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HOW WILL THE FUTURE VIEW MR. WILSON'S PHILOSOPHY?

Earnest but Audacious Handling of Tremendous Forces Characterized the Dying Administration

THE cries-out for peace, the heroes of unreason and injustice, the great vicarities who are always ready to destroy much for the sake of a better future, the handsome men who yearn to be the deliverers of humanity from its inherited pain and its endless confusions move in a procession through all history. They always have been. They always will be.

Such as these sat at the gates of ancient cities and bitterly condemned the existing powers. They have shouted dark prophecies at passing kings. A few have led armies and others have done great services for modern peoples and modern governments.

The President who is about to leave his office is not essentially a politician. He respects nothing because of the mere fact of its existence and its general acceptance.

Mr. Wilson was a revolutionary at Princeton. He was a revolutionary in Jersey politics. He virtually revolutionized the banking system during his term in Washington and he was working determinedly when the war broke out to revolutionize international trade by making a Democratic law tariff a harsh reality.

It is the Wilson of the war period who will be known, studied and speculated upon. The Wilson of the first administration is already forgotten. And in view of what has been happening it is possible to feel that Big Jim Nugent and Big Jim Smith and Colonel George Harvey and the ultra-conservative board of directors at Princeton University functioned for years, without knowing it, as forces of a higher destiny.

country like this. He appeared always to feel that there was instinctive wisdom, passing the wisdom of any one man, in common judgments and something suggestive of eternal rightness and truth in common feeling.

Whatever one may think about Mr. Wilson's policies, no one can doubt the complete sincerity of his heart. Yet he is going out of office in a storm of unfriendly criticism. Debauched insults from his jail. The people who like to be known as intellectual radicals are searching their souls for sounds in which to express their distrust and their dislike and their disillusionments.

Because prices went up and because they went down; because we didn't get into the war earlier and because we got into it after a while; because the German indemnities were large and because they were not larger; because Ireland is not free and the Irish people are passionately at war with things they hate; because we do not intervene as well as because we tried to intervene by a slow and indirect method; because we didn't let Germany win and because we let her win for years; because the mind that dominated the country for a time was radical and because it was conservative, Mr. Wilson, approaching the end of his term, suffered the deepest humiliation that the voters could visit upon him in the days of his weariness and his infinite pain.

All this merely goes to show that it takes all sorts of people to make a world and that any one who attempts to do the world a service or to think and feel for it does so at his peril. That is the meaning that most historians are likely to read into the record of the present Democratic administration.

How wise was the President in the days of his greatest power? Who knows now? It is argued by a good many extremely wise men who have gained knowledge out of the fires of hard experience that a traditional course is often the wise one. Mr. Wilson accepted no rule because it was traditional. He has had a manner of resenting tradition. And he has suffered by it.

Perhaps, after all, it was Wilson the revolutionary philosopher and not Wilson the leader of the Democratic party who suddenly appealed for a unanimous Democratic vote in the congressional elections of 1918. It was and is hard for a great many people to believe that the President was actually disinterested at that occasion.

Mr. Wilson was playing against enormous odds. Europe was filled then, as it is filled now, with powerful groups who do not want a League of Nations, or even the prospect of a settled peace or the abandonment of military imperialism. These people feared America. And what is more, they feared their own people for the first time in their lives. Mr. Wilson had established communication with these various peoples and it was the desire of his opponents to see his prestige shaken.

The fashionable thing to say now is that "Wilson is a tragic figure." It may yet appear that the people who insistently misunderstood him are far more tragic than he. It is said that he was leading the nation into a blind road, into a trap from which it could emerge only as the ally of forces that breed war and that are seemingly ready to begin new wars. That is not a fair statement, since no one can know what the behavior of Europeans would have been had the American delegation achieved the ends they sought at Versailles.

When the allied governments began to see little hope of security through accepted world understandings, they turned about to seek safety and protection and advantage by the old-fashioned methods, the only methods then at their disposal. The Senate group, which sincerely feels that it has saved the country, has not yet known where that group is disposed to lead us before it is possible to say that the Senate was wiser or more far-sighted or more patriotic than the President. And neither victory nor defeat can change the logic of the general principles voiced from the White House. Their logic was apparent even to the Germans. Ludendorff has admitted that Mr. Wilson's notes were as destructive to the morale of his people and his army as artillery in the rear.

AS TO CONTESTS
Congressman Farr's Case Recalls An Other Famous One—The Osbourn-Devlin Most Noted in the State.

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
Lackawanna, who has just won his seat in the present Congress over his Democratic opponent, falls into the category of those who have won something more than \$21,000.

It is just thirty years ago that he appeared in Harrisburg as one of the representatives from Lackawanna county. He served continuously until 1910. In 1880 he was elected speaker of the House. It was a very turbulent session, but Farr handled it with a grip of steel.

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JAMES FRANKLIN, of the Twenty-first West Philadelphia district, called my attention yesterday to an almost forgotten senatorial contest that was the most famous in the history of the State Senate in the last half century, if not in its entire history.

AT THE opening of the session of the general assembly of 1880 the position of sergeant-at-arms of the Senate was offered to Anthony J. Brennan of Merion county. He subsequently became a member of the Senate.

THE committee on contest consisted of Senators J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, chairman, and O. C. Allen, of Warren, secretary; Senator John Lippman, of Allegheny; Dr. Thompson, of York, and Luther R. Keffer, of Schuylkill, Republicans, and George Ross, of Bucks, and Henry D. Green, Berks, Democrats.

