

WALL ST. MILLIONS GIFTS TO WORKERS

Clerks Will Get Record-
Breaking Division of
Profits

50 PER CENT OF SALARY

Amounts Range Down to One-
tenth—Morgan House Liberal
to Hundreds

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The droppings from the overflowing vats of fat rendered from Wall street from the munitions trade with Europe will be distributed this week and next to employees as Christmas gifts that will break all past records.

The droppings of today would have made a feast for both employers and employees during the lean holidays of 1915, before the European war.

Of course, all the record-breaking profits do not come directly out of the sale of powder and shrapnel and hospital supplies, but it is the trading in war materials that has behind the great stimulation of the street.

The bankers and brokers have it to give this year, and they will never miss it. The only slight cloud on the horizon of the professional trader at this time of good will is the suggestion from Germany that peace will be declared in the near future.

But this has the child which entirely away from the child which greeted it in the Entente capitals.

On a million-share day in the stock exchange the profit to the brokers, in round numbers, is \$250,000. Actually the profits of brokers are much greater because the substantial figures comprise only stock handled in hundred-share lots or more.

Brokers dealing directly on the New York Stock Exchange received \$8,000,000 in commissions in the month of November off the trading in lots of a hundred or more, it was estimated today. They had this much income if they didn't earn another penny. But there is no law against a broker buying or selling stocks for himself through other brokers. This is one way big profits are made.

"We've been too busy handling other people's orders," one broker complained ruefully. "It's too much for ourselves."

There is the case, however, of one young man who worked as a stenographer a year ago and is now said to have \$250,000 of his own stowed away in the bank, the money made out of a brokerage business set up on \$2500 capital. His operations have all been on the curb market.

In the stock exchange with a \$75,000 net paid for by the firm for whom he was a telephone operator four years ago is Robert C. Hancock.

Most Wall street stenographers, however, will go without seats on the exchange. They will have to be contented with gifts of \$100 to \$200. The latter sum is the figure predicted today for the smaller wage-earners in the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., though formal announcement of the firm's plans have not been made. Other houses, like the Guaranty Trust Company, which will distribute \$300,000 to 100,000 employees; Charles H. Jones & Co., fifty per cent of all employees' salaries; the Metropolitan Trust Company, ten per cent to all employees; Decoppet & Doremus, six months' salary; the Harriman National Bank, with its sixteen per cent, have risked spoiling their employees' Christmas by telling them so.

For hundreds of clerks it will be the best Christmas they've ever had, and at the same time the second anniversary of the worst Christmas they ever hope to see. Two years ago there were no bonuses. A Wall street clerk who had a job and regular pay was considered a very lucky young man.

News at a Glance

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—W. R. Baker, secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and assistant to the president, has at his own request been relieved from his duties and placed on the retired list. Mr. Baker has been succeeded by Ernest Alexander.

TRENTON, Dec. 14.—A State Agricultural convention will be held in this city January 24, 25 and 26, when delegates from county boards of agriculture and many other agricultural associations of the State will meet to elect two members of the State Board of Agriculture and to transact other business. Reports will be made at this convention by J. H. Howell, president of the board, and Alvin Agnew, its secretary. Distinguished speakers will address the convention.

TRENTON, Dec. 14.—The State Prison Commissioner of Education recently asked to appoint a teacher for the prison school and to have the State Educational Department make charge of the work of the school. Accordingly, H. Howell, president of the State Board of Education, has appointed William S. Slicker, principal of the Camden County, has been appointed and will soon assume his duties. The salary is \$1200.

TRENTON, Dec. 14.—As a result of a new clay survey and series of tests which are being made in this State, New Jersey clays are in a number of instances replacing those from other districts. In one case a New Jersey clay is being used in the manufacture of lead pencils, whereas up to the time of the war only German clays were used for this purpose.

TRENTON, Dec. 14.—The State Department of Health is today conducting an investigation as to why J. Salus, former Assemblyman of Atlantic City, and the Marine Freezing Company, of Angelsea, owners of cold storage warehouses in these respective places, have not reported the amount of food held in cold storage by the firm of the month as required by law. The Salus warehouse ordinarily stores about 5000 or 6000 pounds of meat, and the Angelsea concern about 75,000 to 100,000 pounds of fish.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 14.—After furnishing and equipping a room for a vocational school, the school directors find that there has been no provision made of funds to maintain it and hence a delay in opening it will result. Pressure was brought by the State Department of Public Education upon the school board to open such a school.

