

THREE HUNDRED PER CENT DIVIDEND FOR XMAS PRESENT

Guard Special Service.

New York, Dec. 18.—Oh, you cheap skates! Oh, you four-flushers! You scoundrel people, you hoi polloi! What right have you to celebrate Christmas? What can you buy with your little old salaries, or your measly 4-per cent stocks and bonds? We Wells Fargo & Company stockholders are the people, and we are going to have a meeting, when we will cut a juicy Christmas melon, of which each stockholder will receive a 300-per cent slice. Now, that is going some, isn't it? Doesn't it make you feel like a "piker"?

Of course, old pal, you mean well. What you lack is gray matter in your cranial appendage. You observe, it works out like this. Last year you permitted us to haul your Christmas gifts to relatives and friends all over the country. You'll remember we worked you good and plenty. Well, that helped some toward our own little 300-per cent Christmas package. Does it make you sore? But it should not, because this is the season of peace on earth and good will to men. What's more, we Wells Fargo stockholders have been careful to get our share of the good will and other assets.

We admit that when we went before the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse commission last month we put on a long face, and declared that if our rate increase wasn't permitted to stand, we would all have to go to the poor house over the hill. But that was just in the line of business. We can't permit the servants of you common people to be butting into our affairs.

Only a few persons will have the pleasure of partaking of the luscious melon the Wells Fargo Company proposes to cut by declaring a dividend of 300 per cent as the stock is closely held by wealthy families. A leading broker declared that he had been in business twenty years, and had never seen a certificate of Wells Fargo stock, and never expected to if he continued in business twenty-three years longer.

"This is a rich plum for rich people," he said.

Christmas in Gotham

The Saturday before Christmas is always the day of the big rush, and today was no exception to the rule. Christmas shoppers scrambled for the number and determination through swinging doors of the department stores. In the business and financial districts seasonable greetings and convivialities were exchanged increasingly. Elevated men and office boys circulated frank sub-

scription lists throughout the big office buildings. Charitable institutions began laying in the supplies which are to bring happiness to the homes of the poor. Indoors and out the pulses of the big city seem to be everywhere throbbing, "Christmas!"

In Wall street banks, banking houses, and stock exchange houses will play Santa Claus for the edification of officers and employees, and the Christmas gifts will be substantial, after the fashion of olden days before the "October panic" of 1907. Percentages of yearly salaries to officers are the rule which many of the banks and private banking concerns, while in others fixed payments are always made.

Many institutions make their distributions on New Year's day, but the last ten days of the year really make up Wall street's "Christmas," which is once again like the yuletide of old, to the joy of pretty much everybody below Fulton street.

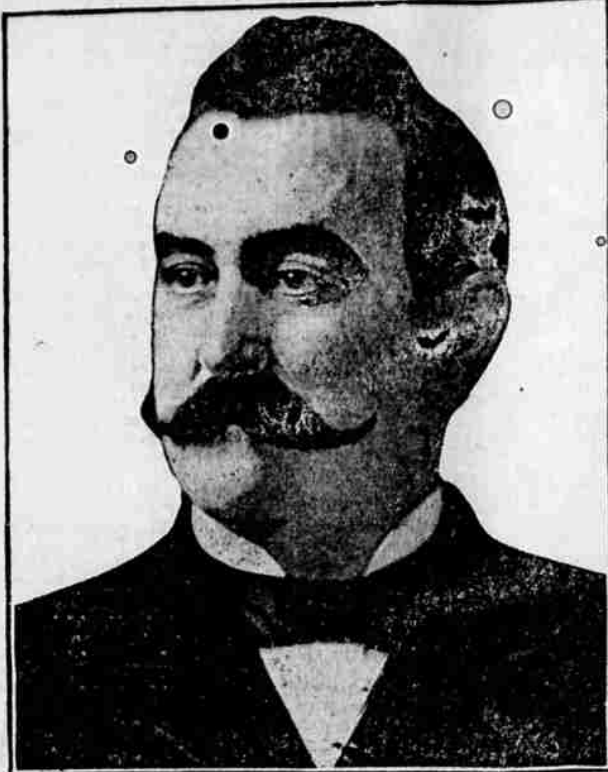
The homes of many of the East Side's poor will be materially brightened with heaping baskets, filled with substantial food and a few delicacies, from known and unknown donors. The Salvation Army will distribute 5000 dinners to the very poor in New York City and Brooklyn this Christmas, each basket dinner being sufficient for five people, making 25,000 fed. Three hundred and two thousand dinners, which will supply one and a half million people, will be given to the poor throughout the country. These are in addition to the Christmas celebrations given at different posts.

