

LARGER DIVIDEND

STANDARD OIL PROFITS
ARE FORTY-FOUR PER CENT

One-Sixth Larger Dividends This Year Than Last for Holders in the Great Monopoly—John D. Rockefeller Owns One-Third the Stock of the Corporation—Yearly Profit \$44,000,000.

New York, Dec. 15.—Those persons fortunate enough to own Standard Oil stock received a handsome Christmas present today in the shape of checks for their share of the \$12,000,000, representing the fourth and last quarterly dividend of the year. The dividend disbursed today amounts to \$12 per share, which is an increase of \$2 over the dividend declared at this time last year. This brings the total dividends for the year to 44 per cent, or \$44,000,000 in dividends for the full year.

There is no regular rate of dividend paid on Standard Oil stock. The distribution is made out of the earnings of the quarter. When the directors meet slips of paper are presented showing the profits up to date for the quarter, and the directors thereupon decide what amount shall be distributed in dividends to the stockholders. In the fall and winter months, when the use of oil and kindred products is larger, the dividends declared are proportionately larger.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with owning 33 per cent of the stock of the Standard Oil company, and his receipts from the earnings of the corporation during the current year appear to be approximately \$15,000,000.

The four quarterly dividends of the corporation this year are as follows: March, 20 per cent; June, 7 per cent; September, 5 per cent; November, 12 per cent. In the first quarter of 1902 20 per cent was declared; second quarter, 10 per cent; third quarter, 5 per cent, and last quarter, 10 per cent. The increase in the dividend during the current quarter is due to larger earnings, resulting from a sharp advance in the price of oil. According to an official of the Standard Oil company, the corporation carries no surplus, giving the benefit of all earnings to the stockholders.

Leads World in Size of Payments.
The Standard Oil company is now disbursing more money to stockholders than any other corporation in the world. The United States Steel corporation held first place as a dividend payer previous to the reduction in the common dividend and the conversion of preferred stock into bonds. It now ranks second to the Standard Oil company.

Since January 1, 1897, the Standard Oil company has paid to stockholders more than \$275,000,000 in dividends. Of that amount John D. Rockefeller has received more than \$90,000,000. Since 1891 the disbursements of the corporation run close to \$375,000,000, or nearly four times greater than the \$100,000,000 capital stock.

A fair idea of the magnitude of the dividends of the Standard Oil company can be obtained from the fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad company, within the last 57 years, has paid something like \$215,000,000 to stockholders, or \$60,000,000 less than the stockholders of the Rockefeller corporation have received in six years.

In view of the fact that oil has been advancing on the strength of reports that production is falling off very rapidly, the present increased dividend of the Standard Oil company has caused considerable interest in financial circles. People in close touch with the situation say that it is very unlikely that Rockefeller interests would agree to an increase in disbursements to stockholders if they believed that an oil famine was threatened.

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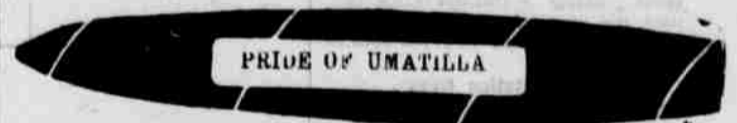
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