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The Season's Message

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

THE most pleasing feature associated with the Christmas season is the exchange, between friends, of kindly greetings of goodwill and cheer.

Throughout the length and breadth of Christendom, this happy custom prevails, and, in common with others, it is our sincere desire to take this opportunity of extending to all our friends and associates the season's most cordial greetings and good wishes.

It is timely on this festive occasion to remember that the same lowly Nazarene, who inspired that greatest of all commands, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men," was also responsible for the equally inspiring injunction that reads: "Be ye not weary in well-doing." The thought of these words comes uppermost in our minds in inditing this message.

The Labor movement is a humanitarian movement. It seeks to protect the weak and to help the needy. It is a movement of men and women banded together, not for personal and individual gain, but rather for the attainment of justice for all mankind.

May our message, therefore, inspire you with greater faith, hope and courage, conscious in the righteousness of our mutual endeavors and convinced of the ultimate achievement, and may your efforts during the coming year be filled with the desire for greater accomplishment in the task of uplifting humanity.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

THE year 1934 draws to a close, as it opened, with unemployment prevalent and still approximately one-tenth of the population dependent upon public relief for their existence. This situation is a challenge to all right-thinking people but one which appears to be very reluctantly accepted by many placed in positions which enable them to take effective action.

The year has not, however, been one without some ray of light penetrating through the gloom. Through organized effort the wave of wage reductions has been definitely checked and, in many cases, as, for example, employees of the railroads, municipal authorities, federal and provincial governments have secured partial restoration of cuts previously put into effect. This upward revision of wages and salaries has been immediately reflected in industrial and commercial activity, creating some additional employment, which however, because of the natural growth of population, has so far failed to make any appreciable dent in the number of those unemployed.

Some progress has also been made, mostly through negotiation and agreement, toward the establishment of the five-day week though, again, it is apparent much more rapid and radical changes in hours of labor will have to be made if the volume of unemployment is to be effectively coped with.

Financial authorities report that, as an immediate result of these increased trade activities, 1934 dividend payments will be almost 40 per cent higher than in 1933. This should, at least, disprove the oft-repeated assertion that wage standards cannot be maintained if less hours are worked without offsetting the benefits through increased selling costs of products. Money in the wage envelope means more purchasing power for the masses and adds impetus to trade revival.

Exposures before the Parliamentary Committee and Royal Commission on Price Spreads, etc., of the low wage conditions and exploitation of workers in many quarters shows clearly the need for action to correct such injustices.

Workers are recognizing in ever-increasing numbers that through trade union organization they can more effectively play an active part in the reconstruction of our national life. Comparatively meagre though the accomplishments of 1934 have been, trade unionists look forward with confidence to the opportunities ahead to build on gains already made and pursue their objectives until unemployment with its resultant misery and destitution is abolished from our midst.

It is in this spirit of faith in the future that we once again extend to your readers the Season's Greetings and our most sincere wish for a brighter New Year.

By TOM MOORE, President,
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Big English Firm Retains Five-day Week

A decision to continue permanently the five-day working week for the 5000 employees at their Nottingham factory was recently announced by Messrs. Boots Pure Drug Company of England.

During five summer months, this company experimented with the five-day week scheme.

Careful statistics were kept, and later reviewed by Sir Richard Redmayne, who was nominated by the Minister for Labor as an independent investigator, and his report was considered by the board of the company.

"One of the most pressing human problems raised by the mechanization of modern industry is the need of giving back to the worker in his leisure the individuality which the machine takes away from him," said Lord Trent, chairman of Boots' Pure Drug Company, at Sheffield, England, recently.

"It is the traditional policy of the firm that the employees should participate in the benefits that result from the increasing prosperity of the business."

"A fair reward for labor is not a minimum weekly wage and a dog's life," Lord Trent declared, "but an agreed wage, plus the best possible chance in life that good health, educational opportunities and congenial employment can give.

Railway Clerks Form C. N. R. Federation

Recently a very successful convention of representatives of all lodges established by the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees was held in Winnipeg. Those attending were mostly former members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, this being the first convention of this class of employees on the C. N. R. System under the auspices of the International Brotherhood. The establishment of a system board under the international union, similar to, and in close alliance with, that now operating on the C. P. R. and all Class 1 railways in the United States will give the C. N. R. employees of those classes a greater degree of protection and service than they hitherto enjoyed.

New York Court Upholds Closed Shop

New York.—The Doll and Toy Workers' Union has won a clean-cut victory in its suit against Ralph A. Freundlich, Inc.

Justice William H. Black, of the Supreme Court, has rendered a decision fully upholding the legality of a "closed shop" agreement entered into under Section 7-A of the National Industrial Recovery Act. Rendering the decision December 1, Justice Black gave the union and the manufacturing concern a week in which to settle their differences, under threat that if this is not done the court will see to it that the provisions of Section 7-A are strictly observed.

URGE 48-HOUR WEEK FOR HOSPITALS

Albany, N. Y.—The State Civil Service Employees' Association has recommended to Governor Lehman the adoption of the 48-hour maximum work week in state institutions, including hospitals. "Upwards of 8000 people would be given the opportunity to properly enjoy the leisure of the 8-hour day" and employment would be provided for 3000 more people, according to a statement by the Association's legislative committee.

TRUCK DRIVERS PROGRESS

Providence, R. I.—Truck drivers, organized here less than a year ago, by R. A. McGarry, A. F. of L. organizer, have secured an agreement with employers, affecting over 200 men. The agreement provides for a minimum of $30 a week for drivers and $25 a week for helpers, with a maximum 40-hour week. Wages were formerly as low as $15 a week, with no limit on working hours.

Relief Methods Tend To Degrade Families

Because the buck is passed from one governing body to another thousands of our youth are being demoralized and many worthy families are being utterly degraded. For a long time, under the present relief system, just as soon as boys have come of age, relief allowances are stopped—if their parents are on relief—and if their parents are unable to support them they are supposed to go to a relief camp, according to the rulings of the civic relief office.

