VENT LONIES DESCRIBED

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dumped his furniture ...d, he said.

"...protest?" he was asked.

"...you can't argue with ... carrying guns on their ...

"...molest your wife or ..., I would have done some-...."

...how the Newsomes came ... Creek tent colony.

...Newsome, as head of the ...d commissary, was ques-...ed about food.

"...we eat fine," she answered. ... under further interrogation, ...mitted they had meat often, ... a week some weeks; that ...had plenty of corn bread, po-...es and canned vegetables.

Milk for Babes.

...thing she would like to have ... was milk for her baby. They ...been depending on canned ... and it is hard to get.

"Of course, when George was ...ing we used to have better ...," she added.

...Several other families were visit-... Their stories were similar.

There is also the companies' side ... the eviction of tenants. They ...e provided good homes for their ...ployees, some having running ...er and electric lights. When a ... quits work they contend he ... no right to their houses and ...t make room for a man who ...l work. The same applies when ...y discharge a man who joined ... union.

George Banzwine, secretary of ... Williamson Coal Operators' as-...ation, said today the strike was ...en and with the coming of fed-...l troops many additional mines ...uld be reopened.

"All that's needed to restore nor-...l conditions in this district is en-...cement of the law," he said.

"There is a small nucleus of ...kers which terrorize the others ...d prevents them from returning ... work, he said.

The operators accuse the miners ... dynamiting mine property and ...ting into the shafts to terror-... non-union workers.

COUPLE TO BE SANTA TO ORPHAN CHILDREN

A gentleman came to The Argus office yesterday to explain why he had failed this year in his accustomed contribution to the Santa Claus committee.

His reason is that he and his wife are personally playing Santa Claus to four orphan children who have come under their notice. "We are without youngsters of our own," said the Argus visitor, "and in other years we have found great comfort in the thought that the money we gave to The Argus fund brought happiness to some of the poor kiddies of Rock Island. Several months ago my wife learned of the presence of four orphaned children not far away from our home. She visited the little folks and became greatly attached to them. They are making their home with a relative, and the relative is doing for them as well as she can with the means at her command. My wife has provided wearing apparel for the little folks and she has enlisted the interest of some of her relatives residing in another city in the children, and from these other cities the little ones have been receiving articles of wearing apparel and other things that are helping to keep them looking respectable at school and among their playmates in the neighborhood. My wife and I recently discussed our Christmas plans and we decided that if we would provide for our four orphan friends that we would be doing our share toward protecting the poor children of the city the coming Christmas. I take it if every other couple would do as much as we are doing that the task of taking care of the poor kiddies would be easily handled."

The Argus prints the foregoing interview in order to inform the public of an angle to the Santa Claus fund that is little understood. The Argus Santa Claus fund idea was prompted by the appeals that came to The Argus from poor children in the city. In the first years of the enterprise good fellows were given the opportunity of personally assuming the role of Santa Claus or providing money for The Argus committee and letting the committee look after the children at Christmas.

The Argus committee has furnished scores of names of children to good fellows who each Christmas find their way to homes of the poor and leave gifts and goodies for the kiddies. The committee has its labors lessened where the responsibility is divided with others, and it is particularly pleased when it learns of a case like the one referred to in the foregoing interview. Doubtless the orphans will have a happy Christmas, possibly receiving more gifts and costlier ones than they would get from The Argus committee, for the people who are to make them their special wards Christmas are financially in position to do the handsome thing by them, and they can be depended upon to do so.

On the other hand, the committee finds that in some families where circumstances are such that the children might be denied at Christmas season there is a feeling of reticence about receiving aid from outside sources, and many have expressed the belief that there would be too much publicity of the family misfortune were strangers to be permitted to visit their homes with remembrances for their children. Of course, this is a nonsensical attitude, but it exists in some cases nevertheless. The Santa Claus committee has come to be regarded as a secret agency, and those parents who invite the assistance of the committee feel that they are shielded from discussion of their circumstances. It is for this reason that the committee has hesitated in passing out its lists to other organizations in the city.

The Argus committee has but a single mission, and that is to keep alive the faith of childhood in Santa Claus. When a poor kiddie writes to The Argus Santa Claus he knows that the big sleigh with the reindeers will stop at his house the night before Christmas. That is all there is to The Argus Santa Claus enterprise.

If you know of some poor kiddie who is facing a cheerless Christmas, it is your duty either to see that he is given some little thing to cheer him on the approaching holiday or to send his name and address to The Argus Santa Claus committee. The committee will do the rest.

But the committee must have funds to carry on its work. The money is coming daily, but the total is still far too short of adequate proportions. This is not a charity appeal. It's simply a plan to save heartbreaks in Rock Island kiddyland on Christmas morning. You were a child yourself, and you know what is meant when that dream does not come true on Christmas. Suppose they hadn't? Well, then you know how some poor Rock Island kid will feel next Christmas morning if, on awakening, he is told that Santa Claus failed to stop at his home the night before. You wouldn't have that happen to any poor kid in Rock Island, would you? Of course not. Then loosen up with a small contribution to The Argus Santa Claus fund.

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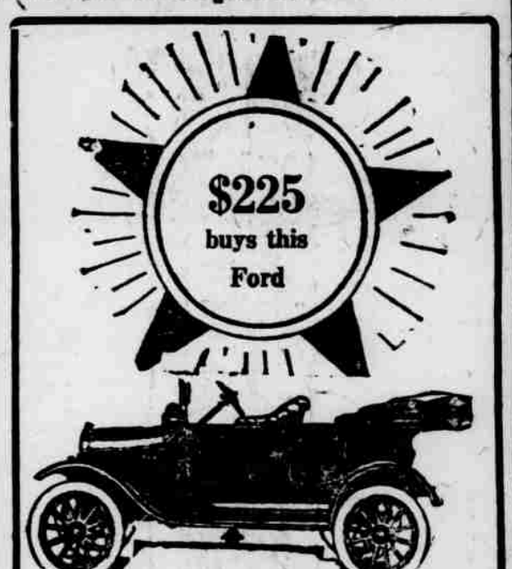

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