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Woodrow Wilson Claimed By Death

Simple Funeral Held In Accord With Wish Of Bereaved Wife

Is Acclaimed Greatest Figure of Modern Times By
One-Time Bitter Critics—Ranked With
Immortals By Leaders of Nation

FAITHFUL WIFE AND PHYSICIAN REMAIN AT BEDSIDE UNTIL THE END

Universally Recognized As The World's Greatest
Apostle of Peace. Save "The Prince of
Peace" Himself

At 11:15 Sunday morning the soul of Woodrow Wilson, wartime President of the United States, took its flight back to the Father while the former Chief Executive of the world's greatest nation calmly reposed on his bed at his home on S Street in the Capital City. The great world figure died as he had lived—calmly and peacefully as only he can die who has an unfaltering trust in the Destiny that shapes the ends of nations and individuals alike.

Mr. Wilson died of sheer exhaustion. The muscles that had caused his great human heart to palpitate for more than sixty-eight years refused to contract any more and thus came to a close one of the most eventful lives in modern times.

In accord with the wishes of the bereaved wife, no state funeral was held for the former President, whose body was temporarily laid to rest Wednesday afternoon after public and private funerals had been held. The body now reposes in a stone vault in the great Cathedral rising on the hills that look down over Washington from the West. And while he rests there, men who acclaim his memory and reverence his name will take counsel together as to the manner and place of his last sepulcher. Wednesday afternoon for one hour the nation's business activity was suspended in honor of the former President.

The devotion of his faithful wife and of his friend and personal physician since his early White House days has elicited the highest commendatory comment of newspaper men all over the country. Mrs. Wilson scarcely left the bedside of her husband and when the end came she held between her hands the withered right hand which had wielded a pen mightier than a sword, while Dr. Grayson, with tears flowing down his cheeks, noted the last pulsation of the heart of the dying man.

The real and remote cause of Mr. Wilson's death was a stroke of paralysis which followed his collapse in the late summer of 1919 when he was on a speaking tour through the West in behalf of the Versailles

treaty and the League of Nations. The President entered the White House with a well developed start toward Bright's disease which caused his physicians to predict that he would never finish his first term. But by careful devotion to his doctor's orders he fought off the deadly malady. Years before he had suffered a blood clot in one of his legs and the same thing in his brain later on laid him low and led to his death. The digestive disturbance which began in the early part of last week but did not reach an acute stage until the early morning hours of Friday, February 1st. By Saturday the end was foreseen, but the hand of death was stayed until 11:15 Sunday Morning.

Woodrow Wilson was born in the manse of the Presbyterian Church at Staunton, Va., on December 28, 1856, while his father was pastor of the church. He later lived in Wilmington, N. C. and for nearly a year attended college at Davidson College. He later graduated from Princeton, and was in later years elected President of this University, which position he gave up to become Governor of New Jersey. He was inaugurated President of the United States on March 4, 1913, to which office he was re-elected November 7, 1916. He retired from the Presidency in March, 1921, after eight years as the chief executive of the greatest nation on the globe. And with his passing the world loses one of the greatest statesmen of modern times and perhaps the greatest apostle of peace and good will among nations of the earth, save only "the Prince of Peace Himself."

MURPHY WILL HOLD SERVICES FOR WILSON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 2 O'CLOCK AT THE COURTHOUSE

In compliance with the request of the Governor of North Carolina in his proclamation asking that suitable tribute be paid the late deceased Ex-President of the United States a committee composed of the pastors of the three churches and citizens have agreed to hold such memorial services in the courthouse Sunday afternoon, February 10th at two P. M. A short program has been arranged and a special choir will sing the favorite hymns of the late President. Colonel E. B. Norvell will preside at the meeting. It is expected that the following program will be carried out.

Invocation—Rev. D. H. Rhinehart.
Scripture Reading—Rev. T. L. Sasser.
Hymn—"Day is Dying in the West."
Addresses
1. Man of Letters—D. Witherspoon.
2. As President—M. W. Bell.
3. Christian Gentleman—B. W. Sipe.
Resolutions—F. O. Christopher & Ralph Moody.
Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation."
Tolling of the Bell.
Dismissal—Rev. E. G. Clary.

WOODROW WILSON



As President of the United States.

WILSON AT HELM DURING EVENTFUL YEARS FOR U. S.

The eventful life of Woodrow Wilson was marked by these milestones:

Born at Staunton, Va., Dec. 28, 1856.

Graduated at Princeton University, 1879.

Selected as President of Princeton, Aug. 1, 1902, after seventeen years as college professor.

Elected Governor of New Jersey Nov. 10, 1910.

Nominated for President in the Democratic National Convention, Baltimore, July 2, 1912.

Elected President, Nov. 4, 1912.

Inaugurated March 4, 1913.

Re-elected President, Nov. 7, 1916.

Asked Congress to declare war on Germany, April 2, 1917.

Sailed for France, Dec. 4, 1918, as head of the American Peace Commission.

Signed Treaty of Versailles, June 28, 1919.

Carried fight with Senate over League of Nations to country, Sept. 3, 1919.

Suffered nervous breakdown near Wichita, Kan., Sept. 26, 1919.

Stricken with paralysis at White House, Oct. 5, 1919.

Retired from Presidency, March 4, 1921.

Died at Washington, Feb. 3, 1924.

The principal events occurring during the Wilson Administration were:

The World War.

Refusal of the Senate to ratify Treaty of Versailles and League of Nations covenant.