NICHOLAS THE LAST?
THERE is something pathetic in the death in exile of King Nicholas of Montenegro. It was the patriarchal ruler of a little kingdom, 100 miles long and eighty miles wide, in the mountains on the eastern shore of the Adriatic.

NO TIME FOR SENTIMENTALITY
GERMAN propaganda in behalf of relaxation of the allied demands for reparation will avail nothing if the allied nations keep in mind what Germany did to France after the war of 1870 and what she had announced she would do to the allied nations if she won in this war.

He Needed No Interpreter
From the Wall Street Journal.
A banker who had visited China several times on important financial missions thinks the "heavenly Chinese" is not only intelligent, but that he has a delicate sense of humor as well.

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SHORT CUTS

Tomorrow Mr. Wilson will March forth. On the dead, we are becoming somewhat...

The Blumberg bill seems to indicate that crooks prefer a cash business.

Realists are still looking forward to seeing the March lion gobble the lamb.

"Blue Laws to Be Aired."—Headlines. Probably because they have grown rusty.

With an imposing and graceful gesture the Marion front porch has retired from the news.

Those who think the Mayor talks too much will at least have to admit that he says something.

In your search for something pretty soft, queried Mrs. Arabella Minkley, did you ever consider kittens?

Whether Sowers' legislative seed falls on stony ground or legislative elder, Sowers is all a matter of pronunciation.

The trials and tribulations of Judge Landis make a story full of stirring and joyous interest for Standard Oil officials.

The man who succeeds Will Hays as chairman of the Republican national committee is going to have his work cut out for him.

"He not weary of ill-doing" is perhaps the motto of the local legislators who have been blees for the petty villain of the law in his home district.

Even if the Federated American Engineering Societies do not get all they ask for, they will be pretty well represented in the Harding administration.

Resolved, That in the death of King Nicholas, late of Montenegro, the world has lost a picturesque old sport, but will doubtless be able to worry along.

It has been my experience, said Demosthenes McGinnis, with some notable exceptions, that the slogan of the average politician is "Loyalty for revenue only."

Why all this concern for violators of the law? Are they of more concern than the great mass of the common people our legislators are supposed to represent?

One of the first effects of the jinet emergency tariff bill, if it becomes operative, is in that it will force the average citizen that it will force her to buy her goods elsewhere.

A speaker at the convention of the National Educational Association in Atlantic City says the United States is ill-lazy; but the Congressional Record refutes the allegation.

Once upon a time legislative bills were carefully examined to see if perchance one of them contained a snake. Nowadays one has to skin the snake to find the semblance of a bill.

The scientific basis and technique of child training being taught local parents by the Pennsylvania School for Social Service doubtless includes instruction in the right way to handle a hairbrush.

That the Berlin Zeitung am Mittag should declare that the attitude of the Allies is to be found in the Gospel of St. Matthew, fifth chapter and twenty-sixth verse, is perhaps designed to show that the devil can occasionally quote scripture to some purpose.

Secretary Alexander urges all good Americans to cut at least one meal of fish next Wednesday, National Fish Day. We trust our legislators everywhere will heed the admonition. Fish, they say, make a brain. Let them eat a lot of fish.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

HENRY PENN BURKE

On Dredging the Schuylkill River

PHILADELPHIA'S supremacy at rowing, virtually the only form of athletics at which in recent years she has been able to produce world's champions, is being threatened, in the opinion of Henry Penn Burke, a prominent amateur oarsman and a member of the American Olympic Commission, by the failure of the Schuylkill river rowing course in the development of its sculling courses.

Dredging Request Gratifying

"It is very gratifying to all oarsmen and those interested in seeing Philadelphia maintain the position of pre-eminence," says Mr. Burke, "to learn that the Mayor has asked for an appropriation to dredge the Schuylkill river in front of the boathouses immediately above Fairmount dam."

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- 1. The order of seniority of officials in the cabinet of the President of the United States by statute follows the chronological order of establishment of the portfolios.
2. Secretary of state, secretary of the treasury, secretary of war, attorney general, postmaster general, secretary of the navy, secretary of the interior, secretary of agriculture, secretary of commerce, secretary of labor. The first cabinet included only the first four officers.
3. Louisa May Alcott wrote the "Little Women" stories, which include "Little Women," "Little Men" and "Jo's Boys."
4. President-elect Harding's full name is Warren Gamaliel Harding.
5. Taking a list of the Presidents of the United States it is noticeable in looking at their given names that many were preponderantly "one name" men. The sixth President, "middle name" Adams, was the first to add a middle name. Since the name of the single-name Presidents originally had additional given names which they dropped in their early careers, notably Abraham Lincoln and Cleveland and Thomas Jefferson.

What Is an Open Shop?

"I run an open shop. I make employees sign a contract not to join a union," said an Indianapolis manufacturer at the national conference of State Manufacturers Associations at Chicago recently. It might be interesting to know what this man would regard as a "closed" shop. It is such a shop in the ranks of both employers and employees who are keeping the fires of industrial strife burning.

SPRING

As I went out when day was young I caught the green leaves dancing. His jewel notes the gray thrush strung Upon a sunbeam's glancing. A little subtle breeze of morn Ran hither, thither, whispering. The birds were on the ti-tree thorn. And so I laughed: "Is this the spring?"