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THE BUTTE BATTLE

Mechanisms of the Standard Oil Corporations.

CONSPIRING AGAINST THE STATE

Methods Pursued by Hyams & Representative of the Oil Monopoly in the Attempt to Force Themself on Montana—Juggling With the Courts.

Butte, Montana, July 17. Intense interest prevails all classes of Montanans in the political struggle now being waged in the state. The results will be far reaching and all important. The issues at stake are not the old issues. Formerly the personal ambitions of multi-millionaires occupied the foreground of the political stage, but neither Marcus Daly nor W. A. Clark can occupy the front of the stage in the coming election.

The supremacy in Montana of the Standard Oil company or its overthrow alone vexes the minds of Montanans now. The magnates of the Standard Oil company have acquired control of the great copper mines of Butte, save those owned by Senator W. A. Clark and F. A. Heinze. Were Clark and Heinze out of the field, Standard Oil influence would absolutely dominate the state. The stocks of the various mining companies could be manipulated by the "Blind Pool" management at will and the public could be wheedled and fleeced without fear or favor.

The Butte & Boston Mining company, for instance, is a sickly institution. It is smelter mainly, for the mines are worthless or almost so. But the Standard Oil management is taking rich copper ore out of the Parrot and Anaconda and selling it to the Butte & Boston smelter at, of course, a favorable price to the Butte & Boston. The public is then informed that the Butte & Boston is producing 2,000,000 pounds of copper a month. Here this copper is the product of the mines of the Butte & Boston, that company might get out of debt and pay dividends, but the copper production of the Butte & Boston is a manipulated production and nothing more. To aid in the game of bolstering up a rotten concern, the Parrot smelter was shut down and its ore sent to the Butte & Boston and Anaconda smelters, and its notwithstanding the fact that the Parrot smelter could have treated the Parrot ore far cheaper and more economically than the Anaconda smelter. Indeed, the Anaconda reduction works are so antiquated and wasteful that new ones are being built and the old ones will be completely abandoned.

The game of the Standard Oil people is to get Heinze to sell out and quit Montana. He is a bitter hater in the side. C. M. Hyams represents the Standard Oil interests in Montana, stated recently in a Republican caucus that if the Republican party of Montana would aid the Standard Oil in driving Heinze from the state, then the Standard Oil would see to it that the Republicans were intruded in power in Montana for all time to come. Hyams has taken Marcus Daly's place as the head of the Copper Trust. He is a fellow of diminutive size, about 40 years of age, and a tireless worker. He is a Jew and his face bears the imprint of extraordinary cunning and keenness. He is arrogant to the last degree and he has no more respect for the rights of others than a Chinese Boxer. His life is a Christian.

A few illustrations will suffice to show his methods. Heinze owns a great mine called the Nipper. This mine Heinze has developed to the 1,200-foot level and he is prepared to take 1,000 tons a day of copper ore out of this mine. Two years ago Heinze was enjoined from working the Nipper by the Anaconda company as co-owners, for the Anaconda people still own five-sixths of the mine. In that suit Anaconda engineers made affidavits that the apex of the Nipper and on Nipper ground. Heinze had the law changed enabling a co-partner work a mine without the consent of his partners. Thereupon the same engineers made affidavits that the apex of the Nipper was on the Oden, a claim to the south. The company then closed down. But in the west end were vast ore bodies that the Oden injunction did not reach. So the same engineers, under G. M. Hyams' direction, made a new batch of affidavits, claiming that the apex of the Nipper ore bodies was on the Little Mina, to the north. In fact, these hearings of the Standard Oil company in the supreme court, they tried to explain away their inconsistencies. Meanwhile Heinze has been trying to get the Nipper case tried, but Hyams has used all the machinery and chicanery of the law to delay the trial.

