

The True Story Of Woodrow Wilson

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Chapter XII.

Wilson and the Progressives

Woodrow Wilson foresaw long before he entered politics as a candidate for governor of New Jersey that the Democratic party of the nation needed new leadership. His letters to friends indicate that he looked forward to the campaign of 1912 as the occasion for a rebirth of the Democratic party. Prior to 1910, when he became governor of New Jersey, suggestions that Mr. Wilson himself might prove the new leader did not appeal to him as possible of fulfillment. He had no party following. He had made speeches from time to time, it is true, on public questions and had spoken from one end of the country to the other before civic bodies and educational institutions; but not until the Democratic leaders in New Jersey sought him for the gubernatorial nomination did he begin to think that perhaps at last the road to the presidency had been opened.

As if with prophetic instinct, Woodrow Wilson wrote a friend in the spring of 1912: "Roosevelt and Taft are busily engaged in splitting the Republican party wide open—so that we may get in."

Mr. Wilson was then Governor of New Jersey. He entered the Democratic primaries in various states and found himself successful in some but resisted as a rule by organization Democrats. Progressive sentiment in both the Democratic and Republican parties had begun to crystallize. The reflex of the Taft-Roosevelt controversy on standpatism and progressivism was felt in the Democratic ranks where it was not difficult to kindle fires of discontent over bossism and organization control.

There had been times when Mr. Wilson had been so indignant over boss control in the Democratic party that he was not unsympathetic with the idea of having a new party formed by the progressives of both the Republican and Democratic parties. Just after the regular Republicans renominated Mr. Taft, a third party with Roosevelt at the head of it representing the progressive Republicans and Woodrow Wilson as his running mate representing the progressive Democratic sentiment of the country was not only seriously suggested among progressives but there was a moment when Woodrow Wilson thought of it himself too.

It was in those weary hours when the Democratic convention at Baltimore was deadlocked and it looked as if Champ Clark might be nominated, Mr. Wilson had persuaded himself that a victory for Clark would be a victory for the bosses in the Democratic party and he felt that those bosses were somehow in the control of Wall street. This was so deeply ingrained in his mind that at a critical moment in the balloting, he turned to members of his family and remarked that he might not be able to support the Democratic ticket if Wall street captured the Democratic party. When a friend standing by suggested that the third party convention would soon be held and that Mr. Wilson might be tendered the nomination for the vice presidency, the then Governor of New Jersey remarked that "circumstances might" make such a development possible.

Strange as were the incidents which led to the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for the presidency, stranger still are the tales of how it was accomplished. The Wilson forces seemed like crusaders. They had responded to Williams Jennings Bryan's outcry against boss control. They refused to make trades and political bargains. They refused to yield even when Champ Clark had passed the majority mark—never before had a candidate gone so far without winning the necessary two thirds. National political conventions are rarely susceptible of precise analysis. Too many things happen at once as the numerous tacticians concentrate their subtleties and cajolery. Coincidentally the floor leaders are working in a half dozen different places to accomplish the same general result.

The newspapers at the time gave William Jennings Bryan substantial credit for bringing about the nomination of Mr. Wilson but ever since delegates have insisted that in the many secret conferences of that convention, Mr. Bryan, after successfully blocking the nomination of Champ Clark, really favored himself, proposing from three to five other candidates following the Sunday adjournment on the Monday morning on the theory that the Convention was "hopelessly deadlocked." Irrespective of what had really happened, the country was given the impression that Mr. Bryan played an important part in setting the stage for the nomination of Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wilson, not unmindful of the Bryan influence in preceding Democratic conventions, was inclined to share that view.

