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185th DIVIDEND

Office of The Norwich Savings Society Norwich, Conn., Dec. 9, 1916. The Directors of this Society have declared out of the earnings of the current six months a semi-annual dividend at the rate of FOUR PER CENT per annum, payable to depositors entitled thereto on and after January 15, 1917.

THE THAMES NATIONAL BANK

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 22, 1916. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them, is hereby called to be held at their Banking House on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m. CHARLES W. GALE, Cashier.

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The 123rd Annual Meeting

of the Mutual Assurance Co. of the City of Norwich will be held at the Norwich Savings Society Monday, Jan. 8th, 1917, at 10 a. m.

NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS.

Policy will be renewed at the Norwich Savings Society on presentation. C. R. BUTTS, Treasurer.

Norwich Bulletin

Norwich, Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1916.

VARIOUS MATTERS

Light vehicle lamps at 4:54 o'clock this evening. This is St. Stephen's day in the church calendar.

Trains and trolleys were crowded at all hours on the holiday. Fifty printed calling cards for 35 cents at The Bulletin office—adv.

A house on lower Union street is quarantined because of a case of diphtheria.

Hotels and restaurants had many reservations for family dinner parties yesterday.

There will be a rush at the savings banks today, to deposit Christmas money gifts.

This week is one long munching of Christmas candy for the Sunday school boys and girls.

Several informal social affairs will be held for the college students home for the holiday recess.

No alarm clocks were needed to awaken the small folks of the households, yesterday morning.

Florists had a wonderfully good Christmas trade, which was increased by good weather yesterday.

Some of those who have Red Cross seals will continue to use them till New Year's day, in order to help the cause.

Although ice covered the small ponds Monday it was thawing about the edges so that no skaters dared venture on it.

Choice large Gullford clams. First arrival. Powers Bros.—adv.

English families followed the custom of the old country Monday and had feasts on the traditional Christmas roast goose.

Bakers filled many orders for Christmas cakes and those displayed for sale were triumphs of artistic decorating.

The famous Middle Haddam weather prophet, Horace Johnson, who is an occasional visitor to Norwich friends, is ill at his home.

A Norwich candy dealer sold his annual dozen chocolate rats to a customer, who received the gift as a pet dog that particular holiday treat.

Following the holiday dinner, many persons strolled about town, some visiting the park, the fact that the walks were clear of ice inducing the extra exercise.

At the funeral of Mrs. Benjamin T. Cranston Sunday afternoon the hymns were sung by Mrs. Augustus T. Sullivan, of the Central Baptist church quartette.

Special meeting of K. of C. tonight. First degree—adv.

Dealers say that, in spite of all the talk of shoppers buying what are termed strictly useful and practical gifts, the sales of toys have been notably large.

Yesterday was doubly a Merry Christmas for patrons along rural roads, who received the Norwich Morning Bulletin, along with their holiday gifts and mail.

There were few households, however needy, to which Santa Claus did not penetrate yesterday, through the kindly vigilance of the alert neighborhood organizations, or thoughtful and benevolent neighbors.

At St. Joseph's church, Cliff street, large congregations attended the Christmas services, high mass at 6 and 10, being sung by the pastor, Rev. I. V. Maciejewski, who also read a low mass at 7.

An inquiring person who has looked ahead finds that Lent begins early in the New Year, Feb. 21st, so that Easter falls on April 8th, making an early spring season for business. This year Easter came on April 23.

A Christmas tree had been provided for every twenty-five patients at the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane at Middletown. Altogether 163 trees were erected in the various wards for the exercises Christmas afternoon.

Next Sunday evening there will be the usual night service at Trinity Methodist church, to begin at 9 o'clock. There will be an intermission at 10:30 p. m., when refreshments will be served. The usual preaching service will be omitted.

The class of 1917, Rockville High school, has made a good start toward raising money for the annual trip to the national capital. This trip will be made sometime near Easter. The class has \$500 in the treasury but will need to raise at least \$300 more.

At the annual meeting of the old Saybrook Congregational church, of which Rev. William F. White, formerly of Norwich, is pastor, it was voted that the church pay its share of sending one delegate to the national conference to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., next summer.

