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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1914.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

President Wilson is approaching the close of the first year of his administration. In many respects the year has been most notable. In the first place, the Democrats succeeded in enacting legislation without serious party friction.

The man to whom is due the largest share of credit for this achievement is Woodrow Wilson. It is no exaggeration to say that President Wilson has literally held the Democratic Congress in the hollow of his hand.

It is still too early to predict the effect which the tariff legislation will have upon the President's future. Some little adverse comment is beginning to appear. In Colorado, for instance, the farmers who grow sugar beets have already suffered a reduction in the price paid for their products and are asking the reason why.

Trust Question is a Problem. Much will depend, also, upon the manner in which the administration handles the trust problem. This does not mean Presidential messages. It means legislation actually enacted.

Can the President Retain Control? There are still three more years for President Wilson to serve in his first term. Can he, during this period, retain his present control over Congress? The question opens wide the door of speculation. It must be remembered that the Democratic majority in Congress was committed to the revision of the tariff and the enactment of a currency law, and that there was no difficulty in the President's way, so far as policies were concerned.

There may be a division in Congress between the radicals and the conservatives on this trust question, but it is safe to predict that the course which the President advises will be followed. In this, as in other things, both Senators and Representatives feel that their political fortunes are bound up with those of the President, and that they can do better by standing together than by quarreling.

The relations between the President and Congress continue outwardly undisturbed. There are rumors of dis-

affection, but they do not seem to be based upon fact. There is only one serious question at issue. This is the repeal of the provision exempting American coastwise vessels from paying tolls through the Panama Canal. The President favors the repeal, while prominent Democrats in both the Senate and the House disagree with him.

The President and the Country. There is foundation for the belief in Congress that the President stands well in the country. He has shown definite purpose, sincerity, honesty, and a deep-rooted concern for the welfare of the people.

The Clerks' Opportunity. Government clerks may take real hope and encouragement from the remarks yesterday of Representative Hannibal Lafayette Godwin, of North Carolina, chairman of the House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

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The Open Forum. Readers of The Herald Express Their Views on Current Topics. Editor Herald—Throughout the United States hundreds of thousands of citizens who enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection will have a delight in the news that which comes from Congress that the bill which has been pending in the National Legislature to pension the widows and dependent children of the men who served in the Spanish-American and Philippine insurrection is about to become a law.

Replies to Mrs. Greve. To the Editor: A Mrs. Greve, of the Antis, stated a few days ago that the "suffrage movement was declining."

The Hands Off Dance. These New Times folks air funny. With their "tongues" in the like; they ain't no little honey.

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