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Standard Oil Declares a Twelve Percent Dividend

Where Does Percentage Cease and Grand Larceny Commence ? Rockefeller Ought to Know

New York, Dec. 15 .- Those persons ortunate enough to own Standard Oil Stock received a handsome Christmas present today in the shape of hecks 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 ime last year. This brings the total dividends for the year to 44 per cent. or \$44,000,000 in dividends for the full

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 allps of paper are pre-sented 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 are proportionately larger.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with owning 33 per cent of the stock of the Standard Oil Company, and his eccipts from the carnings of the corporation during the current year apear to be approximately \$15,000,000.

The four quarterly dividends of the orporation 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, 00 per cent., was declared; second quarter, .0 per cent.; third quarter, per cent, and last quarter, 10 per cent. The increase in the dividend during the current quarter is due to arger earnings, resulting from a sharp advance in the price of oil. According to an official of the Standard Oil, the corporation carries a surplus, giving the benefit of all earnings to the stockholders.

The Standard O.I 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 n the common dividend and the conversion of preferred stock into bonds It now ranks second to the Standard \$1. Called for and returned.
Oil company. Since Jan. 1, 1891, the MRS. C. H. WALKER Standard Oil company has paid to stockholders more than \$275,000 000 in dividends. Of that amount John D. Rockefeller has received more than | CARGHERTEN ENGLISH \$90,000,000. Since 1891 the disburse ments of the corporation run close to \$375,000,000, or nearly four times greater than the \$100,000,000 capital

A fair idea of the magnitude of the dividende of the Standard Oil comthat the Pennsylvania Railroad company, within the last 57 years, has something like 215:000,000 stockholders, or \$60,000,000 less than the stockholders of the Rockefeller corporation has 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 the Standard Oil company has caused considerable interest in finan-People in close touch with the situation say that it is very unlikely that Rockefeller interests would agree to an increase in dis-

The Brain of an Ant.

bursements to stockholders if they be that an oil famine threat

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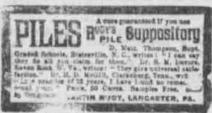
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