

In my estimation he was one of the outstanding mountebanks and swindlers in the history of the Hungarians in America, who was always clever enough to hide behind the mask of an innocent, well-meaning man. He had certain talents, as such people generally have, but basically was an egotistic, unscrupulous, grasping and traitorous man. The way he fleeced the Hungarian miners in his heyday, was told to me by a former associate of his, Armand Kona, a personable newspaper agent. He was one of his salesmen for the Hinder mine shares, which had a nominal worth of 100 dollars, but were actually worthless, and sold for \$125<sup>00</sup> to thousands of miners and others. Naturally the money was lost to the last penny, nobody knows how much since the laws were very lax those days.

He built "Himterville" in Kentucky, which is called now "Beauty" a small Hungarian community, where everything was owned by him, houses, bank, printing shop, church - he even hired a Calvinist minister, Barnabas Dienes. He himself lived on the top of the hill in a new mansion. He published 2 newspapers, "M. Bányász" and "Hinder Minton Hetilapja" and owned an Immigrant House in New York, giving lodges to coming + going Hungarians.

Later he became an informer to the U.S. authorities - I saw some of his reports, in which everyone whom he disliked, was a communist or a fascist, while notorious fascists like Proszky-Kereses etc. were described as American superpatriots, because they were his bosom friends.