The Provincial Government has informed the Trades Council that no single man living at home shall be compelled to go to these camps, but the municipal authorities are not inclined to give allowances for these boys. Because of this kind of juggling these boys must apparently become parasites on their parents if the parents will not permit their boys to go to camp. The Trades Council intends to insist that if the City will not care for these boys, then the Provincial Government should supply them with an allowance and charge it up to the City.

There is another sore point on this subject and that is the ruling that parents cannot claim relief if a boy or girl is working. These children are supposed to keep their parents, and because this becomes a hardship on the children, many parents prefer to keep them in idleness rather than become family burden bearers. This naturally causes a demoralization to family life and is emphatically condemned.

This Christmas!

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four times
The sweet bells of Yuletide have rang out their chimes,
Bringing this message from Old Bethlehem,
Peace on earth, good will towards men.

Peace on Earth! The dream of the ages,
Sung of by angels, dreamed of by sages.
Yearned for by Mothers, that their sons may not be
Dragged in the maw of war's brutality.

Peace on Earth—How can it come true
While peace and contentment are but for the few.
And the many must battle, struggle and strive
In a fight for the crumbs that keep them alive.

It's not as though Nature intended it so,
Or sent forth her families that supplies should be low.
No, she pours forth her riches, enough and to spare.
The fault is not Nature's if all do not share.

Goodwill! Still a mockery after hundreds of years,
Held in abeyance by man's latent fears
To adventure the first little step on the way
That points mankind to a happier day.

Afraid to trust ourselves too far,
Afraid to look towards the star
Of plenty, lest finding it within easy reach
It may dull sloth and self-indulgence teach.

When the bells of this Christmas come clear to our ears,
May their sweet message help banish such fears,
And bring to fulfillment that happy day when
Peace shall be on Earth, and Goodwill among men.

LABOR MAN GETS BIG OHIO JOB

Dayton, Ohio.—Ora B. Chapman, president of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, has been appointed as Director of Industrial Relations for the State of Ohio, by Governor-elect Martin L. Davey. Chapman, who rose from the ranks as a local painter, is regarded as well qualified for the important job.

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Capilano Canyon Park in W

(By A. E. J.)

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The paths through Stanley offer the nature-lover much path to the Capilano Canyon him still more in the way of climate. Countless days when couver is wrapped in a blan fog, the sun is shining brig Capilano park. Above the this park offers the hiker in a change in climate. It may here and there in the woods of frost-covered leaves is at the estimated altitude of the park is so situated that the rigorous climate of the levels nor the dampness of is encountered. It is within the beauty spots of Metro Vancouver and its climatic age is enjoyed by but a few dents widely scattered thro the district. The Vancouver of Trade has set this park a the enjoyment of Vancouver and their many eastern visitors Board of Trade is commended far-sighted action in controlling park for the benefit of all the p

HOUSING PROJECT STA IN BROOKLYN

Brooklyn, N. Y.—A low-c slum-clearing housing projec been started here, which, it is ated, will involve an expendi $12,000,000 and provide 9,0 man-hours of employment.

Paterson, N. J.—Local No of the Federation of Silk and Dyers and Finishers of A which had conducted a strik for some time, voted to ac proffered agreement and ret work. The workers will g cents an hour and work 30 ho week. About 20,000 dye shop ers were affected by the set

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White man, black man, bishop, Jew—
Christ was born for all of you!

Cherished children, a hungry tot,
Sad little face and eye;
Chinaman, negro, polyglot,
Tramp and tramping by.
Rich man, poor man, beggar man, too—
Christ has died for all of you!

Santa Claus, and mistletoe,
Newsboy, fakir, cheat,
Drab, and virgin, on they go—
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PURCHASING POWER

The recent depression from which we appear to be slowly but painfully emerging, has been attributed to many causes, but the one suggested by Organized Labor undoubtedly has had the greatest effect in spreading the depression over such a long period. Organized Labor claims that *lack of purchasing power among the masses*, caused, on the one hand, by the intensive introduction of labor-saving machinery, and, on the other, by a huge mass of sweated and low wage labor, not only started the depression, but continued it on its devastating way.

Business and prosperity can only thrive on the power which the millions of workers have to buy back that which they, each and all, produce. The continued and increased or decreased consuming power of the millions either make or break the business trend because no matter how plentiful money may be among the monied classes they can only consume a small pro rata of the commodities produced. But when the masses in their millions are buying well constructed and commodious homes, first class and well made clothing, plenty of the best of all foods, as well as securely enjoying no self-denial in luxuries and an abundance of leisure and recreation, then and then only will business continue not only to be good but to be ever upward.

All these things can only be obtained, however, by continued reduction in the hours of labor, to meet the increased production of the machine, and a steady but sure continued upward move in wages to meet the desires of everyone to buy the best things of life and to have a reserve fund to enjoy leisure and the pleasures that man's genius has made possible. The Organized Labor Movement is battling for these things and will continue to do so just as long as competition for jobs and for business remains the keystone of industrial and commercial activity. Business may mend for a year or two but just as sure as the sun rises in the East and settles in the West, depressions ever increasing in intensity and duration will come upon us again unless purchasing power is progressively increased and the hours of labor for all workers continuously reduced.

"CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEES"

Mr. S. G. Blaylock, head of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, has just informed an audience of business men in Vancouver that the depression could be eliminated if the higher paid workers would accept less in order that the lower paid workers could receive more. Mr. Blaylock is convinced that if every business would organize a "co-operative committee" such as he alleges has worked harmoniously at the Trail plant between the company and employees, that business would recover.

Mr. Blaylock states, according to newspaper reports, that "if industries generally adopt this plan, the working man can be shown that universal employment depends largely on bringing the wages of the various industries more nearly into line, that there would be a decided tendency to stop trying to increase wages and shorten hours in those industries which are already high, and a willingness on their part to help bring up the wages of those who are underpaid." The Labor Movement would like to know where the industries are that pay their employees *high* wages, but if Mr. Blaylock thinks that over $100 a month is high wages then we see why he is so enthusiastic over his "co-operative committee" but it will certainly never increase the consumption which he says must keep up with production.