In several Connecticut cities, members of the Women's Relief Corps have begun the plan of presenting city and town officials large sized American flags with the request that the flags be hung in the various offices as a means of fostering love in Americans for the flag.

The announcement in The Bulletin's Putnam news Monday of the death of Rev. John R. Stubbart was of special interest to members of the former Baptist summer colony at Crescent Beach, in promoting which Rev. Mr. Stubbart and the late Rev. Z. Herr, of Norwich, were prominent.

The state W. C. T. U. treasurer reports that Tolland county gave \$10 toward the national campaign fund, making a total of \$188, and as a special gift of thanksgiving for the wonderful prohibition victories achieved and the splendid work of the National W. C. T. U. in bringing it to pass.

The Middletown Press says regarding a former clergyman of Norwich and Mystic: "The members of the former pastor of St. John's church, in Cromwell, who has been seriously ill, is reported much improved, and is now able to be about his room. He is the pastor of St. Mary's church in Bridgeport."

Y. M. C. A. Notes. The young men will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:15 p. m., at which time a lunch will be served after which the study will be taken up.

Plans for the annual New Year's reception are being made and the social committee expect to arrange a very pleasant evening for the members of the F. M. C. A. and their friends.

Christmas Remembrance. For a Christmas remembrance the Stoddard & Gilbert Co. gave each of their employees a five dollar gold piece.

PERSONALS

Miss Aldea Donalds is spending the holidays in New Bedford.

E. W. Brookway of Hadlyme spent a few days in Norwich during the past week.

Waldo S. Newbury, of New York, is spending the holidays at his home in Norwich.

Henry T. Nelson of Boston was a Christmas visitor at his former home in this city.

Miss Ruth Comstock of Hadlyme was a recent visitor at her sister's, Mrs. John Mitchell's in Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Christmann of New London was the guests of relatives in this city over the holiday.

Miss Louise Twomey of Springfield, Mass., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Madeline Twomey of Whipple avenue.

Mrs. John Lawson and daughter, Miss Laura of Providence, R. I., are the guests of relatives in town over the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Illinger, a student at the Baltic convent, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents on School street.

Miss Agnes Hansen and Nelson Hansen of Hartford spent the holiday with their parents, Mrs. H. P. Hansen of 132 School street.

George Longull, Clifford Longull and Miss Minnie Longull of Everett, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Broadhurst of Lafayette street for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Burt of Groton and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson H. Burt of Quaker Hill are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Burt of Washington street.

Knights Templar Held Annual Christmas Observance. Toasts Were Offered and Sentimental Read—Jewel Presented to George E. Parsons.

Columbian Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar assembled in their rooms in the Masonic temple on Broadway Monday noon for the annual Christmas observance.

The gathering was one of the largest the commandery has ever held and included were commandery men from other jurisdictions.

Trying to Locate Family. Midland, Tex., Man Seeking Relatives of R. E. Hamilton.

In a letter written to The Bulletin by J. W. Hampton of Midland, Tex., who is trying to locate the family of R. E. Hamilton, who died from an attack of heart disease, he indicates that Mr. Hamilton was a former resident of Norwich. The letter mentioned above follows:

I am today sending you a copy of our town paper with marked funeral notice, which please copy in your papers. We are trying to locate the family of Hamilton's family, and hope to do so by this method. I have written to his sister, Miss Emma Hamilton, and it is several years since we have heard from her.

The notice that Mr. Hampton mentioned appeared in the Midland Reporter of Midland, Tex., and is as follows:

A death in Midland, the second of the week, occurred Wednesday morning with terrible and sudden suddenness. R. E. (Bob) Hamilton was the victim, a sufferer of heart disease. The young man retired about 10 o'clock Tuesday night, seeming in good health and spirits and health as ever in his life. His young wife was not well and some time about 3 o'clock in the morning he awoke and found her in a state of unconsciousness. He dressed and started, became ill, apparently violently nervous. A physician was hastily summoned, and before his arrival the sufferer was in such wild agony that three men, J. W. Hampton and his two sons, could hardly hold him on the bed. The physician administered hypodermics and the sufferer was quieted. He slept and died without again awakening, and within an hour from the time he first complained.

The young man leaves a sorrowing young wife, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hampton, and with her and others who are grieving. The reporter does not know the cause of the death.

