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#### The Christmas Season Is Here — Why Not a Little of the Christmas Spirit?

Christmas is just two weeks away!

But this is not an editorial to urge you to do your Christmas Shopping Early. It is a message brought in the hope that Christmas will really BE Christmas to us all this year and not just a time for exchanging gifts.

All year we have been locking at our own misfortunes, feeling that hard times could not be harder than they are now. We have been wondering WHEN will things BREAK? What WILL we do if it keeps up any longer?

Many in this community have been out of jobs. We have all felt more or less the pinch of necessity and have had to make retrenchments and give up many of the things we are accustomed to having, and we do not doubt that everyone of us has felt the lack of ready cash at some time or another during this depression.

But-just how many of you as you read this, can remember when you have missed a meal because of actual lack of food or money with which to buy it? How many of you have suffered actual want? If you can honestly say that you have felt real physical NEED, then you really have reason to rebel. If you have seen members of your family inactual hunger then we do not blame you for raising your voice in protest.

We readily admit that in this land of plenty, and we mean the entire United States, when we say this, that it is ridiculous that a state of affairs should be allowed in which money gets so tied up in the large business centers, and speculation by big business interests causes such huge losses that their retrenchments brings a depression all over the nation.

But, how very easy it is for us Americans to howl when only our little finger is pinched. We are like the little boy who has all the toys he can play with, but because he cannot have a train and a track, he refuses to play at all, and lies down on the floor and kicks himself into an awful temper!

Also, just like this little boy, we are so afraid that we will not get a new toy that we would not contribute of what we have to those who have not.

That is the point that so many of us have to face now. There ARE those who are unemployed. Many ARE in actual want. THEY are facing this Christmas season with not a penny with which to buy food. And there are many ways in which we can help if we would.

Even in years of comparative plenty it seems that there are enough places to put our money, and many requests to help innumerable causes at all times of the year. Aren't

It wouldn't hurt any of us to go without all of our own Christmas this year, would it, if we only had the knowledge that those in actual need were being cared for by our cheerfully contributed and well administered funds?

We might call attention to the item in this issue telling what the employess of our school district plan to do for their bit. There is a way to do yours, also.

Why not get the REAL Christmas Spirit this year?

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