READING, Pa., Dec. 14.—An unknown man, well dressed, was instantly killed at Wyomissing, a suburb of Reading, today, while stealing a ride on a Reading Railway freight train. He was riding between two coal cars when they buckled, and he was squashed to death. The man was about thirty-five years of age, dark complexion, smooth shaven and wore a blue serge suit.

MISSING TREASURER BACK
Nether Providence Township Official Returns—Won't Explain Absence

Clarence C. Tolman, the Nether Providence township treasurer, who has been missing from his home in Wallingford since November 23, returned last night shortly after his wife had notified the police of his disappearance. No explanation was given of his absence.

Mr. Tolman, who is a merchant, left for Chester to transact business. Mrs. Tolman feared her husband had met with foul play as he carried a large sum of money. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Tolman would say anything today concerning his absence.



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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

BURNS RECEIVED while playing with matches resulted in the death today of two-year-old Ruth Mink, of 1510 North Seventh street, in the Children's Hospital.

TWO GIRLS who tell fortunes were held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Tracy today for a further hearing to decide a shoe salesman's complaint against them. The girls are Anna Carabuto, twenty-six, and Marie Conny, twenty-five, of 1931 South street. The accuser is J. S. Dilks, who works at Mark's shoe store, Eighth and Race streets. He testified that Miss Carabuto induced him to empty his pockets while she told his fortune, and then with some slight-of-hand work removed a \$100 bill from his wallet. The girls were arrested on the description he gave.

TOM, THE PET CAT of Engine Company No. 29, was indirectly responsible for the discovery of a fire in a stable on Commissioner street east of Belgrade early today. Three horses were rescued. George Hummel missed the cat from the engine house and found it in the stable nearby and a fire at the same time. The stable is the property of Captain Edward Winer. The damage was \$100.

AN OPEN BARREL WAGON carried twenty members of Camden and Philadelphia Rotary Clubs to Kugler's cafe, where a dinner was in honor of Fred Hummel, Jr., founder of the Camden organization. Some of the members in evening dress just by way of adding "atmosphere."

THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, 231 South Broad street, have nominated officers to be elected at the meeting January 10. Those nominated were the following: President, M. J. Pickering; first vice president, Philip H. Johnson; second vice president, Charles E. Bartlett; third vice president, William C. Brown; fourth vice president, Samuel R. Gayton; financial secretary, Peter F. Cope; corresponding secretary, Peter F. Cope; and treasurer, John C. Lindsay.

FOUR MEN were severely scalded about the hands and face when a boiler exploded at the Torrefaction pumping station. The injured are Harry Shetter, 2021 North Philadelphia street; Jesse Moulton, 1632 Addison street; Walter Higgins, 1344 Arrott street; and Thomas Orrell, 1431 Unity street. They were removed to the Frankford Hospital.

A TWENTY-SEVEN ACRE PLOT of ground, bounded by Fairmount Park, Wissahickon avenue, Carpenter and Sherman streets, has been sold by the Carpenter estate to H. B. Lister & Son, representing a developing syndicate. The plot was assessed for \$150,000 and held for \$165,000. It adjoins a plot of twenty-two acres recently deeded to the city as an addition to Fairmount Park on condition that the city pave the streets surrounding it.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION has received a petition for a new school in the neighborhood of Sixty-first street and Baltimore avenue from residents of the Fortieth and Forty-sixth wards. The rapid growth of the section adjacent to Cobb's Creek Park was pointed out.

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WEDS IN HASTE, REPENTS IN COURT; HUSBAND HELD

Sympathy for Orphan Led Her to
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have paid the rent and the coal bill. The only time he'd show up was on Saturday night. Sometimes he would come to the store and sympathize with me and say it hurt him to have to see me work."

Mrs. Ofce was indignant.

"And the only reason I married him was because he's an orphan," she concluded.

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