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UNRAVELING A MYSTERY
The adjournment of the temporary Finance Committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Association until next week was taken in order to allow its members time to discover just what sort of a fair is contemplated.

This is not yet known. Colonel D'Olier has admitted that he does not know how much land will be needed nor exactly where the site is to be. It is to be somewhere in or about Fairmount Park. Beyond that all is mystery.

Consequently it would be a waste of time to make detailed plans for an enterprise until it is known for just what sort of an enterprise the plans are to be made.

MORE COAL COMPLICATIONS
In the news from Washington which tells today of an amendment in the Senate to the Fuel-Administering Bill intended to authorize the Government to look for "systems of deliberate collusion between miners' organizations and mine owners," there is suggested a side of the coal question which may invite a great deal of surprised and angry attention before long.

Suppose it is demonstrated that strikes are settled nowadays by secret agreements; that they are called by secret agreements; that labor leaders are sometimes in the habit of betraying not only their followers, but the general public, and that they are aided in this work by representatives of the employing groups? What will the Government do? It will be between the devil of a powerfully entrenched coal monopoly and the deep sea of Federal ownership.

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Tennessee. Then he moved to New York, where he made a reputation for ability because he took a moribund enterprise, revitalized it into life and completed a great semi-public work that cost millions of dollars. While retaining his residence in New York he served in the Cabinet of President Wilson, and after he retired from the Cabinet he took up his residence in California. He has friends in the East and the West and the South.

GREEK AGAINST TURK AND WHAT IT ALL MEANS

The Whole Tangled and Formidable Near Eastern Problem is Reopened by the Victorious Ottoman

THE sudden and perhaps irreparable Greek collapse in Asia Minor unmarks a situation in which posturing was carried beyond the brink of disaster. It has been customary in some quarters to regard the war in the Near East as the result of the ancient conflict, as a struggle spiritlessly waged on both sides, securely localized and destined in the end to relieve some of the major European Powers of the embarrassment of complex problems in the Levant.

Nothing is more deceptive in the Levant than the philosophies of history rigidly fashioned. For centuries every contestant here has been fortified with conceptions of manifest destiny. The Turk has battled for what he deemed the homeland, the Greek for the soil of his ancestors. Western nations with a weather eye on trade and exploitation have not hesitated to speak of new crusades.

At the present moment the demolition program is in the hands of the Kemalist Turks. Their injection of realism into the situation was probably not virtuously intended, but its effect could not have been more striking if deliberately and morally planned.

Constantine, whose throne is the most brilliant in the East, has sought to save his dynasty by the perilous expedient of a quest. Britain and France are competing for domination in the Near East. No conference, however pretentious, has sufficed to allay this intense rivalry.

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THE darkest side of the whole crisis is the possibility of a revived ascendancy in the East of the Turk, whose destructive tendencies are thoroughly proved and whose capacity for organized savagery is quite as incontestable as are the charm of his manner and the solid virtues of his strangely contradictory character.

What France and Britain will make of the "and" is which that an "omeshed" cannot be so hopefully conjectured, although it is possible that ardent smiles are already wreathing several faces at the Quai d'Orsay.

CONQUEST BY CENSORS?

QUIETLY, slowly and steadily does the faith in censors and a belief in their usefulness spread through all the English-speaking world. Even many of the people who try to keep an intelligent and interpretative eye on the drift of contemporary events have fallen thus far to notice the continuing progress in victorious lands of a characteristic malady of the Germany of the Kaiser.

Censors with official power to establish standards of art and literature and to govern or restrict expression of individual feeling may be useful now and then. It is not of such censors that the sensitive observers are moved to complain. It is rather of the disposition of great and growing masses of people to defer to them and accept them and give their minds into their keeping that appears at times to indicate some weakening of the spirit of self-reliance that used to be the dominant characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon and his associate pioneers of the New Civilization.

It may be interesting in this connection to try for a moment to imagine what would have happened if administrative bureaucracies, established in accord with some ideas now fashionable, were functioning to impose their standards on writers of the past and to outlaw work which they regarded as "dangerous propaganda."

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PURITANICAL PLYMOUTH

One Has Only to Look Around to Know Why Pilgrim Fathers Left There—Morning or Afternoon, One or the Other

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN
Torquay, Devonshire, England. I HAVE discovered the real reason why the Pilgrim fathers left Plymouth. They grew weary of its mock puritanical Sunday ways.

On all the main streets not only are the stores closed, and blinds drawn, but tarpaulins are stretched around the outside of the show windows. The tarpaulins have the concern's advertisements on them in large black letters.

ALONG about 2 o'clock the ancient town comes to life. Church bells give way to tramcar gongs. Toward evening the saloons, or bars—"pubs," as they are called in the vernacular—start selling "mild and old" Cognac, "a few drops of Scotch," and any other old thing that comes into the shop.