Deceased was an industrious young man, a painter and decorator of unusual ability, and there are many evidences of his hard work in various homes and public buildings of our city. The funeral took place at the grave at 4:30 in the afternoon Wednesday.

Officers Installed. Groton Grangers Held Informal Reception Following the Exercises.

At a meeting of Groton Grange Friday evening the previously elected officers were installed by County Deputy Irving E. Crouch. They were: Master, Charles M. Adams; overseer, Giles Chapman; steward, Warren Chapman; lecturer, Mrs. J. Albert Thompson; chaplain, Cyrus Avery; secretary, Amos Gallup; treasurer, W. S. Thomas; assistant steward, Frank J. Davis; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Frank J. Davis; gatekeeper, E. J. Brown; Flora, Mrs. John Cook; Ceres, Miss Hattie York; Pomona, Miss Gertrude Brown.

Readings and an informal reception to the new officers followed.

Spicer Home Entertainment. First Selectman Charles E. Palmer of Pouquonoc arranged the following services at the Spicer home for Sunday:

Violin selection—Frank Noyes. Solo—Mrs. Robert Burns. Devotional exercises. Rev. O. G. Buddington. Duet—Mrs. Burns and Miss Mary White.

Christmas reading—Miss Mary Virginia Morgan. Solo—Miss Mary Wells. Violin selection—Frank Noyes, accompanied by Miss Sarah Wells.

West Side Firm Remembered. The members of the West Side Chemical company had the interior of their house elaborately decorated with holiday ornaments, and a number of their friends remembered them with boxes of cigars, candy and other things which go with the season.

This served to make the day more cheerful for those who were on duty and ready to answer whatever calls came in their line of duty and it is thought that a stone caused the car to jump. The street was blocked for some time.

CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE

Well Attended Services Held by the Ritualistic Churches of the City—Appropriate Sermons by Pastors

At all the services held by the ritualistic churches on Christmas morn there were large attendances and able sermons were delivered by the preachers:

Christ Episcopal Church. Peace will come when men have learned the message of good will, said Rev. R. R. Graham, rector of Christ Episcopal church, in an able sermon delivered on Christmas morning.

The service was well attended, and in part Rev. Mr. Graham said: At this holy season, even though the angels' song of peace on earth and to understand its meaning.

Therefore in this our Christmas celebration, let us together unthinkingly of recent events which contain at least a suggestion, even though it be only a faint one, of the possibility of peace in the most distant future.

Whatever may be our opinion as to the purpose, or even the sincerity, of the suggestion put forth by the president of the note sent by the president of the United States to the various warring nations, we cannot but hope that this may be a step in the right direction, which will lead us to the long hoped for peace.

Spirit of Christ May Rule. We have prayed that God would so direct the minds of those in authority so that truth and justice, peace and concord, will be the result of their action, and it is only right that we should try to see in these things an answer to our prayers which will lead us to pray for God more earnestly than ever that the Spirit of Christ may rule in the councils of the world.

But when we pray for peace which we desire for ourselves and for the world, we are not praying for a cessation of strife because war interferes with our plans, or because the emotional strain of its course will not be good for us, or because we do not want our feelings further lacerated.

Or when we pray for peace do we really pray for victory for one or the other, if we are so, we are justified in offering such a prayer?

Yes! If we are indeed convinced that the peace which we desire is the glory of God, and the establishment of lasting peace on earth, a peace founded not on force but on the righteousness of God, we should pray for it. Each side hopes for victory with the triumph and glory it will bring to them, and the defeat and humiliation of the other. But the peace which we desire is the peace which is the fulfillment of the angel's song.

When the angels sang at the birth of Christ, glory to God in the highest, with all the angels and saints, a louder strain of praise should ascend to Him to whom all creation is ever singing its song of praise, but that a deeper strain should hallow the world with that song.

Glory to God means glory to the Godlike, and now when Christ is born to us, let us sing a deeper strain of praise to Him to whom all creation is ever singing its song of praise, but that a deeper strain should hallow the world with that song.

He still see God seated on His eternal throne, wielding His mighty power, and we are trying to locate the family of Hamilton's family, and hope to do so by this method. I have written to his sister, Miss Emma Hamilton, and it is several years since we have heard from her.