Mr. Blaylock is not enthusiastic over legislation favorable to workers but he must have overlooked the fact that Adam Bell, the Deputy Minister of Labor, belongs to the same school as Mr. Blaylock, for Adam Bell says that the Minimum Wage Board's aim is to exercise a stabilizing influence "by striking a level between the too low wages and too high wages being paid." And that is just what government legislation has tended to do, and it is also the reason why the Organized Labor Movement relies *more on its union strength* to obtain better wages and shorter hours as well as more congenial working *conditions*.

Mr. Blaylock's "co-operative committee" can be filled up with different nationalities and kept disagreed among themselves, like has been done at the Trail plant. He does not want union delegations trying to get shorter hours in order to use and enjoy the luxuries which he inadvertently said we must consume more of. We cannot do that, however, through a "co-operative committee" similar to that at the Trail plant, which has permitted a longer work-week than any other firm in the province.

At one time there was a union of mine, mill and smeltermen at Trail but the company broke it up, probably because the union wanted to have more to say about the running of the mines and mills than Mr. Blaylock thought was good for the company. In the place of that union there now appears to be a nice friendly "co-operative" company *union, one which can be depended upon*—or unceremoniously convinced—not to ask for "too high" wages *or shorter hours. And the company* union can be relied upon not to petition the government for labor legislation of any sort, because anything that the workers want will be attended to by the "co-operative committee" and if the committee does not favor it, it only goes to prove that it is not in the best interests of the workers—or the company.

This company hired hordes of Europeans in the old days and then got rid of them when they began to want a higher standard of living. And these hordes make up the Communist element which are such a thorn in the side of business and government these days. It has consistently opposed labor legislation and is still doing so, if one is to note the address made at the same time by Mr. R. C. Crowe, general counsel *for the Consolidated Mining and* Smelting Company. Mr. Crowe was attempting to make out a case *against compensation for silicosis.* In the first instance, he attempted to prove that no such disease existed *through mining* in British Columbia, but even if it were proven, he went on to show dozens of ways in which the mining companies and the government could avoid making Silicosis an occupational disease or to delay legislation covering it. Mr. Crowe's suggestions would leave a "co-operative committee" dumbfounded and there would be no petition for Silicosis compensation from such committees, although Mr. Crowe's suggestions could easily be knocked to pieces by a bona fide union.

No, Mr. Blaylock, we are afraid that your ideas about remedying the depression are just about on a par with a lot of other people who have more *money than human feeling.* You know that to increase consuming power is a vital remedy for *industrial conditions*, but you are afraid to increase the purchasing power of every man, woman and child. There is no logic in your "co-operative committee" suggestion simply because you have the power to hire and fire members of that committee.

We recently pointed out that the tactics of the Workers' Unity League is inclined to draw discouraged workers to its ranks, but that it does not meet with the desired success in the strikes they launch. This unit of the Communist party continues to meet with defeats, for we read that the Furniture Workers of Stratford, Ont., have got tired of the WUL misleadership and that the strikers in Hespeler, Ont., have returned to work, beaten and disillusioned. On top of that we find that the workers in the Cleaning and Dyeing industry in Toronto have broken away from the WUL and have asked for a charter from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Mayor-elect Gerry McGeer is assured of plenty of support from the West when he starts his battle with Ottawa and St. James Street. Besides Edmonton and Calgary, we notice that John Queen, veteran Laborite, has been elected mayor of Winnipeg, and at Lethbridge, Alta., three out of the four elected candidates for the City Council were Labor candidates.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS APPRECIATE WORK OF HALIFAX MEMBER

Capt. James M. Cody, Secretary of Local No. 268, Halifax, was elected a trustee of the International Association of Fire Fighters, succeeding Mr. Arthur Beaulieu of Montreal, who had declined to again run for the office.

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THOUGHTS
on the Keeping of Christmas

(By Anne Elizabeth Wilson, Editor of The Chatelaine)

"YOU can't tell me anything about Santa Claus!" said a small child in protest to a well-meaning but matter-of-fact house guest in my hearing. "You may not believe in him, but I've heard him." You see, there was something between that youngster and Santa Claus.

Well, I've heard Santa Claus myself. On a bare Christmas morning when there was no snow to carry a mortal runner, I've heard his sleigh bells. Put it down to dementia infantum if you like, but there it is—and I aged thirteen at the time. It seems to me that although I quite accepted the fact for years that Mother and Daddy fixed the tree, I would sooner have taken a good beating than see them do it. In fact, I have sat in the same room while they were at it, with my eyes fast shut and singing lustily to avoid hearing what they had to say about presents. I simply would not let anybody take the tinsel off my Christmas. How I sympathize with the desperate struggle some children make to preserve the magic of it for themselves!

On the other hand, there is a sweet indulgence about the children of today—sometimes I think they are doing more to keep up their parents' illusions than their parents are theirs. "Surely, Gordon," one addresses the son and heir, "you don't still believe in Santa Claus?" "Well, n-no," admits Gordon, "but Mother thinks I do, so I wish you wouldn't tell her about it." You see, there was also something between that youngster and Santa Claus.

Christmas Too Bare

I wonder if there are still children as indignant as I was at the age of ten. My young aunt, dreading the pest of dropping pine needles until after New Year's, at that time suggested that I was getting too big for a tree. "Why not," she wheedled, "just have a nice stocking?" Treason! (I always had two stockings besides the tree, anyway). For you see, I was a spoiled child, thank God. My own parents had the memory before them of Christmases too bare of wonder—a peremptory gift or two, and a heavy dinner.

For me there was the glory of the tree, the everlasting delight of seeing, year after year, the little ornaments that I loved and knew so well. A mere orange had something wonderful about it that day, smelling more pungent, looking more orange! There were little cornucopias filled with peppermints (ten cents a pound), the "bought" stockings with the very cheapest but the most agonizingly precious rubbish in it—a paper cap, a tin mouse that wound up, shot across the rug and actually squeaked (by reason of defective mechanism).