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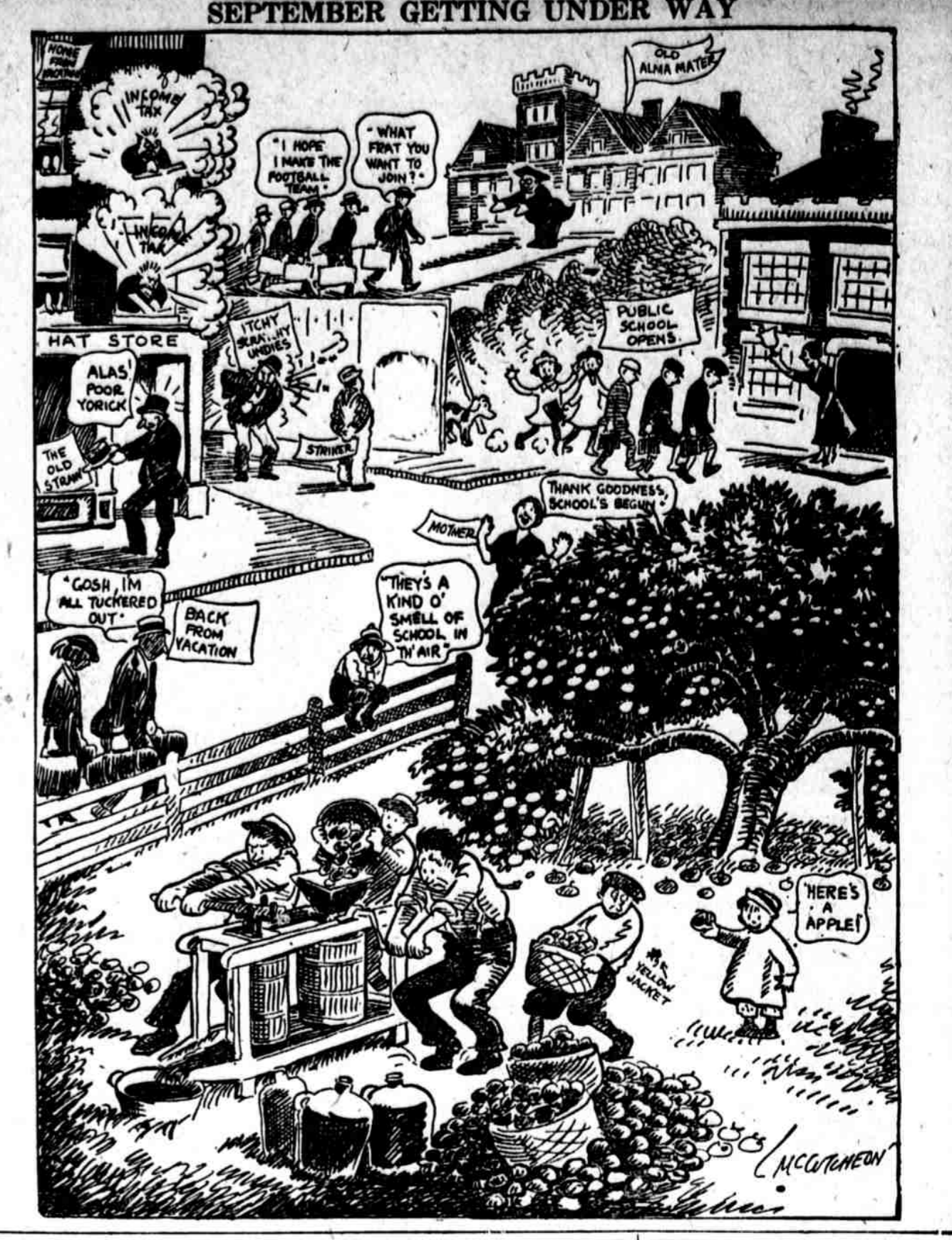
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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

JOHN K. SNYDER
On Cultivation of Vacant Lots
THE cultivation of vacant lots within the city limits adds materially to the food supply of Philadelphia, according to John K. Snyder, superintendent of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association.

Started to Meet Depression
Our organization was permanently organized in 1907. As was the case in Detroit, it was begun to give relief from the severe business depression of the years 1894 to 1897.

What Do You Know?
Quiz
1. What was the period of the great Mohammedan sweep over vast territories in Europe, Asia, Africa?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The word "Asia" has the sole power to try all impeachments.

Location of the Gardens
The greatest number of the gardens are located in West Philadelphia and in Germantown, although there are also some in Frankford and in Mount Airy.

others go from Columbia avenue to Germantown. "The nationalities of the families working the gardens are interesting. In the early years of the movement, the Italians were probably in the lead so far as numbers were concerned, and this continued during the war years. But lately there has been a very large increase in the number of American families which have taken the gardens, and today they are in the lead, there being about 70 per cent of the total number of American families, where there was formerly only about 55 per cent.

Well, nearly 90,000 Philadelphians have returned their intention to vote next November. Is not that encouraging? Yes, indeed, kind sir, with the accent on the not.

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And the stork's work and the food runs low,
And a queer bag of tricks one must grab in.
The sailors they hit the grog below
While the stokers loafed in the cabin.
And the captain knowing that love and booze
As freight are not paying staples
Just blamed the trouble on good ship crew
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SHORT CUTS

All gains are net at Manheim.

The Sampaio Correla is a persistent bird.
What the country pines for is verification of railroad peace rumors.
The injunction to love one another is continually being violated.

Man died while watching the beauty pageant at Atlantic City. That's knocking 'em dead.
Trust Marie Correll to say the original and unusual. "Truth is never popular," says she. Ain't it the truth, Marie?

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