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*Huntington Lying In His Last Ditch*

*Driven to the Wall by the Exposure of His Infamies, the Magnate Crawls Before the Senate committee on Pacific Railways and Seeks to Draw the curtain on His Own Black Record by Calumniating Those Who Would Bring Him to Justice*

WASHINGTON, February 1 – If Mayor Sutro’s ears are not tingling, it is because he has not read his “Examiner” of tomorrow morning and learned from your regular telegrams what an unworthy person Mr. C. P. Huntington has pronounced him.

Mr. Huntington’s aged limbs carried his venerable bulk today into the rooms of the Senate Committee on Pacific Railroads. To that august body he expounded himself with considerable prolixity, and it listened to his take of woe with the respect due to his wealth and the sympathy compelled by his reluctance to die and leave it. The sympathy, it may be remarked parenthetically, is wasted on an imaginary disaster. Before this good man shall have been long in the New Jerusalem he will undoubtedly find an opportunity to pull up a hackload of blocks from the golden pavement and retire to Hades to enjoy them like a gentleman.

Mr. Huntington’s exposition of Mayor Sutro’s total depravity was visibly and audibly more soulful than the comparatively light-faced “Examiner” type will be able to represent it. In the coarse, rude speech of those who “go down to the sea in ships,” he raked him fore and aft.

Mr. Huntington is not altogether bad. Though severe; he is merciful. He tempers invective with falsehood. He says ugly things of his enemy, but he has the tenderness to be careful that they are mostly lies. So Mayor Sutro may reasonably hope to survive Mr. Huntington, though doubtless Mr. Huntington’s rancor blown about in space as a pestilential vapor will outlive all things that be. It is his immortal part.

In the meantime it is cheerful to learn that the big body of which it is the little soul like nerves of sensation. It is possible that this inflated old pigskin is no longer fond of football.

A characteristic finish of the Sutro Incident is Mr. Huntington’s acceptance of it. Soon after leaving the committee rooms with Mayor Sutro’s reeking scalp experimentally fitted upon his own infertile pate, he was met by one who takes an interest in such matters, and asked if it were true that he had addressed the committee. He looked his questioner tranquilly in the eye and gravely assured him he had not spoken a word. To Californians the only feature of the incident that will seem remarkable is the fact that the gentleman who asked the question believed and probably still believes the answer.

Judge Maguire’s argument yesterday before the House committee bore immediate fruit of reasonable action. Mr. Arnold of Pennsylvania, obviously and avowedly much impressed by Maguire’s presentation of John A. Doyle’s argument against the legal priority of the Central Pacific’s so-called first mortgage bonds over the Government’s lien, moved the appointment of a subcommittee to investigate the matter. The motion was carried, and Chairman Powers appointed

as the committee Messrs. Arnold (Chairman), Watson of Ohio and Bell of Texas. Of the predilections of these gentlemen I cannot speak with certainty.

Mr. Arnold impresses me as a bit fairer than most of his fellows of the big fifteen. Mr. Watson is a rather opinionated person, who is temporarily out of Mr. Huntington's pocket for an airing and finds liberty one of the most intolerable conditions in which a free man can be exposed. Certainly every remark I heard him make, every question I heard him put (and he has an ear for the music of his voice), would have done credit to Grove Johnson himself, who, sitting opposite, with only the table and a sympathetic affinity between, may have hypnotically suggested it.

Of Mr. Bell, I have no knowledge. If not a friend of the railroad he will probably [prove a keen disappointment to the gentleman who put him on the sub-committee. The attitude of that gentleman and something of his moral state may be inferred from the fact that while admitting that gigantic frauds had been committed by Mr. Huntington and his partners in the construction, equipment and operation of the roads, he solemnly declared to know what that had to do with the business before the committee. The business before the committee is the expediency of extending further credit to the men who perpetrated the frauds.

The fact that Mr. Powers is an uncommonly able lawyer seems hardly sufficient to explain his destitution in the sense of right and wrong. I suspect that he is also a native of Vermont.

Below is the blacklist mentioned in my telegram yesterday:

**IGNATZ STEINHART, THE BANKER**  
**SYDNEY M. SMITH, OF THE CUTTING PACKING COMPANY**  
**LOVELL WHITE, BANKER**  
**I.W. HELLMAN, BANKER**  
**HENRY FORTMANN, ALASKA PACKERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**BERNARD FAYMONVILLE, FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**L.L. BROMWELL, INSURANCE**  
**PHILIP BARTH, BOND BROKER**  
**CHARLES ALTSCHUL, BANKER**  
**M.M. HECHT, SHOE MANUFACTURER**  
**HOMER S. KING, EXPRESS**  
**A.P. WILLIAMS, MERCHANT**  
**P.N. LILIENTHAL, BANKER**  
**HENRY ST. GOAR, BOND BROKER**  
**J.W. STETSON, NORTH PACIFIC COAST RAILWAY**  
**RAPHAEL WEILL, MERCHANT**  
**GEORGE C. LUDINGTON, REAL ESTATE**  
**GUTTMAN, MINER**  
**WENDELL EASTON, REAL ESTATE**  
**ALBERT GERBERDING, WHEAT BROKER**  
**JOHN BOGGS OF CALUSA**  
**WILLIAM A. HOAG, CAPITALIST**  
**A.C. HELLMAN, BOND BROKER**  
**GEORGE EASTON, REAL ESTATE**  
**M.E. MULCAHY, BROKER**

**CHARLES CHASE, STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**J.A. MOFFITT, PAPER DEALER**  
**GEORGE A. KNIGHT, LAWYER**  
**REEL B. TERRY, LAWYER**  
**M.A. GUNST, CHGARS AND LIQUORS, AND LATE OF THE WASHOE CLUB**

If any more turn up I will send on their names.