

STANDARD OIL ON THE RACK

Department of Justice Begins Suit at St. Louis to Kill Giant Trust.

The Petition Filed Asks That the Combination Be Declared Unlawful and Restrain from Doing Business—History of the Monopoly and How It is Alleged to Restrain Trade—Its Enormous Profits.

The War on the Standard. St. Louis.—Petition filed in United States circuit court asking for dissolution of Standard Oil trust and perpetual injunction restraining 70 constituent companies from working with or paying dividends to parent company.

New York.—Standard Oil shares dropped 15 points, making net loss of 150 points since Roosevelt's war on the trust began; total depreciation in stock since president opened crusade, \$150,000,000; this notwithstanding quarterly dividends of \$10 per share.

St. Louis, Mo.—The suit to break up the Standard Oil trust has been filed in the United States circuit court here. The petition asks: That the court decree that the combination and conspiracy are unlawful under the Sherman anti-trust act.

That the Standard Oil company be enjoined, restrained and prohibited from exercising any control over its allied corporations, or any of them, by the election or appointment of directors or officers, or in any other manner.

That the subsidiary corporations be enjoined from declaring or paying any dividends to the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

That the defendants, and each and all of them, be enjoined from entering into any contract, the purpose or effect of which is to restrain commerce in petroleum and its products or to monopolize the same.

That the petition contains 194 pages of printed matter, or about 100,000 words, and an additional 84 pages of exhibits, consisting of by-laws and minutes of Standard Oil meetings and organizations, and a map showing the retail prices of oil in every state and territory of the union.

What the Petition Alleges. It is alleged in the petition that John D. Rockefeller and his associates, the other individual defendants, formed a conspiracy to monopolize the commerce in petroleum and its products at an early date—about the year 1870—and that the same individuals have controlled the combination during all these years, in all its forms, and now control it. It was, therefore, deemed wise to state in the petition the complete history and growth of this conspiracy.

History of the Conspiracy. The petition is logically divided into three periods. During the first one of these periods, from 1870 to 1882, the combination assumed the form of a simple conspiracy—that is to say, the defendants, with the Standard Oil company of Ohio, acted together to suppress competition and control the oil business.

of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey from \$10,000,000 to \$110,000,000, and made it the holding corporation and placed the control through stock ownership of all the corporations previously held by the trusts into the said company, and exchanged its stock for the stock so acquired.

Control the Pipe Lines. It is alleged that the Standard Oil company has had control of the carrying business by pipe lines in and from all the oil producing regions of the United States except Texas, Louisiana and California; that they charged excessive and unreasonable rates, and rates which were discriminatory in favor of the Standard Oil company; that they have refused to furnish equal facilities for receiving and delivering oil of independent shippers and refiners; that they have refused to transport oil belonging to others than the defendants and their associated companies, and since the month of August, 1906, have refused to transport oil of others except in such large quantities as to completely prevent independent producers and refiners of oil from using their service, and that they have forced 16 independent refiners now doing business in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and producing their crude oil through the Standard Oil company's pipe lines, to sell all of their export oil to the Standard Oil company, thereby eliminating their competition.

Enjoy Preferential Rates. It is alleged that one of the principal instrumentalities through which the defendants have been enabled to monopolize the commerce in petroleum and its products throughout the United States has been a system of preferential rates, and rates discriminatory against the competitors of the Standard Oil company, both in export and in domestic markets, and by means of secret and unpublished rates, both interstate and intrastate, and by rebates, concessions, and preferences granted to the Standard Oil company and its subsidiary corporations.

Some Standard Oil Methods. The petition then shows the methods employed by the Standard Oil company to monopolize the oil business. These include discriminating contracts with the railroad companies, manipulation of rates, local price cutting, bogus independent companies, etc.

The bill sets up among others a contract between the Standard Oil company and the Tidewater Pipe company whereby the Tidewater companies are limited to 11 1/2 per cent of certain business in Pennsylvania and New York, and the Standard Oil company to receive 88 1/2 per cent of the business, the Standard Oil company guaranteeing the Tidewater company \$500,000 per annum profits, thereby eliminating all competition between them.

The bill alleges a contract made with the Pennsylvania railroad company in 1884, which was in existence until 1906, by which the Standard Oil company was able to maintain the public charges for transporting crude oil from western Pennsylvania at 40 and 45 cents a barrel to Philadelphia and New York respectively. The Standard Oil company, through its own pipe lines, transported the oil for eight cents a barrel.

COMPONENT PARTS OF HUGE OIL TRUST.

List of Corporations and Partnerships Controlled by Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and Which Will Be Compelled to Resume Business as Independent Concerns if United States Wins Its Case.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Where organized, Capitalization. Lists various oil companies and their financial details.

Testing Butter. Here is a certain butter test: Melt a little on some hot hominy in your breakfast plate and taste it. The fraud will establish itself instantly. Print butter fetches a bigger price than ordinary tub butter. There is an extra charge for manipulation and wrapping the pound pieces in paraffin paper. But in my travels I have met print butter that was made up of "cooking thirds." Make sure of your butter dealer, then go ahead.—New York Press.

All is Vanity! "At first," said the apartment house philosopher, "life in a flat seems an interesting study of humanity, but soon you lose your urbanity, part with your Christianity, fall into profanity, and pass by violent stages from mental inanity into violent insanity."

It is alleged that the defendants, through the Standard Oil company and the other corporations, are engaged in producing, purchasing and transporting petroleum in the various producing districts in the United States, principally situated in New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, Colorado and California; that they own and control nearly all of the pipe lines in said states, and other pipe lines extending from Kansas to the seaboard; also pipe lines in Texas and in California; that they own a large number of tank cars and steamships engaged in transporting oil; and that the said defendants have, through the instrumentality of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey (a holding corporation), eliminated competition between all of the separate corporations and monopolized the commerce in oil in the United States.

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In March, 1892, the supreme court of Ohio declared this trust agreement void and ordered its dissolution. Thereupon, on March 21, 1892, the trust certificate holders met in New York and resolved to dissolve the trust and appointed John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler, William Rockefeller, John D. Archbold, Benjamin Brewster, Henry H. Rogers, Wesley H. Tifford and O. B. Jennings as liquidating trustees—the individual defendants being a majority of these trustees.

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After Henry Tifford. Johnny had been thinking the matter was getting him of the evils of resorting to violence to obtain redress for a wrong.

There are many good stories told of the late John Stetson, the theatrical manager. Here is one of them. He was having a yacht built, and a friend, meeting him on the street, asked him what he was going to name the boat.

Dick (looking at picture-book)—"I wonder what the Mosby did with those swivel all day long in the Ark?" Mabel—"Fished. I should think." Bobbie—"They didn't fish for long." Dick and Mabel—"Why not?" Bobbie—"Well, you see, there were only two worms!"—Funch.

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