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THE DIFFERENCE

John Brown Smith, the successful business man, imports the materials for his clothing, and shirts, and underwear from several parts of Europe. Anything under six cylinders and real plush upholstery is beneath his consideration. He thinks, sleeps, works, and enjoys himself in big figures.

John Smith, the plodder, wears the cheapest grade of ready-made clothing. He hopes, some day, to own a second-hand runabout. He thinks, sleeps, eats, and enjoys himself always with a watchful eye to his manifold responsibilities and a slowly growing rainy day fund.

The real difference between the two Smiths, however, is this:

John Brown Smith subscribes to a Victory Liberty loan with a check for a sum which would keep him in high-balls, cigars and dinners for one month. He is not exactly ungracious about it, but he expresses the belief that the war's end makes unnecessary any further loan issues and hopes "this is the last."

John Smith confers with the real head of the family and grins when he discovers he can take on a bigger load than he at first had anticipated by paring his own weekly budget a trifle more. So he makes the first payment on two bonds instead of one and gets quite cheerful about it.

"Great stuff," he says, "bring on some more bond issues."

Who is the better American?

MADDOCK GETTING IN BAD?

That fellow Tom Maddock is going to get in bad if he keeps up his lick. He has declared war on nepotism. It is said that whatever that is, means where all cousins, aunts, sisters, brother-in-laws, uncles are immediately put on the payroll as soon as a fellow gets a position where he portions out the jobs. Things have got along that way in this state ever since statehood, and the people had commenced to think it was the law. Recently, he ordered that his force in the state engineers' office work eight hours a day. First thing one knows this thing of regular hours will make it necessary to cut down his force, while the people have been educated to believe a political job is for the purpose of cutting down the hours and increasing the force on the payroll.

The very best efforts of the Los Angeles Times, Giff, Pinchot, Willie Hearst, Willie Bryan, and a large herd of that element will not be sufficient in the coming presidential contest to demobilize the Republican party again. About every thinking man and woman in the country have been whetting up their axes during the past few years and as soon as that election comes off—off goes the "Wood."

The Cleveland Plaindealer is not alone in holding to the amusing theory that the way to end "partisanship" is for every American citizen to let Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic party do this thinking for him.

A majority of the Democrats in the house voted against an increase in soldiers' pay when the war was on, but under Champ Clark's lead they are loudly demanding "justice" for the soldier now that they are out of power and the war is over.

It's just one thing after another in this world. About the time all the laws passed by the last legislature are argued and quarrelled over and settled by the supreme court, it is time for another session.

You may hear all kinds of discussions as to which side is paying the bulk of the taxes, but when it comes to buying bonds Flagstaff always has to show up with about three-fourths of the load.

A brave slacker back East cut off his left hand with an ax rather than be drafted. Secretary Baker should have cut off his right hand and made his assistant secretary of war.

Japan has bought fifty million dollars' worth of Victory Liberty loan bonds. The Japs know a good thing when they see it.

Attorney General Palmer opposes a pardon for Debs. But wait until the friend of conscientious objectors has his say.

Mexico has stopped killing Villa and Zapata, and is now engaged in killing Gen. Blanquet quite regularly.

Of course you have bought your Victory Liberty loan bond—I saw your name in the publicity paper.

Mr. McAdoo says that there is too much wild catting these days. Well, who started it?

Why should a man go straight through the whole week and then—go nuts Sundaes?

Wonder what our wandering boys are doing tonight in Russia?

THE LAWS AND THE VERITIES

Hon. Jonathan Bourne, jr., says, "Every ancient maxim contains a wealth of truth. If it had not contained truth it would not have survived long enough to become either a maxim or ancient. Here, for instance, is the old saying that 'one man can lead a horse to water, but ten men can't make him drink.' In those words we have a statement of truth that should be hung upon the walls of bureaucracy's offices in Washington, where officialdom has gone mad with the desire to tell all creation how to live and move and have its being. Just now we have in mind the visionary schemes to put returned soldiers on farms. Officialdom can lead a million soldiers up to the land; but it can't make them farm. Canada has tried it and has failed. If Uncle Sam also tries it, he will also fail. This is not saying that none of the returned soldiers will go to the farm. A great many of them will. But they will go there of their own accord and not through the leadership of an official who is careful to keep away from the soil himself.

