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## HANDSOME CHRISTMAS PRESENT

### Standard Oil Stock Dividend

### \$44,000,000. For 12 Months

Special to the Mail.

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 a 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 dividend 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 the official of the Standard oil, the corporation carries no surplus giving the benefit of all earnings to the stockholders.

The Standard Oil company is now disbursing more money to the 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 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 less than the 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 the 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.

## HOUSE NEARLY EMPTY

### Members Gone Home For Christmas

Washington, Dec. 15—Only two score members were present when the House met at noon today, owing to excuse of Western members for the holidays.

The House resumed consideration of the pension appropriation bill.

Senator Hepburn presented a joint resolution providing that the President acquire by annexation of otherwise, the island of San Domingo and dependencies. It was referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

## SIGNED TREATY ARRIVES

### STEAMER WRECK FOUND

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, Dec. 15—The Panama Railway Company's steamer Washington arrived this morning bringing the signed canal treaty.

A government officer received it at the dock.

NOTICE

## Proposal for Superintending and Managing the County Poor Farm and Infirmary

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon, up to 12 o'clock noon Friday, January 8, 1904, for the superintending, managing and performing the labor necessary in the management of the County Poor Farm and Infirmary for the year commencing March 1, 1904, and ending February 28, 1905. The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Dated this 9th day of December, 1903. L. BARLOOKE, County Judge.

## ATTEMPTS ANOTHER MURDER

## On His Way to Penitentiary Attacks Guard With Sledge

Special to the Mail.

Baker City, Dec. 15—Egbert, the condemned murderer of Attorney Saxton, passed through this city last night on his way to Salem in charge of the sheriff of Harney county.

Egbert was sentenced at Burns last week, and will be executed at Salem January 19th.

The officers were aware of the desperate character of the prisoner, yet he came within an ace of adding another murder to those already accredited to him.

Yesterday morning at Austen station on the route from Burns to Whitney, while at breakfast the shackles were removed from his hands so that he could eat. A heavy sledge hammer was lying on the floor of the room, which Egbert seized and turned upon the deputy sheriff. Sheriff Allen sprang forward and seized the sledge from behind just as Egbert was bringing it down upon the deputy.

A desperate struggle ensued for possession of the sledge. Egbert was soon overpowered and his hands were again shackled. The man has remained heavily ironed since this last attempt at murder and will remain in that condition until he arrives at the penitentiary. Just before leaving Burns, Egbert tried to knock his brains out against the side of his cell.

## STEAMER WRECK FOUND

Seattle, Dec. 16—A dispatch from Juneau states that the wreck of the steamer discovery has been found by Indians near Cross landing. The U. S. ship Rush has gone to the scene.

## The Daily Newspaper and the Family

The vast majority of papers are conducted with a full sense of responsibility and with just respect for the rights of all. It is important to remember what is really private and what is not. In our political and social organism we are not Robinson Crusoes. We do not live on an island by ourselves where we are monarch of all we survey. We give up a part of our individual freedom for the sake of the advantages of community. We have to surrender something of our own independence and autonomy in con-

sideration of the general good. What would be private if we stood alone may not be private as parts of a public organization. Whether we vote one or dozen times, whether we defy the recognized code of public morality, whether we "promote" our own interests by misleading our friends—all this concerns our neighbors as well as ourselves.

There is too much reason to fear that the mere force of authority, in the state and in church, is decaying. Crafty device evades the law. Easy going virtue silences the crowd. But the electric light of publicity which penetrates the dark corners and reveals every wrinkle is a great security. Abused it may be and intrusive sometimes without warrant, but its protection far outweighs its evils.—Charles Emory Smith in Good Housekeeping.

## CUBAN RECIPROCITY

## Bill Passes Senate by Good Majority

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Dec. 16—The Senate this morning voted on the Cuban reciprocity bill, and it passed by a vote of 57 to 18, which came after Senators Hoar and Bailey had followed Spooner in a speech. Nine Democrats voted in favor of the bill.

Committee on Foreign Relations today reported favorably without amendment the Chinese commercial treaty.

## STRIKE TROUBLE BREWING

## Injunction to Protect Non-Union Miners

Special to the Mail.

Hudson, Cal., Dec. 16—An injunction will be served on 150 miners at 5 o'clock this evening restraining them from interfering with the non-union miners.

The strikers are now encamped about the mine and have pickets entirely around the property. Watchmen with Winchesters are guarding the pumps, which are still running.

Troubles will start tomorrow, for as soon as the injunction is served the mine will be opened with a non-union crew.

The operators claim that in 12 hours they will secure all the men they need, if protected.

National Flowers.

The flower badges of nations are as follows: Athens, violet; Canada, sugar maple; Egypt, lotus; England, rose; France, flower-de-luce (lily); Florence, giglio (lily); Germany, cornflower; Ireland, shamrock leaf; Italy, lily; Prussia, linden; Saxony, mignobette; Scotland, thistle; Spain, pomegranate; Wales, leek leaf.

## LOUISIANA PURCHASE CENTENNIAL

## Celebrated at New Orleans Spectacular Program Three Days

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

New Orleans, La., Dec. 17—The presence of the warships of three nations and the attendance of scores of prominent visitors from various parts of the country gives promise that the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase Centennial which begins tomorrow and continues three days, will surpass in scope and brilliance the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. Visitors are already arriving in large numbers and the crowded streets and public places resemble the Mardi Gras throngs.

New Orleans is particularly pleased over the Spanish man-of-war Rio de la Plata, which is the first Spanish war vessel to visit the country since the Spanish American war. The new French man-of-war Grayere is also here, while the United States Navy is represented by the cruiser Minneapolis and several smaller vessels.

During the three days of the celebration there will be civic, military and religious ceremonies, a colonial ball, a colonial exhibit and Naval parade. Though there will be several parades and other spectacular features the pro-

gramme in its entirety has been so arranged as to appeal more to the student of history than to the ordinary sight-seer. Conditions are favorable to this arrangement, as all the old buildings connected with the transfer are still standing in very much the same condition as they were a century ago.

Thus the main ceremonies will take place in the Cabildo, the Government house under the Spanish and French regimes, now the Supreme Court building. It has been furnished exactly as it was on the day of the transfer. The exercises will include the reading of the original transfer and Lousat, Claiborne, Wilkinson and other commissioners will be represented by prominent citizens in the times.

The religious ceremony in the St Louis Cathedral will be identical that of a hundred years ago, and the salute will be fired from Jackson Square formerly the Place d'Armes from a cannon a century old.

## AMERICANS SEND X-MAS CHEER

Special to the Mail.

Chicago, Ill., December 17.—Chicago's Christmas gift to Europe this year in money alone amounts to about \$1,500,000. Great Britain, particularly Ireland, gets more of this than any other country, Germany comes next on the lists in the money order division of the Chicago Post Office, then Sweden and Italy.

The contribution is estimated to be the largest of recent years. This is particularly surprising, as there was every reason for believing that the strikes and the high prices of commodities would compel economy.



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