In the Snohomish and Tramway case Hyams' methods, like those of the Heathen Chinese, was equally peculiar. Heinze owned half the Snohomish and a third of the Tramway. Clara Larkin and the Butte & Boston were contending for the balance of the claims. As co-owner Heinze spent \$160,000 opening up these mines from the levels of the Rarus and to the establishment of everybody he developed mines in both. Hyams, acting for the Standard Oil owners, brought suit for partition of the Snohomish and Tramway. In that suit he made affidavits that both properties were only worth \$200,000. But while Hyams was contriving injunctions and partition suits, Heinze was developing copper mines. Hyams brought suit to shut down the Snohomish and Tramway on the plea that a co-owner could extract ore only through a shaft sunk on the mines themselves. Judge Lindsay laughed at this plea out of court. Hyams carried his plea to the supreme court. Then he brought another suit for an injunction on the plea that the tunnel connecting the Rarus with the Snohomish ran through country rock owned by the Boston and Montana. Judge Lindsay also rejected this plea and Hyams again appealed to the supreme court. Pending this appeal, Hyams asked for a receiver from Judge Knowles for the half interest in dispute between Clara Larkin and the Butte & Boston. Judge

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Knowles is the United States District Judge and he granted the receiver. The receiver was an expensive luxury. He employed a corps of inspectors to watch Heinze's operations, but Heinze mined enough ore in the Snohomish and Tramway to make a profit for the receiver of \$100,000. Heinze asked the court to allow him \$80,000, being the Larkin or Butte & Boston interest's share of the development work to make these mines. The court refused, but granted Mr. Hyams' request to extend the power of the receiver over the whole mine. Hyams' whose game was to shut Heinze off from securing this ore for his smelter. He failed signally in the state courts but a United States judge and a United States court made a friend of Hyams' receiver and this receiver immediately curtailed production. Where Heinze was mining 300 tons a day, the receiver mined 20 tons, and where Heinze was making money the receiver operated at a loss during the very first month he operated these mines. Judge Knowles appointed the receiver on allegations of fraud against Heinze—allegations made by the Wandering Jew that represents the Standard Oil in Montana. But Hyams achieved his end for Heinze is now cut off from the ore supplies which he developed in the Snohomish and Tramway, half of which he enabled to be before God and man. The Federal Judiciary of America justly holds a high place in public esteem, but the action of Judge Knowles in this Snohomish and Tramway case calls for close observation. The question naturally arises, what baleful influence do Hyams and the Standard Oil possess over Judge Knowles to induce him to foster the nefarious designs of Hyams and the Copper Trust? This is a strong language, but the situation calls for it.

The case of the Minnie Healy which Heinze bought from Daly and Miles Finlay, is also peculiar. Before the transfer was fully effected Daly combined with the Standard Oil and, strange as it may seem, tried to repudiate the sale of the Minnie Healy. But Heinze had possession and had developed a rich mine there. Then Hyams tries a thousand and one expedients to shut down the Minnie Healy. Heinze, fearing another Federal Court receiver, took time for the forelock and had a receiver appointed by the state court. That receiver soon discovered that Hyams and the Copper Trust were actually mining rich ore in the Gambetta and Piccolo, Boston & Montana mines, from a vein which unmistakably apexed in the Minnie Healy ground. Receiver Wilcox is now seeking to enjoin the Hyams people from mining this ore and the Hyams gang have uttered a tremendous howl about throwing men out of employment by such injunctions.

These cases will illustrate conditions in Butte. Heinze and Clark have granted their miners an eight-hour day and they have agreed that they will aid in making an eight-hour working day the law of the state. The Standard Oil people proclaim it from the hilltops that they will shut down every copper mine in Butte they own rather than grant an eight-hour day to miners. The shutting down of the Standard Oil copper mines would cause a copper famine and would enervate Clark and Heinze's profits enormously. Clark is producing about 50,000,000 pounds a year and Heinze about 35,000,000 pounds and an advance of five cents a pound, which must ensue from the shut down of the Standard Oil copper mines would mean vast profit for Clark and Heinze.

