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June 22. Sunday

Spoke w. Mr. Wilson; had long talk with her about the treatment of Mr. Wilson by R. Hardy & Sec. Weeps in "Unknown Soldiers" celebration

See Serial on letter to APH

June 25.

Board voted to decline request of Mr. of Platt to invest in Liberty bonds as a means of securing carrying assets to meet expenses and dividends. Mr. also voted in favor, and explained vote on the merits of doubt as to wh. Board had power to refuse permission.

Platt explained negative vote saying time might come when it would be advisable to permit this.

Board sent letter to Olsen ^{Council} asking its consideration of question whether or to continue Olsen investment operations an apportionment should not be made in accor. w. carrying liabilities (this we long ago agreed to) and also wh. Olsen having more Olsen investment liabilities than necessary for carrying should not now assign the excess to N.Y. and other ops needing more carrying assets.

... vigorously objected to whole idea of investment operations under control

of a council of banks. He said it was against spirit of Sherman anti trust law, as ev. to his theory there should compete in the market, but it was pointed out that N.Y. was the great Natl inst, & that this would mean that each Mbk should have an office or agency in N.Y. for this purpose; that such better settled competition would demoralize instead of stabilizing rates, and that if Mbk should sell at any time it would flood the mkt w. money; that open mkt purchases were primarily made for the good of the system and that operating through a council of all banks was a reasonable regulation.

James also said he believed the changes often made were true that the MBoard had been dominated by N.Y.

EwC was very angry and asked James to name a single vote of his so dominated.

The whole Bd demanded that James should give specifications.

The only ones he could give were;

1. The open mkt Council alluded to above.

2) The high charge on collections by clearing house banks. (The most conspicuous instances of this, in fact the only instances were cited by James were Chicago and Atlanta.

3) Act of Bd allowing the reduction of N.Y. rate to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, as this lowered (under clearing house rules at N.Y.) the rate of interest pay. by N.Y. banks on bank balances.

Huller pointed out that the class A (banks) directors of the N.Y. bank bitterly fought this reduction, wh. was forced by the ^{woolley} class B directors, chiefly Young and ^{woolley}.

James thinks rates should be uniform at all Mbk, in fact he, without perhaps knowing it, is a believer in a central bank. He said that if the system is not a central bank, then each Mbk should be allowed to compete freely in N.Y. on open mkt purchases.

It was pointed out to him that Mbk as to discounts, are limited to those offered by their member banks, and their competition is regulated; also that under sec 14, a Mbk

establishing a foreign agency must allow other
 plans to operate through it, then showing
 that competition as to these transactions was
 regulated.

The Bd then voted to approve N.Y.'s request to
 pay a semi annual dividend, although not
 earned, on ground that it could be changed
 to surplus at end of the year if not finally
 earned, as ruled by attorney General.

Chas then introduced a resolution which was
 read over on a future meeting:

Resolved: That ⁱⁿ the opinion of the ^{the} Board ^{that}
 these should, as far as possible, without
 unduly disturbing ^{conditions,} the market, see that
 other ^{not} handle on the ^{ground} of
 making earnings sufficient to pay them
 of interest and dividends; that the availability
 of the surplus for making up deficits in
 earnings, as ruled by the attorney General,
 should not deter the ^{the} Board from making
 very reasonable effort to secure their
 necessary earnings, nor from making strenuous
 efforts along the line of ^{reduction} ⁱⁿ
 expenditures.

June 27, Friday

Spent afternoon with Mrs Wilson listening to Gen.
 conversation with the radio. Burnett called up
 Mrs Wilson and asked if she would agree to
 an endorsement of the League "with reservation".
 She said No, and she was right on every
 one accepts "reservations" as the Lodge view.
 Some, one of which - demanding equal
 voting power w. I.O.B. and like colonies
 would never, as Lord Grey pointed out,
 be accepted by I.O.B. There was talk in by
 Lodge, I believe, to defeat the League.

Balling said the McAdoo boys were
 warning manumously to dodge on the
 L. of N. by favoring a referendum.

June 28 Sat.

Lunched w. Mrs Wilson and heard debate
 on Valparaiso.

Read Mrs Wilson letter from Bertie about the
 Houston broadcast given by Ch. N. Crane,
 who said that Houston was practically
 President on a year, while Wilson was
 ill, and that he would not leave for
 China until Houston had ^{resigned} the
 welcome to remain at his post until

the end of the debate.

Both Mr. Wilson and Bullard were very independent at times and said there was not a word of truth in it.

Mr. Wilson also said that Mr. Wilson never said "crawl, as ~~crawl~~, or the terms ^{who} who nominated Houston in the Convention, ^{said}, that Houston should be the nominee. She was terrified about this.

On the debate on the part of the platform favoring a referendum on the L. of N. Sec. Baker made a wonderful speech opposing a referendum. I sat in the room adjoining the study and could see Mr. Wilson stand chair, - I could almost see him - while Mr. Wilson sat next to me with the tears running down her cheeks, at the reference to her husband.

The audience was overwhelmingly in favor of Bullard's argument for coming out for the League, w. reasonable reservations, now and opposing a referendum, but the heavy booters were in control & carried the majority plank by a vote of two to one.

While reflection may change my opinion, my first belief is that the Dem. Party, with unctuous and oily courtesy, has pitched Woodrow Wilson and the L. of N. out of the window; that, criticizing the Rep. Party for having no foreign policy, it announces that it also has no opinion on the League until a referendum has been had, to tell it where it ought to stand. Our Party thereby is like the school teacher who said she would teach her pupils that the earth was square or round, as the school board should decide.

Even if such a referendum were constitutional it would take years to bring it about & the ^{implicitly} ~~decide~~ our Party to take no action on the League before the referendum, leaving the world to languish meantime.

So also the beam of the question as put in the platform is absurd, - do you favor joining the League with such reservations or amendments as the President and Senate may approve, or words to that effect.

The wildest "inconceivable" could vote

for this, as he could easily bring about a collapse of any movement to enter by securing amendments.

The Dem. Party has been rooted both in the League & the Ku Klux Klan. I half hope Mr. Adoo will get the records ^{and} now on a platform which really releases them with Wilson, & down with the League, the with the Ku Klux Klan, he will get the defeat he so richly deserves.

June 29, Sunday. Took tea w. Mrs. Wilson

Monday, June 30.

spent evening w. Mrs. Wilson

July 1, Tuesday

Dined w. Mrs. Wilson and intended to vote, Mr. Wilson and Bulling are shocked and grieved at Mr. Adoo's course in rejecting L. of N. and Wilson's foreign policy.

July 2, Wed.

went to Alder and spent rest of time during evening sitting at Radio on Ned's table.

July 5, Sat.

Bertie returned from N.Y. on 5 P.M. train thoroughly exhausted.

Mr. Daniels, Woolley, and Heph Wallace, all strong Mr. Adoo workers, ^{told her} that Mr. Adoo was politically dead but did not know it.

July 9, Wed.

attended church of direction of W. Bank of Boston. Returning, Bertie met me at Washham, and told me of ^{Javis's} ~~the~~ nomination. We sent him an enthusiastic telegram of congratulation.

July 14, Monday

wrote Davis & said would like to talk with him in N.H. Review & deploration, and would prepare a memorandum stating all the facts if he desired it.

July 15, Tuesday

dined w. Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Ayson was there. He is an ardent believer in the L. of Nations and while he regretted deeply the action of the convention, he felt strongly that Mr. Adoo could not have been nominated in any event, altho he was very sorry to have to admit this as he was an enthusiastic Mr. Adoo man.

Mrs. Wilson & I firmly believe he might have

been nominated had he bought for the League.
 Dr Ayson insisted that McAdoo was a genuine believer
 in the League, & said he had read speeches
 made by McAdoo in Europe some years ago.
 I told him I had no reference to any such
 speeches in my scrap book, except one referring
 to the object that McAdoo in 1920 was coming
 to Wash. to induce President Wilson to accept the
 Lodge Memorandum, one of wh. demanded as
 many votes for the U.S. as St. Britain plus
 her colonies!

Mr Wilson told me she believed Mr McAdoo at least
 felt that McAdoo should have stood by the League
 but was too loyal to him to admit it.

July 16. Wed.

Met John Speltin Williams at the MEX. Club after
 dinner and spoke to him pleasantly. Bertie had
 met him in N.Y. at the Convention. He was just
 finishing dinner with a guest, and we simply
 spoke a few words somewhat perfunctorily.

July 17.

Dr Ayson lunched w. me at Concord Club. Said
 that Mr McAdoo resided in their home abroad
 & that they sent their children with a named
 nurse & took Sally McAdoo with them; that

Mr McAdoo was really very ill; that a specialist
 examined her with X rays and finally very reluctantly
 permitted her to sail; that McAdoo took 2 secretaries
 with him; that he was sure McAdoo came out for
 the League in a speech in Europe which he can
 not find; that his failure to secure it in the
 campaign may have caused her defeat (he did
 not think so yesterday).

I firmly believe he broke Mr Wilson through McAdoo
 was disloyal to Wilson in throwing over the
 League of N., and I also believe that in his
 heart he feels so too.

July 19. Sat. Lunched with Mr Wilson.

July 20. Sunday

Built w. Mrs Wilson. Mr Ralph Ballou and Miss
 Ballou were there. Mrs Ballou was very
 bitter towards McAdoo and said she never
 had any use for him. She believes he was
 disloyal to Wilson. So do I, and so, I firmly
 believe, does Mr Wilson and Ballou.

Mrs Margaret Wilson was there but went out
 to dinner so I did not see her.

Mr Wilson said Margaret went over the Convention
 over & over again; that she said she felt
 would have approved the ^{course on the} L.O.N.; that
 she (Mrs W.) said she knew perfectly well she

would have mislead it and any candidate who favored it. Margaret was very bitter against Baker because she said, he left McAdoo in the awkward of fighting the L. of N. when he really was most earnest in favoring it. etc.

Mrs. Wilson told me she had written both Mrs. McAdoo and Margaret, since the Convention to the effect, if not expressly so worded, that she felt Mr. McAdoo had not been loyal to President Wilson in handling and the L. of N, and that, based ^{upon} the law blame of political expediency, it had proved a fatal mistake.

July 22. Went to 2340 S St to see Mrs. Wilson off. Met Margaret Wilson
Took N. d. Express for Boston.

July 23. In Boston.

attended funeral of Dr. Robt. Lowell at
Abbott Church Cambridge.

Went to Dr. Goldthwaite to have new plate
adjusted on my left foot.

Went by auto with Harriet to Mt. -
a beautiful hot day.

Mr. DeLano called, and explained why

July he would not that he had doubts
as to whether he should ever write
me endorsing Mitchell on Dr. Agrest's

Alvin. He said a St Paul friend had misled
to an inquiry from him to the effect that
there were vague rumors that Mitchell's
transfer of his stock in the camp was
colorable and not in good faith and that
certain of his acts were indictable under
Ill. law. DeLano said Decker could get
me all the facts, if any there were, and
I at once wrote to Platt in Washington
to get in touch with Decker at once by
letter or by personal interview.

July 24. Thursday

Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Bolling arrive at about
5.30 P.M. we met them at S.S. dock in
N. Bedford, where they left Mr. & Mrs. Alexander
Galt & their son, en route to West Cleab.

July 27

Ch. H. Crane, Mr. & Mrs. Houston call on
Crane yacht.

July 28. Monday.

Take stump care.

July 29. Tuesday

Crane came over w. Houston ^{on his yacht} and we went
to Woods Hall for lunch.

July 30. Wed. Rested and went out in auto.

July 31. Thursday

went to Perryville on North side of lake.
Took us only a little less than 3 hours;
average speed 30 miles per hour; at times
went out 40 & 50 miles. Went in Mrs. Williams
Kalla Rayle machine.

Aug 6. Wed.

went to Mrs. Malcolm Noble. I told her how disab-
-ounted I was at action of convention in throwing
out L. of N. She readily agreed w. me but said
the referendum was merely a postponement.
I said if I went to discuss with a man who
looked me by the collar and threw me out
of door, it would be somewhat satisfied
for him to say he had merely postponed
the pleasure of throwing me out as a guest!
we talked up Mrs. Sayre at cabinet
and brought her with us.
She, ^{Mrs. Sayre,} asked Balling the direct question -
"what candidate did the Wilson favor?"
Balling said all the sympathies were
naturally w. McAdoo, but when he
dodged in the L. of N. or rather abandoned &

it, she thought Glass was the best choice,
and Mrs. Sayre said, "that is a sensible
conclusion!"

Aug 8. Friday

Charles R. Crane and his guest Miss Taylor,
granddaughter of President Taylor came to lunch.
Mrs. Wilson told us about Bishop Kinsolving,
who told her Bayard at a tea in Wash. some
time ago that he did not care to be presented
to Mrs. Wilson (who was at the tea), and that
he had refused to marry her to President Wilson.
Mrs. Wilson said Bishop Kinsolving had one year
married her family, and I think she said,
and married one of them, and that not
knowing Bishop Harding, and not wanting
to trust Smith, she wrote and obtained
Bishop Harding's consent to leave Kinsolving
obscure; that she wrote and asked him,
explaining that while she would very much
like to invite his wife to be present, the
wedding had to be restricted to the immediate
family & that so she could not invite her;
that Bishop K. wrote saying he would be
delighted to marry them; that secrecy was
observed when he, but that, notwithstanding,
he had publicly announced the fact in Phila;

that 2 or 3 days before the wedding he came to Washington and wrote her that it would be very awkward for Mr. K. not to come, and that their titled friends in Europe (on whom they were about sailing) would not understand her not being invited, and that if he did not receive word to the contrary he should assume it was all right and would bring her; that she immediately wrote him that she would excuse him from objecting; that she had held and has the letter from him should to above!

Beluch Kinsolving is evidently a liar and an unscrupulous scoundrel! He gave Mrs. Bayard to understand there was some serious reason why he could not marry them, not even what he actually said but from his manner in saying it.

Aug 11. Monday

Charles R. Crane lunched with me, with his daughter, Mrs. Leatherell. Went with her to Nede to hear Davis's acceptance speech.

It was very ably done, skillful, beautiful style, but it was weak as to the League of Nations & the Ku Klux Klan.

He vindicated President Coolidge's statement as to the League, that the door was closed but he did not make the League an issue. I was terribly disappointed as was also Mrs. Wilson, but after we got home she made a ^{remarkable} ~~substantive~~ comment showing her keen judgment and intelligence. She said that at any rate there was enough said by Davis to furnish a foundation for a League campaign, provided he was forced into a discussion of it by popular demand during the campaign. I feel, however, that the one thing Davis had in mind was to say as much in favor of the League as he dared, without throwing down the gauntlet & making it an issue even from the law standpoint of practical

motion I feel this is a terrible mistake. It takes all the sentiment and romance out of the campaign and will not induce a single Republican believe in the League to leave the Party and vote on Davis in order to secure the League.

Mr Wilson carried herself wonderfully during the evening, although she must have been under a terrible strain. She was calm and collected, and no one could have divined the strain she must have been experiencing. She ^{was} really a wonderfully content over her ordeal, a kind of stoical calmness in the extreme completely shutting out what must have been going on within, and yet, in the family, she is so human, simple and natural.

Aug 12. Tuesday

Mr Wilson planned to leave today en route to Lincolnville, Maine, where she and her brother are to visit. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pennington, stopping over to spend a day and two nights with Mr Charles Warren at Magnolia.

It rained so hard, however, that we persuaded her to stay over until tomorrow and I

telephoned Mr Warren.

Aug 13. Wed.

Mr Wilson, Mr Balling and I left H.H. in her machine at about 9.15 am. We went first to 2 Raleigh St, passing by the Block in Brookline. We visited Mr. Thayer and Mr Wilson went over the house and said it was the most charming house she had ever seen. I had intended to leave them there but they begged me to go on with them to Magnolia, so I finally compromised by going to Salem with them, returning by the 1.05 to Boston.

We have enjoyed their visit with us immensely and we felt very sorry when they left us.

I played pool with her every day and sat up late with her every night when we went over many incidents of the life of President Wilson. She is really a remarkable woman, of keen intellect and broad judgment; she has a remarkable memory and can discuss every political problem in connection with the discrimination of a

staterman. Henry White has often told me what valuable assistance she gave to her husband in Paris. And yet she is like a young girl, full of humor, never speaking of herself or her experiences, unless urged and kindly entreated so to do, and then only with extreme reluctance.

She took me entirely into her confidence and told me many interesting details of her experiences abroad and as a guest of Royalty.

Among other things she told me of the statement in French given out by President Wilson in Paris. She said that Lloyd George, Balbois and Clemenceau regarded this statement together but solemnly agreed to give it out separately; that Mr. Wilson gave her and first, and when the others saw how unpropitious the statement was, they went back on their agreement & refused to publish it; that Henry White had Balbois's draft installed by her; that she wrote him for a copy and that he sent her the original, installed by Balbois, which she now has.

On reaching Boston I sent Mr. Wilson a note

from the Somerset Club, expressing the pleasure she and Randolph had given me by their visit.

Aug. 15. Friday

Received at corner club a letter postal from Mrs. Saco, Maine dated Thursday Aug. 14, en route. Mrs. Wilson referred to my delightful letter which she received at Magnolia Thursday morning and said she would write again when she reached Lincolnville.

Aug. 16. Saturday.

wrote Mr. Wilson a letter acknowledging the postal card, and telling her of a talk I had yesterday at lunch with Sir Maurice Low, in which he said the great ambition of his life was to write President Wilson's biography; we said frankly however that Mr. W. had told him it ought to be done by an American but that he looked later to have another talk with her and persuaded her to permit him to do it. He also said his publisher wanted to bring out a new edition of his "appreciation" brought down through the death of Mr. Wilson, but that it would be

a very unsatisfactory piece of work and he much preferred to write a new complete biography. I did not tell him that I had had many talks with Mr. Wilson about a biography and had advised her to go very slowly, that the only occasion for haste was in the collection of material in the shape of letters, papers, etc for the biography, that later the time would produce the plan, and that possibly she might determine that it would be better to have several collaborators with me to blend it together.

While with us Mr. W. asked me what I thought of Bliss Perry and Mark de Wolfe Howe. I said they were both very good men to consider when the time came.

During her stay, Mr. Wilson consulted me with reference to drawing the will. I told her she ought to do this at once and get the other advice ~~in relation to it~~.

She also spoke with me as to the business of Galt and Brother, which is not a corporation and which she owns. I told her that she ought to turn it into a corporation; she said her counsel, Nathaniel Wilson, now dead, had

advised her not to do this. I told her that this very probably was good advice at the time it was given, but that at the present time, from what she had told me, I believed it should be done, as it would relieve her from any possible personal liability and would not include an arrangement for continuing the management on the same terms as she was doing now. I strongly urged her to secure the opinion of some eminent lawyer cognizant with the laws of the District on this matter, pointing out that in what when she consulted on business and legal matters was not a lawyer, but merely the manager of Mr. Wilson's (Nathaniel) law firm, and that while he probably knew as much law as any lawyer, it would be better to have his opinion verified by some prominent lawyer, also that she should consult some level-headed business man to advise her from the business point of view.

Aug. 17. Sunday

Received a delightful letter from Mrs Wilson asking me, among other things, to write her my opinion of Wood Cookidge's acceptance address, delivered last Thursday evening. The letter was dated Friday Aug. 15 from Lincolnville. I shall at once read Cookidge's letter and write her frankly about it.

Aug. 18. Monday

wrote Mrs Wilson, describing my journey to the cathedral made yesterday and the talents of the congregation to President Wilson's Tomb, also sketch of my call on Mrs Bayard and my talk with the Baumisters about Sen. Glass and the convention; I enclosed text of a letter to Bertie describing them in detail. (See Sec. Bk.)

I forgot to say that Mrs Wilson said Poincaré and his wife were studiously cool towards Wood Wilson and herself in Paris, and Madame Poincaré almost obnoxious in her manner.

Aug 19 Tuesday

Druid w. Ch. Wesson who had just ret'd from N.Y. for interview w. Davis. He said Davis told her he was strictly on L. of N. and would conclude

his action as the expression of opinion of the trustees referred to in his letter of acceptance.

(As the convention expressly limited the trustee, and see how he can happily do this.)

