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The reward of a thing well done is to have it done.—Emerson.

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CENTER OF DISTRIBUTION

THE opening of another general freight warehouse, having a capacity of 300 or more carloads, in Harrisburg marks another step in the development of this city as a center of distribution.

Some years ago there was talk of a belt line around the city, leaving the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad at a point near Wildwood Lake, swinging out beyond the insane asylum property and coming back to the main line at the lower end of the city.

AMONG FRIENDS

HARRISBURG is proud to be the capital city of the great State of Pennsylvania and it is happy to entertain for more or less brief periods every two years the members of the House of Representatives and the State Senate who gather here for the sessions of the Legislature.

"LUXURY TAXES"

IT is reported that the miscalled "luxury taxes" are to be passed by Congress only to be promptly repealed—the passage being permitted to prevent undue delay of the revenue bill.

Even while we were at war there was a marked difference of opinion concerning the necessity and wisdom of classing articles of common daily use as "non-essential."

business in order to find work for the soldier boys coming out of Uncle Sam's service there is an overwhelming weight of public opinion against it upon consumption, but that caution will not protect the public unless it is forcefully expressed.

In the case of the "luxury taxes" the new revenue bill sets up, wholly arbitrary standards of price on all sort of common articles—carpets and rugs, umbrellas, hats for men, millinery, hosiery, shirts and many other articles of this type—

Thus, if Mrs. Brown, who is careful of her appearance, should purchase a pair of silk hose at more than \$2, she must pay ten per cent upon that part of the purchase price which exceeds \$2.

This is only one example of one of many objectionable features of the "luxury taxes" as they would weigh upon the public.

The "luxury taxes" are not fair taxes, because as they appear in the bill they show many inconsistencies.

Besides the obvious burden the "luxury taxes" will place upon the public, they will also operate to increase the cost of desired merchandise because the business of computing and collecting and making returns to the government for the taxes collected will prove so difficult that some retail merchants figure the cost of collection will be almost as great as the tax itself.

MATTER WITH RUSSIA

OUR old friend William Allen White, he of "What's the Matter with Kansas" fame, has been designated by President Wilson to find out what's the matter with Russia.

SUFFRAGE DEFEAT

THE suffrage amendment, defeated by one vote in the Senate yesterday, will be adopted, in all likelihood, by the next Congress, which will have a Republican majority and none of the Southern prejudices that unquestionably were largely responsible for the failure of the measure yesterday.

Many Horses Will Stay

Not all our fighters will return to the land of their birth. Most of the men—those who are living—will not, for there is great need of draft animals in the reconstruction work in France and Belgium, and there are plenty of war-worn horses to spare.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The manner in which Governor William C. Sproul has been setting at rest matters which it was thought would disturb the serenity of his session and the quiet way he has been getting what he wants without much fuss are being commented upon about the Capitol and among men who follow politics as one of the most hopeful signs for a session in accord with what the Governor suggested in his inaugural address.

The Governor settled very conclusively the apprehensions excited by stories that a new ripper was to be enacted for Pittsburgh and he also allayed some feelings about the Philadelphia charter revision fight by suggesting to certain of the advocates of a radical change in municipal government for the metropolis that he would keep out of the Legislature by agreements reached before the bills come in.

Senator Vane's reported statement that Philadelphia police should be taken out of politics has called for a very tart comment. It says: "With the advent of the Legislature there is the usual talk about police in politics and again as usual some of our citizens are drawing up a bill to keep them out."

The Philadelphia Ledger, which has the Courier-Journal in its attention it gave to the Rorick bill for Sunday entertainments of an "educational" character, indulges in this comment on the charter revision fight for Philadelphia: "A small council for Philadelphia has said a great deal during the pending discussion about their willingness to give the 'people' what the 'people want' but they have been very explanatory in their offer after all, of the manner in which the wishes of the people are to be manifested."

The Philadelphia Press, which does not favor the administration bill to fix the salary of the next Governor, has a possible lead on the same plane of compensation as the mayor of Philadelphia. It also adds: "The very familiar and intimate items of personal expenses which appear in the Record and Auditor General in the last year should never again encumber the official records of the state."

Teaching of German in the public and normal schools of the State will be stopped by a bill which was presented in the House by John T. Davis, of Indiana county. He will make a fight for the passage of the bill which would amend the School Code so that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, all school directors and school superintendents would be prohibited from arranging or adopting any course of study which shall provide for or include the teaching of the German language or the teaching of any subject in the German language.

John A. Berkey, former state insurance commissioner and much mentioned in the passage of the bill, was at the Capitol.

The Open Boat

"When this here was done," says Dan, "and all the fightin' through there, some'll pay with Brits again as they was used to do: But not me," says Dan, the sailor man; "not me," says he; "Lord knows it's nippy in an open boat on winter nights at sea."

Mabel Has an Idle Moment

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the country to the aid of the country," says Mabel, as she sits in her room, looking at the clock.

False Rumor

We put no faith at all in reports which apparently emanate from the Senate cloak rooms that President Wilson outlived his original European itinerary because he had been warned that a republic might be set up in America if he should prolong his stay indefinitely.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

AFTER SPENDING YOUR MORNINGS SERVING LINES OF SOLDIERS AT SOME CANTINE TRYING TO WORK UP THAT "SOMEBODY'S BOY" FEELING



"AND AFTER SPENDING MORE EVENINGS WEARILY DANCING WITH HOMESICK NAVAL OFFICERS AND BEING VERY SWEET AND ALL



HAD HIS REWARD

(From the Columbus Dispatch.) Some one asked Henry Watterson in New York the other day whether he did not regret that he had not left the Courier-Journal years ago and become identified with a greater newspaper.

Three hundred and twenty-two boys collaborated in preparing a list of ideals for Mr. Cracker. They represented Jew, Gentile, Protestant, Catholic, Medea and Elamite and the dwellers in Mesopotamia. Their papers were turned in without names or marks of identification.

General Gouraud stated the French position in his address to the American soldiers thus: "Now when peace is signed you are going home across the sea. The English are going home, too. But France stays where she is."

THE FRENCH POSITION

"You gentlemen have seen the character of the Germans along the Rhine. You know there is no democracy in their hearts. You know that their fawning attitude is as false as it can be. And so I say to you, France wants no such people in her republic."

Germans Must Accept

Even the most thick-headed Boche of them all should understand that it is worse than useless for Germany to try to influence the course of the Peace Congress, and that it is ludicrous for her to say that she will refuse to accept any terms beyond those in our President's Fourteen Commandments.

LABOR NOTES

A large number of Irish carpenters over military age have gone to England to work on government buildings.

"What's the Matter With Father"

WHEN we can teach boys to be a little more careful in the selection of their parents we will have made great strides towards the solution of "The Boy Problem."



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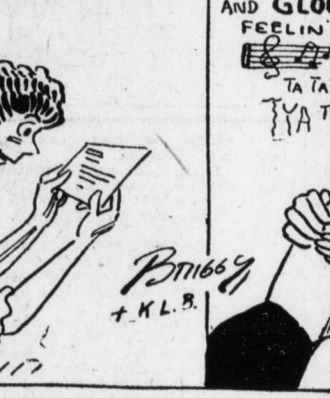
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Ebening What

The streets are commencing to disappear from Capitol Park extension and it will not be long before all that will be left of some of the smaller highways will be electric lights at the former intersections and memories.



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