

Dividends Climb to \$4,000,000 for Stockholders

Mining Company Pays Out \$2,500,000 on Common Stock After Waiting Eleven Months.

New York, Dec. 23.—Thousands of stockholders, some of whom have been waiting patiently for 10 years today received notice of dividend resumptions, or extra dividends totaling nearly \$4,000,000, bringing the total number of such payments announced throughout the country since November 1 above the 400 mark and the aggregate sum involved into hundreds of millions of dollars.

The largest surprise of the day was the resumption of payments suspended since last February by the Anaconda Copper Mining company, directors of which authorized a payment of 75 cents a share, or a total of \$2,250,000 on the outstanding common stock.

Extra Dividend. The American Can company, which pays 5 per cent regularly declared an extra dividend of \$2, an extra of \$1, having been declared last February. Today's extra distribution adds nearly \$25,000 to the total amount of the stockholders checks.

Railroads Celebrate. Some of the most important dividend disbursements of recent months have been by the Southern railroads in celebration of their financial rehabilitation.

Dividend resumptions have been announced within the last few months on Texas & Pacific common, Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred and St. Louis-San Francisco common and preferred.

The return of prosperity to many industrial concerns also has been heralded by dividend resumptions and the list including such widely diversified companies as the American Screw company, the McCull Corporation, Elgin National Watch, Royal Baking Powder, American Cyanamid, Electric Storage Battery, Fleischmann company, General Railway Signal, Hawaii Pineapple, Hercules Powder, Household Products, Motor Wheel Corporation, American Plans, American Sulfur, Armstrong cork, Commercial solvents, Bucyrus company, International Silver, Otis elevator, and Lehigh & Wilkes Barre coal.

Profits Next Year. Important dividend developments also are in store for early next year, early action being expected on the preferred stocks of the Missouri Pacific & Wabash railroads and a number of the copper and oil companies. Wall street also is looking forward to some big stock dividends through the capitalization of surplus by some of the larger industrial companies.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance company announced tonight that dividend declarations, payable next year, will amount to \$4,500,000 of which \$12,778,000 has been appropriated to the industrial development. In addition to the \$7,000,000 already declared in the ordinary development payable next year, the directors voted at today's meeting to set aside \$2,600,000 as dividends and \$12,700,000 for a reserve to cover dividends which will be passed on at the next meeting.

Develop New Sum. One of the most interesting features of the dividends in the ordinary development is the sum of \$2,100,000 to wipe out all plans placed on policies of the Pittsburgh Life company.

Slayer Freed After 10-Year Term; Says Prison Life Luck for Him

Tony Ciarletta, Released by Board of Pardons, Hurries Home for Christmas After Serving Decade for Killing Man in Holdup.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee Lincoln, Dec. 23.—Tony Ciarletta, who killed Henry Nickell in a hold-up in Omaha, took a last glance around the gray inside walls of the state penitentiary this morning, then entered an automobile and rode through the great gates, a free man.

For 10 years, 8 months and 12 days he had been inside those walls and as he left them his greatest concern was to know whether he "looked like a convict."

"Do I look natural?" he asked N. T. Harmon, clerk of the board of pardons and paroles, who called at the penitentiary with the commutation papers.

He was assured that he looked "like anyone else." More than that, he was told that he was a much more respectable looking man than he was 10 years ago when he first rode through the heavy gates, a hard-boiled youth of 18 with a man's blood on his hands and a sentence of "life" before him.

Tells Warden "Goodby." Harmon told Tony that Charles W. Pool, secretary of the board of pardons and paroles, wanted to say "goodby" to him at the state house. Tony shook hands with the warden and turned to go with Harmon.

As he walked through the outer door, a sign above it caught his eye.

Omaha, within a few years, will undoubtedly be the center of commercial aviation the same as it is now the center of the air mail, in the opinion of Carl Egge, chief of the United States air mail service, who spoke Monday before the Greater Omaha committee.

"Omaha will always be the center of the air mail service of the United States, and I believe will be the center of the commercial aviation," Egge said. "Omaha has the only national headquarters of a government department, and I am the only head of a government department who does not live in Washington."

Omaha Central Point. "Omaha was selected because of its excellent location. I hesitated in moving here, but now I realize the air mail service would have been badly handicapped if I had remained in Washington, because when we are in Omaha we are in the midst of things."