He also said Davis was perplexed as to the Klux and was considering an open denunciation by name w. a demand on Cookidge to do some + remove it from trustees.

said he advised him that if he did not do this he should come out & say he did not want the vote of any the Klux who did not accept the Gen. doctrine of freedom from racial or relief. prejudice.

Said the press were more accused when the Catholics over the Klux.

Aug 18. Monday

Had talk w. J.M. Hatcher; laid down all the facts and made up my mind that there was no harm for not accepting him J.M. Hatcher. (See Sec. Bk.)

Aug 21

Had brief conference w. Wyatt and agreed on
Par clearance suit of Pascagoula Natl Bk
vs Atlanta.

Yesterday we authorized Ew. C. to claim Dr. Leman
of N. Orleans. He at first declined because
he was counsel of the Whitney Natl Bk
as well as chairman, the leader of the
attack on Par clearing system, in N. Orleans.
Later he would be called and Ew. C.
arranged an interview in N.Y. next week
to talk it over.

Agnew said if the Board was created
the banks & credit association might
criticize us severely, though unjustly,
for violating the counsel of the Whitney
Natl bank.

Agnew suggested that this bank might
be contributing to some business attacks
against the Par clearance plan, and we
agreed if this were so, we might not be
retained.

Wyatt & Agnew favored filing merely a
special appearance - that Atlanta
court had no jurisdiction & asking
dismissal of the case as against the Board.

Ew. C. Muller & Co. felt we might not do anything
which savored of technicality and should
submit to the jurisdiction unless this
would prejudice a decision in the merits.
Finally Ew. C. insisted on consulting Sol. Gen.
Beck & said he would abide by his judgment.
Beck told Wyatt & Agnew that we should
file a special appearance, claiming that
the Board is not in Atlanta District and
not subject to jurisdiction of the court;
that the Board is a Govt Board and it
can not be sued w. out consent of the
Govt.

Beck advised us not to raise the point
that service on the N. Orleans Agent at Atlanta
is not service on the Board.

Of course, if the Board members had been
sued individually, suit could have been
brought against them in the proper
tribunal, but in this case the Bd was
made a Party simply as a Board.

The Bd then authorized a special appearance
to be filed, unless Leman, if retained
advised against it.

Agnew said Randolph was against filing
a special appearance.

etc and Platt said E. C. should look into the matter most carefully before returning Lerman, as they feared criticism of such action.

Agnew suggested ex E. C. Miller of N. Y. - a leader of the Bar and a skilled trial lawyer. E. C. said better to take some Southern lawyer, if not Lerman.

Aug 21. Thursday

Dined at Mes. Club w. Justice Mr. Reynolds.

He talked in a rambling way attacking everything and everybody. He said that damn could not be elected; that Judge McKenna was in fairly good physical condition but there was nothing there (touching his head); that Judge Holmes was still all right mentally, but extremely narrow and shut out from the world & should have resigned long ago; that he had seriously considered introducing a motion to object that no case should be referred to a judge, to write an opinion, who was over 75 years of age; that the Court must do something of this kind to preserve itself; that Brandeis, although able in a

certain way, had no conception of the spirit of the common law and should never have been appointed; that he distrusted all judges, as the oriental mind was entirely different from the Anglo-Saxon; that Jewish lawyers looked on law as if handed down from Zion.

He inquired very courteously as to the Wilson and asked if she was as bitter as was Mr. Wilson, adding that he could have obtained the League had he submitted to the Lodge Movement. To avoid any controversy with him, which would have been useless, I interrupted him and said very positively, I believe firmly in the L. of N and absolutely believe and advise President Wilson's course; how could he, to speak of nothing else, have accepted the Lodge Movement demanding equal votes for U.S. and IOP when the dominion; you know IOP never would have dared to agree to this even had she wished to, and you know the U.S. has practical control over the Central Amel. Republics to whom she has loaned money, and that she can

absolutely dominate their votes at any time she wishes.

My conversation seemed to stagger him and we simply said we did not believe the U. S. should enter into partnership with any Nation except possibly Great Britain, which might involve us in war.

I spoke of Wilson's manly answer towards France and said the U. S., if desiring to enter the League, should never sign the Treaty w. G. B. agreeing to protect France in case of unjustifiable attack on France. He said that Wilson did nothing to join the Treaty; I replied that he had done everything, but that neither the Democrats or Republicans would subscribe to the Treaty from personal knowledge.

I forgot to write down that Mrs. Wilson told me she could and decoded all the messages of her husband following the attack.

Aug 21. wrote the entire Sunday analysis of assistant address of Davis revealed.

Aug 24, Sunday

Ned & Gump came over. Ned gave me a copy of a letter from Samuel S. Fall editor of a textile magazine to H. H. Melville of the Boston Herald who is soliciting funds for Coolidge, stating that he had learned that certain "molester" interests had given Coolidge a large number of money just after the inauguration as Vice President, which he accepted.

He also referred to a Herald editorial of Nov 7, 1921 showing Coolidge as willing to have a public hearing held in order to gain votes etc etc. The letter closed by saying that until he is satisfied that the reports which have come to him regarding Coolidge connect with private interests are uncorroborated he will not contribute a cent towards Coolidge's election. (see book 6A)

Ned said Hummerman gave him a copy of this letter which he copied & that I could use it in any way.

I told Ned I should not use it and that neither he or Gump should; that I could not believe it; that, if true, Hummerman

would spread it.

I can not for a moment believe it true.

Aug 26. Received delightful letter from Mrs Wilson.

Aug 29. Friday

Joe call calls me up from N.Y. on Sw. Steam. says
Steven Young has called asking if M.A. Jay,
now in England, can remain there a few weeks
as he wants to consult with him. To Mr's question
Case said Jay would not absolutely unobtainably
& could not and would not bind the M.A.
in the system in the slightest degree. Case said
Joe C. was willing. Mr told Case that if the
Directors authorized Jay to remain over unobtainably
he, Mr, would object no objection.

Aug. 30. Saturday. Birth day.

Early in morning received a delightful
telegram from Lincolnville, Maine, from Mrs
Wilson and Randolph.

Before leaving us, Mrs Wilson left with
Anna a walking stick presented to President
Wilson abroad, which she said was the one
he liked best, and a little note, to be given
me on my birth day. We shall always keep
this as a sacred heir loom.

Ned gave me some charming slush prints, glass

and Mary, cigars and a brush, Anna one of
her photographs, Bertie, among other things,
a lamb shade with pictures of the
whaling ship Wanderer, sunk in last
Monday's storm. Mr & Mrs DeLano sent in a
number of Ocean figure, desks, pens,
a demerster dentistry etc. Col. & Mrs Slacum,
Mr & Mrs DeLano and all the family came
in. We all missed Mrs Wilson, who was
here last year.

replied answer to Mrs Wilson telegram and
wrote a letter thanking her.

Sept 2. Tuesday

left on Washington.

at Univ. Club N.Y. wrote Mrs Wilson sending
a copy of the Boston Herald, of Aug 30, containing
an account of what Prof. Fay said at
Williamstown - that a close friend of President
Wilson, who saw him just before his death,
knew whose name he would not reveal.
said that Wilson told him that, after all,
we was not sorry that the U.S. did not
join the League at the outset. (See Sec B1).
I also sent her an editorial from the N.Y. Times
on it.

The statement is unproven and absolutely

the converse of what Mr Wilson said to be many times in the fall of 1923. I rather suspect that cause was the secret informant. (Later Mrs W. wrote me he did say this to Dean Robinson), see 7-40

Sept 4. Friday

Newton Baker, returned by Mabel on the M System in the clearing suit vs M. B. of Atlanta, came here to talk over the case.

I had him at lunch and had a delightful talk with him. (See my letter to A. H. in secret book.)

Aug 30.

copy of Mrs Wilson's telegram:-

Belfast, Maine. Aug 29, 1924

Our hearts good wishes for the happiest birthday, wish we could be here to help celebrate but we will be at the best in spirit, and hope to rejoice with you on many, many more anniversaries. Love to the trio.

Edith and Randolph.

copy of note left with Anna to give card on our birth day, accompanying a birth day gift of President Wilson's favorite walking stick, presented to him while in Paris:-

"This is only a tangible evidence of the thoughts that will be yours on your birth day, with very happy wish for the day and many years to come.

When you come back I want to have the stick engraved but, ^{wanted} wanted to do it to consult your wishes as to the wording etc.

I asked Anna to tell you about the stick, but I felt you would think it more than anything else because of your splendid loyalty and friendship for the one I love."

While with me Mrs Wilson said a friend told her that Joseph E. Davies had a large picture of President Wilson in his parlor in a very prominent place, while Wilson was President, but that, calling one day after Harding was inaugurated, she found that the Wilson picture had been removed out of sight and President Harding's picture substituted in its place!

Sept 4.

Henry White refers to card letter of Aug 31, congratulating him upon his recovery from an operation (Prostate.)

In Mrs's letter, after speaking of her winter
diplomatie experience, from Algiers to
Paris, and speaking of the debt the country
owed him, and the objection Mrs Prunty and
Bertha always had on him, - not added:-
"Mrs Wilson and her brother spent three weeks
with us in the latter part of July and early
August, and it was a rare treat for us. There
were many points connected with the Paris
conference and the Peace Treaty which I wanted
clearly explained, and it was wonderful how
clearly and succinctly she explained them to me,
and with such a perfect sense of proportion in
separating the really essential from the non-
essential. She must have been of the greatest
assistance to the President during the critical
times when you were all together and when
you yourself were so ably helping him".

To Mrs, Mr Whitechild, among other things:-

"I am much interested to hear of your talks
with Mrs Wilson about what I can not but
consider the tragic year, 1919, the whole of
which I spent in Paris in fruitless efforts
to bring any sort of sense into the mind
of our French friends and allies connected

with the Conference.

Mrs Wilson is, as you say, and as I soon
discovered after reaching Paris, a remarkable
woman, with a great capacity for grasping
questions, however intricate, which are
brought to her attention, and with a
singular capacity for looking at them
from various points of view, and with
a singular fair-mindedness.

I am glad she feels that I was able to
be of some use to her husband. Would
that I could have been of much more use!
But he had no idea of team work, or its
importance for a delegate to an international
conference, and, high as were his ideals,
he lacked capacity for dealing with men,
partly owing to shyness, partly owing
to his being unduly affected by an
antagonistic atmosphere.

Probably team work was impossible in
view of the relations between him and
Laussing before their departure for the
conference, and of the which afterwards
developed in respect of to Col. House.

But one of these days when we are in
Washington, as I see you are interested in

the subject, I shall be glad to tell you a good many things which might have been different, and which would have brought about a different outcome of the conference." [Ed did not tell me what Mr Wilson said that he was able to be of some use to President Wilson, and had never talked about this with her.]

4 See. Baker, when in Washington last week in response to a question, said it was not true that France charged the U.S. with ^{mutual} use of the trenches in France; that the trenches used by the U.S. troops had long been built when they got there; that when the U.S. needed land for docks, works, etc France loaned the land by eminent domain & the U.S. paid France exactly what she paid.

sent 7.

Received letter dated Sept 7 from ^{Washington} and in it a very nice letter from Mr Wilson.

sent 8. Mr Wilson writes Bertie from ^{Washington} Marie

Sept 12. Friday

Mr & Mrs Houghton, ambassador to Germany, lunched with me.

He said there was danger of war between France & E.A.B. and was very bitter at France. He claimed not to believe in the League of Nations but said he favored strongly an agreement bet U.S. E.A.B. France & Italy to withhold ^{and to agree upon arbitration,} & not attack one another, with power to ^{national} impose force on any ^{violating} this. He did not seem to realize that this is the essence of the League and art X.

He said Germany was not very anxious to enter the League and would not do so unless as a full member with representation in the Council.

Bertie and I are satisfied that Houghton was merely blubbing and that in her heart, he knows that, without the League, there would be war again, perhaps in the near future.

Last week See. Baker, in speaking of Baruch said that once he & B. had a serious falling out; that during the war Baruch had a woman secretary who was suspected of being an Austrian spy;

that the war dept, without his (Baker) knowledge placed a dictograph in his (a possibly in Baruch's) room; that Baruch in some way discovered this and was very angry & held him (Baker) responsible for it, although in fact he was not. Baker said nothing and given him such satisfaction as Sen. Shield's defeat, and that if he lived in Mass. he would vote against Sen. Walsh.

Ed has been very friendly w. Sen. Walsh on year, - Walsh hates Eastern but does not see how he could humbly vote on Walsh.

I remember Walsh dining with me at N. H. one evening and saying he would vote and work for Wilson & the League, but later he turned and bought both.

Norman ~~and~~ Rice told Bertie, President Clark was very bitter against Walsh.

Mr Wilson letter dated Sept 7. said that President Wilson used the exact words quoted by Prof. Fay in a talk with Cass Robinson, of the Cathedral of St John the Divine, and Norman Davis, just before his last illness. (see see on address of Cass Robinson.)

Sept 13. Sat.

arrived w. Amb. Haughton.

col Steven Slocum, who was there, surprised me by saying he was accidently on L. of N. and by force to invade its domain.

He also said he attended, as Military attaché, the dinner given in London by the King and Queen to President and Mrs Wilson; that Mrs Wilson made a wonderful address, delivered without notes and half an hour in length; that her diction was perfect, her thought sublime, and her address was full of dignity and pathos; that every American there was proud that such a man could be there to represent the U.S.

He said further that he did not believe President Wilson should have gone abroad, but he took off his hat to him, at her marvellous dignity and culture.

He also said he heard her speak at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor and that her speech there was also superb.

Sept 15. Monday.

arrived from M.H. and wrote Mrs Wilson.

she asked me to tell her what my mysterious

reference in one of my recent letters referred to and begged me to write her, saying if I was well and wrote about it, she would as a reward show me a remarkable letter received from Mr Adoo, showing her attitude towards his recent defeat.

I accordingly wrote her that I would tell her something about it in a separate memorandum which I begged her to destroy after reading, and that I did not believe the rumor was true.

The memorandum read:-

"a letter from a prominent Republican, a copy of which was given me in confidence, requesting to suppress the Vahl report, until he is satisfied that the rumor that a substantial bond was raised, 2 or 3 years ago, by certain interests desiring an increase in tariff duties, and presented as a gift to a distinguished public official, is proved to his satisfaction to be unbounded."

My reference was to a copy (given me by Hummer) of a letter sent by Samuel S. Gale, 10 High St. Boston, the editor of a textile journal, to H H Mitchell of the Boston Transcript, who was soliciting subscriptions for Coolidge, dated Aug 8. 1924.

Handled this letter Tuesday from Washington.

Sept. 17 Wed.

Mr W. writes me a joint letter with Randolph Bulling.

Sept. 19. Friday.

Sen. Ponslerne lunched w. me. Said he had discovered that Sinclair gave full \$9000 in U.S. 3 1/2% bonds in addition to the \$25000 testified to. He is also tracing out large issues of same bonds through a Canadian company, but has not traced them out.

He felt very pessimistic about the election and felt today Coolidge was in the lead. He said that he would be taking a walk wh. showed in all probability that Coolidge would carry Ohio.

He thought our convention had made a fatal mistake in side tracking the League of Nations and hurrybooting in the Mr Klerf Klerf.

Sept 20. Sat.

Sent telegram to Mr Wilson at Lincolnville

telling her that Bertie had written her to the Hotel Newington, Portsmouth (where my letter from her said they would be Monday evening Sept. 22nd.)

Bertie wrote her describing some houses in Portsmouth, the old church, etc by which she should drive, which in Portsmouth.

Sept 21. Sunday. Mrs Wilson writes Bertie.

Sept 22. Monday.

Before leaving for Washington received telegram from Mrs Wilson saying they were just starting & would look for Bertie letter at the Newington

Sept 23. Tuesday

Found a letter from Mrs Wilson at the club, dated Friday, Sept 19th acknowledging my letter as to the "Memorandum"

at once wrote her telling her about the new developments in the tablet some scandal.

Sept 26

Mrs Wilson writes Bertie from Newark, N. Jersey on way to Washington

In her letter to Bertie dated Sept 21 Mrs W. told Bertie that her house was Bertie and that she expected her, Anna, & myself to make her a long, long visit after election day.

Sept 26. Friday

Before leaving for Hdt. I ordered a large bunch of lilies of the valley to be sent E.H.W. on Sunday when she was expected to return, and put in a card, "with affectionate greetings, from Huibertje & Charlie", and also wrote her a letter,

Sept 30. Tuesday

Returned from Hdt.

Found a note that E.H.W. had called me on telephone Sunday afternoon and left word I was to call her up right away.

Called up the house and Randolph answered and a moment later, E.H.W.

In a voice filled with emotion she thanked me for the letter and for the flowers, saying she had put part of them around the picture of Woodrow in her room and wore the rest. She asked me to come up to dinner, and said she felt terribly about missing me at Portsmouth and that if a "hint" was considered necessary by me (referring to my letter) she would have sent me at every town she passed through.

at 6.45 I went up carrying the wailing sleep she gave me on my birth day, my beloved me,

My second home Sunday 27.30 and she at once called me up, and asked her club to help me as they had done then. Then finally N. found the money.

also a copy of the song I dedicated to Bertie, and one
 other; the "stated over the Cathedral door".

I met Randolph at the door, and then came down the
 stairs to the door to meet me, and seemed very
 pleased to see me. We walked up stairs together and
 I found in the library Mr. Bolling and Mrs. Bertie
 Bolling who said they came for lunch, but learning
 that I was to dine there, they decided to stay
 over to dinner to see me. We had a very pleasant
 dinner, and afterwards Admiral Grayson and a
 Mr. Fitzwilliam Woodrow called.

They all stayed until nearly 11 P.M. afterwards
 Edith asked me to have a game of pool with
 her, but we got talking and we had no pool,
 I leaving about 11.30.

She asked me to dine with her and Mrs. Harrison
 to Midweek, Wed. tomorrow to hear John Davis
 speak and I said I would.

She told me of her political talks with Norman
 Davis; she said she told him John Davis was
 at last squared out and had to speak about
 the L. of Nations; that Norman G. told her John
 Davis was generally & absolutely for the League
 and that she said, "Why, then, did he ^{in his acceptance speech} so explicitly
 accept the Dem. platform & after that nothing should
 be done about the League until an afternoon of

the week of the people was obtained"; that
 Norman G. said he really had forgotten about
 this. She said she said this in a joking manner but really meant it.
 She then said that the thought often came to
 her, as to me, - did our Party deserve to win,
 after its rejection of the League and League
 ideals, but that she hoped Davis would
 win, and would do all she could to help
 him, and that if called on for an interview
 or expression of opinion, she would secretly
 consult with me, before replying, as she
 fully realized she could say nothing which
 could be construed as in any way accepting
 the action of the convention as to the League.
 She said that the campaign managers for Davis
 tried to get hold of Mr. Adair on the arrival
 to caution him as to what to say, and they
 arranged to take him off at Des Moines; that
 at first they thought they would all meet
 him, but finally agreed this would be
 unwise, and only some of them did this;
 that, unfortunately he left an interview
 with the Whittier in the ship before leaving,
 in which he praised the League but again
 favored the Republican; that, finally, he
 told them he radically disagreed with

down in his usual attitude & other questions & that
 he could make no set speeches on his but
 would have to content himself with short
 remarks and RR address; that the Com. had shown
 him Davis's speeches, for his examination.

She was very indignant, and said they should have
 simply asked him either to support Davis or to
 come out bravely and oppose him and not have
 had him such consideration as it evidently
 would be.

She then read me a very long letter from
 Mr Adoo, written abroad, going over the whole
 campaign, saying that many friends of Wilson
 had joined Tammany & the reactionary forces
 to ruin the reputation & prevent his nomi-
 -nation; that they failed in the former but
 succeeded in the latter & that now we felt
 free to attend to his own affairs; that his
 campaign was for Wilson & his ideals!;
 and that he had gone down fighting for
 him; that Davis was a good fellow & that
 he should support him, but that he differed
 radically from him in almost every ques-
 -tion.

MSW. said it was the most absurd letter
 she had ever read, and was evidently prepared

for future use; that it was a letter which
 could have been sent to anyone, by merely
 striking out "Edith" and substituting any
 other name, & she really believed he had
 had thousands printed for future use.