"The trouble with the present autocratic administration is that it tells the returning soldiers to go to the farms and then does everything possible to keep them away. Hours of labor and wages are made as attractive as possible in cities or on railroads, while conditions remain practically unchanged in the country. In fact, conditions are less attractive for the farmer who must hire some help, for he finds increasing difficulty in persuading men to leave the city to work on a farm.

"The whole policy of this administration has been one of attempted overthrow of economic law—an effort to prevent water seeking its level, an effort to dislocate the center of gravity, an effort to remake human nature by law or executive edict. Price-fixing, government operation, artificial and inequitable wage scales, are illustrations of the determination of self-constituted omnipotents to perform modern miracles. The performances have taken place—their miraculous character has not become apparent for the reason that the eternal law of compensation is still in operation and the country is paying in one form or another for the attempt to set aside natural law.

"Whenever the governmental 'back-to-the-farm' bureaus find themselves embarrassed by a flood of resignations from employees who are quitting government jobs to go on the farms, we may expect to find soldiers flocking to agricultural occupations. Until then, soldiers will go to the farms when they feel so disposed, just as a horse will drink when he's thirsty."

One trouble with many of those who talk on the soap boxes about the uplift of humanity is that they are exceedingly careless about the comfort of the wife and kids at home, and one trouble with most internationalists is that in their professed love for the world in general they fail to manifest much affection for their own country. Genuine patriotism, like real charity, begins at home, and the man who is not loyal to his own kindred and country is a four-flusher as a world patriot.

From the rumors and reports received from the peace conference, more crises have been pulled off there than all during the war. Some day the boys will actually find out what they were over in Europe fighting for. Fellows like General Grant and General Lee talked the thing over under an apple tree and when they got through told all the boys they could go home. But our fourteen points seem to have pointed in all directions except "home."

Things are improving rapidly in Winslow. Editor Chapman, of the Mail, had a new screen door attached to his office and if he gets a new subscriber, intends adding further comforts by putting several shingles on the roof. When a sucker gets to spending money once, you never can tell where he'll stop.

The trouble with too many people is that they are willing to abide by the decision of the majority, provided it does not affect them or is in accordance with their views. Aside from that, they are very popular with themselves.

A speaker welcoming returning soldiers in New York was interrupted by a man from overseas, who said: "We fought for democracy and got prohibition and influenza." Some people are never satisfied.—Douglas Dispatch.

While a good showing is being made for the Victory Liberty loan, Coconino county will have to whip up some to come through with their \$290,000 on time. About \$150,000 has been raised at this writing.

Suppose every person in the United States last year had refused to either work or fight, wonder if the Secretary of War would have treated the whole bunch like he did those who did slack.