There were never very many presents, but how I used to pity children who got a carload of things, but had it all ruined for them, from my point of view, by being allowed to trim their town trees! (But then, of course, no one could hang a garland of tinsel the way my mother could). Perhaps you won't believe it, but I once got a box of writing paper under the tree, and for months it smelt of Christmas. I never noticed that about anybody else's Christmas presents, did you? That is just the way it was with our Christmas.

It doesn't take money to make Christmas for a child—I know, because we never had any. It simply takes the sense of—well, what those youngsters had with Santa Claus. I suppose one might call it keeping up some magical sweet thing in our hearts, and having the sense to impart it to others.

Caretakers of City Schools Active

Practically all of the caretakers and engineers employed by the Vancouver School Board are members of Local 963, International Union of Operating Engineers. The success of this union and the spirit of co-operation that exists between the members and the trustees and officials of the School Board is due, in no small measure, to the brothers selected to lead the organization since its inception in August, 1930.

The union is affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council as well as the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The first President of the union was Bro. W. Hardie, who was followed by Bro. H. E. Alexander. The present chairman is Bro. J. Wilson, whose work in the interests of organized labor is well known in Vancouver. Secretary, W. R. Crawford.

TWO CIGARETTE FIRMS URGE CODE ADOPTION

Washington. — The Axton-Fisher Tobacco Company and the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company, both important independents, employing union labor in their several plants, have indicated their willingness to comply with an NRA code covering the cigarette industry, with the understanding that the code be imposed on the industry as a whole.

Lithographers Get 1500 New Members

One of the small and almost unheard of unions in Vancouver is that of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America. Local No. 44 may be small but it carries on an important technical work which helps to brighten up the colored advertisements in street cars, billboards, magazines, etc.

This local was organized July 20, 1920, and its members are at present being employed by the Sun Publishing Company, Bulman Brothers, F. C. Smith Litho Company, American Can Company, Shaw & Jellett, all of Vancouver, and by The Colonist at Victoria.

One of the outstanding features of this international union is the fact that it is still growing, having enrolled over 1500 members in the United States and Canada during the past year. Local 44 officers look forward to another good year. The officers are: President, Stan Silvester; Secretary, Chas. Wallmark, and Treasurer, Norman Moncrieff.

PAY CUT AMENDMENT LOSES

San Francisco, Calif.—The famous proposed Charter Amendment No. 11, which would result in materially reduced salaries for city employees, and which was bitterly fought by organized labor, failed of passage in the recent election.

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Merry Christmas

THE LABOR STATESMAN feels deeply grateful for the consideration so kindly extended in the past year, and takes this opportunity of wishing all firms and patrons a Very Merry Christmas!

Workers Support Automobile Inquiry

Detroit, Mich.—The long-awaited investigation of the automobile industry was scheduled to start with hearings in Detroit, December 15 and 16. Dates have been set for hearings in many communities and the inquiry will be concluded with hearings in Washington, January 15 and 16.

The following matters will be the basis of the investigation: (1) Yearly income; (2) Speed required; (3) Wage methods; (4) Changes in wage rates; (5) Men required to work in the 48 hours per week; (6) How far hours were reduced before layoffs; (7) Treatment of older workers; (8) Other aspects of company treatment of employees.

Automobile workers affiliated with the A. F. of L. office will prepare briefs covering the general situation within the automobile industry, as it relates to the automobile workers, according to F. J. Dillon, in charge of the Detroit office of the A. F. of L.

Trades Council Notes

A communication received from the Vancouver Apprenticeship Council asking for endorsation of proposed legislation similar to that now in operation in Ontario was referred to the Legislative Committee of the council with instructions to compare the proposed act with that of Ontario.

The Bakery Salesmens Union asked to have Cowan & Dodson's Bakery placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the council. This was referred to the Grievance Committee as a regular course.

A communication from the Victoria Trades and Labor Council asking for endorsation of a proposed unemployment relief scheme was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Veterans of the Inland Water Transport Royal Engineers asked the council to endorse their request for the appointment of a commission to investigate discrimination suffered by these men in connection with war pensions and medical treatment. The request was endorsed.

Another protest against the 1 per cent provincial income tax will be again made to the Government, at the suggestion of the Street Railwaymen's Union.

President Colin McDonald will act as delegate from the Trades Council to the Vancouver Golden Jubilee Committee.

The Piggly-Wiggly Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, has informed the Trades Council that the company operating in Vancouver is an entirely separate company, having no direct connection with the United States stores. The Trades Council intended to inform the United States councils that the Piggly-Wiggly stores were unfair in Vancouver. Our action will now be confined to the Canadian stores.

DRIVE RENEWED FOR AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Detroit, Mich.—Renewal of the intensive drive for organization of the balance of workers in the automobile industry is now reported as well under way.

With over a hundred local unions already organized in the industry, complete organization is said to be the goal of the present drive, which is in charge of F. J. Dillon, A. F. of L. organizer in charge of the Detroit office.

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More First Aid Knowledge Needed

Trades Council delegates are convinced that some drastic changes are needed in the ambulance and first aid situation in this city. It appears that drivers and attendants of the private ambulances have very little, if any, first aid knowledge and therefore considerable valuable time elapses before any attention is given to victims.

It appears that all the ambulances in the city are private affairs and that any Tom, Dick or Harry may be employed on the jobs. This, to the mind of the delegates, is not good business, because there appears to be some favoritism shown when ambulances are phoned for and in a recent instance where a boy was knocked down and died, he lay on the street in the rain for 20 minutes before an ambulance arrived. During all that time there was a group of policemen around the boy and none of them appeared to have any knowledge of first aid. This condition again calls for a change, and the Trades Council feels that every policeman should have first aid certificates and that every prowler car should carry a first aid kit.

The delegates also feel that there should be an ambulance connected with the hospital and the police station, available for these accidents.