Mr Adoo ^{in the letter that}
 He also said ^{on the 2. of N} he did not draw the Abolition
 clause and did not believe in it; that
 it was forced on the Com. by the Abolition
 members; that if he had been nominated
 he could have straightened out the matter
 satisfactorily! (There is in direct contra-
 -diction to the interview in St. Louis
 in which he strongly favored the Abolition.)

Admiral Grayson said Mr Adoo recommended
 him & Dr Hugh Young to N.Y. and that he
 would shortly have to have an operation
 but did not say what it was.

I also spoke to her of Col. House, telling her that
 one woman (Mrs Walter Westerman, but I did
 not give the name) told me she, Mrs, was
 the cause of the estrangement, but that I
 "sat down" on her severely, although politely,
 saying that I knew Mrs Wilson well enough

to know that no personal dislike; if there were
 any, ^(and I believe there were none) would well stand in the way of her
 implicit, absolute loyalty to President Lincoln
 and that decidedly some other cause on the
 arrangement must be found.

W.W. then said that Col. Howard was a very
 admirable man, not of brilliant mind nor
 of keen intelligence, but a man whom she
 admired, intended to be loyal to the President;
 but that she felt that the attention toward
 him in Europe, unconsciously, turned his
 head; that before President Lincoln went abroad
 he was treated as if Royalty; that the
 Brit. Govt furnished him with a fine house
 filled w. servants, at its own expense; that
 the very transport was, as it were, cheap-
 -talked into law; that when he came
 came to Paris it became increasingly
 difficult for him to realize that the
 President was supreme; that his own
 in-law Anschelov contributed largely
 to his feeling.

* She agreed with me that Horner's attitude
 in France was opposed to Lincoln, and
 that Horner and ambassador James published
 letters showed the condition of mind that

* corrected. see 7.60.

Howard was in.

I told her about Henry's letter to
 me and she was not surprised. She
 said she liked him and appreciated his
 loyalty, but the fact could not be guaranteed
 that he was not a man of the first
 rank; that his relations with Clemens
 and the other French delegates was such
 that he only expected to be the "go-
 -between" between Lincoln, Clemens,
 Lloyd George and the others on every
 important matter, and that he was,
 perhaps naturally, intensely disapproving
 when they did not meet well.

She said while with the view that he Lincoln
 should not have gone to Paris; that if he had
 not, the courts could have accomplished
 more by having to tell the other courts that
 they must cable the President, thus giving
 him and perhaps secretly having him veto
 suggestions they might feel obliged in some
 at least to agree to subject to her approval;
 while with Lincoln present he had to get
 a final decision on the spot.

She said she called on the White at Leuap

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and saw them both.

I read her the copy of the letter from Saml S. Dull to Fletcher (referred to in my letter to her as the "memorandum"); she said she thought I was referring to Prudt Harding.

Finally, I asked her if she would like to play Pool tomorrow - ^{Wed. night. she hesitated a little and said -} _{Mr + Mrs Bolling are to drink with us,} we will see tomorrow. She had ^{unanimously} said we are at home every night.

She finally said she was sure she had no other engagement tomorrow night, unless the guests staid until too late to play pool.

Wed. Oct 1.

Went to EPED at 10.45. She drove ^{Borden} Mr + Mrs Ralph Bolling, Mr ^{Harriman} and myself to Middlesex, Md. (about 55 miles) to meet John Davis speech. On the way we had a delightful lunch just up by hill. The weather was cold but delightful and Davis made a good speech before a large crowd, but there was not much enthusiasm. Davis does not seem to be able to "catch" the crowd.

Mr W. wanted to sit back in an obscure place, but Mr Harriman would not consent to this and arranged matters so

the contrary we shall expect you to drink with us at 7 and we will later have a game of pool."

Thursday Oct 2.

During the drive to Middlesex, Mr Harriman spoke of Mr McAdoo, saying she was so absorbed in "Mac" that she had no mind of her own. Edith said she had a mind of her own and said after McAdoo had testified before the conf. com^{tee}, Mr McAdoo told her she looked he would follow the advice given her by many, and withdraw her candidacy now that he could do so with honor, but that McAdoo finally pulled her over to his view.

Mr Jewell, ^{Brown,} the former actress, who succeeded Davis's nomination in 1920, & 1924 was at the rally ^{as a speaker and} & spoke to Mr W. ^{with} later she told me that she had it on good authority that Mr J. in 1920, said to the convention that if Davis were nominated and elected we should at last have a "gentleman" in the White House, and that Mr J. later was always asking all sorts of favors, but that she told Woodrow not to grant them because of this remark.

in the way of public endorsement of her campaign

Mr W. has given the dog presented to her last summer to her brother Julian, who brought her round to the house last evening; Edith told me she intended to have Julian have the dog as she really never wanted to have her objections engaged again on any thing.

My talks with her this week have helped me greatly in the preliminary work on my book. I feel I have got at the bottom of several important matters; - Col. House etc.

E. also said that on the way back from Louisville they spent the night at Newark, N.J. - the Robert Treat Hotel; - and found it the Gen. headquarters, and a big rally going on at which Tammany and others were to speak, but that Mr Pennington registered as Mr Pennington and "Party", and they received all notice.

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that we had to sit on the platform, and James came up and spoke to her & to all of us. Edith told me she had not been invited to attend the rally and I think it was very kind of her to tell James by going as soon as the trouble realized that Mr W. was there, she received a great ovation in the way of people coming up to pay their respects to her.

Mr W. told me last night that what she wrote me about Dr Rubbin and his prescription was absolutely said in jest. I was glad to hear this as I believed I had "quizzed" him by my reference to it.

Just as I was starting out on dinner at the Mex. Club (I had got back at 5 P.M.) Randolph telephoned saying they had just heard that Fox's speech at Baltimore tonight was to be radioed, and telling me to come right up to hear it.

I went right up. Edith said I ought to have come up on dinner, but I had left her (she took Mrs Harrison & me back to Mrs Hoobell) so quickly she forgot to tell me, ps

she did not have time to think.

Dr Ayson was there and Mr & Mrs Julian Balling.

We had no chance for travel, and I said we must have a game before I left for St. L., and L. said ^{she} I should like me. Randolph at once said - if we don't hear from you to

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Oct 2. Thursday (contd from to 56)

Had a nice call on Janie Riggs. I told her that Mrs Wilson wrote & asked me to send her sympathy and love for speedy recovery and Janie was very much pleased and asked me to thank her warmly.

Called on Mrs Balling and Bertie Balling but they were out.

also called on Mr & Mrs James. out.

John Crane called and gave me a box of Plean nuts & dates from his father. I at once wrote him thanking him.

7 P.M.

Wrote at 2340 S. St.

at dinner Mrs W. spoke to Randolph referring to me as Mr. Hamlin. After dinner I said to her "you were very formal," and she laughed and said, "that was an inadvertence." I then said, "you have never asked me to call you by your first name, although I have done so in several letters; I feel I ought to apologize to you." she ^{but earnestly} replied, "you must assuredly have ^{this privilege} the right to do this without any request, ^{from me,} and I want you to do it."

I told her that I should do this only in the family, but when outsiders are present "Bertie and I look on you in a double personality, - as almost a Susan Dwyer and will treat you accordingly, but in the heart of the family, it is most pleasant for ^{us} to think of your other personality." she made it perfectly clear that she wanted and expected me to call her Edith, whenever I chose to do so.

When I was leaving, she said before Randolph, - "Good night, Charlie! Charlie and I have been too formal, and thus settle it," or words to that effect. I then replied, - "Good night Edith".

I read to her a letter from Mrs J. Pierpont Morgan to Bertie dated ^{June} ~~Sept~~ 24, 1924, in which she praised President Wilson most highly (in Sec 131) and she was very much pleased and asked if she could have a copy. I said I would make a copy tomorrow and send her the original, which gratified her immensely.

We had another talk in Col. House. She said she could not remember us to dinner, - whether he took a different view from that of Mr. Wilson, and said she would talk of recollections with me later. (in memo, p. 50)

She said Mr. Wilson was not paralyzed on the RR train on his journey; as I remember, Tamm in his book said he was. She said she had never read his book through and cautioned me to be on mind that, to speak truthfully, it was not accurate. She seemed rather to have a feeling of contempt for him.

She said Vance McCarmer called in the afternoon and gave her his private diary made when in Paris.

She also said she wanted photographs of Bertie and myself, which I promised to send her.

I told her of the Advo's interview in Feb. 1924

stingily advocating a Resolution on the League of N. - absolutely inconsistent with his letter to her.

She said she would call on Janie Regge shortly.

She then read me a long letter, on the subject of Prof. Amine's charge in his book that Mr. Wilson was the author of a severe attack on the Princeton Review; - just received from the former editorial writer in the N.Y. Times, of which she spoke to me last summer. She said she wanted my advice as to what reply to make, and said when I came back from Md., she wanted me to read the whole correspondence carefully.

Friday, Oct 3.

wrote ELL enclosing Mrs Pierpont Morgan letter.

Yesterday we discussed the manuscript on the case, and she drafted me to send to Bertie on suggestion. She said the case was presented to her Union in this country and that he lived it most of all the cases and had used it frequently; that she was to have had a rubber job put on it,

but that the final call came before she could do it.

I called Mr. Remondah and he said he would send me the correspondence regarding annex book for study at Mt.

Oct 3. Friday. contd.

Work. Conf. limited to N.Y. and spent night in Univ. club. Met Be

Oct 4. Sat.

Met Bertie at Sam Saff's about 6:35 PM at av. Elm. Parks and Grace King + daughter were there & we took a special train at 12 St. for Newark. Will attend the marriage of Sallie Saff to Mr. Stuart. Returned at 6 PM. Champagne & flower like water!

In evening Bertie and I went to dinner at the Belmont, and afterwards ran in to Senator Pittman of Nevada.

We both opened up on him telling him what we thought of his course in the Convention on the L. of Nations. He defended himself by saying that he wanted to win and that he heard if we made it a direct issue, we should be beaten again; that he could wait

not in the slightest degree animated by any hostility towards Wilson; that on the contrary he had always believed in the League and he admired Wilson greatly, and that he had fought for the League probably as violently as any other Senator; that in Feb. 1919 after the return from Europe, Wilson asked Sen. Swanson and himself whether Reservations were necessary to secure ratification by the Senate; that he and Swanson said No, from the side of principle, but that yes from the point of getting a 2/3 vote; that Wilson said he could not see how principle was upheld in the Convention unless so directed by Congress.

He also said Wilson asked some questions from Sen. Hitchcock and Sen. John Sharp Williams who both assured him the Treaty could be ratified without any Reservations; that this was before the Lodge Reservations; that he believed Lodge in his heart believed in the League and would have got it through if it had been a Republican measure, but that his hatred of Wilson was so great that to injure him he was glad to defeat the League. ~~He~~ said he believed Lodge boxed up the

Reservation, especially as regards art & and
 the vote in the voting power of the British
 colonies so that Wilson could not accept
 them without stultifying himself, and that
 G.B. - as shown by Lord Grey's letter never
 would have accepted the voting reservation,
 no matter what it might have done as to
 the other.

I told him that Wilson would stand in history
 as the greatest Amer. President and he eagerly
 replied that he agreed with me absolutely
 as to this, and reiterated that the course was
 fixed by the desire to win the election, and
 added that almost all of the independent
 supporters of the League, including Owen
 Young, either advised or accepted this course.
 He said Davis was betraying Wilson and the
 League in every speech, and that the Com^o had
 cautioned him not to go too far, but without
 avail.

He told me also another almost startling
 fact:

He said that on Friday last, Oct. ³~~20~~, Davis made
 a beautiful speech at Princeton eulogizing Cleveland,
 Wilson & the L. of N. which was greeted with
 unanimous applause; that in the evening he

delivered an even greater speech at Newark, N. J.
 which was scarcely mentioned in the Press
 as the Princeton speech alone was featured;
 that the former was Nugent, when Wilson
 crushed while I was, unruled; that he was
 now an old decrepit man shorn of political
 power; that he heard Nugent tell Davis that
 there was a strong sentiment on the L. of N
 in Essex county and Newark; that the only
 influential power in the State, in Newark,
 strongly favored the League and was holding
 back any indorsement of Davis; that he
 begged Davis to stress the League without
 hesitation, altho he said personally he did
 not favor it; that in his opening address
 Nugent paid a really fine tribute to Wilson -
 who had killed his political power in Essex
 county.

He also said that Davis made the best speech
 he had yet made, paying the most eloquent
 tribute to Wilson and the League he had ever
 heard; that the applause was thunderous,
 and that this morning the paper in question
 had come out for Davis!

He also said that Smith was not doing all he
 should be ^{himself} ~~doing~~; that he was kept warm
 in his ^{own} support, as he had not wanted the nomination.

He also said Charles Warren had given Davis a most hot quotation; He rose the dumb old servant etc, with which Davis was delighted and used in Washington Del. at a rather poor rally and that he should use it again, and that they were going to tell him how better to lead up to it, as they all considered it one of the ^{best} things Davis had.

He said that under the constitution this Congress must meet in Dec. and if they have not chosen a President (if elected in the course into the HR) by Dec. 4, then the person, if any, elected by the Senate as Vice President would become also facts President.

He said Sen. Cummins told him that in such a contingency he should come out openly for Davis for President.

He said Davis would surely be the next President whether by having a majority of all votes in the HR, while the latter was certain he felt there was an increasing chance of the former; that the Repubs can not get out a majority of electoral votes.

He said Ohio was hopeless and that they ^(the Democrats) had

practically abandoned the fight there.

Oct 5. Sunday

Harriet called and said there was a letter from Mrs Wilson to Ned in the mail at Massin. I think there must mean that she has gone to see Katharine Hamden at Taboad Inn, N. St Washington, under care of Dr Bryan.

I told Edith of the illness but said she was not ill in bed and had her aunt with her, and that there was not the slightest occasion for anxiety. If she ever called, it was certainly most kind of her.

Oct 6. Monday.
wrote John Davis an encouraging letter.

Oct 7. Tuesday

arrived from Mr. called up 2340 S. St. Randolph answered and later Edith. I asked if I could come around tonight but she said they were to drive with her mother. I said to call me up & let me know when I could come up as I had some over the Braughem ^(arriving) papers and had some important political news. She said she had received my letter sending her Mrs Chapman letter. I said it was a most interesting letter. She said - "all your letters are so delightful".

5 P.M.

sent Edith a letter analyzing the Bringham correspondence and enclosing a translated draft of reply to Bringham translated and wrote W. G. McAdoo expressing deep regret at his illness and asking him if I could go over to see him at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

Oct 8. Wed.

Edith called me up at 9.30 and asked me to dinner tonight with Admiral and Mrs. Helen. She said she would have spoken of it to me yesterday but that she was so overwhelmed she did not have time to think; that her brother Wilmer had an attack of appendicitis and was taken to the emergency hospital; that at first the doctor thought an immediate operation was necessary, but finally decided to keep him under observation for some days. I asked if I could not go over to see him and she said he would be delighted to see me and she wished I would.

I asked her about McAdoo and she said she had not heard a word from him. I told her I had wired and written him & said I had great affection for him in

short of our differences. She said she, of course, understood that.

I asked if she was going over to see him and she said she might go over today but it would be a very busy day for her and she could not tell definitely.

She said she received my letter last night and while she had not yet been able to go over it carefully; as she looked to do today; she felt sure that the draft of reply sent her in the letter, was right and that she should send it.

She agreed with me that any other course might result in dragging her into the matter, which she most certainly wished to avoid.

At noon I bought a large glass jar and filled it with Mr. Morgan's Overland Tea for a birthday present for Edith; also a bottle of Farguhar Madeira, dated 1806.

On my card attached to the Madeira I wrote:

~~"To be opened when the Peace of the World has been secured through the League of Nations, given to the World by the greatest of American Presidents, Woodrow~~

"with affectionate birthday greetings, from CSH and
H.P.H. Oct 15. 1924.

"to be observed by Edith Bolling Wilson, - the beloved
wife, the cherished companion, and able helpmate,
when the Peace of the World has finally been
secured through the League of Nations, - given
to the world by the greatest of American
Presidents and for which he laid down his
life, - Woodrow Wilson."

At 3 P.M. I called on Wilmer Bolling at the emergency
hospital and found him in bed; he said he thought
that we would decide to operate very soon but that
because of business reasons, he should prefer to
have it put off a month.

At 6.30 I took a cab and drove to 2340 St St with
the overland tea and the Madeira, leaving them
when I arrived in Randolph's room. I found Colette
in the library and talked with her about the
interview with Sen. Pittman, and the Broughman
letter, she said she would send him a letter
exactly as my draft was drawn.

We talked over the inscription for the canal and
she said she would have it marked. Just as

[It was finally marked; - Woodrow Wilson.
CSH. from CSH.
Aug 30. 1924.]
I suggested, - Woodrow Wilson
CSH to CSH. Aug 30. 1924.

she said she had not heard a word from
Mr McAdoo, although adm. Grayson had
seen him and said everything was going well;
that she did not think she would try to
go over to see him.

Mr Mc's course in the League at the conference
has been a terrible sleep to her, and I do
not wonder.

I told her I had written Mr Adoo and offered
to go over to see him, as in spite of our
differences as to the League, I still had
regard for him in a certain way, but I felt
he would not want to see me.

she said she should think he would want
to see me above all things and that it
was very good in me to offer to go over,
which offer she thoroughly appreciated.

Before leaving Mr. Bertie gave me Colette's letter
to her and I found one dated July 5 - which
she wrote of "that hot, noisy garden (
Madison Square) where all the courage
and principles of the Democratic Party
seem to have been murdered".

The letter also said:-

"I am afraid I am very bitter, and have not the faith that my great husband had".

"We loved having Mr. Hamlin and miss him very much. He is always so full of understanding and sympathy, and thinks so straight on things that it is a great source of strength to me".

Admiral and Mr. Helm came to dinner and we had a very pleasant evening.

Edith made great fun of Bertie, saying she had written her a delightful letter, but had said with much hesitation that if entirely convenient, she ^{might} ~~might~~ ^{might} say her a visit of 2 or 3 days! She said she hoped I would just shake her by making such a ~~total~~ queer suggestion.

She also teased me, pretending that a paper had published a photograph of herself and me at the Red Cross meeting, and saying that I was at last in "Vulgate" again. She finally admitted this was all in jest.

I told Mr. Helm how pleased Bertie would be to have her go to Mt. Snow, and suggested that Edith and she go on with me.

Mr. Helm said she would so love to but would have to stay here now to get settled.

Edith laughingly said - perhaps I will write ^{Bertie} ~~to~~ that if entirely convenient, she ^{might} ~~might~~ ^{might} say her a visit of 2 or 3 days!

I apologized nicely to Bertie and said I would duly "shake her" as she suggested.

She said she planned to go to N.Y. tomorrow to visit the Harman Javis's for 2 or 3 days, as they insisted that her visit to them was so short that she must come in and have a good ride through the country while the leaves were turning. She said, in view of Wilhelmina's illness she very likely would not go.

We got talking about getting up exercises and she made me let myself sit without any talk on my best, - my regular exercise.

She was perfectly delighted with the presents, and said she would not read the cards until her birthday.

She finally said that if she did not go to N.Y. I would hear from her before I left for Mt.

She had an amusing discussion with Mr. Helm

as to whether Bertie or I "dominated", Mrs Helen thought Bertie did; Edith said she knew but would never tell - not even to me.

I left with her to look over the Boni and Leverette edition of Wilson's sketches, and also the Review of Review publication of the address. I left her, saying good night, may I say Edith! she replied "most certainly, you can." I am satisfied - though I know nothing about it - that Edith's real reason for hurrying to N.Y. was a visit to the Davis's in to avoid the necessity of seeing Mr Adoo - and if that is true I don't blame her. I predict she will not come back until Mr Adoo has left little Haiti.

Oct 9. Thursday.

called Mr Wilmer Bowling at the hospital and he said he was much better and thought he would be permitted to leave tomorrow.

2.30 P.M. called on him at hospital and left him the short story of Harry's and the sketch of Patrick of Bertie. He said Edith had been to see him in the morning and telephoned him at 12 that as he was so much better she would take the one o'clock train for N.Y.

