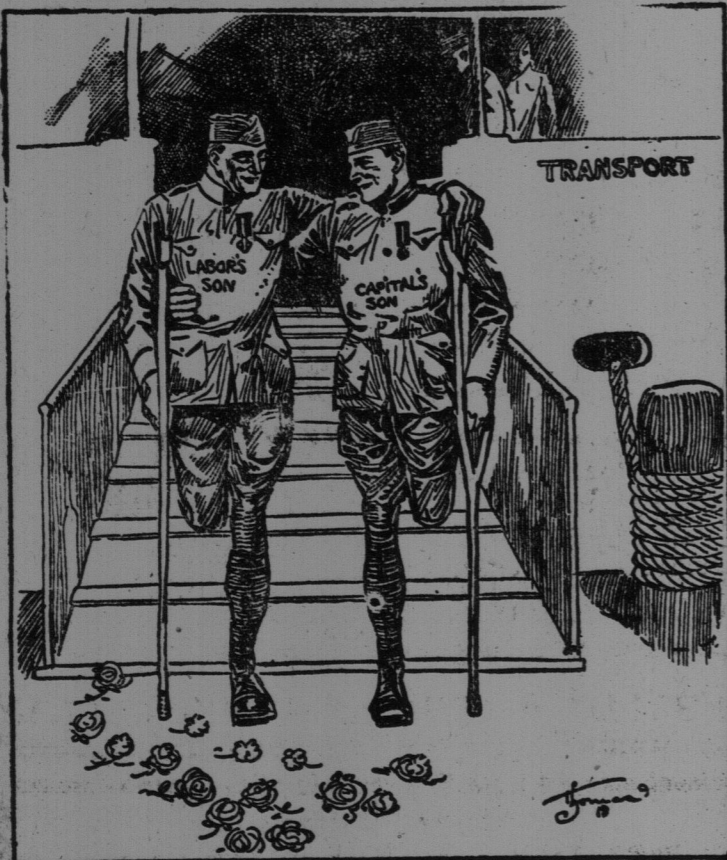


A LESSON TO THEIR PARENTS



OVERESTIMATED HIMSELF. Hohenzollern a Bumblepuppy in Comparison with Napoleon.

War is the gambling of kings, Caesar, Hannibal, Alexander, Frederick the Great, Napoleon were arch-gamblers. William Hohenzollern was a gambler, but he was not an arch-gambler. He thought he was, and therein was the seed of his undoing. Like Napoleon, he thought he could deal a hand with every monarch in Europe and win out, inasmuch as the cards he played were marked. But even the arch-gambler Napoleon lost when he dealt his cards to his cool, long-waiting British adversary. The Hohenzollern lost when he invited John Bull and Uncle Sam into the game. But the Hohenzollern was a bumblepuppy player compared with Napoleon. Only in one respect does the defeated Kaiser resemble the Corsican conqueror, Napoleon the Great was a consummate liar. But even the great Corsican made mistakes. His most egregious mistake, the mistake that eventually brought about his ruin, was the invasion of Russia. This was a mistake in psychology. He was a man of the Latin race, and the Latin race has never understood the Slav. Will it ever understand the Slav?

Napoleon thought that the Russians would act as his enemies of the Latin race had acted. "They are savages," he said. "It is a barbaric and stupid instinct that makes them destroy their own property for the sake of hampering us. As we approach Moscow we shall find that the more civilized inhabitants of the village, enervated by an easy life, rendered selfish by possession of wealth, will not abandon their property, but will barter and sell to us, and find themselves the victims of our might." And the army believed him. The army always believed him. The soldiers of the Grand Army had superstitious faith in their leader and his star, such a faith as is supposed to move mountains. But Napoleon found that the further he advanced into Russia the more willingly the Russians destroyed their crops and their property. And when he arrived at Moscow the city was in flames. The people had put the torch to their own city. He did not know that the Russians, for all their lack of self-confidence, for all their dreaminess and indecisiveness, are idealistic and fatalists. He did not know that they would perform prodigious acts of self-sacrifice in order to drive the invader from their marshes. If Napoleon had been a better psychologist he would never have invaded Russia. And if the Kaiser had been a better psychologist he would never have taken the chance of America's entering the war. But he told his army that Amer-