Egge announced that the "loop," joining with the transcontinental line between Chicago and Omaha and connecting up St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, will soon be completed. He said this would not interfere in any way with the transcontinental line.

More Extensions Planned. "I hope the 'loop' will be continued into a circle within a short time, furnishing Sioux City, Minneapolis and Milwaukee air mail service from the transcontinental line of which Omaha will remain as the center," Egge said.

Egge hopes that by April additional service will be installed, improving night air mail so that mail leaving Omaha at night will arrive in New York in the morning for delivery that day and mail leaving New York at night will arrive in Omaha the following morning for delivery.

Aged Woman Hurt in Fall. Winside, Dec. 23.—Mrs. William Benschoff, 76, fell from a step on the porch, breaking two ribs, spraining her arm and ankle and inflicting minor bruises.

The Metropolitan assumed a few years ago and returning to policy holders in cash who paid cash rather than agree to liens at the time of the assumption and the restoring of full value to holders of matured endowments and annuities in Pittsburgh.

Police Plan to Use Sulphur Bombs to Route Out Bandits

Demonstration at Fort Crook Convincing Pszanowski That Heavy Missiles Are Best.

The Omaha police department will fight stubborn criminals with sulphur bombs.

Police Inspector Jack Pszanowski ordered a gross of the powerful gas bombs Tuesday after witnessing a demonstration of their effectiveness by Maj. Charles W. Mason at Fort Crook.

Major Mason, who is head of the chemical warfare section of the Seventh army corps arm, showed Inspector Pszanowski and Capt. George W. Allen how the fire, gas and tear bombs used by the army would have dislodged Frank Mylar, negro gunman, who barricaded himself in a house at Twenty-seventh and Douglas streets last week and shot two policemen in a battle in which he engaged 40 officers.

Inspector Pszanowski selected the sulphur bomb in preference to the phosphorus bomb as being less dangerous to property. The phosphorus type explodes like a shrapnel shell, throwing burning phosphorus for yards in every direction.

The type chosen by Pszanowski is thrown by hand and is discharged by pulling out a pin. The rifle type was too dangerous for general use, Pszanowski decided.

LEVY HEADS CONSISTORY Election of officers for the coming two years was held by Nebraska Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, Monday night.

Saul Levy, 33d, was elected master of Kadosh; T. L. Combs, 33d, presider; E. C. Page, 33d, minister of state; E. C. Page, 33d, K. C. C. H., chancellor; Joseph Shaw Davis, 33d, almoner; Charles A. Patterson, 33d, registrar; William E. Rhoades, 33d, treasurer.

James R. Cain, Jr., 33d, retiring master of Kadosh, presided at the consistory. Installation will be in January, at a date to be announced.

RAIL LOADINGS HOLD UP WELL Washington, Dec. 23.—Although showing a seasonal decline, railroad loadings of revenue, continue to maintain a record level for this period of the year.

The week's total was a decrease from the preceding week of 11,495 cars. Livestock loading with a total of 43,210 cars, showed the only increase from the preceding week among all the major commodity classes, amounting to 247 cars.

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Former Bluffs Girl, Now Princess, Gives Birth to Infant on Moving Train

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 23.—Princess La Laine of Honolulu, who claims to be the last of the royal line of the Hawaiians, and Princess Lanl, to whom a son was born on a Pullman car west of this city Sunday, left this morning for Denver.

The princess was formerly Miss Blossom Bull, daughter of Mrs. E. E. Bull of Council Bluffs, Ia.

Princess Lanl and the baby were warmly wrapped, placed on a stretcher, taken to the depot in an ambulance through the snow and placed aboard a Pullman car.

RUMORED ILLNESS OF POPE DENIED Rome, Dec. 23.—In response to queries prompted by a report that he was ill with influenza, it was stated this forenoon that Pope Pius was perfectly well.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch received in London from Rome last night said the pope was suffering from a light form of influenza.

Roads Program Explained. Red Oak, Ia., Dec. 23.—P. A. Michel, county engineer, addressed the Rotary club here Monday evening at a dinner at the Johnson house. He explained the program of the Iowa Good Roads association.

