

sage of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill (p. 1866), and the fortifications appropriation bill (pp. 1867, 1868). The question of the issuance of land patents occupied most of the time on the 3d (pp. 1913, 1938), and was continued on the 31st (p. 1991) and the 1st (p. 2040), the session of the latter day being closed with memorial addresses on the late Senator Gorman (p. 2045). On the 2d the Indian appropriation bill was under consideration (p. 2089).

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No business of general interest was done on the 28th. On the 29th the agricultural appropriation bill was further considered (p. 1879), and after still further consideration on the 30th (p. 1943) it was passed (p. 1963). The river and harbor bill was then taken up (p. 1963). Its discussion extended over the 31st (p. 2004), the 1st (p. 2058), and the 2d (p. 2108), but without action (p. 2112). Memorial addresses on the late Senator Gorman concluded the session of the 2d (p. 2113).

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THE CHILD-TOILERS.

For The Public.

O Children caught beneath the burdened wheels
Of modern Business! soon the unpurchased breath
Of God shall move the greed-mist which conceals
Our baseness that we profit by your life-long death.

Then shall we see ourselves as Justice sees:
Blood-guilty of these stunted lives, these graves.
Then shall we ask ourselves: What profits knees
Bent in God-worship while these live and die like slaves?

Then shall we know the doom that has denied
Soul-growth to us while satisfied with this.
O ye child-toilers! curst is wealth, and pride
Of place and power, so purchased by the things ye miss.

The greed-mist lifts; for those who see, thank God!
Loud voices now, uplifted 'gainst this wrong!
Ye are avenged, O Children, for the nod
Of Business stays the souls that else were justice-strong.

Avenged are ye: the final loss is ours.
Base slaves to Business, believing we are free,
Constrained to close our eyes continually,
Greed hath one gift for us—and with the hard heart
dowers.

Avenged are ye!—since, sowing, we must reap.
Accurst the toll-won coin accumulates,
Blood-stained, to bloodshed bring. The end relates
To those who make their souls like Child's forced labor—
cheap.

But Business shall not blast Child-lives for aye.
Men shall be Masters e'en of Business, soon,
Decreeing your release from toll. The boon
Ye pray for now shall come in Man's sane Justice-day.

EDWIN ARNOLD BRENHOLTZ.

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THE HIGHEST BRIDGE IN THE WORLD

From The (London) Labor Leader of November 16, 1906.

The engineering world of America is just now absorbed in the project of hanging a suspension bridge over the Royal Gorge, in the Grand Canon of the Arkansas. When completed, it will be the highest bridge in the world, 2,627 feet above the surface of

the foaming stream below. The precipitous sides of the gorge are 230 feet apart. According to "The American Inventor," the spanning of this fearful chasm by a bridge must be recorded as one of the most difficult and dangerous projects yet attempted by engineers. Not less than half a million pounds is to be expended in developing the scheme, which is for the most part devoted to the interests of wealthy sightseers and globe-trotters of all nationalities. When we think of the probable death-roll of the working engineers before their task is accomplished, we could wish that it and every other engineering feat in the world might be delayed until the bridge between the workers and the enjoyment of the fruits of their labors had been built to endure for all time.

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ANTE-BELLUM VS. POST-BELLUM SLAVES.

Extract from an Article by John M. Dorney in the Painter and Decorator of November, 1906.

The great mass of the toilers, the wealth producers, the farmers, mechanics, small traders and laborers of this boasted republic are still slaves, and setting aside sentiment, the idea of political freedom, the condition of the average black man and white man as well, is worse in this year of grace, 1906, than was that of the black slave of Virginia in ante-bellum days. The slave was always sure of enough to eat, of clothes to wear, of a place to sleep, that in case of sickness or accident he would be taken care of, for he was of financial interest to his master. The thieving tariff, the giving to private individuals the power to levy taxes, has generated those modern bandits, the trusts, so that every necessity of life, from a tack up to a coffin, is absolutely under control of a few dying worms, with the result that they have grasped the labor products of the millions to such an extent that they have rotted morally and the millions suffer, while five hundred thousand men have been transformed into houseless, homeless, hopeless tramps, our modern Goths and Vandals.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

For The Public.

Washington, —00.—The bill to abolish colds and catarrh, promises to meet with a chilly reception when it comes from the committee. A powerful lobby has been organized by the handkerchief manufacturers who will make the claim that the bill, besides practically destroying one of the most important American industries, would be an unconstitutional interference with personal liberty. The handkerchief interests are being aided by the laundry interests. Representatives of these two interests met last night to iron out their program and it is reported they have mapped out a plan of campaign which is not to be sneezed at.

The bill to curb back-fence operations is still in the hands of the peace committee of the Senate. As originally reported from the House, the bill provided that the government should pay one dollar per head for each cat delivered at the sub-treasury dur-