Moreover, New York and New England banks are weighted with fully \$100,000,000 of the "Blind Pool" Standard Oil copper stocks as collateral. A shut-down would mean the cessation of dividends, a terrible slump in the value of such securities and a save qui peut for the banks to get rid of them. The flooded, idle mines would cave and the smelters rust and rot. A policy of insensate greed would shut down these mines and the people of Montana know it and they are going to make an eight-hour day the law of the state.

Moreover, the people see a conspiracy on foot to pitfork Standard Oil tools into the various legislative, judicial and executive offices of the state. Senator Thomas H. Carter, who is an attorney for this Standard Oil crowd, is accused of being party to the conspiracy. He is accused of entering into an alliance with the Rockefeller to hand over to them the Republican party of the state in return for re-election to the United States senate. The Marcus Daly following tried to turn the democracy of Montana over to the Standard Oil crowd. But that attempt failed. It remains to be seen whether Tom Carter can succeed where Marcus Daly failed. Meanwhile the various labor organizations and the Populists and Democrats are working in harmony to defeat the Standard Oil conspiracy. The conviction is strong among the populace that the battle in Montana is the people against the most monstrous trust that ever attempted to dominate a state. The Copper Trust is fabulously rich and it will spend untold millions in striving to achieve its ends. It has an army of heeled and abusers whose mission it is to deceive the people and falsify the issues. Its mercenaries will tell you that it is a Clark and Daly fight still, but Montanans realize that this is a battle of great principles and not of persons.

A multitude of Daly claimants and many of the most noted of the Daly captives will be found in the ranks of the people, for the real truth is, W. A. Clark has gone over into the people's camp and is fighting their battle. He has made the wisest political move of his life and if the people win Clark will hold a place in Montana far more honorable, and more powerful, than he ever occupied. Though the financial sky is somewhat clouded, is on the whole bright, and we confidently look forward to the steady development of our mines, which are our chief resource. There never was, in fact, a time when the prospects were better, or when there were surer grounds of hope for a great future for the Boundary country than at the present time. In view of the fact that the opportunity of the Board to erect a wise and potent influence on the affairs of the City and district the hope is expressed that it will not fail to take advantage of these to their fullest extent.

Accident at the Centre Star. A serious accident occurred Friday to an Italian employee of the Centre Star mine, named Tony Rosso. He was assisting a party of men to load a large ore car weighing about 1,000 pounds onto a wagon when the car which was being pushed up over a plank onto the body of the wagon, slipped and in its fall pinned the unfortunate man to the ground. The weight of the car was principally across the man's stomach. No bones were broken but serious internal injuries are feared. The patient was taken to the Sisters' hospital.

Try a dinner at the Kootenay Cafe.

A Mining Review.

In reviewing the prospects and condition of the mining industry of the Boundary Creek District, says the report, it is necessary to direct attention to several facts tending to show that a comparison with older and better developed mining districts would not be fair to the former unless due allowance were made for the attendant circumstances unfavorable to it. The lack of railway transportation facilities has heretofore involved heavy and almost prohibitory freight charges on machinery, plant, materials and mine stones. Power plants in use at its mines are consequently of comparatively small capacity and development work has necessarily been slow, the more so since the data necessary for the advantageous working of the mines can not be so speedily obtained where big bodies of generally low grade ore have to be opened up. Then whilst the branch railway lines to several of the principal mines have lately been completed, the smelter at Greenwood is still only under construction and that at Grand Forks has just been blown in. Further the District has not yet, except in two or three instances, had the benefit of the expenditure of any considerable amount of outside capital. So it has resulted that, with only a limited amount of capital available, actual mining operations have been much restricted, whilst the absence of suitable transportation and smelting facilities has greatly retarded progress. The prospects for early improvement are, however, encouraging. With transportation and ore reduction needs largely provided for; several of the mines settling down upon a producing basis and on the completion of the further expenditure of capital for their adequate equipment and more extensive operation; the contemplated early resumption of work on properties that have been closed down and the general local experience that values improve with depth, the outlook is becoming increasingly satisfactory.

