

# Woodrow Wilson

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(This tribute to Woodrow Wilson was especially prepared for the occasion of Mr. Wilson's birthday, December 28, which is being celebrated by more than 500 dinners, mass meetings and receptions throughout the land.)

**T**HE great and positive services which Woodrow Wilson rendered to his country and to mankind during the eight momentous years of his Presidency may be briefly summarized under five heads.

First, the wise program of national legislation which he carried through on his entrance into his high office, including especially the Federal Reserve Act, which kept us from panic and financial disaster during the emergencies of the War.

Second, the patience and firmness with which he handled the question of America's entry into the War, refusing to go in until it was unavoidable and until he had a united country behind him.

Third, the vigor and efficiency with which he carried on the War after we were in, including the way in which he treated the difficult problem of the selective draft, and the wise integrity with which he chose honest and capable officers irrespective of party to organize and lead our military and naval forces in the inevitable conflict.

Fourth, the splendid directness of speech with which he made it clear that America's purpose in the War was to promote the cause of liberty and peace for all nations as well as to protect her own rights.

Fifth, the fine courage with which he advocated what seemed to him the best if not the only way of securing a lasting peace on earth—namely, by the united action of "the organized major force of mankind." To his soul that partnership of nations to promote the peaceful settlement of differences was the Great Cause. For that he risked his life gladly and died like a soldier without fear, having kept the faith.

History will count President Wilson among those supreme idealists who had the power of doing great practical things.

The central force of his life was loyalty to duty as God gave him to see it. This made him at times seem inflexible. But it kept him growing, rising splendidly to meet each new opportunity, which he regarded as a new responsibility.

He was a teacher who taught for truth and noble manhood. He was a statesman who wrought for the good of all the people of the republic. He was a warrior who fought for the cause of a just, established and defended peace among the nations of the world.

High on the roll of American Immortals stands the name of Woodrow Wilson.



## Should Ex-Convict Hide Past from Girl He Loves?

A Reformed Jailbird Tells How the Hidden Secret of His Jail Term Threatened To Wreck His Happiness

"It isn't fair to the girl, Doc. I should have listened to your advice—told her the truth right at the start about that 'stretch' I served up the river, and trusted her to understand. If she learns of it now she'll be heart-broken, and I'll lose the only woman I've ever really loved!"

In these words from the story, "Some Men Tell," in January "Smart Set," Duke Fitzgerald, reformed porch-crawler, describes the dramatic situation he faced after ten years of straight living, during which he had won business success and a promise of the hand and heart of a lovely girl.

"I can't tell her, somehow, I just can't!" he confesses to "Doc" Fay, the fine old Bowery Missionary who had been Duke's friend and confidant ever since he had led him back to the straight road years before. "Oh, I'm carrying a load, Doc—a load that ever you can't lighten. I guess I haven't earned the right to happiness; there's still that haunting hand of the years that have gone."

"Some men tell and some men don't," Doc replies. "That's between you and your conscience, Duke. You've paid your price, haven't you?"

earned the right to happiness. Every cent you ever took from anyone has gone back. I know—I've been your agent in returning it. In my opinion, Duke, you've made your peace with God and man; now make it with the girl. If she loves you, if she's big and good and carries her heart in the right place, she'll understand."

But Duke just stands there and shakes his head. "I can't rake up the past," he declares. "I'm doing all I can to keep it buried."

Then the real thing that is on his chest slips out. He leans over and whispers, "It's Blazer Johnson, Blackmail, Doc—and a dishonest bit of graft on the city."

"Blazer Johnson," explains Doc Fay, who himself tells the story in "Smart Set," "was a product of the old political school. For years I had known that he knew of Duke's past and would hound him at the first opportunity. And I had taken care of this same Blazer Johnson—just a letter written to a convict who had done his dirty work; a convict who had come to me—one who was now assistant purser on one of the big ocean liners. I had placed him back on the sea and he had made good. Blazer had threatened him, tried to bring him

back to the old life—even gone to the president of the Steamship Company. But the president was a man—I had told him the truth—and my say went further than Blazer's. Enough! I had a letter that would send Blazer up for a good ten years. And Blazer knew it."

