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UNEMPLOYMENT

In a statement for the month of December President Green of the Federation of Labor placed the number of unemployed at about 5,000,000; estimated that incomes of wage earners had declined over \$6,000,000,000 in the past year, and said about 50 per cent of trade union members had had to lower their standard of living because of lowered incomes. The bright spot found by Mr. Green in his survey was that the increase of unemployment for December was less than that for November, and less than the regular seasonal increase for the month. He also said there was a general belief that the spring activity would mark the turning of the tide. Benjamin C. Marsh, secretary of the People's Lobby announced that of the 140 mayors of cities canvassed by Senators Walsh of Massachusetts and La Follette of Wisconsin 105 had asked for federal aid.