Charles Warren lunched with me. He had just returned from Dublin, Ire where he had addressed a Ban Assasin. He said there was intense bitterness against Mr Adoo and that the feeling was that his "operation" was simply a ruse to avoid taking the stump for Davis. He was also very indignant at Mrs McAdoo for not having come out in an interview for Davis. He said all felt Mr Adoo was no sport.

Invited adm. + Mrs Helen to drive at corner club but they could not.

asked Dr Ayson to drive but he could not. He came to the club at 5 to smoke a cigar with me and we went up to my room and had a nice chat.

He talked very interestingly of President Wilson and of his daughters, but never once mentioned Mrs Wilson. He spoke also of Mr Adoo saying he had visited him + had received a reply saying he could see him any time; that Mr Adoo was very bitter against certain trouble, not necessarily dilgath, who, he thought had betrayed him.

arrived at Met. club. Met Dr. Robbins and finished dinner with him. He was very bitter against McAdoo & said everyone believed he was doing his best to "quell" Davis, in the hope of defeating him and of becoming the La Follette of the Dem. Party. He was referred to the rumor that the "operation" was a base to excuse McAdoo from taking part in the campaign, and I really believe he thinks this. At my request he gave me a prescription, as I felt rather sick up after my attack of Pleurisy Tuesday last Saturday.

He showed of adm. Grayson and said he had a small general practice and that the Navy regulations permitted this.

He said Wilmer Bulling's attacks were subsiding and that in many ways he reported them as he felt it would better for him to have his abdominal taken out and well, and that if the inflammation should increase he should insist on this, but that for business reasons, he wanted it delayed for a month.

He also said Dr. Carmichael had left little or nothing except life insurance for \$25000.

I greatly fear that McAdoo has been talking too freely w. Dr. N. as to McAdoo. I can see ahead a complete rupture between him and McAdoo and the Wilson girls. Perhaps it has already come.

Oct 14. Saturday.

arrived at Mt.

Bertie sent a telegram to E. B. W. as follows:—

"Mrs. Woodrow Wilson

care of Mr. Norman H. Davis.

57 East 79th St. N. Y. City, N. Y.

"Can not you and Randolph come to us Monday or any day next week and celebrate your birth day here. Charlie will have to be here all of next week, and we earnestly try you both to come and spend week with us. We will meet you at Princeton by any train. Please come."

H. V. Hamilton

Oct 13. Monday

Mr. Grant called with Mrs. Warren Robbins the wife of our Secretary of the German Embassy. Mrs. Robbins said she disagreed with Mr. Haughton, our ambassador, as to the necessity for further relief for Germany

children. She said undoubtedly there had been much suffering which had been assumed by American, Swiss, and other relief but that at the present time there was no necessity for further relief; that since the issue of Rentenmarks, the currency had been stabilized and the farmers were selling milk, vegetables etc in the cities; that even to such stabilized they would not do this as the mark fluctuated so rapidly.

She said there was much bitterness against the French and also against the U.S. but not as great; that the old militaristic crowd were very bitter and held aloof from all contact with the allies; that a German officer who went to dinner at a house where he was likely to meet allies would be expelled from the club.

She said the Socialist Party were the hope of Germany.

Oct 12.

Received letter from President Lowell of Harvard in answer to mine, praising work of President Wilson at Princeton University. His letter is good but not as strong as what he told me in 1912; he does not deny the latter however. See Ser. D. 11.

Oct 14. Tuesday

Edith writes Bertel acknowledging telegram and regretting she can not come to see. Deeply touched by the gift of the 1806 Madonna.

Edith writes ABW. a birth day letter.

Oct 15. Wed.

copy of telegram:-

Dear W. W. etc.

"congratulations on the day, earnest wishes for many in the future, and dearest love.

A. B. and C."

Oct 17. HPH writes ABW.

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Oct 17.

ABW. writes Oct. HPH, and Anna a letter acknowl. our telegram and Anna's letter, received by me Sat. evening Oct 18

Oct 16. Thursday

Examined in Boston by Dr. Joslin's assistant.

Said my heart, lungs and blood vessels were absolutely normal. Took sample of my blood and water.

Oct 20. Monday.

Received letter from Dr Joslin, which, after seeing analysis, said, - "all in all, therefore, I think you are doing very well. You should certainly gain no weight, etc etc."

Received from Washington the letter written to me by Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassador at Washington, dated Dec 5. 1915, - 7 months after the Lusitania was sunk. In it he defends the U.S. for not entering the war.

This letter is most important historically - it shows that the real sentiment of the English people was not against the U.S. for not entering the war.

copy of letter: -

Personal. British Embassy, Washington
5 Dec. 1915

My dear Mr. Hamlin: -

I am very grateful for your letter. My wife and I enjoyed our evening immensely, greatly owing to your great kindness and sympathy, of which we are all the more conscious as it is not in words.

I am glad your disappointed guest had a chance of seeing you. He enjoyed it

greatly.

I hear Sydney Brooks and some others are saying things about English sentiment towards America. When a Nation is at war I have noticed it is always at odds with all the Nations with which it is not at war. I suppose this is one of the objects of the State of mind.

This was the feeling in France in 1871 towards England, although England sympathized entirely with France. It is a common rule, and I suppose will prove true to the end of time.

However, the evident fact remains that the Allies have received sympathy, arms, money and charity from this country, and this was all any foreign power could expect. If they express disappointment at America not going to war, it is an evident confession of a desire for something which is solely in the competence of the American people to decide, and in the case of France the English people had the same decision to make, and decided in France.

I do not believe that any sensible person in England thought or even wished that the

United States should go to war. But some sentimental people had expected it and being disappointed, made a row. I do not think there are many such.

I think Harely is coming again and we must have another meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Cecil Spring-Rice.

I may decide to give the original to H.W.

Oct 21. Tuesday

arrived from H.W. called up 2340 S. St - letter said they had gone away for the day but told him to tell me if I called up that they surely expected me for dinner.

I went there at 6.45 P.M. Randolph said Bob Woolley had seen Edith and asked her to write a letter to Davis strongly indorsing him, and that he was very much opposed to this. He said Edith wanted me to tell her what she had better do.

I told him it was a very difficult question; that I knew Davis was strongly for ^{the} League and for admission at once, but that Mr. Plaborn had put a ball and chain around his neck, under which he was chafing and restive and continually breaking away.

Randolph said Davis yesterday, I think, had been told the direct question as to his attitude in the League and had replied practically rabbinizing the Hon. Plaborn; which, in his opinion, made it impossible for Edith truthfully to come out for him. R. added that he felt sure Woolley would have a majority in the electoral college and that we did not deserve to win.

I hunted out that E. went to the Madison rally and had subscribed to the campaign fund; which certainly showed a most kindly spirit towards Davis.

Then Edith came in and said Woolley had overheard the draft of an interview along the lines he wanted.

E. said she had told him she certainly could write nothing without embarrassing the L. of Nations and he said he had no objection to this at all.

She showed me his draft, which did not mention the League at all. It was a most fulsome eulogy of Davis, - represented him as one whom Wilson always depended on for advice and told him out as one on whom Wilson would have been interested, saying they absolutely were in accord in all matters.

This draft was plainly invisible and we all agreed as to this.

R. said that Davis, although often in work, had never been called in to work after the last office.

Ed remembers that Davis once told him that Wilson was "intellectually arrogant" and that despite his views on this, but that Davis had explained or tried to explain this, but he did not tell them to Randolph.

I talked this over at great length with E. she said she felt that Davis was, as a lawyer, making the best defense he could for the Party.

She gave me a copy of a draft of letter, as follows:

My dear Mr Davis:

I have followed with deep interest all of your speeches in your campaign [and particularly your attitude towards the constructive measures with which your administration would deal should you become the head of this great Nation], and I am specially proud of the fearless way in which you declare your faith in the League of Nations, and your promise that all your initiatives will be

thrown toward official American representatives in the Disarmament Conference called by the League on next June.

It seems to me that the people of this country long for a leader and that you are answering that demand by giving them a great spiritual and practical program to which you would and dedicate both yourself and our Party.

Camestly hoping for your election,
Yours cordially,

Part in [?] written out by M.W.

she said she felt she could get out of the necessity of writing anything if I advised her not to do it.

We also took up another letter from Mrs. Brewster saying he thought the time might be indicated to change its policy and make a statement to show that President Wilson was not responsible for the editorial. I advised her to stick to my draft of letter, as again would doubtless reply that Brewster did consult President W. as to the editorial, and the whole question would be resolved, while now she had

complete truth, in Mr Ogden's letter, that
anniversary statements or memoranda were
false. She agreed to this.

Charles N. Crane was at dinner; he was very
curious to know why Presdt Wilson referred to
write a letter praising Oles of ten times at
a Union celebration, and put her the direct
question. She replied that there was nothing
behind it, merely that the request happened
to come at an inopportune time, and did
not happen to be combined with.

She said the dispatch in the Tablet that she
had finally determined upon the cathedral
as the final resting place of Pr. Williams body
was not true, and said a Union reporter had
told her brother William that Bishop Mennen had
made this announcement at some clerical
meeting in N.Y.!

I told her promptly the cathedral authorities were
using Pr. W. to help raise funds for the cathedral
and she said she knew this.

She said she could not ^{honorably} put off the decision
much longer and thought she would agree
finally, in case I asked.

She said Cleveland Dodge advised her to do

this, although he said there would be some
opposition, and pointed out that the Pope money
was largely instrumental in building the
Bethlehem chapel.

She said a sarcophagus topped with a
crucifixion cross (not a sword, as the Tablet
said) was nearly finished, but cross deep,
and that the casket in the sarcophagus would
be placed temporarily in the present niche
shut in by a metal railing, and that later
a wing of the cathedral would be built for it.

She said she had heard Bishop Mennen about
the signing of the 31 appeal in 1920; that
while she did not know the present
views, he had written Presdt Wilson several
letters indicating sympathy with the League.

She also said she would try to ascertain Dr
Bratenahle's views on the League - as her eldest
grandson told me. She added that
Grandson once told her Dr. B. was her candidate
for Bishop.

In the morning she went to Baltimore and brought back the death mask of President Wilson. We all, especially Edith, liked it very much. She said it was not taken until 2 days after his death and that, meanwhile, the contour of his face had appreciably changed, but that she had talked the artist by suggestion and she was delighted with the result, and that she might make a bust made.

I gave her a copy of my dear young niece's letter of Dec 5, 1915, and had promised to give her the original.

I also gave her a copy of President Luwells letter to me in President Wilson's administration of Princeton.

She was very appreciative of my birth day letter and I gave her a fresh copy correcting the reference to the quotation from Thurston and asked her to destroy the other.

I also gave her Theodore Francis Green's letter; she said she would be glad to have me copy him up and I so wrote Green.

She said she thought Mr Advo's letter was much more of an indictment of La Follette than of Green and deblurred it.

She said she finally wrote Mr Advo at the hospital

and offered to take him into his home for his convalescence, and that he wrote a nice letter in reply; that one day while calling on Mrs Grayson, Mr Advo came in with Noker; that he looked rather feeble and asked towards her very awkwardly; that he drove back to the hospital and did not call on her; that she left before he did pleading an engagement to drive with her Mother; that Mrs McAdoo wrote her a sweet note thanking her for her note to Mr Advo; that she saw her in N.Y. and she denied there had been any "obscure" saying of there had been one she surely would have been present and would not have stayed in N.Y.

[From other sources, I gather that Mr Advo probably had a stammer, or some comparatively simple mental line that.]

I told her that when I wrote my book, there would certainly be a chapter on her, and I should bring out Mr Wilson's dependence on her and her influence over him.

She was very much pleased, and, very modestly, bravely, in response to some searching

question, said P. W. always consulted her as to important letters, and frequently adopted suggestions she made; that all their married life, he came to her for advice; that while no particular instances were in her mind now, she would go over this matter carefully and talk to me about it later.

She spoke of her girlhood days when she attended a school ^(Mr. Powell's) in Richmond and said she had not been there since then.

She spoke of Bertie's letter as to a 2 or 3 day visit and said that at first it had really hurt her; that she had received a letter from Bertie saying that a 2 or 3 days visit in Washington was equivalent to a 3 weeks visit in the country; that she thought this a very poor defence!

Mr. Crane told me he had visited John Stella Williams at Richmond; that Mrs. Williams following an attack of influenza had temporarily lost the use of her eyes, but that she was recovering slowly.

Wed. Oct 22.

Called on Randolph and asked as to the statement of Davis in the League of Nations. He said it was in the Wash. Sun of Oct 20, and I bought one. It was given out from the Dem. Natl Headquarters as the reply of Davis to the direct question whether he favored entrance of the U.S. into the League of Nations. In it Davis practically reaffirms the Dem. platform.

Among other things, he said:

"I said (in acceptance speech) while this Nation could not join the League of Nations helpfully unless and until the common judgment of the American people supported such a step, the day will come in my judgment when we should see that both interest and duty dictated that step."

Also,-

"I am not concerned even about the terms on which we shall appear at the Council Table of the World" etc.

The above is a square approval of a postponement of the League entrance for an indefinite period, and the latter is an implied expression of opinion that

Pr. Wilson was wrong in refusing to accept the Dodge resolutions.

Randolph insisted on talking Edith on the telephone, and I told her that I had thought over the matter deeply and had a letter from her - strongly emphasizing the League - the only kind of letter she could or would write - would certainly be misunderstood - stood, and might be construed as an attack on the Platform and candidate, rather than as an endorsement; that it would be bound to cause confusion.

I said I would think this over during the day, and would go up to see her this evening at 8 P.M. if she were to be at home.

She said she might have to drink at her Mother's but would call me up at 6 P.M.

Randolph called me up at 6 and said Edith was not going to her Mother's & asked me to come up at 8 P.M.

I went up & E. said she wanted me at dinner but Dr. Alderman and some one else was to have an interview w. her at 5 & she thought they would stay to dinner. but as a back they left at 7 P.M.

We had a long talk about the proposed letter to James. I told her that after the statement in Monday's Star, the L. of N. was officially shut out of the campaign and that any letter from her mentioning the League might be misconstrued and cause trouble.

She finally said she would not answer would be 2 or 3 days, as he would probably be in Wash. & would call her up. We both advised her to write nothing to him. She said she would merely say that the Wash. Star statement would not prevent her from saying anything about Mr. Jones's attitude in the League, and that it will be better on her to say nothing.

I told her that I felt sure that Pr. Wilson, if wrong, would have retracted the convention platform and I felt he would not have considered it possible to induce Davis unless c.g. he had retracted the platform, whereas his latest statement affirms it.

Mr. Balling called me up at 6.15 and asked me to dinner tomorrow night, but I told her I was to dine w. Mr. Allen.

Edith said she told her Mother she also

would deal with her, fulfilling my engagement with Mrs Helen, but that her mother and sister would buy another date.

I gave her a photostat copy of Shemp Rice's letter, (I had to make) and offered to give her the original, but she would not take it.

I also gave her a photograph of Bertie and Toto, which pleased her very much.

Bertie wrote on it: "To Mrs Woodrow Wilson, with love from Huilbert's Lancing Prince Hamlet". I had it mounted in the old frame was broken.

We listened to Wood's political talk on the radio, and then I read to Edith and Randolph Ford's attack on Hughes's attitude towards the R. of D. (see book)

E. said she was very grateful to me for my advice; that she needed advice on many questions; that she would always go to Woodrow who quickly solved every question, but that now she was often perplexed. While she talked in Randolph, I think she began to leave her

judgment checked up independently.

I told her she could always call on me for advice, and that I had no dread of opinion, I merely would tell her how any matter struck me, and she could feel free to accept my judgment or not, as the responsibility was on her. She seemed very much relieved at this.

I told her I would be glad to put my advice as to Davis in writing and that she could tell Woolley I had advised her, but she said that would not be fair to me, that she must take the responsibility, although she wanted all the advice she could get.

Oct 23. Thursday.

Randolph returned the sketches of Wilson I left with him some days ago. Dined with Admiral and Mrs Helen.

Oct 24. Friday

called on Randolph and said I was writing a letter to Edith concerning the opinion I gave her the other evening as to sending Mr. Davis a letter. He was very much pleased

and said they surely expected me to call them up Tuesday when I returned.

Oct 22. Wed.

I forgot to add that Edith said that while in N.Y. her machine and Col. House were practically locked together for ten minutes but that her machine was a little behind her so that he did not see her altho she saw him perfectly. She added that she had not seen him since the old days when his head became turned and he thought he was higher than the President. She said undoubtedly her son in law, Anthonilow contributed to or was responsible for this feeling.

Oct 25. Sat.

arrived at Mt. Bette said to me she had been making a house to house canvass and thought that Mt would surely give Davis 50 votes - the vote in 1916 for Wilson and 1920 for Cox, and probably more. She said many other men and women other women in the town had asked her how (she) stood towards Davis; that there had been a remarkable change of sentiment towards Wood Wilson; that political differences of the past

had largely been forgotten merged into a feeling of deep respect, admiration and even affection for the man and his wonderful work for humanity.

To Mt. Bette I asked if she thought Mrs. W. should write a letter to Davis and she said emphatically yes.

I then asked if it would be well to base the letter on Davis's experience during the campaign for the L. of N.

She said no, the thing to do would be to write a short letter expressing her love of her election and not mentioning any special name; that such a letter would be tremendously helpful to Davis, and whether elected or not, would prevent any possible misunderstanding on the subject.

Edith told me positively that she would only write a letter mentioning the L. of N. as the reason for writing.

I told Bette I would take this up with Mrs. W. on Tuesday.

Oct 26. Sunday. Anna 24 years old today.

Bertie went in bathing. Water = 53°.

Anna received telegram from Mrs. Lealson: -

"With you well here and we could celebrate the happy day together. Love and very good wish. E.H.W."

To which, Anna having gone to Boston for the day, Bertie & I replied:

"Thanks for lovely telegram. Mother is in bathing in spite of slivering protest of Father and Mother. Temperature of water 53 degree. We so look forward to our visit with you and join in best love.

Anna Hannah

Oct 27. Monday

Bertie received letter from E.H.W. she asked her to ask me to give her one of my pictures.

Left for Wash.

Met Mr. Woolley - states at N.Y. (10 AM). He seemed very sanguine that Coolidge could not receive a majority of the electoral votes, and claimed to feel there was a fair chance that Davis would; he said he felt that the

word that could happen to Davis would be to throw the vote into the H.N. where Davis would certainly be elected.

He said he felt there was not much of any chance that Davis could carry N.Y. and as to what he said or did not say, I felt that he was thought Roosevelt would carry N.Y. Richard Crane was with him en route to Virginia.

Oct 28. Tuesday

Called Mr. Randolph who said I was expected to dinner this evening. I told him Woolley was here and also what Bertie said as to a letter. He replied that E.H.W. called Mr. Woolley, Saturday, I think, and settled the question, saying she could not mention the L. of N. after Davis's interview of Oct 20; that she had already done much for Davis; she sent him a telegram on her nomination, went to the Miller's rally, subscribed to the campaign etc.

Randolph said she had also consulted with others and all advised her to do nothing further in the matter, and that he regarded the incident as closed. He said she would explain this in detail this evening.

Mr Woolley and Mr Newman lunched with me at the corner club; the former as my guest.

Woolley said he was confident that the worst that could happen to Davis would be to throw the election into the HR.

He said the scandal Untermeyer was hinting at was an alleged payment of \$25000 to the Trustee Nat. Bk of Wash, coming thro the JN bank of Chicago; that he was not satisfied with the proof of the connection with the JN bank of Chicago, and advised Untermeyer not to make the charge unless he could prove it; he said Untermeyer said Mellon, the Secy, was at the bottom of this.

He also said Presdt Lowell of Harvard had finally refused to come out for Davis.

After lunch he came down alone to my room and stayed 10 minutes.

He then said he had been trying to induce Mrs. Wilson to write a letter to Davis endorsing him. I asked if she had not already done this in the telegram after his nomination, as he tried to influence, and in her subscription to the Campaign? He said yes, she had done so silently and that he thought a letter would be very helpful; that

at first she seemed willing to write a letter saying Davis was a repeated reference to the R. of D. and that he had sent her a draft written by Stephen Bonsal, which, he admitted, did not mention the League; that in Sat. he telephoned her and she said that, in view of Davis's interview in the Wash. Star, Oct 20, she felt a letter in the League would not be helpful and had decided to drop the matter.