Negotiation of arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Japan and many other countries.

Military occupation of Hayti, Santo Domingo and Vera Cruz.

Purchase of Danish West Indies.

Refusal to recognize any leader in Latin America who acquired office by force.

Refusal to recognize the Russian Soviet Government.

Establishment of—
Federal Reserve Banking System;

Rural Credits Banking System;

Federal Trade Commission;

Tariff Commission;

Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation;

War Risk Bureau;

Federal Water Power Commission;

Employees Compensation Commission, and

Alien Property Custodian.

Construction of great Government-owned Merchant Marine and Government Railroad in Alaska.

Enactment of—

Constitutional amendments, providing for direct election of Senators, National Prohibition and Equal Suffrage.

Selective Service Draft Act, a war measure.

Clayton Anti-Trust Law.

Eight-hour day for railroad employees.

Workingmen's Compensation Law.

Law for Federal aid in Highway construction.

La Follette Seaman's Act.

Immigration Law with literacy test.

Revenue Law with huge increases in income and other taxes.

Repeal of the clause in Panama Canal Law Exempting American ships from tolls.

Government operation of railroads and telegraph and telephone lines as war measure, together with food and fuel control.

Sale of seized enemy dye and chemicals patents to Chemical Foundation.

Passage of the Esch-Cummins Transportation Act and creation of Railroad Labor Board.

Creation of Pacific fleet with transfer to Pacific of bulk of naval forces.—Associated Press.

GONE!

GONE! A stormy, turbulent world,
In reverence, bows its head,
Meekly seeking to pay homage
To the noble, illustrious dead!

Gone! But a sculptor's work remains!
Invigaged by a master mind:
"On earth Peace, good will toward men"—
"Twill endure to the end of Time!"

Gone! His spirit? No, it lives on!
For the yet unborn to guide;
Championing the cause he fought for,
Aye, and for which millions died!

Gone! Ah, a noble soul, indeed!
To the realm of Calm Retreat;
Found the Peace that it longed for—
As "a tired man goes to sleep!"

—Carl William Bailey.

CONTRACTS FOR MURPHY-ANDREWS HIGHWAY LET

Wilson Gets Murphy End, While
Moore Gets the Andrews
End

Among the seventeen highway projects on which bids were opened last Thursday at the offices of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh was the link between Murphy and Andrews comprising projects 912-A and 912-B, which are a part of Route No. 10 across the State from the Georgia line to the ocean. The Wilson Construction Company, of Rutherfordton, was low bidder on Project 912-A, which extends from Murphy approximately to Marble. This project comprises 8.62 miles for which the bid was \$81,006.70. The Moore Concrete Products Company, of Andrews, was low bidder on Project 912-B, which comprises 8.35 miles,

the bid for the grading of which was \$32,981.10. It is not known here yet whether contracts for these projects will be signed this time or not.

It will be recalled that bids were opened on these projects the latter part of November for both the grading and surfacing but contracts were not signed because the bids involved much more money than the state had available for Cherokee County and the County was not disposed to put up the large difference. The contract for the structures on the project, however, was signed at that time and work on this part of the projects has already begun. If the grading contracts are signed, work will begin on this within the next two weeks.

The opening of bids last Thursday was the beginning of the 800 miles program which the Commission has mapped out for itself for the year 1924. The seventeen projects involved just under three million dollars.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA OFFERS PRIZES FOR ESSAY

Contest Open To Anyone — Prizes
Also Offered For Slogans for
the Incorporation

According to an announcement made by the Director for Cherokee County of Western North Carolina, Inc., with general offices in Asheville, a prize of \$25.00 is offered for an article of not exceeding 150 words on "Why People Should Come to Western North Carolina." In the preparation of the article, as many reasons as possible may be stated, or one or two reasons may be given and fully explained. All articles should be sent to Western North Carolina, Inc., Asheville, N. C., not later than April 19, 1924, and the prize will be awarded before May 15. Anyone may compete in the contest, the article should be neatly written, on one side of paper only, and any article received will become the property of the Incorporation.

A prize of \$15 is also announced for the best emblem designed for the use of Western North Carolina, Inc., to be used on stationery and publications of the company. The design should be neat, simple and distinctive of Western North Carolina. A third prize of \$10 is offered for the best slogan for Western North Carolina, Inc., according to the announcement. The slogan should be short and attractive, easy to remember, and express tersely a distinctive feature or features of this part of the state.

DAVE BRYANT SURRENDERS TO LOCAL OFFICERS

Was Wanted On a Charge of Homicide in Lower Part of the County

Dave Bryant, of this county, who resides near the Tennessee state line and who has been wanted for several months on a charge of homicide, came in Tuesday and gave himself up to officers and was lodged in the county jail. Wednesday he was bonded out, the amount of his bail having first been fixed by conference between Bryant's lawyer and Judge McElroy, who is holding court in Waynesville this week. Bryant was met at the train by Chief Birchfield who took him in charge.

A true bill was found against the defendant by a recent grand jury for the alleged taking of the life of a man by the name of Clark some months ago. Bryant is said to have shot Clark with a shot gun following a dispute over the corner or boundary line between two tracts of land.

Woman's Club Planning Social

Plans are rapidly going forward for the holding of a Valentine social by the Woman's Club on Valentine Evening, February 14th, for the benefit of the library. Several hundred invitations have been mailed out and a record crowd is expected. Interesting forms of amusement are being planned, according to officers of the club.