

Five Minutes with Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN

After Woodrow Wilson had been teaching in the classroom for a quarter of a century that the president ought to be more like a prime minister, "trying to co-operate with other human beings" than "a mere department" holding congress from some isolated island of authority, the opportunity came to him to put his theory in practice. When congress met in extra session, a month after his inauguration, he walked in and delivered his message in person, reviving a custom which Jefferson had stopped only because he happened to have a poor voice and was an awkward speaker.

For a century presidents had been keeping away from the capitol, except when they went there for an hour to sign the bills of an expiring congress. The rest of the time they carried on a more or less secret diplomacy with the other half of the government, a mile away, as if it were some rival power in Europe.

President Wilson adopted the attitude of a sort of member at large of both houses, sauntering unheralded into the seldom used president's room, which adjoins the senate chamber, whenever he had any special business and talking things over in the open. This common sense democratic plan of leadership resulted—while it lasted—in the best exhibition of quiet, smooth team work between the executive and legislative departments that we have ever had. There was neither a quarrel nor a deadlock throughout that pre-war period.

The president succeeded, not by arousing a personal loyalty to himself, but by the force of his ideas. "I have had a majority on the floor, but," he admitted, "never a majority in the cloak room."

The quality of the product of his leadership is open to question, but the quantity represents a bigger grist than the legislative mill has ever ground out in a like space of time. Here are the outstanding items in the peace record of the Wilson administration: Tariff revision, the first income tax, the Federal Reserve act, the Federal Trade commission, the Clayton Trust law, thirty arbitration treaties, the Seaman's act, the Farm Loan, the repeal of Panama tolls, the Shipping act, the Child Labor law, the purchase of the Danish West Indies and federal aid for good roads.

The Federal Reserve law is potentially as great a piece of constructive legislation as any that has been enacted in this country. We were absolutely without a financial system, and the money of the nation was in the irresponsible control of a few big banks in New York.

A single private citizen exercised far more power over the national currency than the national government itself. President Cleveland hired J. P. Morgan to be the protector of the helpless treasury in 1895, and President Roosevelt turned to him to save the financial life of the country in 1907. All the while an absurd system left the great business of the country without currency whenever it was needed, and with too much of it when the need was least.

Every attempt to remedy this situation had failed because private financial interests naturally wished to keep their control of the money. The Aldrich bill in the Taft administration proposed to give the sanction of law to this private domination, but congress refused to pass it.

The Federal Reserve act simply reversed the Aldrich plan and gave the nation, through the government, the control of its own money. It is agreed now that without the new system our finances could not have withstood the gale of war. It yet remains to be tested as a method of contracting and deflating the wartime expansion.

President Wilson was the relentless driving force that pushed through the Federal Reserve bill and the rest of

1914—August 6, Death of Mrs. Wilson.
1915—December 18, the President Married Mrs. Edith Bolling
1916—Re-elected.

the legislative program, and he incurred the implacable hostility of powerful interests. The only other president to challenge the supremacy of this element in our politics was Roosevelt, but the harder it fought him, the closer the people as a whole drew to him.

The electric spark was omitted from President Wilson's composition, and this omission denied him a flowing communication with his fellows, a natural limitation which was confirmed by the life he had led until he was suddenly thrust into the hurly burly of politics. His aloofness chilled the emotions of the people even when their minds approved his policies and admired his abilities. Nor did he have a cabinet which could supply the lacking element of popularity.

President Wilson has been a lonely figure in the White House. He came to the presidency a stranger to public men, and no president can make new friends—real friends; he can only make sycophants. When his wife died, leaving him without a close companion in the midst of heavy cares, the hearts of the people warmed to him as at no other time, and they almost resented his remarriage because it broke that tie of sympathy between them and him.

His re-election was one of the big surprises of our presidential elections. For several hours after the polls closed he appeared to have been badly beaten, and Hughes went to bed with the assurance that he was president-elect.

After all the great industrial states, which had decided the elections in the past, except Ohio, had sent in reports of Republican victories, the tide was turned by the far west, which had been almost forgotten in the reckoning, but where the conservative interests had less influence. At last the returns from remote hamlets in the Sierras gave California to the president by less than 4,000 plurality. He had lost all but two of the northern states east of the Missouri, and had yet won by carrying all but two of the states west of that river, where the women voters are supposed to have rallied to him because "he kept us out of war."

Masonic Calendar

Monday, Dec. 13.—Richmond Commandery, No. 8, K. T. Special convocation; work in the Order of the Temple; 7:00 o'clock. Special rehearsal Sunday afternoon.

Tuesday, Dec. 14.—Richmond Lodge, No. 196, F. and A. M. Called meeting; work in the Entered Apprentice degree; 7:00 o'clock.

Wednesday, Dec. 15.—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. and A. M. State and meeting Annual election of officers.

Friday, Dec. 17.—King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. Called meeting; work in Mark Master degree.