I told him this interview was given out by the Nat. Dem. Com^{tee}. He did not seem to know just what this interview was. He said it was not given out by the Com^{tee} and must have been given out by Davis himself using the name of the Com^{tee}.

I said, evidently rumors had been brought on Davis to drop the League and he said he knew this had been true on some time past.

I said that after that interview, a letter from Mrs W or anybody else trailing Davis in the League would probably embarrass him more than help him.

I added that I thought Mrs W. had done all and much more than anyone could have

expected her to do, and I busily endorsed her course.

Woolly finally said he thought this might be so, and seemed perfectly contented with the final result.

He said the only thing troubling him was the fear that Mrs Wilson might think he was trying to "put something over" on her; which he said was absolutely not the case.

I never mentioned the fact that Mrs W had consulted me about the matter.

7 PM

Dined at 2340 S St. Mrs and Randolph were alone. I gave her a photograph of myself which I had had framed this PM; - in accordance with the request in her letter to Bertie - and she was ~~very~~ very much pleased.

She said she talked with Sen Glass about the two-sided letter to Davis and he advised her very strongly to do nothing more. I told her how Bertie felt and this interested her very much, but, of course, the matter was settled on Saturday. She spoke of Mr Adair's belated speech on Davis with a smile; - we all saw the humor.

Mr Adair has ruined any political future he

may have by his treatment of Davis.

On yesterday she said she went to Baltimore with Adm. Grayson to clean up matters w. the sculptor who had made the death mask of President Wilson.

I noticed that the mask was not in the lathe in the library and she said she had removed it as certain people had been at lunch to whom she did not particularly care to have it shown.

Randolph and I were very pessimistic about the election, but she was quite sanguine and optimistic, seeming to feel that the whole matter would be plunged into the H. R.

She gave me back the card given me as a birthday present and I took it home with me. She had marked it:-

"Woodrow Wilson."

"C.H. from E.B.W. Aug 30. 1924."

I told her the rabbit foot, ^{which} President Wilson and she gave me for ^{my} birthday in 1923 had only my initials on it, and I asked her if I could take it to Golla and have it marked;

W.W. and E.B.W. to Mrs. Aug 30. 1923"

She said most certainly I could and that she

would be glad to have it done for me. I said I would not trouble her to do them and she finally asked me to take it to Galt and have it marked as I suggested.

We were speaking of Fred Jackson and I asked her if she had read Bowen's book, "Party balls of the Jackson period"? She said she had heard much about it and would so like to read it and I said I would send it to her, as also Prime Minister Harriote's eulogy of Wilson.

I spoke of her dancing and told her I had seen she felt afraid to bow or shake to her, in view of Luning's book. She said she did not see why she should act in this way.

I asked her if she would return her bow or shake to her if she made the advance. She said most certainly yes, although it would not be very pleasant for her, but she, although feeling keenly about the book, would be willing to let bygones be bygones; at least to this extent.

I asked Randolph to lunch with me at the Corners club and see my room. He gave a rather amusing answer, and later when we went down stairs, he said he never left her alone at any meal, although she would be

very independent with him if she knew he had told me this, or even knew of his feelings.

Randolph evidently considers that she is very depressed and does not like to leave her alone.

We heard Sec. Hellen and Sir Maurice Law over the Radio, and then I left, both saying they hoped to see me very soon again.

I told her jokingly that she must thank Bertie for my lecture and she said she would most certainly do this.

I told her Bertie + Anna would come to her after Thanksgiving, and she said this would suit her perfectly, although it would be very hard for her to have to wait for them so long.

Oct 29. Wed.

at 10 a.m. sent Bowen book on Jackson to CSW with a note.

Const. Laws gave me a history of the matter and wrote on it: To, Mr. Estabrook with sincere regards from a younger brother, Henry M. Daws.

5.30 P.M. called on Mrs and Miss Polling but they were out driving; then called on Adm. + Mrs Hellen but they were out.

CSW told me last night she took her Mother to drive.

Every afternoon

I asked her frankly whether she thought Kennedy had been loyal to President Wilson. She said she thought he had been in the way, but intimated that matters involving her personal interest might stand in the way of her loyalty, perhaps unconsciously. She evidently does not entertain a high opinion of him.

She also told me, speaking of President Wilson, in reply to a question of mine, that he delivered his Armistice radio speech last year standing up, having committed it to memory.

7.15 P.M.

Miss Bertha Bulling called up and invited me to dine with her Mother and herself tomorrow evening at 6.30 P.M. She said she tried to get Edith but she was dining with Mrs. Helms.

Thursday, Oct. 30.

Randolph telephoned that instead of coming down to see my room at the Club this afternoon, Edith wanted me to take a good long drive with her at 3.15 when she would send the car for me to the Club.

Drove from Wash. to Alexandria, then to Fairfax Court House, then to Wash. with Mrs. Wilson,

Mrs. Bulling and Miss Bulling.

EBW. said Mrs. Warren had written asking to bring her father, Col. Bliss, to call on her. I at first thought she meant Winslow Warren, but she smilingly said "No. Col. Bliss, a horse of a very different color". She asked me to come up and talk with her.

She also said she expected me to read to Randolph and herself "Forty Years in Wash. Society".

Dined with Mrs. & Miss Bulling and had a very pleasant evening. Mrs. B. said she had had 9 children one of whom had died.

Mrs. Bulling said they were all deepset with Dr. Ayson's article in the Wilson family but not in the campaign of 1916, as it was really an apology for Wilson marriage to Mrs. W.

Mrs. Bulling said her husband's father was a prominent doctor and wanted her husband to be a doctor but he preferred Law and was a very prominent attorney in the District.

Mrs. Bulling said President Wilson consulted Mrs. W. on very important matters and that she

perhaps would tell me of many slides
not used.

I said I was trying to induce her to write
the recollections and they both urged me to keep
trying as they wanted her to do this. I said
Bertie also hoped she would do it.

at dinner they asked me to say Grace and I related the one my
mother taught me.

Oct 31. Friday

sent WSW "Forty Years in Wash. Soc" also the
original of Frank Tamm's letter in Annals
of which I had a copy made for the
Scrap Book. Also wrote like a letter.

Took tea with her at 5 P.M. Her chamber waiter had
written her asking if he could bring her father Col. Bliss.
I arrived at 5 and met her at the door returning for
a drive with her Mother & sister. I sat with
Randolph while she went up to dress for the
tea. I soon went up to the drawing room and
had a 15 minute talk with her before Col Bliss
arrived.

She said Woolley, after ^{his} talk with her had met
her brother Wilson and begged him to see her
and beg her to send Davis a letter, but she
told him she had made up her mind to do
nothing more and then Sen. Glass and I
agreed with her.

she was very optimistic about the death and said
I was a "gloomy Gus".

she spoke of Mr. Adcox speech at Los Angeles favoring
the League of N. with a smile; it seemed, in view of
the attitude, incomprehensible to me both. (in
Scrap Bk.)

I left her at 6 P.M. leaving her Warren and
Col. Bliss there.

Miss Wilson, daughter of the Ex Sec of Labor also
called. She was very optimistic and said
her father was also, as the result of a Trick
over the whole country; that he was better than
was a chance in 100; that my old friend
Sprengler said there was a possibility that
Coolidge might not carry Mass.

Bertie received a letter from WSW thanking her
for my photograph which she wrote Bertie
she wanted her to ask me to give her.

Nov 2.

During the campaign I had concluded in one of the addresses mentioned that the Mellon administration by pulling up discount rates to 7% caused the crisis of 1920 by deliberate depletion; said this administration had put discount rates down.

See Hughes said the same, see Miller in radio speech said because to raise rates after the armistice caused the troubles arising from speculation and the crash of 1920.

"see speech by the speaker"

Oct 31. Friday.

Board voted to accept report of Miller and Cunningham, prepared by Stewart,

1. Limiting scope of monthly Bulletin of Agents
2. Putting all such work under supervision and direction of Director of Research and Statistics.
3. Board must get approval of FNB Board for any research studies before incurring any expense.
4. Chief of Bureau may make assignments of such work among the Banks
5. Monthly publications not to exceed 8 pages.

6. Monthly publications to be under general editorial supervision of Director of Research & Statistics of FNB Board to be responsible to the Board for the results considered thereof.

The FNB Agents are to submit a budget of expenses - same not later than Dec 15, based on the ruling.

at first Cunningham would not sign the report, but finally he did, although he said he did not fully concur in it.

Miller moved to adopt the Report.

est moved as a substitute that the Report be submitted to the Agents for discussion before its adoption. Defeated, est alone voting Aye.

The plan note, carried, est alone voting No.

est said this would centralize the FNB system and crush out the autonomy of the 12 Banks; that we had no power to do so; that our only control over expenditures was over salaries.

Miller said the plan was based on the

assumption that the Board had power, and one Member said the Motion could be justified from the power of removal. COT said we might as well permit that matter and order each Agent to sign it.

COT begged the Board to hear the evidence first before deciding the question.

Street said he thought the Banks expected this, and COT said he would prefer to hear what the Banks had to say on this. It was all to no avail.

Conference with Pension Com^r of Governors on proposed Pension bill. They asked us to approve their bill, which left all final power in FRBd.

The Board some time ago refused to approve the Bill unless the Pension was limited to employees receiving not over \$5000 salary and unless the Pension allowing Member Banks to participate was stricken out.

The Com^r brought down leading experts, among them Mr. Sayre expert on the Labor, Church Pension fund.

He begged the Board to allow all salaried employees

to participate, as in the long run it would be cheaper as subordinated men are usually kept on for a long time; that the best of a Pension would enable the Board to insist on removal at will of all subordinated men. He said it would be far better to limit the Pension to \$5000, rather than the salary.

Miller said the great danger of dry rot was in the higher paid than in the lower paid men.

Sayre said if under Pension these men could be at will removed.

Sayre also said that allowing Member Banks to participate would cost nothing as they would have to carry themselves and pay in addition their share of the overhead.

The whole Com^r agreed that it should be left in the hands of the Board to determine absolutely as to limit of insurance and as to Member Banks. All they asked was for Congress to pass the legislation authorizing the Board finally to determine all details.

W.C. demanded to know wh. or not the
MBoard or Senate were to make simultaneous
examinations of State Members because as ordered
by the Board some time ago.

James said the Calif. Subd was now examining
the Bd of State simultaneously and our
examiners were talking & watching to see if
the State did it properly; that they would
not be finished for some months, but
that, as regards California, at least he
was content to await their report.

Some question was raised as to which, and all
agreed that the M. Bd should try to reach
some agreement with the State on a better
examination, before we took action.

Nov 4. Tuesday. Election day.

I voted the straight Democratic ticket; - for
Davis, Curley and Walsh.

Bertie voted the straight ticket except that she
voted for Gillette for Senator.

I voted on the Constitutional amendments: - against abolishing
the Volstead Act as a State measure; against the
tax on gasoline; in favor of allowing women to
hold office in Mass; in favor of the child labor
amendment.

The vote in M.B. was: - Coolidge 449; Davis 52; La
Follette 11. In Governor, Fuller 436; Curley 56.

In Senator, Gillette 382; Walsh 72.

Gillette fell behind Coolidge 67 votes, and thus
explains Walsh's lead of 20 votes over Davis.

Evidently the Coolidge and Ballinger followers
kicked Gillette.

I at once sent following telegram to Davis, signing
Bertie's name: -

"Wellshonett vote: - Coolidge 449; Davis 52;
La Follette 11. Your vote is the largest
Democratic vote for a generation, the normal
Democratic vote is about 20."

H.V. Hamlin

I then sent a telegram to Mrs Wilson, as follows:-
 "Davis received 52 votes in Massachusetts. This
 is the largest democratic vote for a
 generation. We all join in affectionate greetings.

Charles S. Hamlin

In the evening we listened to the returns over the
 Radio sitting up until nearly 2 am when the
 Radio closed. When we started it seemed
 evident that Coolidge was elected unless later
 returns from the West offset the tremendous
 gains in the East and the center of the country.

Nov 5. Wed.

Coolidge has swept the country. The blow of La
 Follette and distrust of Bryan evidently made
 very many democratic votes desert to Coolidge.
 Evidently conservatism is in a large majority
 over radicalism, or at least, extreme radicalism
 in U.S. I had thought that the country was
 moderately radical.

at about 6 P.M. received the following telegram:-
 To C.H. etc.

"The Polyannas bow to the gloomy Gueles and
 wipe their tears. Love to you all.

E. B. W.

Nov 6. Thursday

wrote E. B. W. a letter acknowledging her telegram
 and analyzing the election.

an examination of the D. Mass. returns for Nov 5, 1924: -

	Nov. 1924.	Nov. 1920
Assembly.	105	79
Dorchester	248	206
Marin	32	40
Mt.	52	50
Norfolk	14	29
Wareham	173	194
Total	524	418

Yum on Davis. 25%.

Vote of Mt. on Abolition.

abolition of Volstead Act.	Yes. 249. No. 138
Carroll Tax.	Yes 92. No. 249
Daylight saving.	Yes. 180. No. 219
Child labor.	Yes 161. No. 196.

From the figures in D. Her. Dec 6, 1924: Massachusetts.

The total vote for Davis was 8662 greater than for P. Wash.

Fuller got 57782 less than Coolidge

Fuller got 83322 more than G. L. Wash.

Fuller got 83322 less than Fuller

Fuller got 141104 less than Coolidge

Curley got 59000 less than Walsh
 Curley got 208581 more than Davis

Davis got 428505 less than Couledge
 Davis got 208581 less than Curley
 Davis got 267581 less than Walsh

Walsh got 267581 more than Davis
 Walsh got 59000 more than Curley

Davis's vote was	280 208
La Falletta	<u>142 137</u>
Davis over La F	138 071

The total vote for Davis & La F. was 422345.
 Davis got 66% only of this.

Couledge got 286368 more than total vote of
 Davis and La Falletta.

Nov 7. Thursday

Harriet gave me a letter from my Mother, dated July 5,
 1877 which I shall put in my search book.
 For copy, see p. 119

Nov 8. Sat.

In the last mail came the following postal card from
 E. B. W.

Address. Lid, Nov 7. 1928

As then told.

Friday, Randolph and I are on a little motor trip to
 Vä. and will be away until the end of next
 week. Wish you were with us. The country is
 lovely. Love to you all.

E. B. W.

I suppose this means that she is not going to
 write me her views as to the election which I
 asked her to do in my letter of Friday Oct 31 and Thursday,
 Nov 6. (The latter could not have reached her before Sat.
 Nov. 8 after she had started on her journey.)
 I am very disappointed in a letter in the
 elections would have been of great historical

value.
 Nov 9. copy writes letter from Virginia
 Nov 10. Monday
 arrived from Lid.

Copy of letter from my Mother. See Search. 60. 1st volume
 " Boston, July 5. 1877 See p. 118
 Dear children:

According to your Father's account you
 have forgotten your living Mother's requests to

to you when leaving home, I am very much troubled about you - Charlie and Eddie - to think you both go in such dangerous places. I am so disappointed I can hardly wait until next week to see you. I did not think you would ever forget one word of my earnest advice to you even if I was ten thousand miles away. Every word of my advice should be so stamped on your heart that I would be your vision at all times when the tempter comes nigh. May the great Lord be your director until I see you again, and He surely will but not unless you call on Him at all times. I have very little time to write my work at present, but I say to you - my dear children - keep out of boots and trees and be kind and loving to one another, also keep constantly together and be very kind to George and Ned.

I want you - Charlie and Eddie to start for home just before dark every night - only on particular occasions.

If you don't get lots of sleep, dear Charlie, instead of going to college you will be obliged to go into a store or do some laborious work, such as burning, where eye sight will not

be so much needed.

Remember what I say - it is as true as I say it - unless you have the best of care of your eyes, this will surely happen. The doctor says so too, so take warning now.

Your loving Mother,

A. G. H.

W. 10. Monday

Joint conference Evon and Apleto.

4 P.M. Board meets with when next com^{ce} of Evon.

Ed wanted to talk w. Com^{ce} about their feeling, expressed in minutes of Chicago meeting, that in addition to the 500 million Govt Sec, whose purchase has been authorized, the Com^{ce} shld auth. the Chrm, Gov Stamp, after cooperation w. the Com^{ce}, to buy or sell 100 million more in case of any emergency requiring quick action. The Bd was to approve this, of course, but apparently no consent of Bd had to be received before acting. W.S. said the Com^{ce} intended to report to the Board along above lines, but Miller had indicated there might be objections; that some one must be ready in an emergency and if Bd would take the responsibility of declining this authorization he wd be content.

W.S. pointed out that in the near future there would be a contraction of number of members

bank of over 200 millions, - 25 millions already set
 apart for Canada, 100 millions loaned Germany & Italy
 & lent 5 million less well, in Feb. 1925, trust of
 bonds being circulated requiring deposit in Treasury of
 some 87 million (amt of these bonds being N. G. Notes)
 Gov S said this would tighten the market and
 would mean a necessity for putting up discount
 rates; that it would cause little disturbance and
 uncertainty in U.S. and would securely adjust
 our relations w. Europe, starting up gold markets
 again.

Evidently Gov S. wants to purchase more Govt Sec.
 in order to keep money conditions easy and keep down
 discount rates. I believe there is trouble in this as
 putting up rates would embarrass the Administration;
 also that he looks for some inflation to put us in a
 nasty w. E.P.S.

Customer rates are now as low as $\frac{1}{4}\%$ as against
 discount rate of 3%.

To make our rate objective we should raise sell some
 Govt Sec.

Gov H. & Nares thought our discount rate abnormally low
 & that they ought to go up.

Nares sd he wanted seeing Treasury to string over 100
 million more Govt Sec., but he would be adverse to
 raising it to buy more now.

Miller objected vigorously to giving such power, and Gov S
 had been through meeting minutes to show that Miller
 then vigorously favored it, which rather pleased
 Miller.

Cunningham objected to using other market power
 to stabilize rates, altho he was adverse to any
 increase in discount rates.

Gov H. pointed out that in 1923 we reduced our
 holdings of Govt Sec. to 90 million to avoid need
 of putting up disc. rates.

Gov S. got angry & suggested that the Bd demand the
 Council & take responsibility on itself for operating.

I only agree that when next house was intended to
 be used for purposes of raising disc. rates
 objective, but have grave doubts whether we
 should now use it to keep down a reasonable
 advance in disc. rates.

I do not like use of open market power to regulate
 the Stock Exchange, but Gov S. pointed out that a
 rise in call loan rates may necessitate an increase
 in commercial rates.

Gov Harding told Cunningham that if rates are not
 in a normal condition, in future we may have

to make a slash message which will be good for business.

Ev S's idea seems to be to in effect have the old Army Comnd (after the armistice) which I do not like.

Naum & Stimp seemed to feel that while a moderate increase might help U.S. domestically, it would injure Europe & thus in the long run injure us.

Newman, former Dist. Comnd, told me at lunch today that he arranged with 23 radio circuits for a speech by McAdoo, without any charge, on Monday night before election, but that McAdoo, because of "other engagements" was not able to accept the invitation! He has killed all hope of future political involvement.

Ev Harding dined with me and said that Miller told him that his daughter Lure (see Lane's wife) told him she was going to vote for Coolidge!

Nov 11. Tuesday.
attended Memorial services at Cathedral. Wash.
I believe Edw. went to Virginia to avoid attending these services.

Nov 12. Wed.

Received letter from C. B. W. from Indian Town, Newmarket, Va where she was visiting, about the elections.

Meeting of when next Comnd. but of 5 or 6 resolutions discussed. The question of power over another 100 millions of Govt Sec. was dropped by the Comnd. Discussion turned largely on wh. Comnd should be given power to replace 65 millions of Sec. wh. will shortly mature; also on the power to buy Govt Secs. to offset effect of exports or gold, part of bonds etc.

Miller violently objected to any such power being given to the ~~Comnd~~ Ev Stimp who said Comnd are must be responsible - the Board or the Gov.

Ed pointed out that the Comnd should ask that such power be given to the Comnd and not to Ev. Stimp, and Ev S. said, as Chairman that he never had nor would do anything except in conference w. the Comnd and that in every meeting of the Comnd the Board had been & would be notified.

