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HE HADN'T THE NERVE... MAYOR SMITH has again done the expected. As usual with him, after starting out by impulse in the right direction he has wobbled around into the back-track of "the easiest way."

THAT OTHER PHILADELPHIA... The redemption of Philadelphia is imminent. Neither Mayor Smith nor the "little fellow" nor "Uncle" Dave Lane has any immediate cause for anxiety...

IS SLACKERISM MAGNIFIED?... It is unfortunate that faults always invite a concentration of attention that perfection rarely commands. The enthusiasm and earnestness manifested by the workers at Edgemoor on the occasion of Secretary Daniels's visit must have been surprising to those who are obsessed with a belief that the war industries hereabouts are filled with slackers.

AN INTERNATIONAL HAT... SENATOR J. Hamilton Lewis butted his amethystine vest and adjusted his elephant's breath spats and took his gold-headed cane firmly in hand and departed radiantly overseas to assure himself that there were no weak spots in the Allied lines...

CHURCH AND THE MOTORS... MERRYGEMEN and all other persons who have an instinctive concern for human beings have been troubled for years by the present disinclination of men to go to church on Sunday.

COAL DISTRIBUTION THAT DOESN'T DISTRIBUTE... Why is it that some dealers can get coal for their customers and others cannot? Why is it that some householders, who put in their orders in April, have coal in their cellars, and others, who put in their orders at the same time, are still waiting for the delivery of the first ton?

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WHAT A CONGRESSMAN SEES

Semi-weekly Letter Touching on the Washington Doings of Personalities Familiar to Philadelphians

By J. Hampton Moore

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25. A LETTER from Attorney General Francis B. Baker to Banking Commissioner Dan Lafaen concerning the right of building associations to put their surplus funds in Liberty Bonds stirred up a storm in the Treasury Department...

abroad. Now as Secretary Baker. Perhaps the easiest way to size him up would be to talk or to read of him on the same platform with Franklin Spencer Edmonds, formerly of the Philadelphia Central High School. He is not unlike Edmonds in physique, in ability to talk or in readiness of mind. He has a scientific record not unlike that of Edmonds, is a quick and ready speaker and practiced law before entering public life...

THE people who believe we ought to have white paper really desire to accomplish something they would begin with the Federal departments and particularly with the bureaus and commissions that are wasteful. The number of publications, reports, pamphlets and cheap departmental advertising matter, all tending to bolster up the patriotic efforts of bureaucratic rivalry, has been so alarming on the increase that the waste basket of Washington has been bulging out at the sides...

ANY one who has heard Edward Brooks, Jr., address the court will appreciate the force of his reasoning. But when it comes to an argument before the Ways and Means in an argument before the Ways and Means in an argument before the Ways and Means...

THE annual conventions of the Atlantic Deep-sea Waterways Association, which have been organized in Philadelphia since 1907, they proceeded from New York to Philadelphia to attract a number of men from the national capital. The Boston convention this week is no exception to the rule. In addition to Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, United States Senator Fletcher, of Florida, chairman of the Committee on Commerce, and Congressman Rivers and Harbors Committee, are in attendance...

Indications of a Dry Spell

BOTH the House and the Senate have voted to make the nation "dry" after June 30 of next year. The proposition is in the form of a rider to the agricultural appropriation bill. The manufacture of light wines must cease on May 1 and the sale of all intoxicating beverages must end on June 30 if the President approves the plan. The House has attempted to make an exception in favor of imported wines, as the State Department has informed Congress that the ambassadors of France and Italy have called attention to the fact that the prohibition of the sale of all wines will seriously affect the wine-growers of their countries, who export large quantities to the United States...

Peace at Any Cost... Bernard Shaw wrote a play about a young soldier who had returned to Ireland from the European trenches and after a brief experience of the restored joys of domesticity, in a home where bickering was of frequent occurrence, went back to join the colors, declaring that he longed for a peaceful life. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Jack Put One Over on 'Em... Pershing surprised the Germans, who had been informed by the German General Staff that it was the inviolable American custom to move on October 1.—New York Sun.

What Do You Know? QUIZ

- 1. Who is the surgeon general of the United States army?
2. What is the meaning of quittance?
3. Under whose administration was the Louisiana territory purchased from France and added to the United States?
4. Who said, "If there were no God it would be necessary to invent him"?
5. What is a grazer?
6. Who was the Roman god of fire and metal working?
7. Where is the celebrated Church of St. Sophia, now known as a mosque?
8. What is the meaning of the Latin expression "Hic et nunc"?
9. Which is the "Sunflower State"?
10. How does the city of Paris get its name?

- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. General Sir Edmund Allenby is in command of the British forces in Palestine.
2. Stephen Decatur, from the English. "Give-up" (surrender). The British Admiral Boscawen was ordered to give up the ship to the French.
3. Michigan is the Wolverine State.
4. Thomas Nelson Page is the American ambassador to Italy.
5. Jerusalem was taken by the Crusaders in 1099.
6. Grever Cleveland said "It is a condition, not a theory," which concerns us.
7. Ecuador is the Spanish word for equator, which is the line bisects the South American republic.
8. A Scourge is a stigmatiser. The word is from the Hebrew "Sagur," diminutive of "Sagur," scythe.
9. The first syllable of the word "scissors" that it was the Invariable American custom to move on October 1.—New York Sun.
10. North Carolina was the last southern State to secede from the Union, in May, 1862.