The Brooklyn navy yard has already begun to take on the appearance of yuletide desertion. The clerical force in the bureau and the workmen in the shops have been saving up their extra time, and must take it before the New Year commences. On the warships which are now at the yard, the crews are preparing to have the merriest Christmas possible.

Dinner to Peary

A dinner with more than 1500 "Dekes" in attendance, the largest college fraternity banquet ever given—will be tendered to Commander R. E. Peary tonight at the Hotel Astor by the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Peary, in addition to nailing "Old Glory" to the pole, planted a handsome D. K. E. flag which was given to him for that very purpose at the "Deke" dinner in New York in 1907. This event the fraternity is going to signalize. Commander Peary joined



JUDGE W. JEFF POLLARD.

A prominent figure in the recent anti-alcoholic congress in Stockholm was Judge W. Jeff Pollard of St. Louis, who became famous several years ago by introducing the pledge system in reforming drunkards. More than 600 men and women have signed the pledge framed by Judge Pollard, and a large percentage of these have actually been reformed. His plan is to give the prisoner the alternative of signing the pledge or going to the workhouse, and it worked so well that it attracted attention all over the world. Judge Pollard was hailed at the Stockholm congress as one of the most practical temperance workers of the time.

the fraternity in 1877, while at Bowdoin College, Maine.

The new ballroom of the Astor has been engaged, and this will be the first banquet held in it. The room will be decorated with many trophies brought back by the Peary expeditions.

Largest Skyscraper

New York's largest, although not the highest, sky-scraping office building will cast its shadow over the Battery. Old buildings on the site are now being demolished, and active work will soon commence on the giant building, the largest of its kind in the world.

thirty-one stories above the ground. It will contain 11,000,000 cubic feet with a rentable area of 550,000 square feet. In it will be ten miles of plumbing, twenty miles of steam

pipe, sixty-five miles of conduit and wiring, and 3000 electric fixtures.

From curb to roof it will measure 416 feet. In building it will be used 14,000 tons of structural steel, 7,500,000 common bricks, 900,000 face bricks, 45,000 barrels of cement, 535,000 square feet of floor arches, 265,000 cubic feet of cinder fill, 125,000 square feet of girder covering, 450,000 square feet of partition tile, 120,000 square feet of column covering, 210,000 square feet of wall covering, and "other articles too numerous to mention."

Christmas Grafters

The usual invasion of Christmas grafters are in town, and many of them are reaping a rich harvest. Some of their "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" are thus described by James Forbes, director of the National Association for the

Prevention of Medicancy and Charitable Imposture:

"A man representing himself as with the American Express Company asks personal alms and excites sympathy by stimulating heart failure. He can control one valve of the heart and can faint at the proper moment in the most approved fashion, saying afterward that the cause was lack of food. He has a sick wife at home, of course, but of any one offers to go home with him he makes excuses. The man is an old hand at this game and has practiced it in different guises for many years."

"One of the most successful beggars in the city now is an alleged former policeman, who goes about asking alms. He tells a moving story of how he was broken by Devery or Bingham. He selects his victim carefully, and it is because of this he is still at large."

"Blinkie, a man with one eye, is going the rounds introducing a novel method of emphasizing his affliction. He waits in front of some well-to-do woman's house until she comes out to take her carriage, then steps up to her and tells her how he lost his eye in a building her husband owns. By the way of further explanation he will take out his glass eye and show her all about it. This generally clinches the thing, and the woman gives him something to get rid of the spectacle."

"From every quarter of the country men of this stamp are coming in to New York for the Christmas season. In nine cases out of ten persons applying for alms are impostors; the really deserving seldom beg. All beggars should be sent to societies who make a business of investigation and will look out for worthy applicants."

LODGE 20 YEARS

OLD LOSES FIRST

MEMBER BY DEATH

Hood River, Or., Dec. 16.—For the first time in 20 years the Hood River Knights of Pythias lodge lost one of its members by death when the news was received here yesterday of the death of C. E. Hemman last week in Yuma, Ariz. This is a record held by no other lodge in this city, and probably by very few in the whole country. Mr. Hemman went to Arizona recently for his health. The body was taken to the former home in Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Hemman is survived by a widow, who was formerly Miss Bertha Prather, and a daughter.

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Statement condensed from report to Comptroller, Dec. 16, 1909

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in Vault \$ 800,739.96	Capital \$ 100,000.00
Cash due from Banks 510,385.87	Surplus and Profits 120,700.00
Loans 735,614.89	Circulation 100,000.00
U. S. and other Bonds and War-rants 366,181.55	Deposits 1,630,312.10
Bank Building and other Real Estate 43,676.02	
\$1,956,598.40	\$1,956,598.40



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