Miller then said he thought the proposition was to give the Board of N.Y. the power

but as it was given to the Council he could withdraw
 his objections. Mr. Knickerbocker said that at the
 meeting last June the Board of N.Y. wanted
 the House but the Board would not agree.

Mr. S. pointed out that the gold accumulated in
 Canada, and that ordered by our banks in
 Germany, and the bond subscriptions would
 seriously draw down the reserves of member
 banks, and this must result in calling
 commercial loans or restricting credits thus
 disturbing the commercial money market.

Mr. S. said Council would at once increase the
 bill rates to help control the situation.

Miller said the open market houses should not
 be used to stabilize rates abnormally low
 and all agreed to this.

Miller now wants higher rates. Perhaps he is
 no longer a borrower (Globe Money Co.)

W.S.W. in her letter to me of Nov. 10 said she went to
 Virginia to create the Armistice memorial
 service at the cathedral as she could not
 trust herself to attend this very long, drawn
 out service. My invitation as to this was correct
 when Mrs. Meyer said the service lasted nearly
 3 hours and was attended by 4 or 500 people;
 that Houston Thompson delivered a most
 very interesting address in French which
 entitled "Peace without Victory." (See See Book)

Nov 13. Thursday.

called 8 P.M. by appointment in New and Mrs. Bertha
 Balling at Hotel Newmarket, - to make a dinner
 call. They said they spent dinner night at 2340 S
 and that Mrs. Adam, + Mrs. Grayson and Mrs. Helen
 were also there; that my telegram as to the bill
 vote gave great pleasure to them all, W.S.W. showing
 it to each as they came; that during the evening
 W.S.W. opened a bottle of wine.

Mrs. Bazam expressed in confidence to Dr. Axson's
 campaign article in 1916 with the Wilson family,
 saying it disturbed them - also W.S.W. - very much;
 that they were at Shadow Lawn at the time and
 Dr. Axson was there also and she told him

just what she thought of it.

She also said it made her very indignant to see the writer of articles and books in Presst Wilson to dwell entirely on the Presst's life with the first Mrs Wilson, almost equating Mrs W.; that while she never saw her she had no doubt she was a most charming, artistic and refined woman, but that her life with him, while filled with delightful experiences, had in it some of the elements of tragedy as did the time in which he was married to Mrs W.; that Mrs W. was a woman not only of great personal beauty but as well, of deep intelligence; that it was her devotion and care which made it possible for Presst W. to brush her hair of office; that he was madly devoted to her and subservient to her every wish; that during his illness at the White House he would call on her at all hours of the day and night; that he was never leaving her when she was with him; that, tired as she was she gave the strictest orders to the nurses not to fail to call her when Mr. W. asked for her; that they were devoted companions, he consulting her on every important matter, even official matters.

not told her the thought her best friend, for as she was, was not in the class of Mrs W., as to charm and intelligence, nor could she have done for him what Mrs W. was able to do.

not said it made Bette and himself very indignant at the way the writer slurred over her married life with Mrs W. and that in her book he would see that she had the place in history she deserved. They were delighted at this.

Mr B said her sister would never beget her if she knew she had talked with me about the Apsan article, as she would not admit being biased in the matter. She said the Wilson girls had treated Mrs W. badly, and that Dr Apsan seemed to like her also, but she could not understand him. She was very bitter about David Lawrence's book and said that while at Princeton he was at the Wilson house a great deal and ^{calling me another by their first names.} was really a friend of Margaret Wilson's, always, not said he thought Lawrence's book as published had had many critical references omitted or expunged; that at one place however he said Mrs W. was the "sipping monarch" (p. 288); that in a sense this was true as she

it was who made it possible for Mr. Wilson to brush
me then; that he was not to do so, but only through
her will.

she said she had often been asked by syndicates
to write up WBE - and to name her on record,
but of course she declined.

I left at 10 P.M. and WBE had not returned by
her time, but telephoned her and Mandolita
would leave dinner on the road.

Nov 14, Friday.

called into WBE at 8.45 am and she asked me to
come into to lunch.

I told her about Mr. Adams refusing to discuss
over the Radio and she was shocked, saying she
she had been a defeated candidate on the
nominations, nothing would have troubled
her but accepting.

Then she added smilingly; "Perhaps Mr. A.
was dominated by some one just as I was
dominated by you in the matter of my
Doris letter!"

she spoke much of Pratt Wilson, saying,
among other things, that he will tell her
that he had received hundreds of letters,

hundreds etc on the Tucker Mexican Policy; that most
of them were plainly selfish and many of them
filled with plain lies; that very few pamphlets
contained some basis of truth; that among the
pamphlets he could pick out certain elements of
truth in common to all; that he could then
call out much truth to justify him.

I gave her David Lawrence's book, or rather said
I would send it to her, and that I had indexed
references to her and other important matters.
She said, if I wanted her to, she would read it
and take it over with me later.

I told her Lawrence, although praising her
in the highest degree, referred to her as the
"Duke's Agent" and she said this distressed
her greatly; that she acted as her husband's
secretary and assisted him in every way in
her house, consulting with the doctors at all
times, and cheering him up and comforting
him, but that his mind was the one
which acted in all matters. She said he
had ordered many matters not sent to the
Executive office but directly to him and in
these matters she gave him all the help
she could, especially in choosing the best
time to lay them before him.
She broke heartily last, during a short time

just bullannig the stroke, then never was a
 but when he was incalculated in
 herbaning the duties of his office, - that she
 gave him strength and courage, but that he
 herbaned the duties of his office.

She said he often asked her to see people on
 his, telling her what to say, and she would
 make a memorandum in writing, altho he
 would laugh at her and say it was not
 necessary.

she remembered offering her Alexander the Sec.
 of the Interior at the request of her husband;
 that Alexander said he would accept but
 wanted to return the day in Express; that she
 needed no specific instruction to tell him this
 could not be done; that he then accepted
 unconditionally.

She begged me to be very careful, in any writing
 I might do, to keep out her name; - that
 she nearly assisted her husband in a desec-
 -tional and wily manner but that she
 needed very little.

She asked me to beg Bertie and Anna to come
 to her in time to spend Thanksgiving with
 her.

She told me surely to call her on Tuesday when I returned.

William Hill spent last night at the corner and looks
 very poor tonight.

I mentioned to her that I had lunched with her
 William, and he then said he had called on her
 Bulling and asked if he call on her today
 and that Bulling said she was to have a very
 busy day and would be unable to make any
 appointments; that he then asked if he could
 not call late this afternoon; that Bulling said
 she would be out all the afternoon; that he
 then asked if he could not call tomorrow, but
 Bulling said the day was filled with appoint-
 -ments.

While I think Bulling - considering my relations with
 him - should have found it possible to arrange a
 call on tomorrow, yet I am amazed that
 William should have called Bulling up without
 first speaking to me. If he had, I might have
 asked permission to bring him to lunch.

at lunch, I told Mrs. W. he was in town and she
 quickly said - "Why didn't you tell me!"

I am convinced she knew nothing about
 William calling on Bulling.

I do not know how William got the telephone
 number; I certainly never gave it to him!

I also told Mrs. W. that the action of the writer in President Wilson in stirring the relations with the best Mrs. Wilson, possessing the many good and charming qualities, undoubtedly deserved; - and then turning over Mrs. W. with very slight reluctance, good as it was, - made my blood boil.

She laughed and said she never thought of it in the slightest degree; that the best Mrs. Wilson was undoubtedly a charming, wonderful woman and of the greatest help to President Wilson and devotedly loved by him.

Ed said this was true, but that this was before the tragedy of the war with its bluebonnet strain and perplexities; that she had made it possible for him to live through it and that but for her devotion and strength, physically and intellectually he could not have gone through it. She said - don't you think any devoted wife could have done this? Ed said absolutely No.

I then said "you have established an important place in history for yourself and I am going to try to have it recognized. You made a wonderful record in the White House, both for dignity and most charming personality. You will go down in history along with Folly

Madison! I suppose you don't reply then." She laughed and said I have never given such a thing a thought.

Ed wrote Mrs. W. sending her Laurence Cross a President Wilson.

Nov 17 Monday

Temperature fell Sunday night to 11°; the beam house plumbing was broken and one of the inside bath rooms, and Anna's bath room showing a bad leak. We cut the water off the north side. Left on 5.05 train from N. Bedford for Providence.

Nov 18. Monday.

Called Mr. Nundoloh who said Mrs. W. and he surely expected me to dinner unless she was called away to her sister Bette who was taken violently ill Sunday night with, I think, Stomach poisoning and that Mrs. W. had slept most of last night with her. He said he would call me at 5.30.

Sent a bunch of violets with a note to Miss Balling.

4.30

EW. called me up and asked me to come to dinner at 7 P.M.

At lunch, Huston Thompson met me and he was in a state of fury over the anniversary services at the Cathedral. He said it would be an outrage to have Proctor Wilson's body permanently interred there.

He said Bishop Sherman sent word to him that he would he would not make a political speech, which he took as an insult; that the Bishop was at the service in Bethlehem chapel, but did not go to the cross to hear him, already another indignity; that the Bishop willingly feared his address might alienate the New Republican friends.

He said the Bishop was a narrow, narrow Republican and he did not believe he ever favored the S. of N. but was using Wilson's name to burn the Cathedral.

He said he favored buying a lot across the Potomac, near the new Lincoln bridge and building a school there.

He also said Mrs. Wilson wrote him a

beautiful note saying frankly she could not trust herself to attend the services.

He also said he uttered some plain truths at the service, dwelling upon Proctor Wilson's last year's anniversary speech.

He gave me a clipping from the Chicago Tribune referring to "Bitterness at the Cross of Peace", and cited T's trail of Wilson's castigation of Dodge etc etc.

Found at 2340 S St. Ray Stannard Baker was there. EW. asked me to say grace which I did, relating the grace my Mother taught me. After dinner I told her what Thompson said to me about the warning of Bishop Sherman not to make a political address, and I said Thompson took it almost as an insult.

She at once said the Bishop had no such intention; that this meeting was gotten up by some trouble who used New Republican shape words and the statement was made that Mrs. Wilson favored it; that the Bishop sent ^{her} Prottenoble to her and he said they greatly feared that the services might be turned, more or less, into a kind of political meeting, and to avoid this she decided not to take part in it.

I think probably the Bishop knew Thompson was very crafty and, with good reason, feared what might happen.

I told Mrs. that from the report in the Chicago Tribune, Thompson praised President Wilson for his castigation of Lodge. She said he sent her a copy and she saw nothing in it which could fairly be criticized.

She said she had had part of Lawrence's book, which I sent her, but it disturbed her so by the evident prejudice that she could not read any more of it.

She told me she had no copy of Tom Allen White's book, but was making the sketch in "Liberty". I said I would send her mine & she said she would keep very much to look over it.

I came back with Buster and we talked in my room 1 1/2 hours.

He told me that he had no doubt but that the break between Mr. House and Wilson was brought about primarily by their different points of view on the Treaty, and secondarily by personal matters such as the Sen.-in-law and Anshelton.

He said House had flattered his friends &

relations on the Peace Commission; that Anshelton also was given the privilege of his wife with him; that he had, I think his brother-in-law Prof. might with him; that he counseled him and others, who were not the official advisers, more than he did the latter; that this made the Italians believe our delegation was divided, and that by holding out, they could get some advantage; that Lawrence had clearly advised to House when he quoted an Italian as saying that some one had told them he could bring Wilson over to the Italian point of view; that House, while Wilson went home, was bowled by Clemenceau, Lloyd George and the Italians and consented to separating the League from the Covenant in defiance of Wilson's wishes; that in other matters also he consented to compromise.

He said House undoubtedly intended to be loyal, but he had not the intellectual power to understand the diplomats; that his ideas were limited to a crassly compromise; that Wilson understood the diplomatic game while House did not; that House was invaluable in

getting submerged, but his mind was too
 slow-witted; that House really eliminated
 himself.

He said Lawrence's statement that Mrs Wilson
 showed to House a clipping culogy himself
 at the expense of Wilson - was true.

He said Wilson did not fail in Paris, that
 the trouble about was to put the League
 into the Covenant and he succeeded; that
 while he had to yield on
 certain things, simply because of the
 secret matter - he would have had to
 win if the League had been substituted
 for the Covenant, and that putting the
 League in made it easier to yield on all
 of them could be considered later in the
 League.

Nov 20. Thursday

Sent Mr Allen White's copy to W.B. with a
 letter.

Last Sunday Saturday M.A. Curtis told me Haupt
 Mubbin & Co told him they could not publish
 the Harding book; that they asked him to read
 the manuscript & he found it blundering
 & filled with little attacks, and he

agreed it could not be published.

I heard that it might contain some attack on
 Randolph Bolling and wrote Mr H a letter
 from Mr H last Sunday saying I was viewing
 my memoranda on gold statements during
 the embargo and would like to read that
 part of the manuscript, especially that
 relating to Mubbin and the gold statements
 submitted to the Philadelphia bank, the Equitable
 Trust Co.

He replied yesterday that his manuscript
 was now in the Amer. Bankers journal
 being condensed, but that he thought he
 had not mentioned Mubbin, nor did he
 think anything should be said about these
 gold statements or some other yet.

I was greatly relieved & wrote that I agreed
 with him entirely.

Knowing his bitterness towards Randolph
 I heard he might attack him.

2.30 P.M.

called Mr Randolph to say good bye but he
 was out walking with Mr H.

Nov 21. Friday

attended special meeting of Bd of Trustees,
campaign endorsement for Gen. Pease in N.Y.

Chas Root presided. The meeting was to take
action on death of Baron Constant d'Armenelles
and representative in Paris who had died.
Dr Shotwell, in charge of the Com. history of the
war which we are publishing, gave an admirable
address, saying, among other things, that the
L. of N. would and must live, that the world
nation recognized that it was the best of
the world for Pease; that the last Treaty
represented the unanimous continental
view, headed by Pease; that England might
have some reservations, but would not dare,
even if it wanted to, to refuse assent as she
must have cordial relations with France.
He was said that the Greek debt should be
adjusted.

David Joyce Hill put some rather sarcastic
questions which Shotwell answered well.
we are dining in the evening with Alexander
Henry Butler, 60. Morningide drive.

I sat between Charles Dana Gibson and Dr
Shotwell. Gibson is not a trustee but was
a guest. Besides Matthews, Robert Grant,

and Augustus Thomas were also there.

Gibson spoke very pleasantly of Pease &
Mr Wilson, saying he did not know the
date after Pease had left the White House.
He inquired Thursday as to whether Mrs W.
was to continue living at 2340 S St and
whether she was in comfortable circum-
stances, to which I replied that I did
not know.

Dr Shotwell said he was a Democrat
and had voted for Davis; that he spoke
as he did about the L. of N. because he
knew many of the Trustees looked on
it very coldly; that it seemed to
be so much of International Peace
but no word as to the L. of N.

In reply to question on me, he said
Dr Butler was not absolutely opposed
to the League but was, he thought,
willing to accept it, if necessary, with
reasonable reservations; that the League
was sure to survive; that the British
Emp Govt were really not opposed to
it, although it might make reservations
as to the new Protocol; that he was
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Nov. 22. Sat.

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I explained to her why I left very early when at dinner last Tuesday; that I thought Ray Stannard Baker would want to talk over with her the collection of all the sheets, addresses etc of Prudt Wilson which he and Mr Dodd were preparing, so I left early. She laughed and said she thought I was bored with Mr & Mrs Fitzhugh Woodrow, just married, who called that evening. I assured her this was not so.

She said Baker was much disturbed at the collection of Wilson's addresses etc, which the Review of Reviews had just published, but that she told him that these were public addresses which anyone could print, and that his collection, with valuable marginal notes etc would not be injured at all by the Review of Reviews edit.

She also said she talked with Baker about the official life of Prudt Wilson and said she really wanted him to do it but had not made up her mind. She asked him if he would be willing to collaborate with anyone else, but he said no.

She said she went over this with him last Tuesday night about I arrived.

I told her I was reading Baker's 3 volume book, Woodrow Wilson and World Settlement, and was very much interested with it, and that I felt there was no one as well qualified as he to do the work; that I thought the ideal solution would be to have some one of more distinctly literary ability and business of view-point, say a man like Bliss Perry, collaborate with Baker.

She said this was her feeling also, and that she was earnestly pondering over the matter.

She asked about Bertie's plans and I told her she had not made up her mind but that I did not want her to take a leave this winter, but to have a good rest which she sadly needed; that she might go to Bermuda.

She at once said, "Why can not Bertie and Anna spend the winter with me; I should so love to have them!"

I thanked her warmly but said this would not be possible. Her kindness was really touching.

She said she had had no letter recently

from Bertie, but that she would like me and intended to write her tomorrow, and I gave her Mrs Blake's address.

I told her to tell her sister I had read again Dr Ayson's article in Wilson in the N.Y. Times Magazine of Oct 8, 1916, printed and distributed by Mrs Malcolm Forbes. She asked me what I thought of it, and I said to tell ^{her} ~~her~~ sister that I agreed with every word she said to me about it on the occasion of my last call, but that I should decline to discuss it with her (M.W.). She smiled at this.

I think she understood what I meant and said she would tell her sister what I said.

Dr Ayson's article was well re-mentioned and the shape beautifully of M.W. but he gave 4 pages to the first Mrs Wilson and only 2 paragraphs to M.W.

Mrs Bertha Bulling was very bitter about it and I think her feeling was justified.

Received a letter from Ned saying that Harwood, chief engineer of the N.Y. Cent. RR had inspected the Albany RR terminals and the cow houses and had asked to see Ned and they spent most of the afternoon together. It looks certainly optimistic.

Nov 23. Sunday

Sent six boxes of used playing cards received from the Somerset Club, to Mrs Wilson with a letter in which incidentally told her how I admired Bertie. I had ordered these at her request.

Called on Mrs Chandler Hall; she said she had suffered from anaemia for over five years; that two weeks ago she went to the Fairfield Hospital for a thorough examination; tests etc; that the tests told her the tests were all right but that her condition was anaemia; that tomorrow she was to go to bed for at least a month and later a prescribed course of treatment.

Nov 24. Monday

Received a letter evidently from Ethel and Randolph containing a slip of paper on which was written 5 or 6 times the word "Apple". This refers to the alibis her weekly of Shoban.

wrote that he had sent me, and which I said I would give to W&W; that I would see if by any chance they had arrived at the corner club and begged them to jog my memory so I should not forget.

Nov 24. Monday

nd. adv. council meeting.

Discussion over course as to discount rates.

Miller repeated the talk given before the joint conference. Sec. Miller would like to be believed the 3% N.Y. should not be increased. After some hesitation he said yes. He also said we should at once sell some Govt securities to lighten up the market.

Sec. Miller said he thought much of the business improvement was normal, merely taking up the slack.

Mr. Mitchell of Chicago said the 3% rate at N.Y. was too low and should be increased at once, and Govt securities should be sold. Washburn was against raising the 3% rate at present.

Mr. C. agreed with Washburn and said that an increase at N.Y. would in all probability

be followed by an increase to 4% by Boston, N.Y. & C. & C.; that the 3% rate was merely a nominal rate as discounts had descended almost to nothing; that it would be lowered on by the trouble as a red bluff, an indication that the Board looked on trouble, and would be pre-judging a condition which might settle itself and turn out not to be abnormal; that we should hold the reins, though when they operate, so as to be ready to lighten them by selling Govt securities at any time.

The consensus of opinion was that some Govt sec. should at once be sold; that perhaps even \$ million might suffice.

The council was unanimous in opposing the scheme - favored by E. C. - for changing the law so that Natl bank notes could be issued against Liberty Bonds.

Mr. Houston at club at 10.30 P.M.

He was very despondent and saw no hope for the Dem. Party for 8 years at least; he said both McAdoo and Smith would be defeated again on the nomination, and would stay

would probably kill me another, they would also ruin the Party; he was very bitter against McAdoo. He said he went to see Davis at Frank Pulte's house a week after the convention and that he was absolutely dazed; that to his surprise he found he had no copy letter of the Dem. in Neb. Tribune, although he said many of the Dem. Tribune were bad; that he seemed to have no comprehension as to the issue; that he warned him not to charge the Tribune with responsibility for Deblater, as there had been none in the sense in which the term is ordinarily used; that if there had been any it must have been accomplished by a Democratic MPed; that on Sept 30 this morning he went to Omaha and cleared the Neb. w. deliberate Deblater; that he saw one circular that out by the Dem. Com. charging the Tribune with Deblater; that he protested to Sawyer who said it was being sent out only in a few places.