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As we bow before the Infant in the manger at Bethlehem we learn the secret of true greatness, and we must realize that the only way to true greatness is by the power of God, we must win our way by the power of God, we must win our way by the power of God.

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CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE

more than nineteen centuries ago. It was the day dawn and the day star.

"Watchman, what of the night?" "The morning cometh." "I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star."

That was good news after the long night. Have you not had the experience of a night that you thought would never wear away into morning? O the long, long vigils; the creeping hours that seemed never to pass; and by and by, after what seemed an age, the first rays of morning came across the gloomy night and with the morning came your relief.

So the night had been long upon the spirit of Jesus came. It had been a long time since the people heard any good news. It had been a long time since they who sat in darkness had seen any light. And now if Isaiah should ask: "Watchman, what of the night?" Peter would reply: "The day dawn and the day star hath arisen in our hearts."

Jesus Himself, not only in the Book of Revelation but in the gospels, called Himself the "Light of the World." But He also calls the disciples "lights" or "lesser lights," to be sure, but lights.

It is significantly beautiful and beautifully significant that Jesus was a light that heralded Him. The wise men saw His star in the east and they followed it to the manger in Bethlehem. The shepherds that night out on the Judean hills saw a light in the sky and heard the voice of an angel and also a chorus of angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men."

From that day He became the light of the world. John the Baptist was only a forerunner. He was a voice crying in the wilderness. He said: "I will decrease while the One whom he heralded must increase. In the prelude of the gospel by John the evangelist a glowing tribute is paid to the light of the world. He was that true light that lighteth every man coming into the world."

And He lighted the torches of twelve men who stood about Him. One Judas trampled on his torch, but the others went out into the world's darkness and undertook to conquer it.

So must we light our torches from His and go out and enlist others in the magnificent enterprise of dispelling the world's moral darkness. It is the Christmas spirit that will enable us to conquer in the name of Christ.

LARGEST BUSINESS EVER AT NORWICH POSTOFFICE. 6,850 Pieces of Mail Delivered Christmas Morning by Parcel Post Carriers.

The business at the local postoffice this year exceeded that of any previous Christmas. Starting last Thursday the mail delivery was kept increasing, both the outgoing and the incoming, and on Christmas day morning there were 6,850 pieces of mail delivered on the first trip of the six parcel post carriers which Postmaster Murphy had listed in the service. By 9 o'clock in the morning the office was cleaned up and the mail ready for delivery.

Delivery and in the afternoon all mail received by the time set for the second delivery was sent out. After the mail was all out the office looked like a deserted village in comparison with what it has been during the past few days.

Postmaster Murphy expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the employees for their personal interest and efficiency in making such a good record in handling the mail. He also extended thanks to Hon. John M. Thayer for the use of the store in the Thayer building where the sub-station was located.

In addition to the 21 regular city carriers, there were five sub carriers employed during the past ten days, also two sub clerks. In receiving the mail at both the main office and the sub-station in the Thayer building prompt service was rendered, and only on a few occasions were there over eight or nine minutes delay. On the three days at the main office there were men at two windows receiving mail and selling stamps.

George J. Anderson, cigar manufacturer, remembered the postoffice employees with a contribution of cigars.

CHRISTMAS GREETING BY FORMER NORWICH RECTOR. Bishop Thomas T. Davies' Message on Cover of the Fire Engineer.

On the cover of The Fire Engineer appears a Christmas greeting from Rev. Thomas T. Davies of Springfield, Mass., bishop of western Massachusetts, and a former rector at Christ Episcopal church in this city. The greeting follows:

May I, through you, send my Christmas greetings to all readers of The Fire Engineer.

The word in all our mouths this past year has been preparedness. Personally, I thoroughly believe in it, and it seems to me that all engineers in the field of the fire engineering represent preparedness of an exceptionally high and valuable type.

The joyous season of Christmas brings the special commemoration of the coming to this earth of Him who has done more than any other to prepare for us a strong, wholesome, abundant life here and hereafter. A word constantly on His holy lips is life. It impresses on us as new the training, all the discipline, all the sobriety, all the courage and all the heroism so conspicuously shown in His life. His life, His faith, after all, just what the Great Captain of our salvation required in every one of His followers. May peace and good will of Christmas be yours.

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