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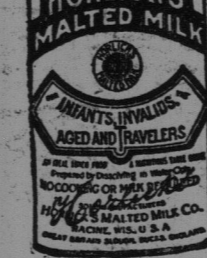
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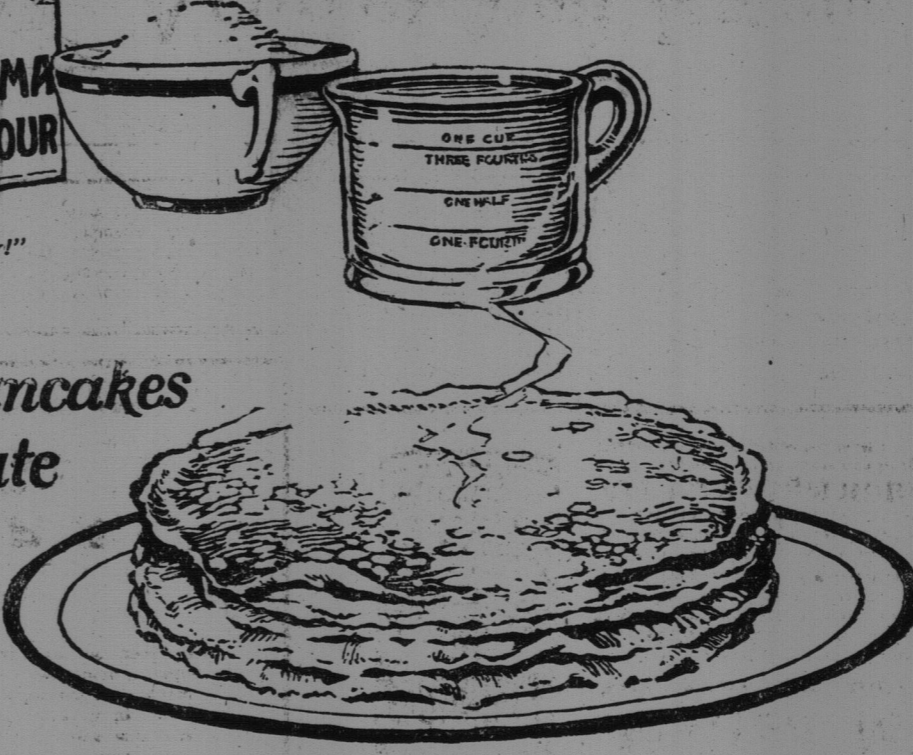
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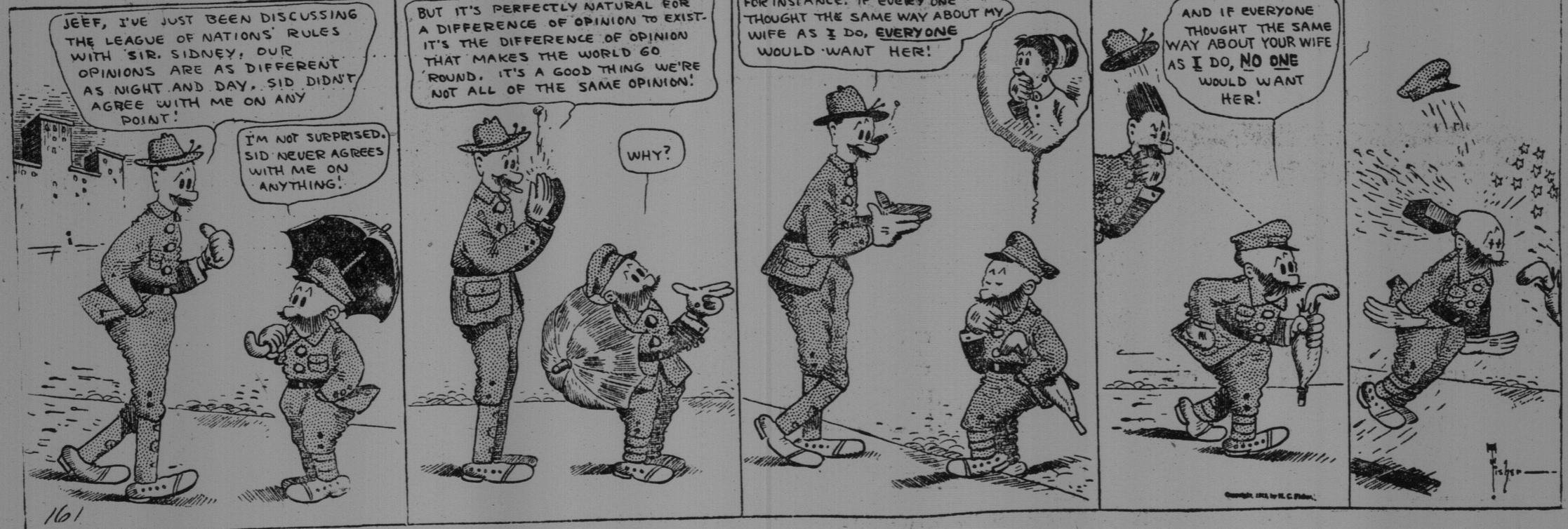


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