

SPRECKELS-SUTRO.

A Pair of Old Millionaires Who Are Fighting C. P. Huntington.

BOTH CAME FROM GERMANY

Had the Gold Fever and Got Over It in Time to Get Rich.

SUTRO'S MAMMOTH TUNNEL.

Spreckel's Sugar Addition to the White House—Their Railroad Project.

It is a rather curious turn of the whirligig of time that arranges Sutro and Spreckels, two of the most famous millionaires of the Pacific coast, against Collis P. Huntington and the Tunnel Magician have never been opponents, in the knowledge of the writer, they have never before been allied. Now according to the reports they are both interested in the building of the projected railroad, on which work is soon to be begun, that will connect Salt Lake City and San Francisco, tap the great fruit region of California and so prove a competent competitor of Mr. Huntington's Southern Pacific railroad.



CLAUS SPRECKELS.

The careers of these men have been somewhat alike, but their personalities are quite dissimilar. Says the New York Press, Sutro is one of California's most picturesque characters. His eyes are black and gleaming and his snow white hair and whiskers and swarthy complexion would suggest an Arab sheik if only he did not shave his chin. He has always been a fighter and he has been a noted figure ever since he succeeded in his stupendous tunnel scheme, some twenty years ago.

It is possible that he would have avoided this fight if he could have done so, but to shrink then meant ruin. His ready money and all he could borrow had been absorbed, and he had but one piece of real estate left. It was in White Pine county, but he sold it for \$350 and went to Washington, the proceeds being his only available cash. A bill had been introduced, the passage of which would have rendered the tunnel of no value to its projectors. There were many changes, but money was used on both sides before the matter was decided, but at any rate, the bill was not passed, and Sutro returned to the slope triumphant. The completed tunnel cost over \$5,000,000, and soon after it was in working order Sutro sold the Comstock lode a little later became less productive, and the stockholders in the tunnel have realized very little of late from their investment.

SINCE THE TUNNEL'S BUILDING. With the money realized from the sale of the tunnel stock, Sutro bought land in San Francisco right and left. It was in the times of "Sand Lot" Kearney that he had his real estate investments, and few knew where or how much Sutro bought. He secured 2,200 acres, little of it occupied then, but now almost all built over. He still owns 2,000 acres of it, and the possession of this alone would make him a very rich man. It is worth many millions; just how much no one knows, not even Sutro himself.

Among the other properties bought by him at that time was the famous Cliff house overlooking the Pacific that was burned some time ago. He desired to present to the city the park surrounding the hotel, but he requested the Southern Pacific Railroad company, owner of the only railroad from the city to the park, to reduce the fare from 10 to 5 cents. The company refused, and then Sutro got mad and began his present fight. It resulted in his being put up for mayor last fall, and his triumphant election, and he was elected with him, and he said the other day that before he got through there would be bankruptcy for the Southern Pacific.

SPRECKELS JOINS SUTRO. Claus Spreckels came into the fight later than Sutro. Mr. Spreckels is a Pacific by reason of the fact that he has high freight charges for carrying his sugar. Spreckels is an older man than Sutro, but like him, is of German birth. The sugar king came to America from Westphalia, celebrated for hams, in 1830, twenty years before the man whose lead he is now following. He landed in New York he had mighty little money in his pocket, his mental training had been of the most rudimentary sort, and he had no knowledge of English. His most valuable possessions were a robust health, a happy disposition and an enormous capacity for work. He began his life here as a laborer in a brewery, toiling early and late, spending little and saving every possible cent, and in time he bought a small retail grocery store down on Church street, and began to accumulate money somewhat faster. Then came the gold fever, and he disposed of his grocery and set out for the coast. There he decided, as gold did, that the actual digging for gold was not to his liking. He went into the brewery business first, and

HE DIDN'T PREFER ROSES. before Sutro left Europe and while still a boy, he became greatly interested in geology, and metallurgy, and made a careful study, for one so young, of these kindred sciences. This was lucky. As soon as his little tobacco store was in good working order he got out his old books again, and began his studies anew, for every opportunity that afforded itself between customers to pore over the volumes. At the same time he listened eagerly to every bit of information he could get regarding the geology and mineralogy of California, and long before the gold seekers had learned how profitable it would be to turn from surface digging to delving for the treasures that were quartz encased in the bowels of the earth, he had decided that quartz mining was to be the mining of the future. Had he been in possession of the

needed capital he would probably have been a pioneer among the quartz miners. As he was still comparatively poor, however, he stuck to his tobacco store and waited.

HIS SUTRO TUNNEL. The opportunity came in 1864. The men who had control of the wonderful Comstock mines had gone so deep into the rocks with their shafts that it cost more to work them and pump them dry, so that the working-men could toil in safety from the in-coming waters, and he was sure the mines amounted to, Sutro made a trip to the Comstock and closely examined the shape of the mountain in which its shafts were sunk. After several weeks' inspection he decided that the plan he had half-formed before he went was feasible, and he went to work at it. His scheme was to bore a hole under the mountain to the lowest level of the mines and let the water, whose pumping was so costly, drain away of its own accord. It would take a lot of money to bore the hole, to be sure, but the owners of the mine would gladly pay well for its use as a drain, and in his mind he saw vast profits rolling into the Sutro pockets.

