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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

WHY WILL YE DIE?—Cast
 away from you all your trans-
 gressions, whereby ye have trans-
 gressed: and make you a new
 heart and a new spirit: for why
 will ye die, O house of Israel?
 For I have no pleasure in the
 death of him that dieth, saith the
 Lord God: wherefore turn your-
 selves, and live ye.—Ezekiel 18:
 31, 32.

Germans, in mass meeting, pro-
 test against treaties, blaming
 them as responsible for the pres-
 ent plight of Central Europe.

Evidently the spirit of those
 people has not changed, and
 they still would consider a
 treaty a "mere scrap of paper."

Secretary of Labor Davis de-
 clares that strife and bloodshed
 in Nation's industrial life has
 reached proportions of "disgrace
 to our whole civilization" and
 calls upon labor to help restore
 industrial relations to an orderly
 basis.

That is the right spirit and it
 is to be hoped that labor will
 generally adopt that method of

settlement. Strife and bloodshed
 only serve to chrysalize senti-
 ment against and not for labor,
 and such a course continued will
 lead to bolshevism.

Former Secretary of War
 says that the political parties are
 unable to find an issue which
 will differ and the result in
 scrapping in favor of a new
 alignment. If there were but one
 issue between the parties, that of
 the tariff monstrosity which the
 Republicans have succeeded in
 foisting upon the country, it
 would be enough to cause a pretty
 good fight, but that is only one
 of the issues which the Democ-
 rats will have to go before the
 voters with, in addition to a
 tale of extravagance and a
 history of do-nothingness in a
 constructive way which the last
 Congress left behind in.

**THE A. E. F.'S BATTLE OF
 THE WILDERNESS**

So much was going on four
 years ago this month, so many
 fronts were flashing into activity,
 so definitely had the tide of
 battle turned in favor of the Al-
 lied Armies, that it is doubtful
 if anyone save the man who was
 actually in it even now under-
 stands to the full the significance
 of the Battle of the Meuse-Argonne.
 St. Mihiel was a romps. Tactically a complete success, it
 was over and done with in forty-
 eight hours, with every objec-
 tive reached. Sharp fighting
 broke out on the new line estab-
 lished by the victory, but there
 is nothing sensational in a stabil-
 izing front, and here, too, only
 the man who was left in to hold
 it appreciates what an evil sector
 it became after September 13th.

The same is true of the Ar-
 gonne. A splendid jumpoff, fol-
 lowed by misty, muddly weeks of
 tooth-and-nail battling and inch-
 by-inch gains—that was the Ar-
 gonne. Meanwhile the French
 and British were counting their
 advance by the kilometer, dash-
 ing ahead into ground that had
 been in hostile hands from the
 start of the war. Several rea-
 sons were responsible for their

splendid, victorious dash. Their
 morale was high; they knew
 that Jerry had his wind up; at
 last, after a grinding Argonne
 of years, they were in the
 bag. But making their
 possible more than any
 was the fact
 the enemy was to hold on
 anywhere, it must be in the Ar-
 gonne. Elsewhere he might yield
 ground lavishly; between the
 river and the forest ground must
 not be yielded. To give in here
 was to acknowledge defeat.

That is why October of 1918
 will go down in history as the
 bloodiest month in the annals of
 Americans arms.

One comparison will suffice.
 It is supplied by Colonel Leonard
 P. Ayres, Chief of the Statistics
 Branch of the General Staff dur-
 ing the war. In "The War With
 Germany: A Statistical Sum-
 mary," he declares:

In some ways the Meuse-Argonne offers an interesting re-
 semblance to the Battle of the
 Wilderness, fought from May 5
 to 12, 1864, in the Civil War.
 Both were fought over a terrain
 covered with tangled woods and

