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Letters and articles relating to the social problem are solicited.

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G. G. Hartley, as receiver of the Duluth-Superior bridge, was before the county board again this week with his bread-and-butter claim that the bridge company taxes were too high and out of proportion to others. The taxes of the street railway were too high; the bridge company is assessed too much; all the other property that is in his name exorbitantly taxed and all in all, according to would-be phlegm Gill, the assessor has especially inflicted hardships on him and his as a freeholder, and he is a sadly abused citizen. For years he has succeeded in defrauding the county out of its taxes and he follows it up with the diligence worthy of a better cause. He claims that the assessment is 50 per cent. too high and he wants the commissioners to reduce it to that extent, claiming that if the taxes are collected on the basis of the law, it will bankrupt the company. In the name of heaven isn't the company bankrupt now and in the hands of a receiver? If the bridge is taxed for 25 per cent. of the amount of the bonds he has sold on the bridge and paid on that basis the county would be more dollars ahead than if the taxes are collected under the present assessment. He is so solicitous for the county that he told the board that if the taxes were not reduced the bridge would be transferred to some transportation company and in that event they would go to the state; but if rebated 50 per cent. he would use his effort to have it remain in the present owners' hands and pay the taxes at once. Will the commissioners help Mr. Hartley out in this matter or will they compel him to pay the taxes that justly belong to the county?

The city has been crowded with visitors this week. The Macabees convention that lasted the three first days of the week; the excursion over the Northern Pacific road from Fergus Falls and intermediate points, while today the delegates for the State Federation of Labor convention that meets here Monday are beginning to arrive. The city has been appropriately decorated and the visitors right royally received and entertained by the reception committee appointed by the mayor. The committee did a great deal last year and this year promises much more in the way of advertising Duluth to the outside world as a most desirable place to live. Every citizen should lend a helping hand. Let's quit growling—for the summer at least—and be happy while we may, even if everything doesn't go just to suit us.

The trust magnates are now trembling in their boots, no doubt. Mr. Bryan has stated—and he said it right out loud—that the leading plank in the democratic platform would be against the trusts. Now, if Mr. Bryan and his party want to be consistent, let them adopt a plank against improved machinery. The trust is the natural outgrowth of the industrial revolution. The difference between the trust and the machine is that the former squeezes out the small capitalist, while the latter makes tramps of the workmen. The trouble, however, is not with the machine or the trust, but on account of their private ownership, and being operated for private profit.

For the last third of a century the people of the United States have been paying off the great war debt created in the early sixties—they have paid fabulous sums, more than three, five

even five times the amount of the original debt, but they are not done yet. Even now after paying almost countless thousands of dollars it yet requires more of the products of labor to pay off the debt than it would to have paid it all, at the time it was contracted and all this robbery has been brought about by special and purchased legislation, said legislation being purchased or inspired by the invisible empire—the destroyers of freedom in all countries in the world.

Why is it that when our public officials want to do some tinkering with the finances of the nation they always consult the bankers and commercial clubs? We have men in the workshops, in the mills, in the factories, in the mines, in the stores and on the farms that are as capable, aye, even more capable of giving honest advice than the bosses are. The truth is our officials do not go to the commercial clubs and bankers for advice, but for instructions and pay for betraying the public.

It is rather a tangled web they weave when the speeches made by our senators and congressmen against the war of aggression carried on by the puppet of the trusts, are printed in pamphlet form to distribute, are forbidden the mails, are called treasonable—and yet this is a Christian, a civilized, a free country.

The republican man's burden in the next national campaign will be: "Embezzled beef, expansion, criminal assimilation, gold standard, trusts, boodle, Algerism, and incompetency." Indeed, it will be a hard burden for even Hanna to carry with his millions of dough contributed by those who thrive on the ill of honest toil.

Mr. Richard Crocker, the New York grafter who parades himself as a democrat, has gone over to Europe, where he properly belongs—but his mouth-organ, Belmont's verdict still prates about the great democracy of the boss grafter and thinks the party should cater to Dickie.

This week's number of The Star (San Francisco) contains the tax list of that county. It is gotten up in book form—as that of The Star—fine in appearance, convenient to handle, in fact the best printed tax list we have ever seen.

We should be very, very thankful that the trusts have not cornered the rain and sunshine in this country and the prospects are very favorable for an abundant harvest for our farmers this year.

The workmen of the United States have no one to blame but themselves for their miserable condition, for being sold down like dogs for demanding living wages.

Look out for the infamous Gage-McCleary bill, under some other name, when an extra session of congress is called along in September or October.

A thing of booty is a joy forever—is no doubt what Mark Hanna thought when he paid that one hundred and eighteen thousand plunks.

The Labor World bids every delegate to the State Federation of Labor convention a most hearty welcome.

Andy Carnegie evidently believes in death-bed repentances.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The Socialist Labor party of Ohio has put a full state ticket in the field. In England the Amalgamated Engineers and other trade unions elected quite a number of their members to municipal bodies.

A street railway company of Brockton, Mass., threatens to put up notices prohibiting the discussion of socialism in the cars. Oh, my!

Philadelphia police have attempted to again prevent Socialists from holding street corner meetings. Failed. Department store employees of New York, Chicago and Boston are said to be organizing to get better wages.

Frederic U. Adams, formerly editor and proprietor of the New Time magazine in Chicago and "a socialist, too," is now associate editor of Millionaire Belmont's New York Verdict, a Democratic organ that advocates the smashing of trusts, anti-imperialism, etc.

The great Belgium miners' strike is

at an end. The bosses granted an increase of 5 per cent, with the promise of a further advance when present contracts expire. If the promise is not kept the miners will strike again in a month.

