HENRI DETERING DIES IN ST. MORITZ

One of World’s Leading Oil Men, Former Director General of Royal Dutch Co.

BEGAN AS CLERK IN BANK

Entered Petroleum Field in Fur East—Was Knighted by British in 1920

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ST. MORITZ, Switzerland—The death of Henri Detering, former director general of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, at the age of 76, was announced here today.

Three Months Ago He Was Knighted

Mr. Detering was knighted three months ago by the British Crown.

The Royal Dutch Petroleum Company was founded by Mr. Detering and his associates in 1890.

Mr. Detering was born in 1863.

War With Standard Oil

In 1920, Mr. Detering was engaged in a bitter struggle with the Standard Oil Company of New York, at that time America’s largest corporation.

The Standard Oil Company had acquired the British Petroleum Company, and Mr. Detering’s company had been forced to merge with it.

Mr. Detering fought this merger, and in 1920, he won his case in the High Court of Justice in London.

The company was then reorganized as the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, with Mr. Detering as its director general.

Mr. Detering was a man of great courage and determination, and he never gave up until he had won his battle.

He was a leader in the petroleum industry, and his contributions to the field will be remembered for many years to come.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company’s headquarters in Amsterdam.