"Blazer's threats are dead ones," I said easily. "We've had our talk. His letter is snugly in the back of my safe."

"Good," Duke nods. "But Blazer needs me. I could pass a deal on the city that would set him—and just now he's hard pressed for money. He'd do anything to get me. Watch that letter, Doc!"

Whether society should not take definite steps to protect and encourage the ex-convict who is trying to go straight, is one of the important questions which the story "Some Men Tell" raises in the reader's mind. This real-life drama, as it unfolds, shows how the present public attitude of indifference or suspicion places the reformed "jailbird" at the mercy of those unscrupulous individuals who do not hesitate to use to their own advantage the past disgrace of a now honest man.

### ALMOST 100 YEARS OLD, DIES.

Miss Christine Fisher, Salisbury Native, Never Know of Tragedy of Death of Niece a Week Ago.

Miss Christine Fisher, aged 99 years, whose niece, Miss Annie Fisher, was killed by an automobile one week ago last night while on her way to Mercy hospital to see her aunt, died last night at Mercy hospital, where she had made her home for the past five or six years.

Miss Fisher was an aunt of the late Mrs. J. M. Tierman, who won fame as an author under the pen name of "Christian Reid." She reared Mrs. Tierman and on the death of the latter, about six years ago, came

to Mercy hospital to make her home.

Only during the past five or six weeks has Miss Fisher's health been bad, she having retained her physical and mental alertness in remarkable degree until that time. She had been unconscious for a week, and never knew that her niece died from injuries received when the automobile struck her just one week before, almost to the hour.

Miss Fisher was a native of Salisbury and had lived there practically all her life. She had many distinguished ancestors and relatives.

She leaves no very close relatives, a Dr. Hill in Georgia being a nephew, while Peter Hairston, of Coolemeec plantations, in Davie county, was related to her.

The body will be taken to Salisbury this afternoon and funeral services and burial will be there Monday morning.

Stirred by the remark of Mrs. Alderton, the first woman mayor of Colchester, England, who complained that the only rags she ever wore were the rags that comprised the mayoral robe, the town council has voted an appropriation for a new mayor's robe to replace the garment that has been in use for thirty years.

Lady Muriel Paget is to lecture in America this winter on her work in the Balkans, where she has been one of the leaders in rehabilitation and relief work since the war.

### WOMAN JUDGE URGES MORE PARENTAL TIME TO CHILD

Americana Fathers Are Giving Too Much Time to Business.

New York, Dec. 28.—(AP)—American fathers are giving too much time to business and not enough to their children, in the opinion of Judge Jean F. Norris, who has presided in New York courts six years.

What is true of the fathers also is true of the mothers, except business is not taking most of the women's time, she said, adding that this situation is largely responsible for the increase in crime.

As magistrate of the first district criminal court, the jurist is a striking example of the progress made by woman suffrage and of modern day life. But she still is old-fashioned enough to contend that "respect for law and order begins in the home."

Housing conditions, under which there is little privacy; lack of religious training and ignorance of self-control are some of the other stopping stones of crime mentioned by her.

"Our mothers and fathers should stress respect of parental authority," she asserted. "If children are not taught to obey their parents, certainly it is not surprising for them to refuse to obey the law."

Miss Norris was appointed magistrate three years ago. Mercy plays an important part in most of her decisions, for in all except trivial cases she takes twenty-four hours for personal investigations through probation officers to learn pertinent circumstances relating to the defendants.

"I do not want to impose jail sentences on women and children unless I am fully satisfied it is the best course," she said. "Often there are other means of meeting the situation."

She knows how to inflict punishment without hesitation, however, as three men who recently appeared before her in traffic court will testify. They were charged with speeding and as a result had their licenses revoked permanently and received straight jail sentences of five days each.

In 1919, when Miss Norris was appointed judge in the woman's day court, and also the family court, where social cases mostly are heard, she had been a practicing attorney ten years.

