

DEATH OF WILSON MOURNED AS CITY ARRANGES TRIBUTE

Patriotic, Civic and Political
Organizations Prepare to
Honor Memory.

The memory of Woodrow Wilson, former President of the United States, was mourned today in Indianapolis. Flags flew at half-mast and arrangements for tributes to the war President were made by patriots, civic and political organizations.

Plans for a memorial meeting were discussed by officials of the Indiana Democratic Club. The date will be announced later. The club also will mourn the passing of Mrs. Shank.

A telegram of condolence was sent Sunday by the Indianapolis chapter of American War Mothers to Mrs. Wilson. It was signed by Mrs. Alice M. French, founder of the American War Mothers and read:

"The founders' chapter of the American War Mothers were with you at the passing of your distinguished husband, Woodrow Wilson, War President and commander-in-chief of the American Army, as one more casualty to those of our sons who gave their lives for our country's honor and the world's peace."

"Although the voice of this great American is stilled and his aching heart at rest we believe his great spirit still abides."

"Lest we forget, lest we forget."

Thomas R. Marshall, vice president during the eight years of President Wilson's administration, cancelled his engagement to address the Indianapolis council of the United Commercial Travelers of America at its banquet at the Sevier Saturday, because of the serious condition of Wilson at that time.

Benjamin J. Burris, State superintendent of public instruction, asked school officials and teachers of the State to fittingly observe memory of Mr. Wilson.

TOLL IN WILSON'S HONOR

Evansville May Hold Public Memorial Service This Week.

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 4.—Tentative plans for public memorial services to be held later in the week at the Coliseum were under way today.

When news of the death of Woodrow Wilson was received here Sunday factory whistles were blown and many bells were rung in honor of the fallen war President.

It is expected that memorial services will be held in many surrounding towns.

WOODROW WILSON TAKEN BY DEATH

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so fatigued it refused to act any longer. The end came peacefully.

"The remote causes of death lie in his ill-health which began more than four years ago, namely arteriosclerosis with hemiplegia.

"The immediate cause of death was exhaustion following a digestive disturbance which began in the early part of last week, but did not reach an acute stage until the early morning of Feb. 1."

Woodrow Wilson died. He did not surner!

Born in Staunton, Va., Dec. 28, 1856 he inherited congenital traits of the fighter which marked his career to the end.

His mother was Jessie Woodrow and his father the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1858 the family moved to

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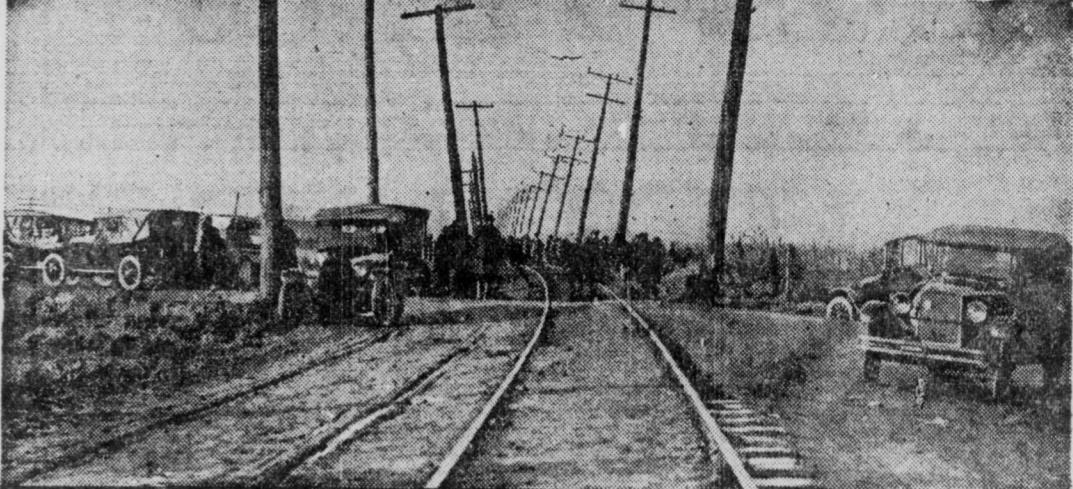
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Augusta, Ga., where, when the Civil War caused a schism in the church, the Rev. Wilson joined the South Presbyterian branch.

Tommy, as little Thomas Woodrow Wilson was then known, had two older sisters.

The Union troops did not reach Augusta until 1865 and Tommy did not feel the effects of the war.

Tommy was a regular boy; liked baseball and also had an early leaning toward oratory. He did not learn his alphabet until he was 9 years old, although his training began much earlier, at his mother's knee. He and his father were constant companions and Tommy was a deep thinker.