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A. & P. Stores Sign Up With Seven Crafts

Cleveland, Ohio.—Over 2000 employees of the 300 stores of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company have returned to their jobs here, following settlement of labor difficulties, effected by an agreement drawn by the National Labor Relations Board and accepted by the company and the following unions: Meat Cutters' Union No. 427, Bakers' Union No. 19, Warehousemen's Union No. —, Managers' and Clerks' Union No. 712, District No. 54, International Association of Machinists, Stationary Engineers' Union No. 589, Firemen's Union No. 52.

Order your Christmas Cakes from McGavin's. They're union-made.

Does Smoke Leak from Your Sawdust Burner?

Delegate MacPherson of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union reports that quite a number of complaints are being made about leaky sawdust burners and he points out that quite a lot of new firms have sprung up to do this class of installation work, and it was being done by cheap inefficient labor. In many instances the leaks are not noticeable but the effect in the homes and on human beings is taking its toll. Delegate MacPherson stated that there were plenty of reliable firms in the city who do this work with union labor and that these mechanics have a record of doing the job so that the smoke goes out of one hole and not half a dozen. He suggests that if your friends are installing sawdust burners, or having any other sheet metal work done, that a phone call to Seymour 7495 will enable them to have a union and competent man on the job.

Order "Hazelwood" Ice Cream for the holidays. It's union-made.

Places Unfair To Building Trades

At the last regular meeting of the Building Trades Council, with a full attendance of delegates, the Deutschland Cafe, Granville Street, Tivoli Dance Hall, 1047 West Pender, and the Dance Hall at Drake and Granville, were placed on the Unfair List of the Council.

All the work on these places was done by a contractor named Breechton Breighter and sub-contractors named by him.

The Building Trades Council informed Adam Bell, the Deputy Minister of Labor, that the Hours of Work Act and Order No. 12 of the Male Minimum Wage Act were being violated on these jobs.

These have been the lowest paid jobs since the Con Jones ball park job, which is still unfair to organized labor, along with the Con Jones stores and clubs.

The Council endorsed the legislation proposed by the Vancouver Apprenticeship Council and will help in an effort to get the legislation.

Delegates from the various trades reported slight improvement in employment, but plenty of room for improvement.

At the close of the meeting, Secretary Page invited the delegates to be the guests of the Building Trades Social Club and an impromptu smoking concert was enjoyed. The club has had its two offices nicely decorated, which gives the place a bright and cheerful appearance.

Sixteen Labor Men At Security Confab

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

Washington.—Among the nearly 200 experts from all parts of the country called to participate in the National Conference on Economic Security by President Roosevelt, at the White House, organized labor was ably represented by 16 people.

Among those present were the following: Miss Elizabeth Christman, secretary-treasurer, Women's Trade Union League; John Carmody, National Mediation Board; Thomas J. Donnelly, Ohio State Federation of Labor; John Edelman, research director, American Association of Full-fashioned Hosiery Workers; John P. Frey, secretary-treasurer, Metal Trades Department, A. F. of L.; William Green, president, A. F. of L.; George Harrison, president Railway Clerks Association; Sidney Hillman, president, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer, United Mine Workers of America; John L. Lewis, president, United Mine Workers of America; Frank Morrison, secretary, A. F. of L.; Victor Olonder, Illinois State Federation of Labor; Henry Ohl, Wisconsin State Federation of Labor; Paul Scharrenburg, California State Federation of Labor; Rose Schneiderman, president, Women's Trade Union League, and Robert J. Watt, Massachusetts State Federation of Labor.

CLOTHING WORKERS COLLECT FROM JOB INSURANCE FUND

Rohester, N. Y.—Rochester's 6500 unemployed clothing workers have begun to share in a $75,000 reserve fund set up since 1928 by agreement between manufacturers and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Six firms are participating in the job insurance plan, the success of which is regarded as especially interesting in view of current discussion of unemployment insurance throughout the country.

Each of the workers affected will receive a percentage of what he or she would have received had earnings not been terminated by lay-offs.

LAWYERS STRIKE

Bucharest, Roumania.—Five thousnd attorneys, comprising practically the entire Bucharest Bar Association, went on strike here December 4th, against a recent order of the Government increasing court fees. Pickets were selected to picket the various courts.

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extends Season's Greetings to all readers of The Labor Statesman, with cordial good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

With conditions steadily improving in all basic industries there is every hope that 1935 will be a brighter and happier year for them and for us all.

Bureau of Provincial Information Victoria, B. C.

Best-hated Woman Gets Big U. S. Job

Miss Josephine Roche, the best-hated woman in the United States by Big Business, has been appointed second-in-command of the United States Treasury.

As Assistant-Secretary to Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury, she will assist in framing the United States Budgets, the last of which reached the amazing figure of nearly $10,000,000,000.

For years Miss Roche, with her attacks on the "bad housekeeping" of capitalist industry and her success in making coal mines pay under a rigid system of Trade Unionism and high wages, has been a thorn in the flesh of the United States financiers.

She has been president of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company of Colorado for several years, and her care for her miner-workers and her determination to pay them the highest possible wages made her the most famous figure in the West.

It was anticipated in New York money circles recently that the appointment would prove to be the most sensational of any made by the President and a virtual reversal of his recent "olive branch" to the threats of the bankers.

Miss Roche sprang to fame when she inherited shares in the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company and became a director of the concern.

She found there a tale of human suffering, of machine-guns used to mow down workers driven to desperation, and of "yellow-dog" contracts.

Managing to secure sufficient shares in the coalfield to gain control, she opened the way for the formation of a branch of the United Mine Workers' union, installed pithead baths, surgeons, nurses, clinics for the miners' wives.

Wages were raised to more than twice those paid by her competitors, she won the name of being the greatest social pioneer in the West, and the formation of the union as increased efficiency that running costs dropped to an amazing extent.