Saturday, Dec. 18.—Loyal Chapter, No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting.

GERMANS MAN SHIPS.

(By Associated Press.)
VALPARAISO, Dec. 11.—A German steamer has arrived at Iquique, bringing crews to man the last of the 40 odd German vessels interned in Chilean waters during the war. Under the Inter-Allied agreement, reached in London last May, the ships were to be returned to Europe for distribution among the allies.

Among the interned vessels was the Potasi, of 5,040 tons, one of the largest sailing vessels afloat. She sailed recently for Europe for a full cargo of nitrate.

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Jugs, \$7.75, \$8.00, \$9.00.

Tumbler, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50.

Sugar and Cream Sets, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$6.00, \$6.75, \$8.00 set.

Vases, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$5.75.

Sherberts, 75c each.

Lace Collars, 50c to \$5.00.

Fancy Vest Sets, regular \$5, special \$3.98.

Beads, 25c to \$5.00.

Pearl Beads, \$8.50.

Salz Sta Sharp Pencil, gold and silver, \$1.00 to \$4.50.

Toilet Sets, \$1.35 to \$8.50 set.

Toilet Water, 75c to \$1.50.

Perfumes, 25c to \$1.00 bottle.

Complete line of Dolls, 25c to \$13.50.

Moving Eyes Dolls from 85c to \$13.50.

Stationery from 25c to \$2.48 box.

SPECIAL — Four colors to the box, 48 sheets, 48 envelopes, linen, regular 75c; special, 69c.

Tie Racks, Book Ends, Smoking Sets, Paper Knives, Flower Stands.

Sweet Grass Baskets, \$1.00 to \$3.50.

Leather Collar Bags, \$2.25 to \$3.00.

Bar Pins, 50c to \$5.00.

Cuff Links, Lingerie Clasps, 85c to \$1.00 pair.

Rings, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Traveling Sets, 58c to \$3.75.

Ladies' Pocketbooks in black, grey and brown leather, also brown hand-tooled leather. Prices \$1.25 to \$27.00.

Leather Bags and Suit Cases, \$11.00 to \$42.50.

Electric Lamps, \$8 to \$27.50.

Electric Stoves, \$12.48.

Shaving Sets, \$3.50 to \$12.00.

Writing Sets, \$1.00 to \$4.50.

Initial Handkerchiefs, linen, 60c.

Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c, 20c, 30c, 35c; three for \$1.00.

Ladies' Silk Fibre Handkerchiefs, 25c, 30c and 50c.

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c, 30c and 50c.

Smoking Jackets, \$10.00.

Narcissus Bulbs, in fancy box, \$1.00 to \$3.75.

Manicure Sets, genuine leather cases, \$1.35 to \$16.50.

Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs.

3 in box, 88c to \$1.68 box.

Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, 75c.

Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, 18c each.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, plain white and white and colored, embroidered corners; prices 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c; three for \$1.00.

Linen, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.00.

IVORY

Combs, 30c to \$2.25.

Hair Brushes, \$1.75 to \$9.00.

Cloth Brushes, \$2.25.

Military Brushes, \$1.75 to \$3.

Jewel Boxes, \$3.00 to \$5.50.

Hair Receivers, 98c to \$2.75.

Powder Boxes, 98c to \$2.75.

Clocks, \$2.75 to \$4.50.

Pin Cushions, \$1.18.

Cold Cream Jars, 30c to \$1.19.

Shoe Horns, 50c.

Files, 30c and 50c.

Cuticle Knives, 85c.

Paper Knives, 85c.

Mirrors, \$3.00 to \$9.50.

Trays, \$1.35 to \$4.00.

Gifts for Men in the West Room

Men's madras and fibre stripe

Shirts; each, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Men's Silk and Fibre Shirts; each, \$6.00 to \$8.50.

Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, \$2.00 to \$3.00 each.

Men's Flannelette Pajamas; suit, \$3.00.

Men's Pajamas (one-piece suits); suit, \$4.50.

Men's Night Shirts (cotton), \$2.00 and \$2.50 each.

Men's Pajamas, light weights, \$2.50 to \$6.50 suit.

Men's Cashmere and Wool Gloves, 50c to \$1.50 pair.

Men's Auto Gauntlet Gloves, lined and unlined; price, \$2.50 to \$8.50 pair.

Men's Fur Gauntlets; pair, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Men's Cashmere Socks in black, natural color, heather mixtures, 50c to \$2.00 pair.

Men's Cotton Socks, 25c, 35c and 50c pair.

Men's Lisle Socks, black and colors, 60c, 65c, 75c and 85c pair.

ANNEX Second Floor CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Fine Nainsook and Batiste Gowns in white and flesh, lace trimmed and hand embroidered, in both regular and extra sizes, ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$6.00.

Philippine and Porto Rican hand-made and hand-embroidered Gowns and Envelope Chemises; price ranging from \$4.50 to \$7.50 each.