The current number of the London Justice contains a bitter attack upon John Burns, the labor member of parliament, who is characterized as an unscrupulous office-seeker and a mere politician of the liberal capitalist faction, which defended the government's shooting down and clubbing of strikers.

Sig. Chiese, a Socialist who is serving imprisonment in Italy because of his political convictions, has been elected to parliament by an overwhelming majority. He is the third prisoner who has been so honored recently and the government does not like it a little bit.

The glassworkers' strike in New Jersey seems to be in a bad way, as the bosses are succeeding in their efforts to procure scabs and operate their plants.

Street railways in Wheeling are being operated in a way by scabs and the unionists are appealing for aid, while their fellow-craftsmen in London, Ont., and Saginaw, Mich., complain bitterly at the duplicity of the magnates, who constantly violate agreements, and trouble may again break out almost any day.

The Horsehoers' International union gained 2,500 members during the past year.

P. H. Morrissey has been re-elected grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Governor Roosevelt has signed the bill amending the eight-hour law, making it more rigid in enforcement.

It is said that the business of the Granite Cutters' union of Toledo, O., is suffering to an alarming extent from the inroads made upon it by convict labor in the various penitentiaries and state prisons.

The brewery workers of Milwaukee have had an hour taken off each day, making their work day consist of nine hours instead of ten. The pay remains the same, making a virtual increase of ten per cent in wages.

The pattern makers of Boston, Hyde Park, Lynn and Cambridge, Mass., have begun a strike for the nine-hour work day.

The granite cutters and polishers at the works of Epps, Dodds & Co., St. George, New Brunswick, are on strike, and there is a possibility that the difficulty may effect other firms.

The laboring people throughout the country will sympathize with Samuel Gompers in the death of his daughter, which occurred recently in New York City.

The city of Detroit has appropriated the sum of \$7,000 for public concerts this summer with the proviso that union musicians only be employed.

There are over 10,000 villages in Russia where no schools exist.

The late convention of the Street Railway employees levied a special assessment of \$1 per member for a fund of \$15,000 to be used in prosecuting the strike at Wheeling, W. Va.

The annual convention of the National Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees will be held in Cincinnati, beginning June 19th.

During the past year the Cigar-makers' International union has paid out for sick, death and out-of-work benefits the sum of \$364,000.

September 4th, Labor Day, has been declared a legal holiday in the Philippine Islands.

Finland women work as carpenters bricklayers, paper hangers, etc., and are allowed to vote.

Tennessee's supreme court has declared valid the law prohibiting Sunday work by barbers.

Reading, Pa., bricklayers have formed a union and adopted a scale of 30 cents an hour for a nine-hour day.

The printers of Maryland are now thoroughly organized in every important city and town in the state except Frederick.

The advertisement for letting the city printing of Rochester, N. Y., restricted the bids to newspapers bearing the union label.

Colorado state federation of labor convened in Denver June 5.

Labor organizations throughout the country are sending financial aid and words of comfort to the miners of the Cour d'Ale region, Idaho, who refuse to yield to military dictatorship.

BLAND CANNOT LIVE.

Physicians Say Famous Missourian's Case Is Hopeless.

LEBANON, Mo., June 8.—At 10 p. m. Congressman Bland appeared somewhat better, and will probably live through the night. He has been speechless for 24 hours. The physicians regard the case as hopeless, and have so informed the family.

Four Burned.

LINZ, Austria, June 8.—The market town of Ottensheim, about five miles west of Linz, on the Danube, has been totally destroyed by fire. Four women perished in the flames, and a number of people were injured.

A Hearty Welcome Extended To All Visitors!

Duluth's Greatest Store

Offers you values measured by quality—prices measured by volume of business combined with advantages we possess in the markets of the world over all competition in this section.

Bargain Counter No. 4.

Wash Goods Sale

50—Percales, Corded Linities, Fancy Dress Prints, worth from 7c to 12½c—sale price—

5c.

Cloak Dept.

Grand selling of Ladies' Wash Skirts and Waists. Ladies' Wash Skirts, made with deep hem.

90c, \$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$5.25, \$5.50, \$5.75, \$6.00, \$6.25, \$6.50, \$6.75, \$7.00, \$7.25, \$7.50, \$7.75, \$8.00, \$8.25, \$8.50, \$8.75, \$9.00, \$9.25, \$9.50, \$9.75, \$10.00, \$10.25, \$10.50, \$10.75, \$11.00, \$11.25, \$11.50, \$11.75, \$12.00, \$12.25, \$12.50, \$12.75, \$13.00, \$13.25, \$13.50, \$13.75, \$14.00, \$14.25, \$14.50, \$14.75, \$15.00, \$15.25, \$15.50, \$15.75, \$16.00, \$16.25, \$16.50, \$16.75, \$17.00, \$17.25, \$17.50, \$17.75, \$18.00, \$18.25, \$18.50, \$18.75, \$19.00, \$19.25, \$19.50, \$19.75, \$20.00, \$20.25, \$20.50, \$20.75, \$21.00, \$21.25, \$21.50, \$21.75, \$22.00, \$22.25, \$22.50, \$22.75, \$23.00, \$23.25, \$23.50, \$23.75, \$24.00, \$24.25, \$24.50, \$24.75, \$25.00, \$25.25, \$25.50, \$25.75, \$26.00, \$26.25, \$26.50, \$26.75, \$27.00, \$27.25, \$27.50, \$27.75, \$28.00, \$28.25, \$28.50, \$28.75, \$29.00, \$29.25, \$29.50, 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