TO PUSH ORGANIZATION OF BIG STEEL IND

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Following ences in Washington rec tween President William G the A. F. of L., Michael F. president of the Amalgamat ciation of Iron, Steel and Ti ers, and others interested, derstood that fundamental have been completed and agr already started in the new organize the big steel indust

With over 400,000 worke industry, with interests close the "vertical" plan of orga as approved by the last A. F. convention in connection w production industries is to be followed.

F. of L. Survey Optimistic About Recovery Conditions

By A. F. of L. News Service)

shington.—The "Monthly Sur- of Business" for November, d by the American Federation abor, from compilation of data e Federation's capable Research rtment, reveals a growing op- m in regard to recovery and definite progress.

e following outstanding facts related:

oking Toward Better Times

ring the past month that pow- force which so often changes course of business—'business ment'—has apparently turned rd optimism. The administra- has sought co-operation of busi- men and bankers and has an- ed some of their chief fears by ations that it is not counting on ey inflation, changing the of the dollar or extravagant ral spending to bring recovery, ther on increasing employment profitable business enterprise. ess executives have responded a definite effort to improve ess sentiment' and thus encour- increased business activity.

w far these efforts will succeed mulating business cannot be st. Upturns in several lines oduction accompanied or pre- the change in business senti- Soft coal, steel, electric r, textiles, building construction all started upward. Production whole is 42 per cent below the level.

rease Workers' Buying Power

he business world is in a better ion to go ahead than at this time ear.

case private initiative is still e to lift business out of depres- however, the President's aides rking on a nation-wide plan crease production with the help deral guarantees and put men men back to work in industry. September we had 10,951,000 ot work in industry. Business ervised no plan to give these and women their normal jobs oductive work. The strong of business optimism may stim- industry to action again, but production and employment cannot go on increasing unless a steady increase in workers' buying power creates a growing market for goods.

Workers Must Organize

"If income goes to the workers it is all spent for industry's products and services; if income goes to the highest group nearly half goes to increase industrial capacity, to other investment or to speculate on the stock market.

"Before 1929 large savings and investments had created an abundance of financial capital out of which our industries had built up huge producing capacity. In 1929 we produced $70,000,000,000 worth of consumption goods and services, but we were equipped to produce $86,000,000,000 worth. Even in 1929 we had idle capacity, because we lacked consuming power. We could have had enough consuming power if we had raised all incomes below $2500 a year up to the $2500 level. Because producing power was not balanced by consuming power our top heavy capital structure collapsed and plunged us into five years of depression.

"Since 1929 the workers' share in our national income has declined. From 1929 to 1932 wage earners' income declined 60 per cent, the income of 'entrepreneurs' 45 per cent and property income 30 per cent. Workers must recover these losses by increasing their share in the national income as production rises.

"The National Recovery Act declared it to be the policy of Congress: To increase consumption of industrial and agricultural products by increasing purchasing power. To do it we must establish industrial controls as provided in the Act: (1) Workers must be organized so that they can claim their share of industry's gross income; Section 7-A of the Recovery Act must be strengthened to assure them their lawful right to organize. (2) Workers must be represented on the governing bodies of industry so that their influence may be given at the council table and they will not be forced to industrial strife to get a hearing."

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...des being in control of the ...n County Council, the Labor ... which is made up of large ...rs of British Trades Unionists, ...w in control of a majority of ...ondon Borough Councils. In ... Britain the mayors are elected ... aldermen and, as a result of ...abor majorities, fifteen Labor ...rs have been elected on London ...gh Councils.

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... Weightman of Bermondsey is ...ge hand cleaner and a member ... Railwaymens' Union.

... Tate of Bethnel Green is a ...-maker and a member of the ...sport and General Workers.

...rles Simmons of Finsbury is a ...man of his branch of the Loco- ...e Engineers and Firemen.

...win Wigan of Hackney is Secre- ... of the Hackney Trades Council.

... Gilder of Woolwich is Secre- ... of his branch of the General ...unicipal Workers' Union.

No Slums in London

...ndon County Council adopted ...ousing and Public Health Com- ...'s slum clearance scheme, ... which 16,000 houses are to be ...within the next three years.

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The Tide Turns

The news from Montreal announcing the end of the railroad wage parley gives labor some hope that the wage tide has turned and that from now on wages are likely to go up, which will be a decidedly pleasant change for most Canadian workers. As we understand it the railroad workers are to get a gradual reduction of the wage cuts starting on January 1st next. On May 1st there is to be a further reduction.

The first revisions will bring the reductions on the general scale from 15 to 12 per cent, and the second to 10 per cent. In other words, the employees will regain successively three and two per cent of their wage deductions.

This is not only good news for railroaders but for all wage earners, as it clearly shows that railroad business is on the up-grade and this can only mean that most other industries must of necessity be on the upgrade, too.

It will also stimulate a better feeling between railroad management and employees, and typifies a spirit of co-operative effort that might well be copied by other industries. A return to normal wage rates for those who are working would mean more jobs eventually for those who have been out of work for so long, so let us hope that we shall soon be hearing the same kind of good news from other industries.—The Labor Leader.

CHILDREN'S BUREAU GETS CAPABLE NEW DIRECTOR

Washington.—Miss Katherine F. Lenroot, new chief of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, is regarded as very capable of handling all of the important duties of this post and is noted for her untiring fight to terminate child labor.

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.89	Coty's Face Powder	.77	
.35	Dalcrose Bath Soap; 3 for	.79	
.75	Houbigant's Single Compacts	.53	
.89	Houbigant's Face Powder	.68	
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.50	Super Lather Shaving Cream	.27	
.65	Vacuum Bottle	.32	
.75 and $1.25	Wolff's Eau de Cologne	.25 and .49	
.75	Minty's Old English Lavender	.57	
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Bindery Women Are Organized 40 Years

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

Washington.—Local Union No. 42, Bindery Women, of Washington, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, is believed to be one of the oldest unions of women in continuous existence in the United States, having formally celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its founding here, December 6.

This local was organized December 6, 1894, with the personal assistance of the late Mr. Samuel Gompers, then president of the American Federation of Labor. The local started with 50 members. The present membership is about 700.

