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AN UNHAPPY LOT.

Everyone is happy at this season and little Johnny and Mary more than the older folks, for Christmas, with its presents, its feasting and joy, is to them the event of their small lives. To the older folks the real unadulterated happiness of the babes is the source of extreme pleasure. Take them from Christmas and it would be a bare, hollow imitation.

Is it not sad to think that while your children had their Christmas tree, decorated with tinsel and bent beneath the load of good things, that several thousand little tots in British Columbia had to forego the pleasure of Christmas, through no fault of their own? In the joy of self-satisfaction the little children of the striking coal miners at Cumberland and Ladysmith are forgotten. It is too bad, their child life is so meagre in any case.

Imagine your little son, your wee brother, or nephew, being handed a lunch bucket and a pit lamp when he reaches

the mature age of thirteen or fourteen years, and then see him disappear into the inky blackness of the mine and grope his way some three or four miles from the light of day.

What real childhood can be crowded into the period before the advent to the mine? And what would it have cost to make this strike Christmas one to be remembered and cherished in the black reaches of the slopes by the solitary little fellows guarding the trap doors and the safety of hundreds? One Christmas cup with the "boys"; one cigar, the price of a show ticket, would never have been missed by you, but would have been appreciated by those little boys and girls, suffering because their fathers and brothers are striking for their lives.

It is not too late yet. New Year Day is celebrated in the coal camps, and especially amongst the Scottish miners is it a sacred day, and even now those drinks, cigars and odd quarters can be collected and telegraphed to the strike committee.

MORGAN SAYS HE DOES NOT CONTROL FINANCE

J. Pierpont Morgan Before Senatorial Committee Disclaims Any Power with Money.

Washington, Dec. 24.—J. Pierpont Morgan told the money trust investigation committee of the House that "all the money in Christendom and all the banks in Christendom" could not form a monopoly that would control money. Mr. Morgan disclaimed any knowledge that he wielded a vast power in modern finance and



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declared emphatically that he sought no such power.

For nearly five hours the chief witness called by the committee in its probe of the intricacies of the modern finance stood a running fire of questions that covered every phase of financial operation.

Mr. Morgan gave at length his views on competition, combination, co-operation and control in industry and finance, particularly the latter. He declared that he "did not mind competition," but that he preferred "combination" in his operations. He was emphatic in his declaration that there is no way one man can get a monopoly of money.

MOVING SLOW ON THE LAST LAP OF CANAL

More Than 40,000 Men are Now Engaged on the Work

Washington, Dec. 24.—As the Panama canal nears completion and on December 1, only one-seventh of the entire excavation remaining to be completed, the work force is increasing in number. There are now at work on the canal and the railroad the largest force in the canal history, 40,150 persons, according to the canal figures. Of these, except a few women, all are men, and 30,136 are white Americans.

BIG MILL AT MASSET STARTED LAST WEEK

Seven Day Adventists Colony at Sewell City Commence Operations

Last Monday with a great tooting of whistles the mill of the Masset Inlet Lumber Company started operations. A large crowd was present to witness the turning of the first wheel on the largest mill in the northern part of Graham Island. The first log was a splendid cedar and the first completed stick of timber a 2 x 6 scantling, was presented to Magistrate Harrison, who brought it to Masset Wednesday on the launch Westover.

The Masset Inlet Lumber company is comprised of members of a Seventh Day Adventist colony that has taken up land near Sewell, the new town soon to be placed on the market by the Star Realty Company of Vancouver and Masset. G. H. Crane is manager of the sawmill and was on the ground to witness its first work. He announced that ultimately his company will have lumber yards at various places on the northern part of the island.

One of the conditions in the agreement between the company was that the lumber must be sold at Vancouver prices—which will prove a considerable boon to settlers who have been paying very high prices for their lumber.—Masset Leader.

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