Nov 25. Tuesday

Randolph called me up and asked me to come to lunch at 1.30.

Lunched with ASW and Randolph.

I gave her a review of Tom Allen White book in Wilson Dem the N.Y. Tribune. Neither she nor Randolph read White book. She said the N.Y. Dem had asked her to write a review of it and he had sent her an advance copy on suggestion and that she replied that she did not like the review, stating, I think she said, her name. She asked me to go over Baker's 3 vol. book and let her know whether I thought he had handled Col. Hunt satisfactorily as some friends had thought he had not done this well. I said I would do this, and that I had already read her most of what he said and thought he had torn him into bits but would examine it and let her know. I also said I had almost finished the first volume and thought it was marvellously well done, showing the recent appreciation of the Paris problems, how nearly Prud'homme had appreciated them and how wonderful he had met them.

I said I believed no one was better qualified

to write President Wilson's life.

I asked her if the statement in David Lawrence's book was true; - that she had showed Col. House an article pulling him about the President etc. she said it was true, that one day in Paris Col. House called on her while waiting to see Mr. Wilson, and that she told him she had an article by William Stead, saying that Col. H. was the only statesman in the American Commission, and that all that had been accomplished had been his work, and that if Mr. Wilson only remained ill, House could wrap the R. of N. problem out etc etc.

She said Col. H. took it and said he had never seen it before, seemed very much embarrassed and finally left without waiting to see Mr. Wilson, and that this was the last time she ever saw him.

She also asked me to find out whether Charles Moore of the manuscript division of the Cong. Library was a Republican partisan, as she had been informed. I met Mr. Moore in the Club and casually asked him and at once wrote her about him. (see my letter Nov 25)

She spoke of White's reference to Trumulty in her

book, and said Trumulty's statements were absolutely false; that T. wrote Mr. Wilson to send a message to the Dem. dinner but he declined; that later T. saw him; that he never gave or authorized any message; that later T. returned from N.Y. and met Wilmer Bulling in the station and got into the car & told him the truth and an article set up on this subject which would ruin him, that he must see Mr. Wilson; that Wilmer went to her at her Mother's and she finally returned and wrote Mr. Wilson etc although she feared it would show her slack on the right, but whether Mr. Wilson saw her I am not sure but think she said he did; that in White's book all the essential correspondence bet. T. and herself was omitted; that her statement as to a message was a deliberate lie.

She also said that once Trumulty to play a trick on Ray Baker, who was just starting on a speaking tour in the campaign of 1916, T. wrote a letter in which House took and begged Mr. Wilson to send it and had it delivered to Baker at a dinner just before he was taking the train. The forged letter ordered Baker to

unintentionally to give up his keys and return at home; that Busby was completely overpowered and left the driver asking J. to come out and finally could hardly be persuaded the letter was a forgery.

Randolph said J. had forged, before him, a memorandum purported to be written by William, signing his name, and it was so perfect he believed it would have deceived Wilson Gannett.

Edith said nothing would convince her but that J. had not actually sent forged letters of credit.

She said the White House had a statement on Thursday that the surgeon who operated on the child charged him - a poor man - \$2500 which was a deliberate lie; that Dr Edward Davis returned the operation, and told her last Sat. when visiting her, that at J's earnest request he came to Wash. with 2 assistants & operated on her J.; that he asked Dr Grayson if J. could afford to pay a reasonable bill and he said he was in good circumstances and could easily afford it; that he thought it over and finally sent him a bill for \$600 - as he thought, a most reasonable bill; that J. wrote

him a business letter enclosing a check for only \$300; that he called her attention to the error but got no response; that finally he gave it to a collector who collected the amount.

She spoke of the French Ambassador leaving and asked what I thought of him. I said I did not like him & she said she agreed with me. She said when they left the White House he did not call at S. St for over a month, although every other diplomat called at me. She said ten persons lived in Paris in a small apartment in the 5th floor without an elevator and that she supposed they must be in very reduced circumstances, but that Henry White told her they would well be so, and that this was merely French thrift, as income taxes were based on the rental value of apartments.

She said that her complaint that Mr. Lusk did not have outcries to dinner was founded on the fact that Mr. Lusk could not invite one without inviting hundreds, and that in those trying times there was grave danger that some one might speak or behave grossly or affect statements heard at dinner, were

the entirely innocently; that Mr. Wilton loved to have
the inside at dinner as much as any one else.

She also spoke of his objection to the phrase "In
respect to" "meeting in" "in respect of", and to the
phrase "Under the circumstances" instead of
"In the circumstances". She said he well said he
would organize a new style club.

I incidentally spoke of Mr. Hill telephoning
Randall's car and said I wondered
how he got Hill's teleph. number. Randall
said he could not imagine as he had never
given it to him.

I said he did not get it from me, and I did
not know when that he had telephoned until
late that night; that I had not and would
not give it to any one.

I said Herbert George Peabody, her intimate
friend, gave it to her but Randall said he
did not have it and E.W. said Peabody was
most punctilious and always wrote.

I then reminded Randall that Wilton said
the President last year & that perhaps it
was given him then.

E. B. W. rather came to some degree and
said that was probably the explanation.

Mr. Wilton had written instead of telephoning

he might perhaps have secured an interview.

She said Margaret Wilton was coming down
transferring room after seeing the Supt. off
in N.Y.

E.W. also said that I probably noticed that the
photograph I gave her was no longer in
the library (where she kept it since I gave it)
but that she had promoted or demoted it up
to her own room where she kept Bertie. I
said I regarded it as a translation.

(add note, p. 164)

I told her Bertie would come down on the
Congressional limited on Monday morning but that
I should probably be back Sat. morning
unless "higher influences" intervened, at which
she laughed heartily, and asked me surely
to call her up when I returned.

She then said of course I was to stay with
her also, but I told her I had better not
do that, as I had my room at the club
and rooms were so scarce it might give me
trouble. She said - tell them you are out of
town. I said then they might insist on
letting the room be kept to myself.
She finally said if I would not stay at the

house she would surely expect me at every meal, and I said she need not worry - I should certainly look her to death!

I begged her not to send to the station to have Bertie met as our own car would probably be best and in any event I would meet them & take them to the house. She then smilingly said - "I don't care what you say I shall go down to meet them and in this matter you can not dominate me."

5.30 P.M.

Miss Bertha Bulling called me up to thank me for the blouse I sent her; she said she was very weak since but hoped to be able to go to S St to see Bertie when she arrived, and that she hoped she would see much of us all this winter.

Nov 26. Wed

Took 1 am train for N.Y. and 12.25 P.M. for Albany arriving at 3.40. Went to the River; Harriet was out but returned shortly. She said Bertie had taken the 2 P.M. train from Boston & would arrive at 7.30. I sat with her until 7.15 when I went down in the auto to meet Bertie and Anna. They were not on the train

but as I was leaving Bertie suddenly appeared and said they came on the limited which arrived at 6 P.M.; that Harriet wrote her to take the train arriving at 7.30 & that the auto would meet her; that she had already bought seats on the limited arriving at 6 P.M.; that she supposed Harriet was giving a tea or luncheon & did not want her to arrive earlier; that, therefore, they went (Anna bilkily objecting) to the Van Dyck Hotel and waited until just before 7.30 when they returned to the station, met the auto and myself & went to the house! They told Harriet nothing about it!

Harriet's room, as I learned later, was that the auto had gone with William - who was playing golf, and so could be back only in time to meet the 7.30 train.

The thought of my drinking tea quietly with Harriet, while Bertie and Anna were waiting in the hotel, was certainly grotesque!

Nov 27. Thursday

W.S.W. sends me a Thanksgiving telegram.

Nov 28. En route, arrive Wash. 7.30. Train late.

Nov 29. ^{Saturday} ~~Friday~~

Telephoned Randolph who said Edith wished me to come to dinner tonight.

Ev. Mr. Dean of N.C. (formerly of War Finance Corp.) called to say a JN branch bank in N.C. Carolina, preferably at Charlotte.

Incidentally he said Pat Harrison, Glass' aide had been treacherous to McAdoo; that he had had a letter from McAdoo recently from which he gathered that he had given up all hopes of running again; that he (McA) believed now that McAdoo could not have been elected; that McAdoo's trouble in the hospital came from the fact that the neostate was enlarged & that some time he must be operated upon; that all he had, however, was a very slight stricture to cure which an instrument was inserted into the penis and the operation was broadened by the instrument; that in his belief there was no necessity for anything being done at that time, but that McAdoo chose this as an easy way of avoiding taking the stump for

men!

He also said McAdoo explained her not doing more for Davis, from the fact that the Progressives were subverting him (McAdoo) and that it was not advisable for her to turn them down by actively subverting Davis!

Received a most appreciative note from Bertha Bulling in reply to my letter written in N.Y. praising her work in the Bee. Scribner in Pam's garden (C.W.'s). She said my note was a treasure in itself.

Wrote w. C.W. 7 P.M.

Mrs. Bulling and Bertha Bulling were also there.

C.W. said Bertha had read her my letter and she (C.W.) was nobly charmed with it; that, as her sister said, it was a treasure in itself, and that I certainly had a wonderful capacity for writing.

She thanked me warmly for my letter of Nov 24, as to Charles Moor.

After dinner, at her request, I read a memorandum I had prepared showing Ray

standard Baker treatment of Cal. House in his book; "Woodrow Wilson and World Settlement" I also read a letter from Nicholas Murray Butler on the last election.

We finally had a game of Pool, all leaving at about 11 P.M. I drove home with Mrs. Helen Buckley and the chamberlain took me to the corner club.

EWB incidentally said that she was born in 1872; this shows that Lawrence in his book was in error in saying she was 48 when she married Prudt Welton; which would have made her 57 instead of 52.

[add in h. 159]

I told EWB I was so glad she had not written the letter to John W. ^{Davis,} Baker, and she said, on thinking it over, that she also was glad, and that my advice to her was good and she appreciated it.]

Nov 30. Sunday.

Thurs. I left one memorandum containing quotations from Baker's book as to criticisms of Prudt Welton and references to EWB, - written in long hand and not yet typewritten - at S. St. last night. I wrote EWB asking as to this and sending 1/2 doz. packs of playing cards which had just come from the Somerset Club. and sent them up by special messenger.

1.30 P.M.

Randolph called me up and said I had left it there; that EWB was visiting and had not come down to lunch; that they would pick me up at the corner club at 5 minutes of six tomorrow and take me down to meet Bertie, and that later I was to dine with them.

5 P.M. called on Mrs. Charles Warren; Mrs. Bassell (sister in law of John Davis) also called and said a friend of hers came back with McAdoo in the steamer and that McAdoo kept telling her how he disagreed w. Davis's views, and said several times; "What is there I can say for him!"

Dec 1. Monday.

Randolph + Edw met me at corner club at 5 minutes before 6 and we drove to the NH station and met Bertie. afterwards we all dined quietly together. Edw gave Bertie President Wilson's bed room.

Dec. 2. Tuesday.

called on HPH 9.30. Had also talk w. Edw.

In afternoon Edw took Bertie and myself in a long auto drive.

Returned and took tea. Mrs Brandier and Mrs Helm called.

Went dinner at 7. Mr. and Mrs. Charles were new there.

Edw told me that when the am. delegate arrived at Brest there were compartments sleeping cars waiting for them. When they entered the train their baggage was all distributed in the compartments and in each compartment there was a card showing who the occupants were to be. In one compartment was a card - "Henry White and Mrs. Benson; on another Margaret Wilson and another gentleman, and so on!

She also said that in their travels through

France, they used the train of the President of the Republic; that in their journey to Brussels Belgium President Wilson told Gen. Hartz not to use the Presidential train, but Gen. H. said the French insisted; that later a bill was sent in for the use of this train! No change was made for the other trips however.

I gave Edw an additional memo. in Baber's book, covering 1. Criticisms of President W. 2. References to Mrs. Wilson.

Randolph said he hoped the sister would ask Baber to write the official life of President Wilson and I agreed w. him.

He said Baber told her it should be written by some one who did not know President W. but we both were of a contrary opinion.

Dec 3. Wed.

went out to St St at 9.30. Saw Bertie and Edw. She asked me to lunch & to dinner. I said I would come to dinner.

long debate - but as to Miller resolution he introduced yesterday: -

"The Board would it be necessary in the

current situation of the money market that the open market rate of the M. System should be substantially above the level of market rates to be effective.

The Fed is of the opinion that M. bank rates in all classes of open market instruments admissible to purchase by M. banks should in present circumstances be not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% above the actual current (sales) rates in such classes of ~~acceptances~~ investments.

The M. Board would like an expression of views and a recommendation of the M. Bank of N.Y. on the subject of a revision of its open market rates in order to bring about a better adjustment of such rates to the trend of rates in the money market and in order to make its rates effective.

Mr. Stewart was present, said he attended the meeting of the N.Y. Fed. Council yesterday; that it increased its buying rate yesterday so that it was slightly above market rates in acceptances; that the directors will meet tomorrow and might even go higher; that the only market now was the M. bank; that the policy of the directors was to meet the market rates; that after any advance by M. bank the market rates always

instantly rose; that E. S. said he had the situation well in hand.

Mr. C. said the directors were proceeding with due diligence and had matters in hand and that it was a serious matter for the Fed to declare in favor of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% disinvestment as a rule; that it would be an attempt to operate, which the Fed was not fitted to do. Miller said conditions were not now critical but might become so; that he feared the N.Y. directors were letting the situation get out of hand; that under the resolution, if adopted, no more acceptances could be should be bought by the M. bank.

Miller said present rates were out of line with the trend of money rates. He was said the discount rate should be increased.

Mr. C. asked Stewart if he saw any indication that the directors were so bound in their duty that this action of the Fed was necessary, but he declined to answer, in a statement from Miller that he should consider carefully what the question involved.

As a matter of fact C. C. said Stewart

said a telephoned him yesterday that he was decidedly against any such action of the Board.

Edith said the directors were increasing the rates and moved northward until tomorrow when we knew what, if any, action the Directors took.

Vote:

Aye. Edith. Cunningham. James
No. Crumple. Miller. Platt. Fulest

On Main Motion:

Aye. Miller. Platt. Crumple
No. Edith. James. Cunningham. Fulest

Edith told us the motion on northward was rejected, but there was much objection. Edith Miller & Ed. Stimp & he did not want to increase it, ∴ he voted not to postpone.

Miller was very ugly.

Edith asked Miller if he believed our discount rate also should be kept above market rates & he said No; that this article theory had long been exploded.

After lunch, Bertie came over to Ladies' wing of Conner Club, after making some calls. She said Edith wanted me to come back to tea as well as to dinner. As I had to meet Anna at the 6.20 train, I put on my dinner jacket and went with Bertie to S St at 5 P.M. to tea, then drove with Randolph to station where we met Anna at 6.20 and drove back to S St.

We had a quiet dinner together and later we all played pool.

Edith told Bertie that Dr Alderman is to deliver a eulogy on President Wilson at the ceremonies on the 15th and that Sen. Swanson is to have her at dinner to meet her the Sunday night before. Bertie said she would not be with her then, at which she really became almost indignant, and said she would not hear of such a thing as her leaving before then; she kept coming back to it again and again and finally Bertie took acquiesced.

Bertie tells me that Bishop Alderman told her in Albany that Dr Bratton told her that our name he was not on the L.O.N. was

that the bible was full of war and almost sanctified war, and that he felt they were necessary to the development of civilization. EPW said Bishop Museum had written many letters to President Wilson favoring the L. of N. and had said this many times to him.

Dec 4. Thursday.

went out to see Bertie. EPW asked me to call on her. at tea, met Prof. Dodd of Univ. of Chicago who is publishing the speeches, drafts etc of President Wilson in cooperation w. Ray St. Baker.

Randolph said he wanted very much to be the official historian of the Wilson; that the Wilson ^{was} greatly pleased with the work he published in 1920 w '21.

Randolph said EPW had written him in response to her letter that while she had nothing official or in the way of business in which she wished to see him, yet she would be delighted to have him come to her.

They both felt that he wanted to talk about the official life and interested to me that I had better stick close and guide the conversation so they could avoid this.

Received letter from Ned saying Mr Hart told him the N.Y.C. + B+A. were interested in the case but were inclined to wait for a settlement of the N.E. RR question. (see letter in file).

We dined quietly alone and later played hearts all the evening.

Dec 5. Friday

Talk w. Newton Baker. He said Mr W. asked him to call at 4.45 today; that it was to talk about the choice of historian of the Wilson; that he had heard that Margaret W. wanted Creel, - entirely unfit, so also White; Dodd was not up to it.

Said the 2 best historians were Prof. Gueraud of Rice Institute, Texas, and Prof John Shinner Baker of Smith Coll. Mass.

EPW said, if asked he would strongly advise Ray St. Baker, and he said he liked him very much altho he thought his 3 vol book in some respects was not well written; also said the great task would be quietly to uphold EPW's view that everything Wilson did was respect; that he himself hesitated to share this view unconsciously and; what

he ought to write such a history.

I said Baker had criticized Wilson in some things and could not hesitate to express his convictions but could be glad to go over everything in a most sympathetic manner with CW.

I also said I thought CW was of such broad intelligence that she would not be averse to reasonable criticisms and would be able to consider any such calmly and dispassionately.

I also said I thought an official history should be started at once; that perhaps the real history might not be written for 50 years; that the real history of Ch. Justice Marshall was not written till 100 years after his death; that Baker could now start out from a trustee it would take 3 or 4 years for any new man to attain.

4.30.

went to 5th turning left box a address sent me by Mr. Wooley of Washington. (St. Louis)

Newton Baker called and saw CW. for about 1/2 an hour about 11:44. Anna, Randolph & I remaining down in Randolph's room.

Later Mr. Charles Wessell called & all went out

4.30 Randolph & I.

Randolph showed me a letter from Sen. Edg. who was connected w. some advertising agency and to whom Mushler was owing 20000. I did not like the tone of it, altho outwardly it was civil enough. It stated that the senator understood that Randolph was representing Mushler in the advertising business and asked him to bail Mushler to pay. The underlying thought was that Randolph had a hold on Mushler & could bail him to pay.

Randolph had proposed relying saying that Mushler also owed him; that he was not doing any business for him and had not even seen him for many months.

Evidently, Sen. Edg. thought Randolph did dominate Mushler.

Randolph said Mushler became involved, in the company, and that a Receiver had been appointed who had organized a new company, and I understood Randolph to say that he represented or had represented this new co. which Mushler also was assisting, in an individual capacity.

I told Randolph about my bear that

Ev H. Harding might attack him in his new book - the history of the FRS system, and that I had found, from writing him, that he had not even mentioned Muesler in his book. (See letter from Ev H.).

I said the reason for my book was that Ev H. was very angry at receiving a letter from Randolph saying that President Wilson declined to transmit Ev H. to publish in his book a letter from President Wilson backing up the FRS in its warning against over investment in the proposed sub in U.S. of 400,000,000 notes in 1916; that Ev H. said it was a discourteous note.

Randolph said he had it down exactly as dictated by his Wilson, and later in the evening he asked Edith if he could show me a copy of it, and she said yes.

The letter clearly should not have been published, as it was marked "Personal" and would only cause trouble.

Later, I told Edith that Muesler was a bad off.

Later Edith & I played pool together.

She said nothing to me about her talk with Newton Baker.

Dec 6. Sat.

Went out to see Bertie. Saw Randolph & Edith only for a minute.

3.30 Bertie & Edith rode down to Marney and stopped at my room, serial books, records etc. Then we took a long auto ride finally calling upon Mrs & Miss Bulling, then returning to S St for tea.

Invited W. C. W. Mr and Mrs Pennington also were there. After dinner we all played pool.

Randolph was ill all day w. Neuralgia. Edith said he got worked up over Sam Edg's note to him about Muesler & she thought this was the cause of his trouble.

Bertie said the Post. Post states authoritatively that Ford has bought land in Somerville for his new works.

