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SQUEEZING THE JOBHOLDERS: THE MAYOR'S NOBLE STAND

When He Tore Up Sheriff Ransley's Note He Should Have Ordered Every Officeholder to Do Likewise... WHEN Mayor Smith received Sheriff Ransley's polite request for a "voluntary contribution" to the Vars committee political fund he tore the note into small pieces and threw it into his waste basket.

What the Mayor ought to have said is: "I do not intend to make any contribution. It is contrary to the spirit of the law..."

THE Mayor has the power to give such an order. He knows as well as any one that Sheriff Ransley's request for "voluntary" contributions is regarded by the little men as an order to contribute...

It is not too late for the Mayor to give such an order now. He could write a ringing message denouncing the whole system of political assessments, if he would.

He could clear the atmosphere in City Hall by announcing that every man fit for his job would be retained, provided he obeyed the law against political contributions...

A ringing declaration of an intention to stand by the spirit of the present law is what is needed at this moment.

Where will this money go? Who is going to get it? The Hun wishes to have peace "considered" if you would like to know who put the coin in consideration ring up the Bolshevik.

THAT POOR HOG ISLAND! MUST we ask women to build the ships, too? So one might suppose who lent a sensitive ear to the outgivings of Mr. Piez, Admiral Bowles and some of the gentlemen of the Senate who are despairing over affairs at Hog Island.

Autumn begins today. Its advent marks the date on which Germany had hoped to be pretty nearly through with her self-imposed task. She may deceive her subjects on many counts, but even a Hun monarch cannot confute the calendar.

When all the verbal smoke bombs have been fired, when the Senate is permitted to ease its mind, when a few more Congressmen have had an opportunity to enshrine their best-loved platitudes once again in the Congressional Record...

AFTER-THE-WAR EUROPE

By Clinton W. Gilbert Staff Correspondent at Washington of the Evening Public Ledger... AN ARMY officer of one of the Allied Powers stationed at Washington gives a novel idea of how big will be the task of international organization after the war.

For ourselves we prefer to believe that nine-tenths of the workers at Hog Island are doing their best. The management doubtless has fallen into errors in the feverish effort to get men and more men. It has hired the wrong sort in many instances.

Even though the German Crown Prince has been unable to win a battle, it is nevertheless undeniable that he seems pretty thoroughly accomplished in the arts of soldiering.

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The announcement that American opticians will restrict the varieties of eyeglasses and endeavor to conserve much of the gold heretofore used in rims suggests that the monocol Englishman may have been a sort of prophetic conservationist.

"Chafes at safe job in Paris," declares a patriotic headline. Here at home, however, the seat-free chairs who got away with a swag of Liberty Bonds and money at Eleventh and Race streets don't seem to be worrying about their work at all.

So long as the Entente's standpoint remains unchanged," says the Berlin Tageblatt, "there is no possibility of bridging the chasm between the two sides." This is sound reasoning. We are contemplating no bridges, but the blasting away of the entire Hun side of the abyss separating a mad from a sane world.

Haig Still in Command The general election that may take place in England does not refer to the election of a new general. But how Germany wishes it did!

To Clemenceau (Premier Clemenceau is known in France as "the Tiger") Tiger, Tiger, burning bright, France's pride and her delight—Unforgot your words shall be: On to stainless victory!

Synthetic Poems Revery I always intended to be. A stern, silent man. With a level, piercing gaze—A man before whom Even the bartender would quail. But somehow I am a little late in getting started.

My Shortest Poem Did you ever see A bartender Quail? Certainty How is it that human beings Are so certain of everything? Every man will tell you, fiercely, That he has bought far more lunches Than have been bought for him. And yet, mathematically, That cannot be so.

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As has been indicated in this correspondence, such an executive control cannot be limited in scope in the way in which it was proposed to limit it when the creation of it was first suggested by the Allied Powers.

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THERE cannot be interallied unity of command over materials now without interallied unity of command over materials after the war, and there cannot be interallied unity of command over either.

A restricted interallied organization seems impossible, for you cannot pull all these straws of future and present of resources and diplomacy apart. A full organization is one of the most difficult tasks ever attempted in human history.

It is reported that Leave Taking and some pollus are now extremely loath to take their ten-day leaves "for fear of missing something at the front."

Although the full fruits of American aviation may be yet delayed, there is already no doubt about our possession of the flying core.

SOMETHING COMING TO HIM



WHAT A CONGRESSMAN SEES

Semiweekly Letter Touching on the Washington Doings of Personalities Familiar to Philadelphians By J. Hampton Moore

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POSTMASTER JOHN A. THORNTON comes to the Capitol occasionally, as most of the big postmasters are required to do in these pressing times, and, as all good postmasters do, he avoids the discussion of politics in any form.

The Philadelphia postmaster is up against a good many practical problems. The elimination of the pneumatic tubes is one of them, and it is presumed that what is left of the tube service in the Philadelphia postoffice will soon be removed to save valuable space.

DESPITE the war the congressional elections are giving concern to the leaders. It is evident that the White House is interested and fears that a Republican control of the House will be disastrous.

WAR subordinates many worthy movements of public-spirited men and women and makes more difficult the humanitarian work they do. A visit from Dr. Franklin Brady and A. C. Harner Virdin, both of Philadelphia, seeking Washington aid for the \$300,000 fund-raising campaign of the new Roosevelt Hospital, illustrates this point.

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that of making good and loyal citizens of such persons as still remain in this country, who may not be familiar with its institutions and its laws.

SEVERAL members of the House were disputing about Nicanor, an ancient warrior who wanted to die "in harness."

NATHAN T. FOLWELL, of the Manufacturers' Club, and Arthur H. Lea, who has been summering in the White Mountains, are among the Philadelphians who are inclined to take exception to the statement of the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee that the new revenue bill was not being objected to by the business world.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. Who is the new American Ambassador to Great Britain?

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2. In American slang, sundowner is usually applied to an event, person or thing which is an amazement or wonder. The word, however, is originally Australian, and described the crews of the Antipodes who timed his arrival at a chance of an sundown in order to have the chance of an evening meal.

3. The Kremlin is in Moscow. 4. An oporrito is a painting with Chinese ink and thin water colors.