"Billie Burke Sleeping Garments in Windsor Crepe, white and flesh, Lingerie Cloth, Figured Batiste, Silk Batiste and Wiltchery Crepe, sizes from 38 to 44; prices \$4.00 to \$9.00 each.

Flesh colored Gowns and Envelope Chemises in Silk Batiste, Wiltchery Crepe, Crepe de chine and Wash Satin; lace, ribbon and hand embroidery decorations. Prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$20 each.

Fancy pink Silk Bloomers in Crepe de Chine and Wash Satin, from \$4.50 to \$6.50 each.

A very extensive line of silk Camisoles in white, flesh, navy, taupe, brown, black and fancy ribbon; both regular and extra sizes, ranging in price from \$1.98 to \$5.00 each.

PETTICOATS

Black and colored, both regular and extra sizes in Mercerized Satin, plain and figured Heatherbloom, Chiffon Taffeta, Messaline, Satin, Floriswab Silk and Silk Jersey. Many handsome designs and styles ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$18.00 each.

PETTIBOCKERS

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Serpentine and Hand-embroidered Japanese Crepe, fancy figured Silks and Messaline, Wool Albatross and Crepe, Hand embroidered Japanese Silk Robes; prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$35.00 each.

Beacon Cloth Bath Robes for Ladies and Misses; prices \$6.50 to \$12.00 each.

Corduroy Robes, plain and embroidered in rose color, copen, wisteria and purple; prices, \$10.00 to \$25.00 each.

Fancy Christmas Aprons from 50c to \$1.50 each.

Boudoir Caps from 50c to \$3.50 each.

Boudoir Slippers from \$2.00 to \$4.00

Fancy Wool Motor Scarfs, prices from \$5.00 to \$11.00 each.

INFANTS' DEPARTMENT

Beacon Crib Blankets, Japanese Silk hand embroidered Quilts, knit Sacques and Sweaters, Hoods and Caps, Toilet Articles and Sets, Toys, Carriage Straps and Clamps, hand painted Hot Water Bags, Teething Rings and Beads, Afghan Bows, Bibs, Booties, Silk and Kid Moccasins, Articles ranging in price from 35c to \$8.00.

Children's and Misses' Silk and Wool Dresses and navy Serge Middy Suits, sizes from 10 to 16 years; prices \$7.50 to \$25.00 each.

Coats for small girls and boys—Velvet, Velour, Broadcloth, Cheviot, Melton and Chinchilla; sizes from 2 to 6 years; prices \$5.00 to \$15.00 each.

Girls' Middies, both white and colored, from \$2.50 to \$4.00.

Children's white and colored Sweaters, Sweater Sets, Leggings, Knit Toggles, Caps and handmade Tam-o-Shanters.

ANNEX First Floor CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Lace Curtains, \$2.50 to \$15.00 pair.

Plain Round Pillow, 89c each.

Bath Robe Blankets, \$7.50 to \$8.50. Cords to match.

Traveling Rugs, \$8.50 each.

Indian Blankets, \$10.00 each.

Plain and fancy Plaid Wool Blankets, \$9.98 to \$22.50 pair.

Plain and fancy Cotton Blankets, \$2.98 to \$10.00 pair.

Beacon Fancy Plaid special, \$9.00 pair.

Cotton filled Silkline covered Comforts, \$5.00 to \$9.00 each.

Wool Filled and Silk Covered Comforts, \$22.50 each.

Fancy Shopping Baskets, 85c, \$1.39, \$1.75.

White Crochet Bed Spread, plain hem or scallop cut corner, \$4.50 to \$12.50 each.

White Satin Bed Spread with Bolster to match, \$10.00 to \$15.00 set.

Bissels Carpet Sweepers, \$5.00 to \$7.00.

Bissels Hand Vacuum Sweepers, \$9.00 to \$11.00 each.

Marvel Hand Vacuum, best hand vacuum on the market, \$18.50.

Hoover Suction Sweeper, Dec. 15, Hoover Day, \$52.50 and \$65.00.

Circo Odorless Gas Heater, made in two sizes, \$6.75 and \$8.75.

Cedar Chests, \$20.00 to \$45.00.

Small Rag Rugs, \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Axminster Rugs, size 27x54, \$5.00 to \$10.

Axminster Rugs, size 36x63, \$10 to \$15.

Wilton Velvet Rug, 27x54, \$13.50 to \$15.

Wilton Velvet Rug, 36x63, \$15 to \$25.

Wool Fiber Rugs, 9x12, \$16.50 to \$35.

Tapestry Rugs, 9x12, \$50 to \$60.

Axminster Rugs, 9x12, \$65 to \$125.

Velvet Rugs, 9x12, \$50 to \$85.

Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12, \$98 to \$160.

Extra size Rugs, 11x12, Axminster, Tapestry and Velvet, \$50.00 to \$185.00.

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