Attended Private School

Rev. Wilson sent Tommy to the private school of Prof. Joseph T. Derry. When he was 14 years old the Wilsons moved to Columbia, S. C., where he entered another private school, conducted by Charles H. Barnwell.

Rev. Wilson became a professor in the Southern Theological Seminary.

Tommy was a dreamer at this time and wrote thrilling stories of the sea.

At 17 he went to Davidson College in North Carolina. Schoolmates nicknamed him "Mutton."

He played baseball, but otherwise kept to himself and was very studious. Before his first college year was up he fell ill and went home to Wilmington, N. C., where his father had been called.

Go to Princeton

For a year Wilson rested, and in 1875 went to Princeton University.

He was very active in politics, oratory and athletics. He spent much time reading, writing and debating and once was president of the students' athletic committee.

He also served as managing editor of the Princetonian, and organized the Liberal Debating Society, modeling it after the British Parliament. He refused to debate for issues he did not believe in.

Wilson topped off his college activities with the publication of an article, in a first class magazine, on "Cabinet Government," outlining his theories.

He was graduated from Princeton and entered the University of Virginia to study law. In 1882 he went to Atlanta and opened a law office. Clients were scarce and he spent much time writing. During visits to relatives in Rome, Ga., he met Miss Ellen Louise Axson, a playmate of childhood days. They became engaged.

Wilson then entered Johns Hopkins University in 1883 and won the historical scholarship in his second year. In 1885 he published "Congressional Government," a study of government by committee. The book was a success and gained Wilson considerable prominence. He accepted a chair of political economy at Bryn Mawr and then went to Savannah, Ga., where he married Miss Axson, June 24, 1885.

The Wilsons spent their summers in the South, where their two eldest daughters were born.

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His policy toward Mexico was one of "watchful" waiting. He forced through the tariff revision, a graduated tax on incomes, and federal reserve bank system, which solved the currency problem. Voluntary dissolution took the place of prosecutions in handling the trusts.

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War is Declared

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people, and shorter words.

He became president of the university in 1902 and attempted to democratize the institution. He realized it had become a school of rich men's sons. A committee studied the situation and scholarship requirements were raised and clubs abolished.

He made many addresses emphasizing his views of democracy and outlining his plan for the League of Nations he was championing.

In the peace conference Wilson was one of the so-called "big four," the others being Clemenceau of France, Lloyd George of England and Orlando of Italy.

He left France Feb. 15 with the announcement he expected to return for the peace deliberations later. Upon his arrival home he delivered an address in Boston, Feb. 24, and a few days later he spoke in New York, on his position in the peace conference and the League of Nations.

Tackles Home Problems

The threatened industrial unrest and other domestic problems faced the President at the White House. He disposed of a great amount of business before his return to France, March 5.

Difficulties arising at the peace conference kept the President longer abroad than he had expected, but he returned with the signed document, leaving France July 1 and arriving here July 8.

Republican Senators had prepared an attack on the League of Nations and there also was a huge amount of domestic issues facing him. He disposed of the latter first. After he had placed before the Senate, July 10, the peace treaty, he began a fight on the ever-increasing cost of living.

Tours Country

He then began a tour of the country, championing the League of Nations. The furious pace at which he had been working began to tell on him. His voice broke in a speech he was delivering on the Pacific Coast. A few days later he collapsed and was hurried East under the care of his personal physician, Admiral Grayson. He arrived home Sept. 30.

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1923 under the title "The Road Away From Revolution." In it he gave his continuing close study of world events and pleaded for a world spiritual revival as a foundation for re-establishing peace and prosperity.

"The real ground for the universal unrest," he wrote, "lies deep at the sources of the spiritual life of our time and leads to revolution. Our civilization can not survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually."

Aside from glimpses caught on his frequent rides or at his visits at the theater, the public saw little of the War President. His public appearances were few. He participated in the ceremonies attending the burial of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington on Nov. 11, 1921, and—against the advice of his physician—rode in the procession which escorted the body of President Harding from the White House to the Capitol, Aug. 8, 1923.

His home in S. St., Washington, however, became a Mecca for loyal admirers and sympathizers who each year on his birthday, Dec. 28, gathered by the thousands to pay their respects. On these occasions Wilson, assisted by his negro attendant or by Mrs. Wilson, always appeared in the doorway, leaning on his cane, to express his appreciation.

He attempted no long speeches, as neither his strength nor his voice permitted. On these occasions the throngs saw a haggard, crippled old man, his face lined and drawn, his left arm and leg almost helpless, but with a still keen mind and steely that will overcome by sheer courage and determination the handicap of his affliction.

This courage and determination, this fighting spirit which made him the most-loved and most-hated man of his time, carried him to the last.

CLUB FEDERATION DISCUSSES PLANS AT STATE MEET