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merit system the spoilsmen will be allowed to continue to distribute the patronage as they have been doing for six years. And unless Mr. Wilson has changed his views, there is every reason for believing that the spirit of the civil service laws, if not their letter, will continue to be disregarded.

AMERICA NOT HOBBLED BY ITS CONSTITUTION The Republican Party Has Always Found a Way to Do What the Nation Wanted Done THE few Republicans who are saying that the United States cannot constitutionally enter a league of nations are hopelessly out of sympathy with the history and traditions of their party.

ROADS AS AN ASSET SOME time in the far future, when wheels have begun to go out of style and vast landing cushions to catch falling aviators are planned as ambitious public works, there will be slow-minded communities ready to interest themselves reluctantly in good roads. They will not be in Jersey, where good roads are a habit.

DOGS AND OTHER LUXURIES LICENSE tags for dogs and automobiles run from January 1. If a man drives his motorcar with last year's tag he is arrested forthwith. But Director of Public Safety Wilson says that he has reason to believe that there are 33,000 dogs going about the city wearing 1918 tags.

SPOLIS STILL ON TAP THE Bureaucrats of the administration—that is, the spoilsmen—will find little to displease them in the reorganization of the National Civil Service Commission.

Will the Bar Outlive John Barleycorn? How the Problem is Complicated by Reformers Urging 'Kickless' Cafes and Saloon Owners Averse to Modification BALKY imaginations continue to make the way of the uplift prophet exceedingly hard.

NO FEAR OF LOCAL 'REDS' SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON, of the Police Department, exhibits frank contempt for all amateur Bolsheviks who happen to be tiptoeing around hereabouts. His assurance that the reserves could shoot them all into the river without any considerable effort if the need arose represents an intelligent view that is badly needed at a time when mild hysteria is as fashionable as pingpong used to be.

THE CHAFFING DISH WE HAVE been wondering whether the artists who make the summer frosting for saloon mirrors will think it worth while to compose their annual designs this year.

DANTE REMEMBERED UNVEILED is the glory of Italy's hour; The soul of her beauty a full-blown flower; Ambrosial rays of light replete— Enthraling splendor fills the street.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What was the greatest naval mystery of the war? 2. Who was the first Chief Justice of the United States?

THE most suggestive information is naturally obtainable in the arid regions of the West. Washington is an inaccurate index, since industrious 'bootlegging' has prevented the capital from really adapting itself to the new conditions.

THE War Department has found a fuel that adds ten miles an hour to the speed of airplanes. Now will some genius come along with a fuel adequate to take ten miles an hour of the speed of automobiles?

THE world is whirling into poignant times as such causes are espoused by classes which once repudiated them, while the saloon owner continues serving heavy drinks until the curtain falls and with the reflection 'maybe it won't happen' is unimaginatively averse to speculating upon a threatened revolution.

THE various discussions about the proposed Delaware River bridge remind us again that in America nothing can be suggested that does not instantly invite organized opposition of some sort.

THE medical inspectors in the Philadelphia schools who struck for a pay increase from \$600 a year to \$1000 seem to have lost, as other doctors are jumping into their jobs. Look out for a doctors' union!



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Mr. Egan was pleasantly enjoying himself near Elsinore, Hamlet's old home, in the summer of 1915, when Mrs. Rosika Schwimmer, the well-known rattle-pate, telephoned to ask if she could see him, 'in the name of the ideals of European and American womanhood.'

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