

STOCK REVEALS DETAILS OF HIS DEAL WITH KRATZ.

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see many members of the City Council? "No, I went only to Kratz." "Was that time the first that you ever worked for a passage of a bill?" "No, I have worked for other bills."

"Oh, I did not keep track; there were so many." "Were all these bills passed with the use of money?" "Yes, with the use of money."

"Did you not see Mr. Brinkmeyer when he was a member of the City Council to pass one of your bills?" "I did."

"When Mr. Brinkmeyer held one of the keys to the safe-deposit box, was there not \$50,000 in the box?" "There was more than that. Altogether it amounted to \$15,000."

"Did you not put up this to corrupt the council?" "I don't know anything about the combine. I asked a legislator to pass that bill for \$5,000 and I did not care how he was to do it, only it was understood that unless the bill passed they would get no money."

"Did not you and your associate in bribery, Charles H. Turner, understand that you and he would be immune from prosecution after you appeared before the Grand Jury?" "Yes, we never talked about it."

"You do not mean to say, Mr. Stock, that your conscience was hurting you?" "No, I never said that."

Stock then testified that with Charles H. Turner he went to the Mississippi Valley Trust Company. Mr. Turner, he said, secured the \$50,000, counted the money and placed it in the safe-deposit box. Since then he had nothing to do with money.

"How did Brinkmeyer come in on this?" asked Circuit Attorney Sager on direct examination. "Kratz," replied Stock, "said that he did not want to handle the money, but wanted his friend, Brinkmeyer, to take charge of it."

John G. Brinkmeyer, who held one of the keys to the safe-deposit box, was recalled.

BILL TO CONTROL TRUSTS INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES OF MISSOURI LEGISLATURE

Prohibits Any Corporation From Holding Stock of Any Other Corporation Either Directly or Indirectly and Provides Forfeiture of Charter and Heavy Fines for Violation of Law—Will Make It Impossible for Stockholders to Be Sold Out to Great Corporations and Will Protect Smaller Concerns From the Greed of the Larger.

VIRGIL RULE OF ST. LOUIS IS AUTHOR OF THE MEASURE.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—Senator Voris and Representative Dorris introduced in the two branches of the Assembly today a bill aimed to curb trusts in a way which, it is claimed, will be very effective. The purpose of the bill is to prohibit one corporation from owning the stock, directly or indirectly, of another corporation, under penalty of forfeiture of charter and heavy fines.

"The bill was drawn up by me," said Virgil Rule of St. Louis, who brought it to Jefferson City. "It was submitted to former Attorney General Crow, who amended it. The purpose is to make it impossible for stockholders to be sold out to great corporations against their wish and to prevent the smaller corporations from swallowing up the smaller ones."

Senator Voris's bill adds three sections to article IV, chapter 12, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, entitled "Manufacturing and Business Corporations," as follows: "SEC. 1252A. It shall be unlawful for any corporation organized under this article to own or control, either in its own name or in the name of any person, stock in any other corporation organized under this article, or in any way, either directly or indirectly, to control or participate in the management of the business affairs of any other corporation in which it holds or controls the majority of the stock in any other corporation, or in any way, either directly or indirectly, to control or participate in the management of the business affairs of any other corporation in which it holds or controls the majority of the stock in any other corporation, or in any way, either directly or indirectly, to control or participate in the management of the business affairs of any other corporation in which it holds or controls the majority of the stock in any other corporation."

"SEC. 1252B. Any person who knowingly attempts to vote, or votes at any meeting of directors or for other purposes, for any share of stock of any corporation in violation of the provisions of this article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

"SEC. 1252C. Every corporation incorporated under the laws of any other State, Territory or country, for any of the purposes contemplated by this article, which either in its own or the name of any person, owns, holds or controls the majority of the stock in any other corporation organized under this article, or in any way, either directly or indirectly, to control or participate in the management of the business affairs of any other corporation in which it holds or controls the majority of the stock in any other corporation, or in any way, either directly or indirectly, to control or participate in the management of the business affairs of any other corporation in which it holds or controls the majority of the stock in any other corporation, shall be prohibited from transacting any business in this State. And any corporation that has been organized as aforesaid, and which is prohibited by this section, shall be prohibited from transacting any business in this State, and any corporation that has been organized as aforesaid, and which is prohibited by this section, shall be prohibited from transacting any business in this State."

It will give the attorneys for the prosecution an opportunity to refer in their addresses to the jury to the justice and will afford the public an opportunity to show that a special treaty was made with Mexico to bring Kratz back.

Chief of Detectives Desmond stated before departing last night that the \$50,000 was placed in the safe-deposit box, and he had been told by Kratz to do so. He was asked if he had any other information regarding the money, and he said that he had no other information.

Chief of Detectives Desmond and former Sheriff Dickmann departed last night for Butler, where they will testify today for the State at the trial of Charles Kratz. Chief Desmond and Dickmann brought Kratz back to St. Louis from Mexico, where he had been indicted, for setting a bond of \$20,000, which was collected by Mr. Folk.



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the management, control or direction of the business or affairs of the other corporation in which said shares or shares are held as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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each of which has its own title, and disclaims connection with the monopoly. The bill of particulars in Texas reads as in Kansas, and as it always has read in the history of the trust's operations. Discrimination is freely charged in its control of the pipe lines, in the use of water rights, in rivers, and along the coast, and through secret rebates with the railroads.

White House announcements have it that the whips will be directed upon the Standard in all the oil centers. Texas is no exception, and Texas conditions will be called to the President's notice during his visit in the State to attend the reunion of the Rough Riders. He will not go to Beaumont, which is far out of his route.

The offenses specified against the Standard in Texas," said he today, "or against the companies of which the Standard is known to be the holder, consist chiefly in the innumerable difficulties that small producers are confronted with, difficulties which cannot be intended to occur in their path. These occur in the use of pipe line or tank facilities.

KANSAS PROTESTS AGAINST OSAGE BLANKET LEASES. Washington, Feb. 21.—The Secretary of the Interior today received from the Kansas Legislature a telegram signed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House asking the Secretary to advise the House as to the status of the blanket lease of the Osage Indian reservation in Indian Territory.

Oil bills introduced in both Missouri houses. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—Senator Clark and Representative Lyons of Kansas today introduced in the two branches of the Missouri Legislature bills to regulate the oil business in this State.

Work on Oklahoma pipe line is renewed. Tulsa, I. T., Feb. 21.—Work has resumed on the Standard Oil pipe line on this side of Bartlesville, at Cleveland and near Tulsa. The work was suspended about the same time work was suspended in Kansas, and nothing has been done until Monday.

Roosevelt favors Texas oil inquiry. Washington, Feb. 21.—The President today promised that the Standard Trust's alleged iniquities in the Texas oil fields shall have his personal attention, and shall be subjected to investigation by the Bureau of Corporations. Complaints from the Beaumont region, which recently has suffered a slump in its boom, have been numerous in the last year.

Always remember the name of the man who has done the most for the people of this country. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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