underbrush. The Wilderness
 was regarded as a long battle,
 marked by slow progress, against
 obstinate resistance, with ver-
 heavy casualties. Here the
 clarity ends. The Meuse-Argonne
 lasted six times as long
 Battle of the Wilderness. A
 times times as many troops were
 engaged as were on the Union
 side. They used in the action
 ten times as many guns and fired
 about one hundred times as
 many rounds of artillery ammu-
 nition. The actual weight of the
 ammunition fired was greater
 than that used by the Union
 forces during the entire Civil
 War. Casualties were perhaps
 four times as heavy as among
 the Northern troops in the Bat-
 tle of the Wilderness. The Bat-
 tle of the Meuse-Argonne was
 beyond compare the greatest ever
 fought by American troops, and
 there have been few, if any,
 greater battles in the history of
 the world.—American Legion
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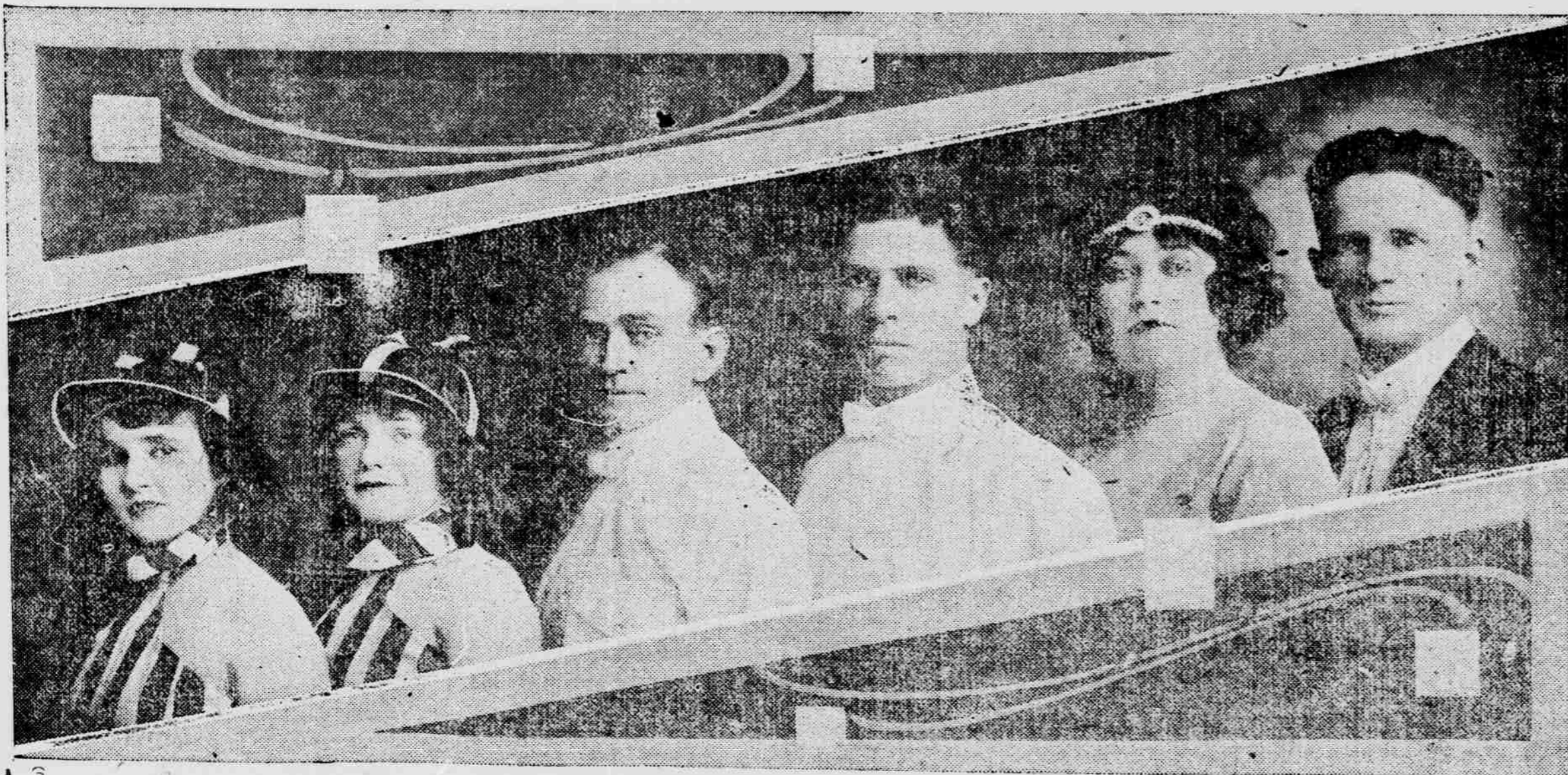
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