Deadwood Camp. Within a radius of about eight miles of Greenwood there are a dozen mining camps, in each of which numerous mineral claims have been located. Of these camps there are five, that as a result of development work done in them have come into particular prominence. These are Deadwood, Greenwood (also known as Phoenix) Summit, Wellington and Central, or White's camp. Taking them in the order named, Deadwood claims first notice. Its principle mines are the Mother Lode, Sunset, Morrison and Buckhorn, all copper-gold properties. Among numerous other claims are the Ah There, Greyhound, Great Hope, Marquette, the D. A. and Gold Bug. The last named two have narrow veins of rich gold and silver. The following is a summary of the chief development work done in this camp:

Table with 3 columns: Sinking, Drifting, Total Raising, Crosscut, feet. Lists mines like Mother Lode, Sunset & Crown, Morrison, Buckhorn, Ah There & Greyhound, Great Hope, Marquette, D. H. and Gold Bug.

There are six steam power plants in Deadwood camp. The Mother Lode has two 60-horse power boilers, one large and one small hoisting engines, a straight line air compressor, five machine drills, steam hoists, electric light plant, safety cage and other mine equipment. Preparation is now being made to install at this mine a much larger plant, including two 100-horse power boilers, a Corliss air compressor of 30 x 40 drills capacity, two iron safety platform cages and all requisite accessories. The Sunset plant includes two 30-horse power boilers, half of a 20-drill duplex air compressor, one hoisting engine, one large and one small hoisting engine, safety cage. The Buckhorn has a 30-horse power boiler, half of a 10-drill duplex air compressor, 20-horse power hoisting engine, etc. The three remaining plants are smaller. The deepest shaft in the camp is that on the Mother Lode, depth 325 feet. The ore bodies appear to be large. The Mother Lode ore body was crooked in three places at the 200-foot level, showing a total of 90 feet of rich ore. Large veins of ore have also been cut on the Morrison and the Sunset. There are about 120 men employed in the camp, to which a branch of the C. P. R. has been extended.

As in many of the other camps, the ore here is principally chalcocopyrite, carrying gold and silver values, although a few of the well-known properties show little copper, and consist of nearly all iron pyrites, carrying good gold values. Some of the ore bodies are of large extent and high assay value. This will undoubtedly become one of the great copper-gold camps of British Columbia.

Greenwood or Phoenix Camp. Greenwood camp has had more development work done in it to date than any other camp in the district. Its principal properties are the Miner-Graves group, including the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill, Victoria and the Grey Eagle; the Dominion Copper Company's group, the most important claims of which are the Brooklyn, Stenwinder, Idaho and Rawhide; and the Snowshoe, Gold Drop and War Eagle, each owned by a separate company. Other promising claims in this camp are too numerous to detail here. Greenwood camp is noted for its big deposits, which may with an exaggeration, be described as enormous—of copper-gold ore. Values do not yet as a rule run high, the average value, for instance, of more than a million tons of ore blocked out in the Knob Hill having been placed by the mining superintendent at \$8.37 per ton. In nearly all cases with any depth the ore shows a general sameness of appearance, i. e., chalcocopyrite with homitite (microscopic) and some iron pyrites mixed with calcite and some quartz in a greenish, eruptive rock, showing considerable alteration and sometimes having a schistose structure. In some cases the ore bodies along their trend are capped with magnetic iron oxide through which is disseminated in varying quantities, (though as a rule small percentages) copper pyrites. The ore bodies appear to have a general northerly and southerly trend and an easterly dip. Some of the ores are self fluxing and all are well adapted for smelting. The number of feet of development work done on the leading properties is as follows:

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Wellington Camp. Wellington camp has several properties at work, the Athelstan, Winnipeg, Golden Crown and Hartford. The number of feet done in development is as under:

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With the exception of the Idaho and Rawhide, all the above named Greenwood camp properties are worked by power plants. The Miner-Graves properties are together equipped with three 80-horse power boilers, a 10-drill duplex air compressor, seven hoisting engines, seven pumps for various purposes, 12 machine drills, an electric lighting engine and dynamo and a lot more plant. Another 10-drill air compressor and two more 80-horse power boilers have been ordered and these will shortly be installed on the Knob Hill. The Snowshoe, already supplied with an air compressor, three machine drills, locomotive boiler, steam hoist, etc., is adding to its present plant a 70-horse power boiler and two more drills. The Gold Drop has a locomotive boiler, 4-drill air compressor and three machine drills, and the War Eagle has a similar plant to that of the Buckhorn. The Brooklyn and Stenwinder have three boilers, a 5-drill air compressor, two steam hoists, pumps, etc.

The Old Ironsides No. 2 shaft, now down 40 feet, is the deepest shaft in the district, and the Stenwinder shaft is 325 feet in depth. Some 200 men are on the job in this camp, and an early increase by at least 50 is promised. Branch railways have been laid to the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines, both of which are prepared to maintain regular shipments of ore to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. These mines have large and comfortable bunk and boarding houses for their men, besides a number of cottages for the families of married employees. In Summit Camp.

Summit camp also contains numerous mineral locations. Prominent among these is the B. C., which is considered to be one of the most promising mines in the Boundary country. The ore body is wide and consists of solid copper pyrites and pyrrhotite, carrying from 10 to 16 per cent copper and 8 to 10 ounces silver per ton. It has sent out to date about 4,000 tons of ore and is shipping its daily output of about 50 tons, taken from stopes at the 150-foot level and from its development workings in other parts of the mine. Its working shaft is 272 feet in depth. Three distinct shoots of ore have been exposed by the work done so far and those yield ore of a higher average value than that met with in some of the other camps of the district. The plant at the B. C. includes four boilers, together about 225-horse power, a straight line hoisting engine, a 4-drill air compressor, Class G. Ingersoll-Sergeant air compressor, rated at 10 drills, one large and two small hoisting engines, two sinking pumps, an electric light engine and dynamo and a full complement of accessories. The plant at the Oro Denoro includes boiler, air compressor, machine drills, hoisting engine and steam pump.

The Maple Leaf, one of the Rathmullen group of claims, is similarly equipped, and a power plant has recently been got up for the R. Bell. Other well-known claims in Summit camp are the Emma, Mountain View, Cordick, Josie, Waka and half a dozen others. The development work includes the following:

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Branch lines connect this camp with the C. P. R. main line at Eholt. There are about 70 men on the B. C. Mine pay roll and a few are employed at the R. Bell. Other properties will resume work shortly, so the number of men employed in the camp will be larger. Summit camp is eight miles from Greenwood, and is Pass Creek, along which some noteworthy discoveries of copper have been made. The best known being probably the Rathmullen; adjacent to this is also the Seattle and Pathfinder.

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The Winnipeg is down 330 feet and the Golden Crown 322 feet. Both have run drifts and crosscuts at several levels down to the 300-foot and both report an ore vein over 30 feet in width at that depth. Both mines have sent ore to the smelter. That from the Winnipeg returned values up to \$22 per ton, whilst Golden Crown ore is stated to run higher. Both are equipped with steam boilers, hoists and pumps, air compressors, machine drills, etc. The Athelstan also has a power plant, but of smaller capacity. The country rock here is of a dark felsitic nature, while some of the principal ore bodies occur in gabbro, which appears in the extensive areas enclosed rock is serpentine; this, however, is merely an altered gabbro. The one in this camp is chiefly pyrrhotite near the surface, but as depth is gained it becomes silicious and carries higher gold values. Between 40 and 50 men are employed in the camp.

In Central Camp. In Central camp are several properties considered very promising that have been idle for some time. These include the No. 7, Mabel, Orp, Cornucopia and other Long Lake camp and the Grand Forks group are being operated under one management. The former has shipped more than 1,000 tons of ore to the Granby smelter. It is sending out about 25 tons of ore per day and will shortly increase shipments to 50 tons daily. The two mines together get their power from the same plant, which include two 20-horse

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