As assistant counsel to the state comptroller, she organized the delinquent tax bureau. She formed the trust corporation to handle the \$1,000,000 left by Mrs. Frank M. Leslie to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt for the furtherance of woman suffrage. She has served as president of the New York State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and the National Association of Women's Lawyers.

### CUTEST THINGS

New York Mirror.

Distracted Mother—Oh dear! what shall I do with baby? Bright Little Sister—Didn't we get a book of instructions with her?

The teacher asked Johnny to spell H-I-M, and Johnny replied that he couldn't, so she tried to help him out. "Now, Johnny, the word begins with H, and what have I on either side of my nose?" "Oh, yes, I know," said Johnny, "freckles."

Little Jane wanted someone to hold her candy and asked her grandfather, "Grandpa, have you any teeth?" Her grandfather answered "No." "Well grandpa hold my candy then," she said.

One day little Tommy was playing in the backyard and got his feet covered with mud. His mother told him not to enter the house with his dirty feet, so he came around to the window and said, "Hey, mother, where shall I put my feet?"

One day last summer I took my little son to the beach, where we saw a Ford car with girls in it. He looked at the auto and said, "Oh, mother, isn't that a nice can of peaches?"

Little Betty, five years old, sat listening to her father reading the evening paper. Suddenly she exclaimed: "Daddy, will we get drunk if we ride in our auto too much?" "What makes you think so, dear?" asked her father.

"Well," continued Betty, "you just read about a man who died of auto-intoxication."

A Christmas Nightmare.

The Pathfinder. Look at the men about you. Why are they wearing gaudy neckties?

If the loud necktie doesn't speak for itself, just stop any wearer and, man-to-man, ask him the truth, and nothing but the truth. "It's my wife," nine out of 10 will probably explain, adding: "She gives them to me for Christmas and I have to wear 'em."

Some may long for the soothing touch Of lavender, cream and mauve, But the tie I wear Must have the glare Of the red-hot kitchen stove.

The books I read and the life I lead Are sensible sane and mild I like calm hats And I won't wear spats— BUT—I wear my neckties wild!

While the year 1925 has set a high-water mark in American sports both in the quantity and calibre of the competition, as well as in the enormously increased attendance figures, the very greatness of the year is expected to produce a highly stimulating effect upon the many events scheduled for 1926.

Throughout the world no other sporting events of any kind approach the attendance records at the famous Grand Prix of France or the Epsom Derby. The running of the big derby in England yearly attracts a crowd in excess of 150,000, while as many as 400,000 have witnessed the great race at Longchamps.

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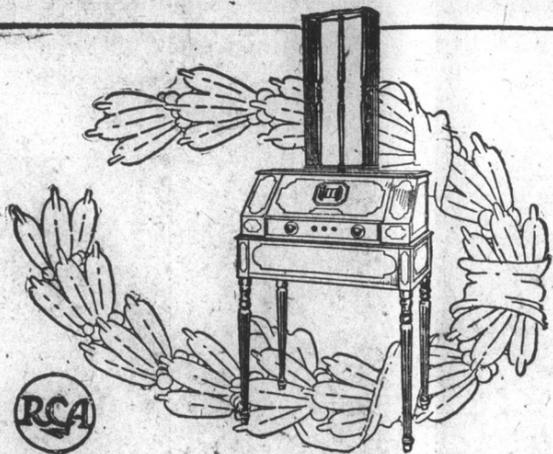
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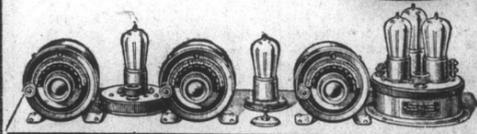
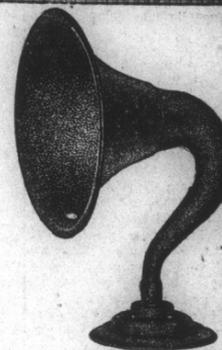
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