Dec 7. Sunday

Went to S St at 10.15. Drove out to Bethlehem chapel w. Bertie to service (begin at 10); Edith walked out to meet us returning and we walked back to S St together.

Bertie told me Edith said that Henry White, the

other day, asked her if the body of Priest Helen was to be put in the sarcophagus; that she said Yes, she had never thought of anything else; that he said this is often not done in Lincoln, and spoke of the possibility of the body's being stolen, as there was no night watchman at the cathedral. She also said some one had told her that while Bishop Hardings body was in the sarcophagus, Bishop Satterlee's was not.

Bertie + I drove to call on Mrs. Hall, + I went back to club.

at 10 o'clock went back to S St and then drove in to the Pennington in Georgetown for lunch. Bertie discovered that Mrs Pennington, nee Vanderhull, was a distant relative.

we drove back to S. St and Mrs Wilson + Anna went for a walk while Bertie and I drove w. Edward calling on Mrs Meyer and Mrs Warden. We then went back for tea and listened over radio to a sermon by Bishop McManis.

Then Mrs and Mrs Bulling came in to stay to supper + Anna told me not to go home to dine, so I staid on.

after supper Bertie had a charming sketch

she is writing in Washington society. Then I relayed to Mrs Bulling the best idea of a song of mine based on the poem. Then I read Mary's ghost story.

Before leaving I told Mrs. of the belief of a number of the Wilsons friends that the official biography should be some one who did not know Mr Wilson, and who would be free from influence on the part of his friends who believed everything he did was right; that see Baker also spoke to me about this belief.

She said Mr Baker did not express any such opinion to her. I said he had told me that others held that opinion, which was true.

I did not tell her that Mr Baker himself was inclined to that opinion as Randolph begged me not to.

I said I thought these opinions were all wrong; that some one should be chosen who did know Mr Wilson, and was in deep sympathy with him and with her; that what was needed now was an official biography written under her

sympathetic supervision, but not, of course, direction; that every criticism of Dr Wilson should be met and dealt with fairly; that the burial biography might not be written for many years, perhaps 50 or 100; that this biography should stand as a great reservoir of facts, evidence etc which would stand as the basis of future histories.

She said she agreed with me entirely and that she would not think of surrendering to some one who did not even know her husband the power to pass judgment on his life; that this would be for future historians to do.

Randolph told me his neuralgia attack was caused in my waxy will see Edg's letter as to flourish.

Wed. Monday

Called on Bertie at 9.30. Edith asked me to come to lunch but I did not, but sd I would come to tea; she then said she expected me to come to dinner but I said I must preside at Comm. Club meeting. She said she was very sorry as she had invited her brother Andrew and his wife to dinner. I finally promised Marshall would preside so I telephoned I would come.

Called on Mrs. W. at 7. Went out earlier to tea and called on Bertie and myself for some time after tea talking.

After dinner Mrs. Anna, Randolph + her husband B. played Hoop Young and later Randolph + I played a game of Pool.

Called on Mrs. Wilson in getting secrets enough for the Wilson service next Monday, and said that of course we were all to go as members of the family.

Randolph told me Mrs. W. was at work on a complete statement of immunity and her intended message of President Wilson to the exp. dinner.

Mrs. W. said Dr. Ayden was in a sanatorium in N.Y. and that he had written her a pathetic letter about Wm Allen White's references to him in his book showing how mistaken many of them were. Dr. A. evidently realizes how White's played on his article on the Wilson family. In the letter he told Mrs. W. how greatly he valued her friendship + trusted her extremely.

see 9. Tuesday.

went out to see Bertie, Edw said to be sure to come to tea and dinner.

Went + Bertie took lunch with Mrs Helen.

Finished writing to nurse Mrs Bertha Balling's sonnet in Pan.

Byron Newton called. Said he saw McAdoo just after Davis's receipt and sought him to see out an interview but McAdoo said he refused to himself Herbert liability of action in the matter; that Mr Adoo ran up tremendous bills at the Vanderbilt, N.Y. and that finally Gibbons was asked to raise money to pay them, which he did on the next day.

He said he had written several times to McAdoo but he would not answer his letters; that Meredith was slated to run as VP next with McAdoo; he did not know why he refused to run with Davis; he knew he was delighted to get the nomination

4 P.M. drove with Bertie.

went to tea at S St and found Emma + Gertrude busy calling their.

Remained for dinner (dinner when I came out for tea); Mrs Eustis dined with us.

after dinner Mr. Anna, Randolph and Mrs Eustis played mag jing. and Bertie and I talked.

Edw told me Dr Ayser had agreed to write for her a full account of the Princeton controversy bet. Mr Wilson + the trustees. Dr A. was a Professor at Princeton at this time.

see 10. Wed.

went out in morning. Randolph used my obsession on the following: Mr. Wilson had casts (in wood) of the best made by a N.Y. boot maker who made shoes from them for him. Some days ago the boot maker called on Randolph (on whom he also made shoes) and Mrs Wilson. He presented his final bill, which Randolph paid, taking a receipt in full on, ^{request of} casts, shoes etc. when the man left he left behind him a trunk, which later was given to Mrs Wilson, and found to be the casts from which the shoes were made.

Later the man wrote asking that the "trunk" he left be returned to him.

I told Randolph, that in my obsession the letter to these casts was in the Executive

of Mr Wilson, — Mrs. Wilson; and that she was not bound to return them.

R. said Will wanted to destroy them at once but I advised against this.

Finally R. received a short letter to effect that Mrs Wilson assumed he left the cards on her to keep, the whole transaction being closed and said he would submit it to her.

as I started to leave Randolph I heard Will coming down stairs, but when I got into the hall way I saw her running back up stairs.

at dinner she said she had overheard in her room, and heard me playing in the piano, and when she came down she thought I had gone; hearing voices in R's room she ran up stairs to avoid meeting a stranger. Later R. told her it was I, and she said they had a good laugh over it.

went out to tea, as dressed on dinner, at 5.30

Mrs Helen was at dinner
after dinner Will and I played two games of pool.

I told Will of the two historians mentioned by Newton Baker as ideal men for writing Mr Wilson's life. They were, — John Shreve Barrett of Smith College, and Prof. Guillard of the Rice Institute, Texas.

I wrote Prof. Tansill about them and he replied that Barrett is a steady, accurate, careful historian; has written some books, rather of the text book sort, but well done; has made no brilliant or outstanding contributions to the literature of history; has been Sec. of the Amer. Historical Assn. and has given satisfaction in that capacity. He said that Guillard is an abolition by birth; has written on French civilization, and has apparently handled topics on larger scale than Barrett; that he is said to be clever, very brilliant, but perhaps superficial; that how he will stand 20 years from now, in the opinion of those whose opinions count, seems to be still an open question.

In speaking of the criticisms of Mr Wilson I told Will that they were all susceptible of satisfactory explanation, to my mind,

except me; that I wished that Mr Wilson, in dismissing Lansing, had simply said it on the ground that he had not been true to him in the Treaty negotiations, especially the L. of N.; - in other words that he in effect had been traitorous; - and not on the ground of calling cabinet meetings.

WLD at all said that she agreed with me absolutely; - that the real underlying reason was treachery, and that while, in the sick condition, the cabinet matter assumed considerable proportions; - it would have been our better to have stated it on the real underlying billing of treachery; that Mr W. however, was so good hearted he preferred to assign a less important reason even though it might cause Lansing's absence as a blow, to the (Wilson's) disadvantage.

WLD said Mr Wilson had a beautiful tenor voice, and she could never forget a time she took in the syllab-
shortly after her marriage, with Dr Edward Davis and others where they spent a whole evening singing songs of President's collection.

songs.

Dec. 11. Thursday.

Went up to see Bertie; WLD had gone and but A. said she surely expected me to tea and dinner. Returned books on Wilson, also a book of 13 stories borrowed last night.

Went up at 12.30 to take Bertie to lunch to Dutch Minister.

WLD came into B's bedroom and we had a nice talk.

I gave her the original of a letter from Prof. Lansing in Barrett and Everett as historians - suggested by Newton Baker.

She asked me to lunch tomorrow to meet Mr & Mrs Henry White - said she counted on me and surely expected me.

Bertie told her we should leave early next week - and B. said she was most kind and said we were most welcome to stay as long as we could, and that she would welcome her at any time if we could come back.

Dined at 2340 S St. Mr. and Mrs Alexander Galt and their son dined with us.

After dinner, Mr. & Mrs Galt, Randolph and Anna

Dec. 12. Friday

Mayed bridge, WLL, Bertie and I had a nice talk together and later WLL and I played pool.

WLL asked me to advise her what decoration to make of the Hoops representing degrees conferred on Mr. Wilson, when she had finished with them on her death. I told her they would be of very great historical value, and that they should go to some Museum or perhaps to Princeton University, as I believed there would be a revolution of sentiment there in ten or twenty years, and Mr. Wilson would be venerated there.

She also suggested my writing Prof. Tammie as to the standing, historically, of Ray Stannard Baker. I said I would, but later suggested that it would not be of much value as the Harvard Professor would probably point out that he had done little or no original historical work, and doubtless few of them had read carefully the books on the World Settlement. She agreed with me and said it had better not do it.

We got speaking of Sen. Bruce of Ind. I said that I had a feeling that he was not very sympathetic towards Mr. Wilson, citing the interview we gave after his death. (See Sec. Bk.)

WLL said they were in the University of Virginia together, and that they were close in competition in debate; that Mr. Wilson said he was a fine fellow but of a very jealous disposition; that, in the debate, Sen. B. got the first prize and Mr. Wilson the second; that the students all felt that Mr. Wilson should have had the best prize, and that Sen. B. refused to walk out with Mr. Wilson after the debate.

WLL also said that Mr. Wilson had a small sofa at Princeton; that he sent her at last had forgotten the combination; that later he remembered it and opened it and found the medal given on the debate; that it was the best prize, and that she thought Mr. Wilson got the best part of the story twisted.

She said she once heard Sen. Bruce speak beautifully of President Wilson.

W.W. said Mum had gone to Spain; that he promised Dr. Brattonahl, over the long distance telephone, that he would examine the cemetery for the Beth. chapel before he sailed, and would let her know if he approved it, and if he did, he would have it sent in at once, but that she had heard nothing from him.

She also said Dr. Brattonahl told her that one day he met an old Irishman and his wife at the chapel who said they came from the west especially to see the Niche in the chapel, and that, altho Roman Catholics, they were so impressed with the beauty of the chapel and the solemnity of the service, that they remained through the whole service.

Dec 12. Friday.

went up to see Bertie; saw W.W. for a few minutes.

went to lunch w. W.W.: present, Mr & Mrs Henry White, and Mrs Geo. Vanderbilt.

W.W. spoke of Sir H. Low with much admiration; said he had certain qualities which Ray St. Baker did not have; seemed interested by him; said he said he would and would give all the time necessary to write up of Mr. Wilson.

Sent my music to Pam's garden to Mrs Bulling. W.W. said she called up at home before I arrived and wanted me to call her up. I did so at 4.45. She was most grateful for the song.

Bertie called for me at 5.45 and we drove up to 5 St for dinner. Met Ray St. Baker and Admiral Grayson at tea. Mrs and Miss Bulling dined with us.

Randolph took Anna to the theatre and after dinner I played all of my songs and later W.W. and I played Paul, and then I brought Mrs and Miss Bulling home in my machine.

I gave W.W. a copy of Sen. Bruce's interview in N. Y. Times, No 4, 1923, on the death of Woodruff Wilson. It was given evidently with no sympathy for Wilson, and was the only discordant note in all the many interviews.

engaged rooms at Lee House; one double for Bertie and Anna at \$5.00 per day (monthly rate) and 1 single room @ 3.00 per day (monthly rate) to be taken by end later.

Dec 13. Sat.

Went out to S. St. saw Bertie but still was busy dictating so I did not see her.

Met Roy St. Basle at lunch and he came to my room for half an hour. He said that he thought Col. House was so taken in by the British and much he did not really realize that the L. & N. had been doublet from the Treaty during Wilson's absence in America; that they ostensibly were buying the military terms and gradually extended the scope to get in what they wanted, leaving out the R. of N.; that House did not see their game; that he is certain House never specifically called Wilson that the League had been doublet out altho he felt the President generally informed as to what was going on; that Wilson understood it however and that his talk with House at Paris must have been very interesting; that he was certain Wilson had not been told of the secret Treaty, but he had gone over every scrap of Wilson's memos and there was absolutely nothing in them on the subject; that he was sure House did not intend to be disloyal but that he most certainly was as to the R. of N. points etc; that he felt House's head was turned, and this, coupled w. his limited intellectual equipment

and the craft by compromise and making only one treaty, was the cause of the trouble. He also said Wilson absolutely comprehended the diplomatic game which was going on, but that none of the other Com^{rs} did; that when Wilson compromised, he knew it was a compromise.

Also said Mrs Wilson strongly advised Mr. Wilson not to arrange calling cabinet meetings during the illness as a ruse for calling for Lansing's resignation.

at 5 P.M. took tea with Mrs. She said she frequently told Roy St. Basle, jokingly that she would not choose him to write the official biography of Mr. Wilson unless she could find no one better suited; that she asked him yesterday whether he would be guided by her judgment in a case, e.g. where she or her own knowledge knew all the facts, in case she should ask him to write the life; that he replied that it would be unkind to conceal himself as referring to be dominated by facts.

Mrs. said she then told him she wanted to be free from any publicity, but that she did not feel she could afford

to finance it sending final publication;
that Basie quickly said that he could
finance it, and that she replied, - But I
have not yet asked you, jokingly

Margt Wilson arrived in the train here at
6.20 in Wash.

after dinner, delayed hotel w. E.W.

E.W. continued me to avoid criticizing Dr. Cole,
Dr. Axson's physician, as Margaret was a great
friend of his.

The other day Adm. Grayson severely criticized
him.

This afternoon Anna took a long walk w.
E.W.

Bertie and I called on Mrs. Rogers who said
Mrs. Hall was improving fast; that her Dr
at Bar Harbor thought her trouble was
an irritable gall bladder and treated her
accordingly; that when she returned to
Wash. it was found that she had a very
low blood count and anemia, which
was gradually yielding to treatment.

Dec 14. Sunday

went out to S St at 9.30. E.W., Bertie and I
went to the 10 o'clock service at Bethlehem Chapel
and we all walked back together. I declined
to stay to lunch, as I knew Basie and perhaps
others were expected, and did not want to crowd her.
Walking home we spoke to E.W. of leaving Tuesday
and she seemed very disappointed, saying
she certainly hoped we would stay through
the week at least, altho she really wanted
us to stay over Christmas.

dined at corner club, met Ray St. Basie
who said Randolph had just telephoned her
to come up to the house as Mrs. Wilson wished
to talk with him.

dine with Bertie and called on the Perringtons
and then took tea at the Platts.

Bertie said after lunch she hoped to be able to
visit in the afternoon reminding her that she
had a hard day on tomorrow; there was in
answer to her suggestion that they all take a
drive, a minute later, Bertie heard her
weeping in the hall, finally she said she

would drive with Mrs. Berck, - who arrived this morning, - and then would visit and would not come down to the.

She is evidently highly strung and I believe it will be an ordeal on her to go through Tennessee. She seemed to worry a good deal this morning because she found there were to be more tables at Sen. Swanson's than she expected. She said he said it would be merely informal and now she said it had become a formal dinner party which seemed to distress her.

5.30. Randolph called me to ask if Edith and all of us could go to the dinner in our car, as her car had to go to the station. He also said Dr. Alderman had brought only a long dress suit, so we must do the same. This will make it more formal and will probably distress Edith greatly.

Went up to house at 6.15 and found Randolph sick in bed with neuralgia and he could not go to the dinner.

ESW, Bertie and I went to drive with Sen. and

Mr. Swanson, to meet Dr. and Mrs. Alderman. There were present: Dr. and Mrs. Alderman, Adam & Mrs. Hayden, Mr. & Mrs. Baruch, and a Dr. Jones I think of the Navy & ESW.

In the smoking room, Baruch said it was the Klu Klux issue which defeated our Party. He also said the campaign was wretchedly managed, no one apparently trying to elect Davis, but cash for himself; that he wanted an intensive campaign for Senate nominees, which they told him would cost \$750,000, and which he agreed to pay, but no attempt was made to do this.

Baruch explained that the movement in the convention against the Klu Klux Klan stirred up Protestants, while the vote in the convention against naming the Klan stirred up the Catholics.

Baruch and we agreed that Meadows would have been defeated had he run.

Left Bertie and ESW. at 5 St at about 10 P.M.

Dec 15. Monday.

Went out to St St at 10.30. Found Randolph much better and able to go to the colony address.

Bertie and I took in our auto Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Bone, and a niece of Mrs Wilson, Miss Pauling I think.

I sat in seat 8 in the bow of the RR, between Dr Rubbin and Ray St. Baker, while near me were Miss Peabody, Miss McCormick, Mr Baruch and others.

Dr Alderman delivered a most polished address with charming eloquence. He referred Wilson to Martin Luther and Haynes. It was, altogether a most brilliant and able piece of work.

There were some things in the address which I think were erroneous.

1. He said Wilson had a good record but not like that of Emmanuel Kant or Ch. Justice Marshall. I believe Wilson stood above Marshall in intellectual equipment and that his mind was clearer of the great bank.
2. He intimated that Wilson could not accept a compromise and that if he had (meaning L. of N.) the world might be better today. He is wrong here. By compromise we mean giving up essential or essential things.

Mr Wilson agreed to many compromises in the M Act, e.g. making the note not obligatory at Bryan's insistence; he made compromises in the Versailles Treaty, e.g. Shantung etc; he made compromises in the L. of N. at the instance of Lowell, Taft etc.

What Wilson would not do was to abandon territory under the false name of compromise, e.g. art 10, the Lodge reservation to which denied any moral obligation of the U.S. to assist in the peace of the world. He went so far when he agreed to Hitchcock's reservation that the U.S. should be its own judge as to what state of facts constituted a moral obligation, and he agreed to other Hitchcock reservations, which were all compromises.

3. He also said Wilson did not know how to persuade, or to solicit support. Any one familiar w. the history of the M Act would know how grotesquely absurd this criticism is. There were several occasions when the M Act would have fallen in pieces, had it not been for Mr. Wilson's power of persuasion, and in other cases critical failing health prevented him from

expressing these views.

On the Lodge resolutions I never had a doubt but that Mr. Wilson was eternally right.

Such addresses as Dr. Alderman's, great as it was, convince me that Mr. Wilson should have an official biographer sympathetic with her, and eager to obtain her point of view as to all of these criticisms. She has a clear, logical mind, and keen intelligence, and she is not averse to consider ^{and} every criticism, practically all of which she can answer to the satisfaction of one who really wants to get at the truth.

I am very disappointed that Dr. Alderman had nothing to say of the profound influence of Mrs. Wilson on her husband. He consulted her at all times, depended on her judgment, and I firmly believe, altho she never has interested such a thing to me, that the most cogent criticism against Mr. Wilson, dismissing Lansing, ^{the consequential war,} or calling cabinet meetings, would not have happened if he had asked and followed her advice, and that a very ^{absolutely true} disloyalty to Mr. Wilson

Dr. Alderman merely made a reference to the careful nursing Mr. Wilson received after his

illness. Mr. Wilson not only saw to it that her husband had careful nursing, but she really nursed him herself, and she gave him the very life blood and strength and vigor and through her ministrations he was able to discharge the high duties of his office. Her intelligence made this possible.

David Lawrence sullenly says in his book, - "she was, so to speak, the reigning monarch".

This is grotesque, it is cynical jest and not truth. She made it possible for him to perform his duties as President but it was he who performed them.

She was indeed, as was well said of Queen Victoria, "a Queen among women and a woman among Queens" but this was in the sphere of her duties, and when history puts her in her proper place, she will go down alongside ^{of} Jolly Bladine as one of the most intelligent, brilliant and capable women in the White House our country has ever had.

It is the ambition of Bertie and myself to see that this place in history is accorded to her.

To sum up: Dr. Alderman had courage and courage the best he knew. He did not however know the weakness in the case, as to the criticisms of compromise etc and had to rely upon Rumor. To correct Rumor is the duty of the official biographer. (contd in next volume)