Kate Smoot, the first president of Local 42, elected in 1894, is still active. Miss Nan T. Daniels, also a charter member, is now president and has served in this capacity for the past 31 years.

The fortieth anniversary of Local No. 42 was formally celebrated with a banquet at the Mayflower Hotel here, at which speakers included Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor; Miss Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau; Rose Schneiderman, member of the NRA Labor Advisory Board; Edward McGrady, assistant secretary, United States Department of Labor; Miss Anna Neary, A. F. of L. organizer, and G. C. Giegengack, United States Public Printer.

Oil Workers Ask Thirty-hour Week

Washington.—The U. S. Petroleum Labor Policy Board has been asked to hear spokesmen for 80,000 oil workers in a demand that labor provisions of the Oil Code be re-written.

Harvey C. Fremming, president of the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers, insists that there is need for establishment of a 30-hour work week, to replace the 36-hour week now in effect, without reduction of pay.

The union wants establishment, also, of 60 cents an hour as the minimum wage for labor, regardless of geographical areas, and requests setting up a five-man board in the Oil Administration to handle labor problems.

75 Cent Minimum for Skilled Sign Workers

Washington.—An amendment setting a minimum wage of 75 cents per hour for skilled employees in the electric and neon sign industry has been approved by the National Industrial Recovery Board. It becomes effective December 9 unless good cause to the contrary is shown.

The approved code sets a minimum of $16 per week, or 45 cents per hour, for other employees. The amendment providing a minimum for skilled labor defines "skilled employees" as sign pointers, iron workers, sheet metal workers, maintenance men, electricians, and glass blowers and pumpers. Helpers are excepted.

MINIMUM RELIEF WAGES DROPPED; LABOR OBJECTS

Washington.—The Relief Administration, through Harry L. Hopkins, Administrator, has yielded to criticism on the part of vested interests, coming particularly from the South, where 5 and 10 cents an hour for labor is not unknown, and has lifted its 30-cents-an-hour minimum wage for employees on relief projects. Instead, the rate of pay hereafter will be the minimum common in each respective community where the work is being done.

The American Federation of Labor, through President William Green, has entered strenuous objections to this reduction, which materially affects living standards. The minimum of 30 cents an hour is lower than is provided as standard wages for common labor in most codes and certainly far lower, it is stated, than is absolutely necessary for the minimum requirements of living.

A lot of confidence is lost by misplacing it.

Relief Camps Disgrace To British Columbia

Relief camp conditions received a great deal of airing at the meeting of the Trades Council on Tuesday. The council, British Columbia Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, unions and other organizations in the province have been protesting against these conditions for many months, but matters have gone from bad to worse and, from our information, are more deplorable than most people realize.

The council went on record—at the suggestion of the Executive—that it will inform the Government that, in our opinion, the requests of the men on strike are just and reasonable and should be met, and that we strongly condemn the militarizing of the camps and the manner in which the camps are operated.

Conditions grow worse month by month and they have become a fertile field for the spreading of Communism. The workers have become despondent and are losing confidence in their own abilities, and they are becoming degenerates through being compelled to mix with moral degenerates of all ages. There is too much blending of age and youth, no athletic games and recreations and no good reading matter, music or the other things which tend to raise the status of camp life.

These camp workers have to witness scenes and listen to revolting stories and are subjected to a regimentation which, instead of breeding discipline, only breeds contempt. They get their meals put up in the same unpalatable way month after month by the same bull cooks, and they are compelled to do the most useless kind of work in order to earn that food and 20c a day. These workers know how great are the needs for roads and buildings in this province, but they are forced to work for weeks on a job that could be done in a few hours. They work for work's sake and 20c a day and at the same time lose all the ambition, patriotism, love of country and respect for government institutions which, as children, they were taught in school and university at great cost.

It seems to the Organized Labor Movement that the present method of handling the unemployment situation would have been better handled by some of the inmates of Essondale and that if the situation is not quickly remedied it will lead to a condition demoralizing and degrading to the next generation. We emphatically condemn the blacklist system now being put into force by a lot of straw bosses and we condemn the inhuman treatment accorded the workers because of the lack of qualified first aid men in the camps. In fact, the whole camp system is so rotten that it stinks to high heaven and is another blot on our so-called civilization.

Pile Drivers' Union Gets New Agreement

An agreement has recently been signed between the Pile Drivers, Bridge and Dock Builders Union and the Pile Driving and Contractors' Association, covering wages and working conditions on the Pacific Coast. It calls for a 30-hour week when three or four shifts are employed and a 40-hour week on single shifts.

Wages for the 8-hour shift will be $1.25 per hour and for the 6-hour shift it shall be $1.33 1-3 per hour. There will be one and a half time for overtime in the day and double time for overtime between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Transportation costs in excess of 25c one way shall be paid by employer and two hours' pay shall be given to workers who report for work and for whom no work is ready.

This agreement only applies on the United States side of the line.

CLERICAL MEN GET RAISE

San Francisco, Cal.—The National Longshoremen's Board, set up at the time of the recent strike, has announced a decision granting Pacific Coast clerks and checkers wage increases, varyin gfrom 5 to 37½ cents an hour, with higher rates for time worked over 8 hours a day. The award affects several Pacific ports and involves at least 1100 men.

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Boston, Mass.—Edwin S. member of the National Labor tions Board, in an address t industrial session of the Tenth England Conference, stated: progressive organization of seems an inevitable concom of our industrial system." He

"Section 7-A, in furthering process, merely gives legi sanction to a tendency which accomplish itself less peaceably this sanction withdrawn.

"Section 7-A cannot at all garded as a sop to labor, thro by a Congress more or less about revolution. It was a d calculated part, and an excee important part, of the total program."

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Redistribution of All National Wealth

When Roosevelt first captured the imagination of the American people with his promise of a "new deal," he held out as one of the definite objectives of his Administration some redistribution of the national income.