State Dry Chief Named. Washington, Dec. 23.—Charles Goff of San Francisco has been appointed general prohibition agent for California. He takes office immediately.

Senate Committee to Consider Bill

Johnson-Swing Measure Proposed Construction of Dam at Boulder Canyon.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The senate reclamation committee took under advisement tonight the Johnson-Swing bill proposing construction of a dam at Boulder canyon, in the Colorado river for development and protection of the lower basin.

Concluding hearings which continued two days, Chairman McNary announced he would ask the committee, several members of which have expressed themselves in favor of the bill, to act finally on the measure soon after the holiday recess.

The hearing was enlivened by a friendly exchange over reported negotiations between the governors of Arizona and California looking toward a supplementary agreement to the Colorado river pact not yet ratified by Arizona. Senator Kendrick, democrat, Wyoming, declared the

California Governor Had Ignored Overtures of the Arizona Executive and Had Thus Held Up Settlement of the Colorado River Basin Project.

Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, interjected that the governor of Arizona would explain that.

The election is the smallest thing but it probably doesn't feel as small as the man whose letters are read in court.—New York Telegram.

Half Hour Sales

9 to 9:30 A. M. Imported Gloves \$1.00
9:30 A. M. to 10 A. M. Bridge Pads 4c
Christmas Cards 39c and 69c
Handkerchiefs 39c
Sampler Mottoes 59c

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Five Dollars to Ten Silk Umbrellas—The very short, stubby varieties, with stocky handles and amber tips and tops. All street shades. 10.00 Special, at STREET FLOOR

Banjo Clock—Polychrome banjo clock—an attractive piece from our gift shop, a clock that will keep good time. 7.50 Special, at SECOND FLOOR

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Vests and Bloomers—Jersey silk of the better qualities tailored and made to fit perfectly. Vests and bloomer sets in flesh and 9.50 high shades STREET FLOOR

Lined Leather Gloves—Brown leather gloves made comfortably warm for winter with a one-piece knitted wool lining; strap 6.75 wrist style STREET FLOOR

Hand-Made Dresses—House and home frocks of English broadcloth, all hand-made and with a bit of drawn work. Grey, blue, peach, and 5.50 others

Leather Bags—Envelope purses of patent, genuine calf and other leathers; silk or leather lined, and with convenient fittings. 2.95 Special, at STREET FLOOR

Stone-Set Bracelets—Two-row stone-set transparent bracelets; blue, green, rose and white STREET FLOOR

Sports Hose—Imported wool hose in Jacquard weaves. 4.95 Very new

Men's Kerchiefs—For evening use a very sheer white linen, finely corded and hand hemmed 1.25

One Dollar to Four Knit Silk Vests—Pure thread silk, in flesh, pink and yellow. The out sizes are 2.00; 1.75 regular sizes STREET FLOOR

Corduroy Robes—Attractively made and comfortably warm. Several shades in which to choose these side-tie models, with three-quarter length sleeves 3.95 SECOND FLOOR

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Plumbridge Baskets—Directly from New York to us come candy, jam and fruit filled baskets, gilded and tied with ribbons: 2.50 up from

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Less than a Dollar Children's Hose—Pony brand, English or fine ribbed, in black, white and 50c and 60c Russian calf STREET FLOOR

Toilet Water—Large bottles from our best known perfumers offer a choice of many 50c essences, at, bottle STREET FLOOR

Women's Handkerchiefs—All pure white linen, exquisitely hand-embroidered with white or 60c color STREET FLOOR

Men's Handkerchiefs—Pure linen, of excellent quality—the gift a man is certain to appreciate. These may be had with 50c 1/4 or 1/2-inch hem

Bridge Score Pads—Patent leatherette covered score pads, hand-decorated and washable. These match the \$2.50 table 50c cover pads STREET FLOOR

Shoulder Flowers—Especially the gold and silver metal flowers—so new and original. Other shades, too, at the same 75c low price STREET FLOOR

Bobette Combs—Fiberloid comb in case, the typical bobbed hair comb that may be carried conveniently. Sev 25c eral colors. STREET FLOOR

Deauville Perfume—Cunning bottles filled with fragrant "Deauville," each bottle in a blue satin container—an attractive gift per 50c fume STREET FLOOR

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