Without doubt the fact that the Third Party Convention would meet a week or so later and nominate Theodore Roosevelt as the national progressive candidate was constantly in the minds of the Democratic delegates who, as usual, were not a little influenced in selecting a candidate by the thought that he deserved the nomination who had the best chance of winning the election. Would the Democrats permit the third party to draw progressives from the Democratic party? The nomination of a progressive Democrat like Woodrow Wilson, his champions at Baltimore argued, would checkmate such a possibility and give the country a new view of

America's Biggest Sugar Year Now In The Making

Cuba's Position in Sugar Industry Becoming Steadily Less Dominant While American Sugar Producers, Both Farmers and Refiners, Growing More Prosperous

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New York, March 7.—The position of Cuba in the sugar industry is steadily becoming of less importance. Consumers and retailers who keep in close touch with the market are optimistic that future prices will be confined within a moderate range unless unexpected weather developments disrupt conditions. They are therefore buying refined sugar only for immediate needs at present, preferring to let the refiners run that risk and carry the stocks.

The biggest beet sugar year in the history of this country is in the making, according to estimates of acreages now under contract. Growers assert that if conditions during the growing and harvesting season are even reasonably favorable, the year will see a production of beet sugar not hitherto approached.

Records of the Colorado crop reporting service affiliated with the Department of Agriculture show that sugar beets were the most valuable crop in that state last year in proportion to the acreage planted. An increase of acreage of at least 20 per cent is indicated there this year.

The Great Western Sugar Company expects to contract this season for more than 160,000 acres, the Holly Sugar Corporation for 15,000 to 18,000 acres, the Independent Sugar Corporation for 8,000, the American Beet Sugar Company for 30,000, and the National Sugar Company for 6,000 acres. Equally heavy plantings are expected in other sugar beet states.

The effect of the industry on the financial and business position of the country as a whole is illustrated accurately in the banking position in the intermountain states. For example, the index of rediscounts and loans at the Salt Lake City branch of the Federal Reserve Bank serving Utah, the largest part of Idaho and Eastern Nevada, shows that whereas in 1920 these items reached a peak of \$44,000,000 compared with deposits of \$6,500,000, the present total of rediscounts and loans is around \$5,000,000 with deposits of \$9,000,000. This improved

of the Democratic party. There was something fascinating, if not sensational, about the spectacular rise of the college president to fame as a courageous administrator and a fearless spokesman of Democratic principles. Also he had carried New Jersey by approximately 50,000 only two years before and his strength was undiminished by the record he had made as governor in a state repressed theretofore by boss management of bi-partisan effectiveness.

Convinced that he won the Democratic nomination at Baltimore on principle, Woodrow Wilson endeavored to conduct his campaign on the same high plane. Not once during the 1912 contest, for instance, did Mr. Wilson mention the name of Theodore Roosevelt. He tried to avoid personalities in politics. He was much more interested in principles, preferring always to deal with persons implicitly rather than explicitly.

(Tomorrow's chapter tells about Mr. Wilson's singular notions about party platforms and campaigning.)



PEACH MOTH IN GEORGIA
Atlanta, March 7.—The oriental peach moth, a pest brought to this country from Japan, has appeared in the Georgia fruit belt. A thirty per cent damage to the 1924 peach crop is feared.

salers in other sections.

A deal now is "on the fire" which may result in a realignment of the sugar situation in Wyoming and California. The Holly Sugar Corporation of Colorado has acquired a large minority interest in the stock of the Wyoming Sugar Company operating a plant at Worland, in the Big Horn Basin, and has obtained an option on the remainder. The Great Western Sugar Company has offered to take over stock and option at a profit and if the offer is accepted the Holly Corporation will abandon its plan of transferring its plant at Anahelm, California, to Torrington, Wyoming, where it has contracted for 8,000 acres of beets this season. The Worland district would be considerably expanded.

The Great Western Company considers the Torrington district as tributary to its factories in Western Nebraska and is willing to take over the Worland plant at a profit to the Holly Company provided the Tor-

ington factory is not put in operation. As an inducement, it is said that Great Western is willing to divert enough beets from the Billings Montana district to the Holly plant at Sheridan to allow capacity operations there.

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