

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.



CLAUS SPRECKELS.

The careers of these men have been somewhat alike, but their personalities are quite dissimilar. 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.

SUTRO'S BEGINNINGS. Adolph Sutro came into being sixty-five years ago at Aix-la-Chapelle, near the River Wurm, in Rhenish Prussia, where his father was a maker of cloths.

When he reached the Golden Gate he soon decided that, though he wanted gold quite as much as he did when he left the Atlantic coast, the actual digging of the yellow metal was not at all to his taste.

SUTRO A TOBACCONIST. But as his available capital was next to nothing he could not go into trade on an extensive scale, nor in a line in which credit of any consequence would have to be given.

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.

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 workmen could not do it in safety from the inside.

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 intellects must be affected.

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.

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.

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.

THE TUNNEL'S BUILDING. With the money realized from the sale of the tunnel stock, Sutro bought land in San Francisco right across the street from the "Sand Lot" Kearney that he had his real estate investments, and few knew where or how much Sutro bought.

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, and 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.

SPRECKELS JOINS SUTRO. Claus Spreckels came into the fight later than Sutro. Mr. Spreckels' has been roused against the Southern Pacific by reason of their charging too 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 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.

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 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.

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.

The hog receipts were only 7,000 today, but the market was not so much affected as it would have been had the receipts been a decline of from 5 to 10.

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.

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