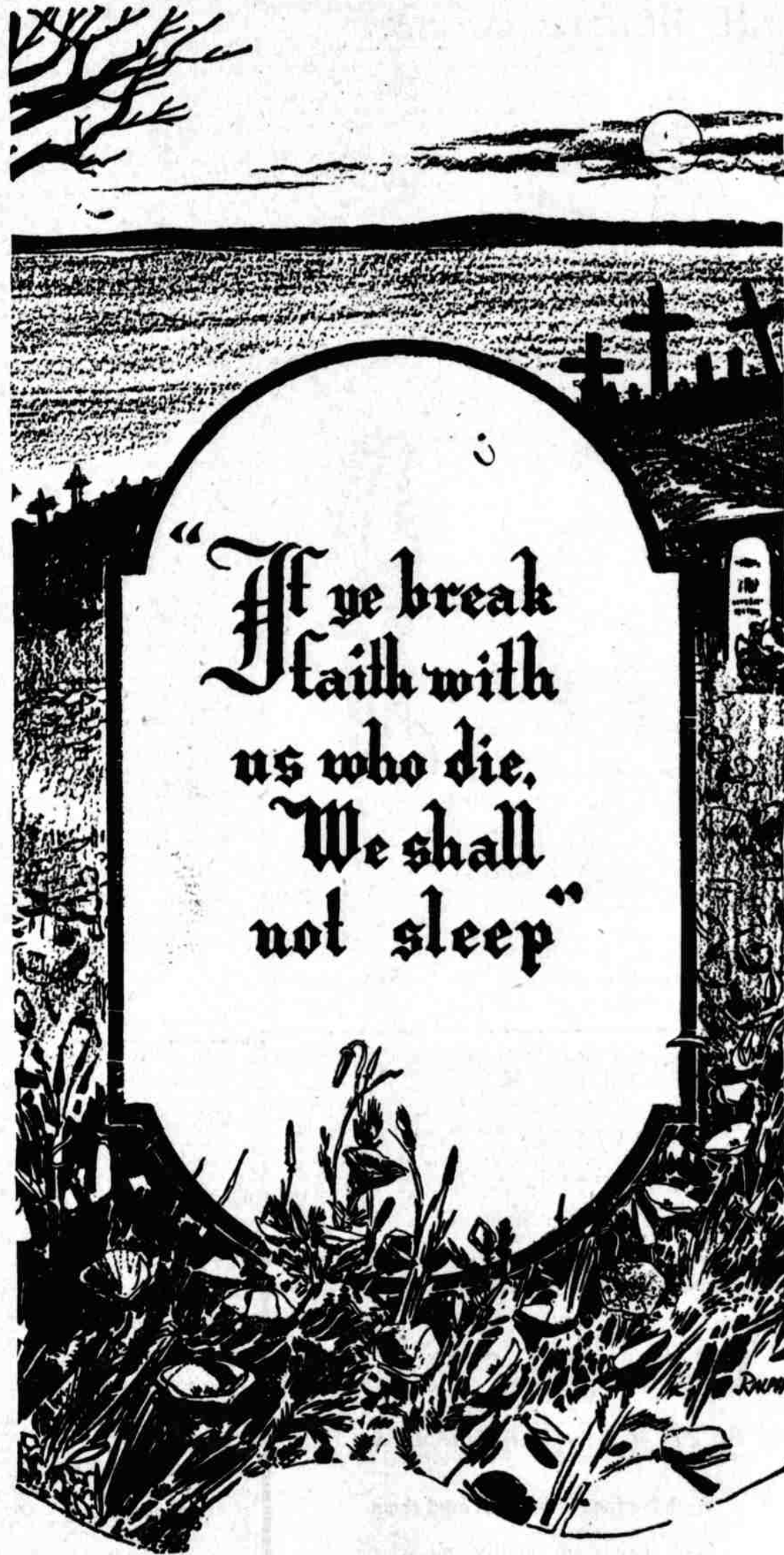
State Auditor Boyce is rapidly becoming the best sued man in the state. The apairy commissioners are now suing him for their salaries, and it appears that two men are claiming the same salary.

Just think of the price of sauer kraut "if Germany doesn't sign." Think of our children's children who will have to go through life sauerkraut-less.

Postmaster General Bureson claims that he is being made the victim of abuse. Poor man; and all he ever did was to knock the "ser" out of service.

If our European allies do not agree with President Wilson, we can send Jham Lewis over there; he will.

If Germany refuses to sign the peace treaty, the American socialists will probably go on a sympathy strike.



The American Field of Honor

—It is a patch of soil in France where sleep our dead. It is Spring now and poppies—blood-red—cover the fresh turned earth of the graves.

While the marks of the spade still linger can we forget the sacrifice those American boys made—can we break faith?

We can carry on the work they died for. We can keep faith with them. We can sacrifice here and there to take, each of us, our share of the VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN. Keep faith.

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