Then began the really big fight of his life; the first contest in which the stakes were high. His acquaintances soon poked his plans. Some of them even made fun of him, and others said his intellectual must be affected. But these things did not trouble him, and he was so full of enthusiasm that after a while he began to secure subscriptions to the stock. In 1865 he got a charter from the legislature; shortly after that he had \$100,000 raised, and straightway he set men and drills and steam engines at work on it.

It was years after that time, however, before the last piece of rock was chipped out of the hole, and the early fights for a legislative charter and \$100,000 capital were as nothing to the fight that began in 1870. In this contest he had against him the Bank of California, nearly the entire delegation in congress from the Pacific coast and the firms that worked the mines and the mills, and the scene of the battle was transferred to Washington.

AN ANECDOTE OR TWO. One of the most interesting of Claus Spreckels' performances was his proposition, made in evident good faith, some four or five years ago, to build an addition to the White House in Washington out of blocks of sugar. While experimenting with a process for the hardening of cast sugar for export he hit upon a plan that would practically petrify it. Treated in this way, the sugar king said, the saccharine substance would be as hard as marble and practically indestructible by fire or otherwise. Spreckels proposed to put up the sugar addition to the executive mansion at his own expense, and then have it examined by a committee of experts. If they could find any fault whatever with the material, he said, he would take it down and leave the original building as it found it.

Unlike most millionaires of the day, Claus Spreckels has never shown any desire to get into society. He married a wholesome German girl many years ago when he was a poor young man. She had been a domestic in the family of an Eastern sugar refiner, and was not fond of style or desirous of shining in elegant circles, and no one will wonder that he should have chosen her as a band that they might make fun for the nations by trying to break down the social gates.

Spreckels is proud of his German birth, though his accent is apparently Dutch instead of German, and he has never learned the English well. When he is angry, indeed, it is not even easy to understand him, so important is his enunciation, but he is said to have a large and varied assortment of expectoratives, and to utter them in a perfectly intelligible fashion.

A REMARKABLE CURE. A CASE OF PILES OF EIGHTEEN YEARS' STANDING. Cured by the Pyramid Pile Cure. There are plenty of pile cures which give relief, and sometimes cure a mild case of piles, but there is only one which can be depended upon with certainty to cure obstinate, long-standing cases, and that is the Pyramid Pile Cure.

Testimonials and testimonials are received daily from men and women whose integrity and reliability are above question, and in this connection we refer to the Rev. Jas. H. Westbrook, of Boston, Mich. who writes: "I have used the Pyramid Pile Cure, and I know that it is all that is claimed for it. I had been troubled with piles more or less for about eighteen years, and I had tried other remedies, but the piles grew worse, until about ten months ago I used the Pyramid Pile Cure. It gave almost instant relief and I have been free from piles ever since."

Rev. Jas. H. Westbrook. The remedy seems to act equally well in every form of piles, blind, protruding, or itching. It stops all itching, soothes the inflamed parts, allays irritation and removes constipation, and any one who has suffered from this annoyance and pain of a rectal trouble will appreciate the excellent results which invariably follow the first application of the Pyramid. The Pyramid Pile Cure is prepared by the Pyramid Drug Company of Albion, Mich., and for sale by druggists everywhere. Two sizes, 50 cents and \$1. Sold by all druggists.

Duluth and West Superior. The Eastern Ry. of Minnesota (Great Northern) runs two trains daily to Duluth and West Superior, Morning train leaves St. Paul (except Sunday) at 8:50 a. m., reaching Duluth at 12:30 p. m. The night train leaves at 11:30 p. m. Easy riding and elegant cars are in waiting at the Depot after 9 p. m. For particulars, apply to W. J. Dutch, C. P. & T. A., 129 East Third St., or at Union Depot.

DULUTH AND SUPERIOR GRAIN. DULUTH, Minn., April 6.—Following were the closing April 6.—Following were the closing prices for grain: Cash, April, 65c; May, 61c; July, 58c; Sept., 55c; Corn, 60c; Oats, 45c; Rye, 50c; Wheat, 1.25; Flour, 4.00; Hops, 1.00; Beans, 1.00; Peas, 1.00; Potatoes, 1.00; Apples, 1.00; Sugar, 1.00; Coffee, 1.00; Tea, 1.00; Rice, 1.00; Oil, 1.00; Lard, 1.00; Butter, 1.00; Eggs, 1.00; Chickens, 1.00; Turkeys, 1.00; Hogs, 1.00; Cattle, 1.00; Sheep, 1.00; Pigs, 1.00; Mutton, 1.00; Veal, 1.00; Pork, 1.00; Bacon, 1.00; Ham, 1.00; Sausages, 1.00; Canned goods, 1.00; Groceries, 1.00; Dry goods, 1.00; Hardware, 1.00; Miscellaneous, 1.00.

