison, who took a hand in the questioning, said he believed the common stock of the National Sugar Refining Company in the New Jersey suit would be invalidated, "the issuing of that stock was a terrible steal," and that this would give the American Company control, thus increasing its output to nearly 60 per cent of the country's production.

Federal Control Good Thing.

"This, with the American's large interest in the beet industry, would make the American a most formidable corporation, absolutely controlling one of the country's necessities."

"Do you not think Congress should control such a powerful organization?" he was asked.

"I think it would be a good thing," replied the witness.

In reference to the agreement between the American Sugar Refining Company and the American Beet Sugar Company in 1902 to pool selling interests, Thomas said John E. Parsons had told his company that the agreement was not in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, but that when Secretary MacVeagh informed his company that it was a violation of the law the agreement was abrogated.

"You have about 10,000 women stockholders in New England?"

"Yes."

"When prosecution threatened your company, did not you and your associates unload most of your own sugar stock on these women?"

"Not at all."

Jacoway asked the witness if his company was not in constant warfare with the raw sugar producers of Louisiana.

"Yes, we are competitors."

Raw Sugar Scare Advertised.

"Is that why you advertised in trade papers that raw sugar is unhealthy and has a bug in it?"

"I know nothing about these advertisements," answered the witness, but he was instructed to get the information for the committee.

Mr. Thomas admitted he had no knowledge of any smaller company making active war upon the American in the last 20 years, excepting the Arbuckle, but he would not admit that the American controlled the prices.

"The directors of the Great American favor selling that company's beet sugar stock in favor of removing the tariff on sugar?" asked Mr. Malby.

"Yes, certainly, because the low tariff on sugar would hurt beet sugar stock," said Mr. Malby.

Thomas insisted the American did not control the Great American Beet Sugar Company, of Colorado, but Mr. Malby brought out that with the holdings of the Havemeyer estate, it controlled about two-thirds of that company.

The American, said Mr. Thomas, also holds 50 per cent of the Spreckels' interests in California.

Mr. Thomas said that any effort to control the sugar business had been a complete failure. Competition has been constantly increasing and each year the American's share of this country's business is decreasing.

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SUGAR HOLDINGS

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DEFENSE FUND IS URGED

PLEA MADE FOR McNAMARA'S IN MINERS' CONVENTION.

Half Million May Be Inadequate, Says Official—Great Strike Suggested to Aid Prisoners.

BUTTE, Mont., July 19.—The necessity of funds to be available immediately for the defense of the McNamara brothers, accused of conspiracy to dynamite the Los Angeles Times building, was urged upon the Federation of Miners today in a letter from Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor.

WALLPAPER TRUST HIT

Four Men Are Indicted by Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., July 19.—Four indictments were returned this afternoon by the Federal grand jury which has been investigating the alleged wallpaper trust, charging restraint of trade.

The indicted men are all officials of wallpaper jobbing houses. They are J. B. Pearce, president of the J. B. Pearce Wallpaper Company, of Cleveland; Norton Newcomb, of St. Louis; Edward E. Maxwell, of Chicago, and C. C. Aler, of Columbus, O. Bond was fixed at \$5000 in each case.

Peavy Brokers Go Out of Business.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 19.—W. H. Dickenson & Co., grain commission, Minneapolis and Sioux Falls, S. D., which handled the major portion of the Minneapolis option business of the Peavy Grain Company of Chicago, will follow the example of the Peavy Grain Company and go out of business.

SAN DIEGO CELEBRATES

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