

Our National Capital

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

Conditions Preceding War

Washington, D. C., February 17.—Washington has been literally stormed with men and women demanding both peace and war. Though the two elements are as far removed from one another in principal as heaven is from the other place, there is not a particle of difference in the certainty expressed by the contending factions in favor of their ideas as to what should be done. "Patriotic societies" and organizations have congregated in Washington to demand that the house of Hohenzollern be compelled to look down the mouths of American cannons. Other "patriotic societies" and organizations have convened and conducted demonstrations demanding that the country be kept out of war. The mails and the telegraph have spoken their messages, and the sentiment of the nation aroused has been going through the public clearing house at Washington. There has been a frenzy about it all that has been most distressing. Many people who have come to Washington have been almost fanatical in their views as to what the Government should do in the present crisis. With equal insistence different groups feel that their mission represents the only true policy—no matter whether they thirst for battle or abhor the thought of it. Wars, unfortunately, are ordered in times of great public excitement when one would suppose that it should be the time above all other periods, calling for the cool, deliberate judgment of the people and their rulers.

The habits of the President are of great interests to the public and though there has been little comment, yet it has been generally known that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson spend an hour or two at golf every day and in the evenings they are pretty sure to be at the theatre, or engaged at some small social function. There is a lot of significance to these activities and it is safe to say that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Dr. Cary Grayson are the two best friends that Uncle Sam possesses. They know that no human being can deliberate calmly unless relieved in some way of the distressing responsibilities that are thrust upon the President. Dr. Grayson is charged with the duty of looking after the President's health. He demands that his patient has lots of fresh air, and vigorous exercise during the early hours of the day. Mrs. Wilson does the rest. She insists that the President shall "play ball" on the golf links, and she keeps him mighty busy trying to beat her at the game. She keeps the international cobwebs from growing on the President's American mind. After there has been enough of this vigorous out-of-doors the return is made to the White House, and the President goes to his tasks with a clear mind, and a vigorous and refreshed constitution. In the evening there are the mild diversions mentioned above.

When the President wants to analyze great affairs of state there are those about him who see to it that he is as thoroughly isolated as though he were on a desert island. The results of all this are apparent. The President is the very center of the national bombardment of public opinion, yet he is apparently always cool and collected, radically in contrast to other officials, and citizens who work themselves into frenzies of excitement, and lead themselves to believe that "this thing must be done as I think it must be done, or everything is going to the bow-wows." And then, when they have tired everyone else out, they sink and brood like warriors in their tents. They mean to act only for the best—but most of them would be doing better served for themselves and their country if they would go

The Congressman's Pie Counter

The Senate was willing to have all postmasters placed in the civil service, perhaps largely for the reason that these offices were not a part of the Senatorial patronage. But the House defeated the proposition by a vote of 234 to 43. So everyone wanting to be postmaster will please be careful to see their Congressman in plenty of time—as heretofore.

The Senate also proposed that in raising the pay of secretaries to Representatives that the clerks should go on the regular government pay roll. The House turned down the suggestion, and its members had a lot to say about the presumption of the upper body in attempting to regulate the manner in which the clerks of Representatives received their pay. The real reason for the position taken by the Senate was due to the fact that there are a few Representatives—only a few—who have been in the habit of taking the \$125 a month allowed them for clerk hire, and putting most of it in their own pockets—and the probabilities are that these same Representatives will do this with the larger amounts. These few grafting Congressmen hire a stenographer at from fifty to seventy-five dollars a month, and ease their consciences by telling how they "spent the money for some other kind of clerk hire"—and they get away with it. Other members hire their daughters, and in a case or two their wife. The Senate touched a sensitive spot when it proposed that the Secretary should sign his own salary voucher, instead of having it done by the Congressman.

The Period of Regulation

Frank H. Sisson, prominently connected with the railway executive organization, has attracted a great deal of favorable attention by a thoughtful analysis of the railway situation, which he presented to the Washington Traffic Club recently. Mr. Sisson characterized the first railroad period, from 1882 to 1875, as the construction period; the period of competition and expansion from 1875 to 1906; and the period of regulation from 1906 to date. Expressing the hope that there would now be the fourth period, which will be one of co-operation between all interests, including the public interests, the speaker declared it to be his belief that "when the public clearly understands the problem, public co-operation will be assured." Mr. Sisson asserted that the attitude of the public toward the railroads has been one of criticism and punitive legislation, although he, like other students of the problem, recognizes that there is a determination in Washington and throughout the country, to create and operate by the use of the best offices of the federal government, a system of regulation, which will protect and safeguard the public, and the greater railroad properties, many of which have been "going to seed" in recent years, as the result of forty-eight varieties of control in forty-eight different

Hornell, Feb. 17.—The bursting of a water pipe in the basement of the Evening Tribune Times Building, last Saturday evening did about \$1,500 damage to the paper supply. The pipe was frozen by the cold weather of the past few days and when the leak was discovered the floor of the storeroom was flooded with water to a depth of several inches. Unfortunately a carload of paper had been placed in the room during the past week and practically all of it was soaked by water. The seriousness of the affair is due mostly to the difficulty in replacing the paper, owing to the scarcity.

The woman (she is becoming rarer nowadays) who "simply can't tell where all the money goes"—although she is fully persuaded that it is all gone—will learn to plan and manage her expenditures when she learns to read and understand the ads.

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Upstate Woman Suffrage Press

It was a paid advertisement of the anti-suffragists that asked, "What's the matter with Father?" The Searchlight on Congress shows that for one thing father is too busy to spend much time fussing over the affairs of children. For on the day that Senator La Follette made his successful fight to restore the item of \$72,000 for use of the Children's Bureau, there was "difficulty in keeping a quorum."

Up rose Representative Keating in the House of Representatives one day last month and introduced a resolution asking President Wilson to say just how women were treated in the government civil service anyway. He wanted, so he said, to secure a square deal for women. He came from equal suffrage Colorado and he had the time to interest himself in the interests of women, as well as men, for women are his constituents.

The double standard of morals we have always with us. In Germany women are required to prove-up before they are given positions as conductors on railways and other positions in which they have replaced men, that they have "good moral character." The men whom they replaced were certainly not required to prove the same sort of morality. If they were sober and industrious that was character enough for commercial purposes.

The great city of New York, according to Judge Henry Neil, in the campaign for mothers' pensions in that city takes more children from their mothers than any other five cities in the country. It is still fresh in every memory how Mayor Mitchell in planning for a baby week called in the Chamber of Commerce and the advertising men to help him. It would seem as though New York City better call in some mothers.

Finding the study of civics a bit dry, Ruth Jones of the Salem High School secured the position of page in the Oregon Senate where, in the process of running about with bills and other political paraphernalia, she has acquired a live interest in a formerly dead object. It is needless to say that the same opportunity is not open to the high school girl of New York State who must take her knowledge of politics second hand until New York women, like Oregon women, have a finger directly in the political pie.

In Norway, according to the Jus Suffragi, it is the women who have planned for the conservation of the food supply, and the vote is "the weapon which has enabled them to do this a weapon which, if kept sharp and bright, is women's most important ally."

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