

MONEY CANNOT BE CORNERED--MORGAN

Financier Tells Committee Abuse of Power Means Loss Without Recourse.

CREDITS ARE "PERSONAL"

Loan to Wrong Man Would Be Cancelled, Even Though It Was Secured by United States Bonds, Is Declaration.

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"I am not seeking it, either." "This consolidation and amalgamation of systems and industries and banks does not look to any concentration does it?" asked Mr. Undermyer, with a smile.

"No, sir," answered the witness. "It is for the purpose of concentrating the interests that you do amalgamate, is it not?"

"If it is good business for the interests of the country to do it, I do it." "But, Mr. Morgan, is not a man likely, quite subconsciously, to imagine that things are for the interests of the country when they are good business?"

"No, sir." "You think that you are able justly and impartially to differentiate where your own interests are concerned just as clearly as though you had no interest at stake, do you?" continued Mr. Undermyer.

"Exactly, sir," replied the witness. "And you are acting on that assumption all the time, are you not?" "I always do."

"Of course there is a possibility of your judgment's being mistaken, is there not?" "Judgment is Defended."

"Oh, I may be wrong in my judgment, but I do not think it leads in that direction." "Does it not go somewhat on the theory that the wish may be father to the thought?"

"What is your question?" "That the wish to bring these interests together may lead you to believe the country is not injured by that sort of concentration."

"I do not think so." "Later Mr. Undermyer touched upon the basis of money control." "The control of credit involves the control of money, does it not?" he asked.

"No," said Mr. Morgan. "What I call money is the basis of banking." "But the basis of banking is credit, is it not?"

"Money is Gold--Nothing Else." "Not always," said the witness. "That is an evidence of banking, but it is not the money itself. The money is gold--and nothing else."

"Out of the discussion that followed, Mr. Undermyer drew the fact that comparatively little money exists for the vast superstructure of credit which it supports."

"If you had the control of all that represents the assets in the banks of New York, you would have control of all that money," he suggested.

"No, you would not," answered Mr. Morgan. "If a man controlled the credit of a country he would control all its affairs," said Mr. Undermyer.

"He might have that view," retorted the financier, "but he would not have the money. If he had the credit and I had the money, his customer would be badly off."

Mr. Morgan again declared that money could not be controlled. He added that many men had great credit who had no money.

"Is it not because it is believed they have money back of them?" asked Mr. Undermyer.

"No, sir, it is because people believe in the man. I have known a man to come into my office and I have given him a check for \$1,000,000, when I knew he had not a cent in the world."

Mr. Morgan was led at some length into a statement of his views on combination and concentration of financial affairs. Mr. Morgan reiterated that he was an advocate of combination and co-operation, although he did not object to the competition.

"Without you have control," he said, "you cannot do anything." "Is that the reason you want to control everything?" asked Mr. Undermyer.

"I want to control nothing," retorted the financier. "There is no way one man can get a monopoly on money," asked Mr. Undermyer.

"Credit Not Controllable." "Or control of it," replied Mr. Morgan. "He can make a try at it?" "No, sir, he cannot. He may have all the money in Christendom, but he cannot do it."

CAMERA STUDIES OF WORLD'S FINANCIAL KING, WHO STARRED AS WITNESS IN MONEY TRUST PROBE.



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power and control in order to experiment with it." "Question of Control is Personal." "No, I know from experience," said Mr. Morgan.

"Experience of your own?" "No, I am talking about the experience of having things. What I mean to say is this: The question of control in this country at least is personal; that is in money."

"Have you not seen many instances in the history of this country of financial men getting vast control and abusing Mr. Morgan's long period of years before they lost it?" asked Mr. Undermyer.

"Not one particular line, and nobody that has what you call a money trust or anything of that kind," said Mr. Morgan. "You admit, do you not, that men may get control of railroads or business enterprises and monopolize them and so abuse their privilege?"

"Yes." "And you say that so far as the control of the credit is concerned they cannot do the same thing?" "Of money, no they cannot control it," said Mr. Morgan.

"Competition is Preferred." "The thing goes back to the question of the control of banks and trust companies in New York," said Mr. Undermyer. "Do you think that a competitive condition in banks and trust companies in New York is more or less preferable than a concentrated control over these banks?"

"I would rather have competition," said Mr. Morgan. "After ascertaining the number of voting trusts in various railroad and industrial corporations that were held by members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. Mr. Undermyer asked:

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Using a company we employ that method--so that it can be protected," said Mr. Morgan. "Mr. Morgan had Mr. Undermyer read into the records the report of the voting trustees of the Reading Railroad Company, made in 1904, when the trustees surrendered the company to the stockholders."

Mr. Undermyer read the figures showing the prosperity voting trustees had brought to the Reading. "How much has the price of coal been raised?" asked Mr. Undermyer. "Mr. Morgan said he did not know."

"No, I do not know what the price has been," said Mr. Morgan. "The idea is that a voting trust is a necessity to a big company in its infancy, in order to protect the company."

Mr. Morgan placed in the record the agreements by which the firm handles the securities of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads. The general policy of private banks handling big issues of securities also was taken up.

These issues of securities of interstate railway companies are in vast sums, are they not, running into the hundreds of millions of dollars a year--many hundreds of millions of dollars?" asked Mr. Undermyer.

"For the different companies you issue many, many hundred millions a year, do you not?" "Yes, sir."

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