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**START CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN
 THE TRUE HOLIDAY SPIRIT**
 With the advent of December
 every child's fancy turns to
 thoughts of Santa Claus, and every
 grown-up's foresight is focused on
 plans for Christmas giving.
 As a prosperous people with com-
 fortable incomes and available sur-
 plus, we can afford to make liberal
 appropriations this year for the
 sake of giving pleasure and happi-
 ness to others. We ought to enter
 fully into the spirit of the Yule
 hearts into the customary observan-
 ces of the coming holiday.
 It is best to proceed by some
 well-considered plan. First, give
 heed to choosing the gifts which
 go to friends farthest away. Pres-
 ents which are to be packed and
 shipped to friends in other land-
 or across the continent must be
 dispatched within the next few
 days.
 Do not trust to overloaded mails
 to be strictly on time. Allow for
 the delays incident to possible
 storms, accidents and the present
 run-down condition of the postal
 department. Have a heart for the
 heavy-burdened clerks and carriers
 whose tasks are trebled.
 Send your packages in advance
 and mark them. If you like, not to
 be opened until Christmas Day. Bu-
 do this shopping early and begin
 now.

In selecting gifts for those back
 in the old home, let your uppermost
 thought be to give them a glimpse
 a taste or a hint of what we en-
 joy here in sunny Southern Califor-
 nia. We cannot box the warm sun
 shine and send that, but Nature
 has stored up much of this sweet-
 ness in fruits and nuts which are
 peculiarly indigenous to this re-
 gion. They are to be had in ad-
 mirable packages designed for holi-
 day presents and are within the
 means of all.
 Send something which is made
 produced or found in California to
 those back east. California has its
 distinctive gems and jewels as well
 as its fruits and food products.
 Hundreds of things are manufac-
 tured here which carry the story of
 California to the world. Some are
 of native fabrication, baskets, blan-
 kets and rugs.
 But all serve the double purpose
 of pleasing the recipient while en-
 couraging our home producers and
 helping to build up their trade.
 Any merchant and every sales-
 room will be glad to help in sug-
 gestions of gifts to send away. On-
 ly do your shopping early so that
 your time and the store-keeper's
 time may not be perilously con-
 sumed in your deliberations.
 Adopt the spirit of good cheer
 shop with a smile.

FIVE DOLLAR WHEAT
 Residents of this vicinity will be
 interested in a statement now be-
 ing given wide publicity, and made
 by a son of the late James J. Hill.
 He says it will not be a great
 length of time until wheat is sell-
 ing at five dollars a bushel. He
 understands what it requires to
 produce a bushel of wheat—the
 land and the labor and the climate.
 So when he glances toward the
 cities and beholds the teeming mil-
 lions, and toward the country, and
 beholds the lessening throngs upon
 the farms, he says he can't see any-
 thing else but five-dollar wheat.
 But, even so, it does not neces-
 sarily spell the doom of the race
 it may mean suffering for many
 for a time. It may cause hard-
 ships which we have not experi-
 enced for many years. But five-
 dollar wheat cannot destroy civili-
 zation, nor for more than a year
 or so precipitate great hardships,
 for the reason that the year fol-
 lowing such a price of grain, mor-
 and more people would be driven
 back to the soil, where foodstuffs
 in greater abundance would be pro-
 duced. It does not require as great
 numbers to grow food to sustain
 the race as many suppose, although
 it probably requires more than are
 now working upon the land. If
 there should ever come a real and
 severe food shortage, driving people
 in large numbers to the farms and
 opening up new farming land, it
 would be found that fabulous
 amounts could be raised in a sea-
 son. And five dollar wheat might,
 for that reason, serve as a bless-
 ing in disguise.

Send your home paper to a friend.

MILL MEN VOTE TO CUT PAY
 Danville, Va.—"To meet the con-
 ditions you have outlined as fac-
 ing the textile trade, we hereby
 agree, on behalf of the 6,000 opera-
 tives we represent, to cut our
 wages voluntarily."

This was the sense of a motion
 introduced, voted upon, and adopt-
 ed by the "senate" and "house" ex-
 ecutive committee, known as the
 "cabinet," which governs the work-
 ers and composed of their own
 members, of the Dan River Cotton
 mills here.
 Rather than face the alternative
 of closing the mills, which the op-
 eratives agreed was inevitable un-
 der present operating costs, the
 above action was taken by the men
 who are employed in the plant.

RELIEF
 The Service Department of the
 Southern California Committee for
 Near East Relief, 521 Wright and
 Callender Building, meets with
 many interesting stories in the
 course of a week. Recently, Mr.
 Armen Magarine, who has been
 working in Los Angeles as a sales-
 man for the California Provision
 Company, received notice that his
 sister, whom he had not seen for
 twenty years—at that time a child
 of five—was on her way to Ellis
 Island. When the sister arrived,
 difficulties over passports and over
 two little children that she had in
 her care, made it seem probable
 that Mr. Magarin would lose his
 sister whom he was so near to find-
 ing again. The young man threw
 himself into the breach by making
 affidavits to support not only his
 sister, but the two little children
 whom he had never seen and of
 whom he knew nothing save that
 they were in his sister's care.
 Through the work of the local
 Near East Relief Committee, ar-
 rangements were finally made, and
 now his sister is on her way to
 Los Angeles after having suffered
 many hardships.

This is but one of many cases
 where fortunate refugees escape
 from suffering, starving and perse-
 cution in the Near East, to seek
 a secure refuge in free America
 through the ministrations of the
 Near East Relief Committee.
 The suffering in western Asia
 and the Near East is being great-
 ly augmented by new and repeated
 Turkish massacres. War is not over
 for them over there. We must do
 our part if a remnant of this na-
 tion is to be kept alive. Donations
 of used clothing are earnestly re-
 quested by the Southern California
 Committee. Such clothing can be
 shipped to the storeroom in the
 basement at 1125 South Grand
 avenue, Los Angeles.

IT IS TRUE
 We honestly believe that in the
 matter of doing things for a mere
 "thank you" the weekly newspa-
 pers of this country hold the rec-
 ord.
 It is hard for some people to un-
 derstand that about all a news-
 paper has to sell is its space, or at
 least that part of its space not de-
 voted to actual news happenings.
 If it gives away its space where
 is it to get money for more white
 paper, more ink, more type—for
 type wears out—and for rent and
 light and the scores of other things
 that it is forced to pay out good
 money for? They wouldn't go to
 the merchant and say "We're going
 to hold a bazaar to make some
 money; give us some of your goods
 to sell that night." Yet they say
 to the editor: "We're going to hold
 a social, give us your advertising
 space so we can get a crowd that
 will spend its money." And yet
 there's no difference.
 The newspapers are here to boost
 every worthy institution—and this
 one expects to keep on doing it.
 But we'd get down on our knees
 and thank the good Lord right now
 if we could make everyone see that
 it takes money to run a newspaper
 just the same as it does anything
 else.

GET TO WORK
 Walter F. Henson, of Birming-
 ham Ala., said in Washington re-
 cently: "The biggest task con-
 fronting the new president, in my
 estimation, is getting the people of
 the United States back to work. We
 need some of the old time pride
 in workmanship that characterized
 the American workman back in the
 days of 1912-14. Maximum produc-
 tion is the only solution of the
 lowering of prices, and it is up
 to the American workers to solve
 this problem."

THAT'S DIFFERENT
 "Will you walk into my parlor?"
 Said the Spider to the Fly,
 But the fly said "Nothing Doing."
 With a cold and clammy eye,
 "Invitations to your parlor
 I refuse with deep disdain,
 If you ask me to your cellar,
 That is something else again."

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