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THE SHOPPING SEASON ON

NEARLY \$750,000 in wages and Christmas club savings will be put into the purses of the people of Harrisburg this week and next, it is estimated.

Merchants have been complaining that trade has not been up to former years, but with nearly three-quarters of a million dollars turned loose in two weeks there should be no more ground for worry on that score.

The stores were well filled Saturday night and there were indications that the shopping season is on in earnest. Doubtless from this out it will be a question only of attracting trade to individual places of business.

THE WORK OF RELIEF

THE steamer Thelma, which carried a cargo of food purchased in part with contributions of cash made by generous readers of the Telegraph, has arrived at Rotterdam, from which port the supplies it carried are being rushed to the relief committee in Belgium.

The system of food distribution in Belgium has been systematized by a well-organized commission of men and women who have devoted themselves to the gigantic task of relief. Tickets are issued entitling holders to two meals a day.

I do not know that history presents any parallel of a population of 7,000,000 people surrounded by a ring of steel and utterly unable by any conceivable effort of their own to save themselves.

While there would appear to be no good ground for the "white slavery" charge, both man and woman are evidently guilty of violations of State statutes that if proven would send them to prison.

THE COUNTRY IS SAVED
THE dressmakers are a clever lot. They know that the average woman would sooner be bankrupt than out of fashion.

DEATH-BENT REPENTANCE
INDICATIONS are that a desire for "continued power" at Washington is prompting President Wilson and his Democratic supporters to a rather late consideration of the practical as well as the theoretical side of the government entrusted to them.

To-morrow President Wilson will go before Congress with a brief message urging economy in expenditure, and bare of recommendations for the enactment of experimental legislation.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY
THE Department of Agriculture has issued a warning to farmers in Pennsylvania against the purchase of seed potatoes from Maine unless they bear the government certificate showing them to be free from "powdery scab."

then have taken place and the misnamed "war tax" would not have as a result aroused the public to the fighting pitch now so apparent on every hand.

Too late the President admits that he was mistaken and he is trying to back-track. He has been hinting at a reversal of policies ever since the November elections and now comes his close friend, Congressman Charles C. Carlin, Democrat, of Virginia, with this statement, sounding very much as though it might have been inspired:

When the European war is over there will need to be a revision of the tariff, so that the millions of men who are now in the armies and who will then be released for employment at any wage they can get, may not dump cheap products on the American market in competition with American manufactures.

This is not only strange doctrine from the lips of a Democrat, but it indicates a desire on the part of the administration to "square itself" with the voters by enacting good, sound Republican principles under the guise of emergency measures devised to meet unlooked for contingencies.

That there will be a revision of the tariff within the next three years is certain. But that it will be more nefarious after the war than before is difficult to understand. Certainly there was more danger of an invasion of cheap European products when the Underwood law was passed than there will be with half of Europe's factories in ruins and half of her best workmen dead or incapacitated.

The policy of protection is the same now as ever. If it was wrong when President Wilson was inaugurated, it is wrong now. The deathbed repentance of the Democratic administration may be sincere, or it may be merely the vote-catching subterfuge it seems to be, but at all events it will be futile.

THE BASEBALL GAMBLE
HE merits of the case aside, it cannot be denied that the Federal baseball league is taking over such stars of the diamond as "Eddie" Plank, "Chief" Bender, "Rube" Marquard and Walter Johnson. Four of the "big fellows" have signed with the new organization within the past week.

Sentiment plays little part in the organization of leagues and the building of teams. The baseball magnates sign the men they believe will help swell the gate receipts. The players go where the salary is largest and the prospects seem brightest.

BOTH GUILTY
LITTLE sympathy should be wasted on either the Rhode Island millionaire who has been prosecuted under the Mann "white slave" act by a girl who accuses him of ill-treating her, or on the girl herself, who in turn has been indicted on a charge of attempting to bribe a federal official with a share of the \$50,000 she hoped to wring from her erstwhile admirer.

THE MEETING OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE STREET RAILWAY ASSOCIATION, which is scheduled to meet in Harrisburg during the week, will bring together probably the largest assemblage of men interested in traction affairs in the history of the State.

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BALLOT LAW WILL CHANGE

Belief That Will Be Pronounced Alteration in the Nominating Features
MAY FIX UP EXPENSES' ACT
Newville People "Scrapping" Over the Appointment to the Postmastership

EVENING CHAT

"Academy Boys" who went to schools or colleges or into the wide, wide world years ago will be invited to gather at the new home of the Harrisburg Academy the latter part of this month at an alumni smoker.

Republican leaders who have been coming to Harrisburg the last week or so say that they are commencing to hear from people about the annoyances and perplexities attending the present nomination and election system, and some go so far as to predict that the State conventions will be restored and that some old methods may replace the schemes put into effect in the last half dozen years.

Democratic politicians in the Newville end of Cumberland county are whirling around over the situation created by the approaching expiration of the term of Postmaster H. C. Snyder.

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By Wisp Dangler
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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Colonel John Biddle Porter, of the general staff, is in Europe to observe the war. He is a former National Guardsman.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is now a stop-over place for tourists from all lines in the State?

CHRISTMAS "DOS"

STOP AT ONCE—NOW! Buy gifts only because you WANT TO.

FISHING CONTEST PRIZES

Special to The Telegraph
Annville, Pa., Dec. 7.—Prizes in the hook and line fishing contest have been awarded by Eugene Herr, of Annville, to the fishermen catch-

AN EVENING THOUGHT

Through all the years of all this life Be with me, Lord! So shall the days and weeks and years Be threaded on a golden cord, And all drawn on with sweet accord.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

The twenty Boston school-girls who have taken to carrying sofa cushions to school with them as a protest against the removal of upholstery from the car seats of the Boston and Middlesex Railway, are very far removed from their hardy, courageous and luxury-despising Puritan ancestors.

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR IS FARE-SAVING DAY HERE

People from other towns who will get acquainted with this store will join with all Harrisburg shoppers in pronouncing this store the greatest money-saving store in Central Pennsylvania.

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Worth While Millinery Specials
Lot of \$1.00 Silk Velvet and Velour Hats in black and colors, 25c
Lot of \$2 and \$3 Black Silk Velvet Hats, 19c, 29c, 39c, 49c and 59c
Trimmings of all kinds, 15c, 25c and 50c

Wool Dress Goods For Winter Wear
New Silk For Waists, Dresses, Trimmings
SILK Mouseline, all colors, 12 1/2c
New Figured Silk Mouseline, all colors, 15c
New Silk Poplins, all colors, at Special Prices.

TOYS--DOLLS--GAMES
Larger Assortment Than Ever--No Advance In Prices
This department is brimful of the latest novelties in Toys, Dolls, Games, Books, etc., all this season's novelties at 5c to 25c

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Where Every Day Is Bargain Day
215 Market St. Opp. Courthouse

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