AT SLIGHT DECLINE

All the Grain Markets Showed a Small Loss at the Close.

RAIN CAUSED WEAKNESS.

Slump in Each Case Limited to Small Fractions—Provisions Weak.

IRREGULARITY IN STOCKS

With a Tendency of Prices in the Main Toward a Lower Level.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Influenced by the prospect of rains wheat, corn and oats all averaged a shade lower today and closed at a slight loss as compared with Friday's final prices. The decline in each was limited in the end to 1/4 cent per bushel. Provisions also closed lower.

The wheat market lost some of the animation which had worked into it during the two preceding days. The start was rather tame and the feeling appeared to favor some slight decline from yesterday's closing value. There were sales at 55 1/2c to 55 3/4c for May at the start; not much of it at the highest price, however. It kept within the range of 55 1/2c and 55 3/4c during the greater portion of the short session, at an occasional bump on 55c.

The rain, actual and expected, was the ruling bear factor; the rapidly diminishing stock and the increasing movement from first hands in this country were the sustaining influences. The clearances of wheat and flour from the four principal Atlantic ports and New Orleans in the last twenty-four hours for the hardening of cast sugar for export he hit upon a plan that would practically petrify it. Treated in this way, the sugar king said, the saccharine substance would be as hard as marble and practically indestructible by fire or otherwise. Spreckels proposed to put up the sugar addition to the executive mansion at his own expense, and then have it examined by a committee of experts. If they could find any fault whatever with the material, he said, he would take it down and leave the original building as it found it.

The market for oats was fairly active. The principal feature was the comparative quietness of July, influenced by free buying of corn, which consisted principally of disposing of May and buying of June and July. June at one time during the session brought a premium over May. Noble Jones and N. B. Roam were selling quite freely. The buying was general and mostly scattered. May sold from 28 1/2c to 29c, down to 28c, closed at 28c. July fluctuated from 23 1/2c to 24c, closing at the price, 1/4c lower.

The hog receipts were only 7,000 today, but the market was firm. The yards were at a decline of from 5 to 10c. The estimated receipts for hogs for next week are 31,000. Notwithstanding the decline in the price of the raw material, the price of provisions declined on rather professional selling. Compared with closing prices of the day before, the market was lower, ribs unchanged and lard 7 1/2c lower. Estimated receipts for Monday—wheat, 18 cars; corn, 75 cars; oats, 145 cars; hogs, 21,000.

The leading futures ranged as follows: Articles. Open-High-Low-Closing. Wheat No. 2... 54 1/2-54 3/4-54 1/4-54 1/2. Corn No. 2... 27 1/2-27 3/4-27 1/4-27 1/2. Oats... 23 1/2-23 3/4-23 1/4-23 1/2. Rye... 50 1/2-50 3/4-50 1/4-50 1/2. Barley... 45 1/2-45 3/4-45 1/4-45 1/2. Hops... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Beans... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Peas... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Potatoes... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Apples... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Sugar... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Coffee... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Tea... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Rice... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Oil... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Lard... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Butter... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Eggs... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Chickens... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Turkeys... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Hogs... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Cattle... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Sheep... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Pigs... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Mutton... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Veal... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Pork... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Bacon... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Ham... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Sausages... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Canned goods... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Groceries... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Dry goods... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Hardware... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00. Miscellaneous... 1.00-1.00-1.00-1.00.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Winter patents, \$2.50; 2.80; winter straight, \$3.30; 3.60; 3.90; 4.20; 4.50; 4.80; 5.10; 5.40; 5.70; 6.00; 6.30; 6.60; 6.90; 7.20; 7.50; 7.80; 8.10; 8.40; 8.70; 9.00; 9.30; 9.60; 9.90; 10.20; 10.50; 10.80; 11.10; 11.40; 11.70; 12.00; 12.30; 12.60; 12.90; 13.20; 13.50; 13.80; 14.10; 14.40; 14.70; 15.00; 15.30; 15.60; 15.90; 16.20; 16.50; 16.80; 17.10; 17.40; 17.70; 18.00; 18.30; 18.60; 18.90; 19.20; 19.50; 19.80; 20.10; 20.40; 20.70; 21.00; 21.30; 21.60; 21.90; 22.20; 22.50; 22.80; 23.10; 23.40; 23.70; 24.00; 24.30; 24.60; 24.90; 25.20; 25.50; 25.80; 26.10; 26.40; 26.70; 27.00; 27.30; 27.60; 27.90; 28.20; 28.50; 28.80; 29.10; 29.40; 29.70; 30.00; 30.30; 30.60; 30.90; 31.20; 31.50; 31.80; 32.10; 32.40; 32.70; 33.00; 33.30; 33.60; 33.90; 34.20; 34.50; 34.80; 35.10; 35.40; 35.70; 36.00; 36.30; 36.60; 36.90; 37.20; 37.50; 37.80; 38.10; 38.40; 38.70; 39.00; 39.30; 39.60; 39.90; 40.20; 40.50; 40.80; 41.10; 41.40; 41.70; 42.00; 42.30; 42.60; 42.90; 43.20; 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