More recently that aspect of the President's policy has seemed to occupy not quite so prominent a place in his mind as formerly, but an analysis of the distribution of the national income of the United States just published by the New York Trust Company does suggest that up to date Roosevelt has gone some way to redeem his promise of measures which would produce a redistribution of income.

Thus, it is estimated that, partly as a result of increased employment and partly in consequence of higher wage campaigns, total wages in all manufacturing industries increased from $96,000,000 a week in June, 1933, to $132,000,000 a week in June, 1934—that is by 37.5 per cent.

As a consequence of this labor's share in the national income had risen between June, 1933, and June, 1934, from 58.3 per cent to 62.5 per cent.

This does not, however, tell the whole story, for it is pointed out that the country's pay roll has expanded, not only through industrial re-employment, consequent either upon actual business revival or upon Governmental pressure, but also through the expenditure of funds through the program of the Public Works Administration.

It is estimated that direct employment from such construction totalled 700,000 men in September, while from July, 1933, to June, 1934, 1,403,358 workers were placed on public works projects. To make this employment possible, the Public Works Administration had by the middle of August last allotted a grand total of over $3,665,000,000, for public works.

ELEVATOR OPERATORS STRIKE

New York.—A strike of elevator operators in the garment centre here, which may spread extensively, has shown members of the Real Estate Board and others who have persistently refused to grant them necessary minimum standards in wages and hours, that the men are really organized and capable of putting up a stiff fight. The elevator workers seek establishment of an 8-hour day, with a minimum weekly wage of $25. Attempted importation of strike-breakers has caused sporadic confusion at times, but it is believed the Building Service Employees' Union is strong enough to win out.

DAIRY STRIKE PREDICTED

Mount Vernon, N. Y.—Thomas F. Murphy, secretary-treasurer of Westchester Local No. 339, Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, predicts that a nation-wide strike in the dairy industry will very probably occur by the first of January, unless an NRA code covering dairy employees becomes effective by that time. He added: "Officials at Washington are astounded by the non-co-operation of the milk dealers."

Union Strong in Sheet Metal Shops

The Sheet Metal Workers, Local No. 280, wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Vancouver and District Trades and Labor Council on their 45th anniversary, and wish them every success for the future in continuing the good work they have accomplished during their existence.

Sheet Metal Local No. 280 received their charter November 15, 1902, and has accomplished much in the last 32 years. Like all other building trades unions, we have had a very trying time in the past four years. Nevertheless, while not being what might be classed as a large local, we have a membership composed of real union men, who at all times have been successful in maintaining good conditions.

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The Neon Products Company, which is classed as the original Neon company, have employed our members since they were established in Vancouver over seven years ago, and have been responsible for employing a large proportion of our members. We have also signed agreements with the Walburn Sign Company, and lately signed an agreement with the Signals and Signs Company.

We take this opportunity to advise our friends that we have no connection with any other sign companies.

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International Representative

We must also mention one of our best known members, Bro. J. A. Crawford, who is general International Representative for Canada. While his home is in Toronto, he always keeps in touch with his Local and we have a visit from him at least once a year.

For any information regarding firms or work, we will be pleased to meet you in our office, room 308, Labor Headquarters, or phone Sey. 7495. Dr. Macpherson.

FACTORY OUTPUT UP 15%

New York.—According to a recent statement issued by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., production schedules for November run from 15 to 20 per cent in what is termed the "secondary industrial division" over the same month last year. While the consumer goods division and the capital goods division did not progress much during the past summer, they are now showing signs of sound improvement, according to the report.

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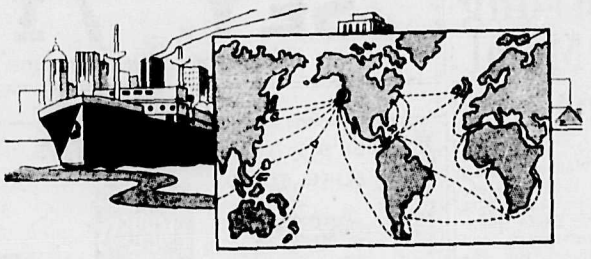

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The pessimistic man sees in a period of depression only the failures and the suffering; the optimistic man sees also the cleansing of the Aegean stables, the curbing of overweaning ambition, the elimination of wrongful practices, the catching of breath that precedes continued and successful effort, the clearing of the field for the advancement of the honest man, the redistribution of hoarded wealth, and the readjustment on a sane basis of the costs and standards of living. The optimistic lens gives breadth and length of vision, that makes for cheerfulness in adversity, hope in the midst of disaster, and faith in the presence of shattered confidence.

He who has the gift of the optimistic lens sees adversity as the builder of character, poverty as the teacher of economics, wealth as a power for good, death as the culmination of life. To him autumn crowns the summer and does not drape it; and winter gives birth to spring.

Christmas used to be the festival of optimism, the time when the hardest outlook softened and the heaviest heart became more buoyant. Nowadays, if we believe all that we hear, the Scrooges are becoming more plentiful. There seem to be many people who yearly incase themselves in an armor that is proof against the merry archery of holiday cheer. We hear a great deal about the "Christmas burden," whatever that may be; we deplore gift giving as a selfish habit; we begrudge the expenditure of good money that might go into railroads or mines or homes. To many the stocking filled with gold has supplanted the stocking filled with toys—at least it seems so. But when we take this view of Christmas, we are looking through the wrong lens.

Put on your Christmas glasses, the good old-fashioned kind, and take a peep at the Christmas burden. It becomes a Christmas joy. The existence of poverty about you is the opportunity for Christmas labor. The selfishness of Christmas giving is lost in the joys of planning and buying; the regret that there is not more to spend is overbalanced by the thankfulness that there is, after the necessities of life are provided, something left to give to others. Christmas still belongs to the optimist—to the man who wears the right kind of glasses.

Make yourself a Christmas present of the optimistic lens—it will help you to extend a really merry Christmas to your friends, it will help you to see the good in all things and in all people—truly, a Christmas and a Christmas gift.

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