

# Wilson Received News Lusitania Was Sunk With Coolness; Had High Sense of Honor and Loved Truth

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Confidential Secretary and Biographer to Woodrow Wilson during his eight years in the White House. (Copyright 1925. Reproduction in any form prohibited.)

CHAPTER V.  
Mr. Wilson's courage and his integrity were perhaps his most prominent traits. Once he took his position, and continued that he was right, he was stubborn in maintaining it. He frequently declared that he cared little for contemporaneous opinion if he could be sure of the approval of history.

And he would not reply to criticism. Once when I joined in the effort to have him reply to a charge, he said: "I will not reply. That is what they want. Nothing is so effective as silence. The thing that hurts most when you are attacking is to have no attention paid to you."

On the day that the Lusitania was sunk he displayed the poise that was characteristic of him. He read the first dispatch without comment and then rode off to his usual game of golf. The day after, with the news confirmed, before contemplating action he set himself to the task of replying to the pile of telegrams that cluttered his desk, most of them urging immediate action, a few that he would not be stampeded.

"You may let your head that this administration won't be stampeded," he declared. One of them urged him, in the name of God and humanity, to declare war on Germany, upon which he quietly commented: "War is not declared in the name of God."

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of God; it is a human affair entirely." Mr. Wilson frequently laid himself open to criticism by a tendency apparently to procrastinate, to hold a decision in abeyance until forced by the event to act. This was deliberate on his part, for he was by nature conservative.

In all essential habits of mind, he was a model of method and order; discipline finding their source later in the necessity for conserving a physique which was none too robust to bear the burdens he put upon it. But he appeared sometimes to hesitate in his judgments. Sometimes he deliberately refrained from so much as committing them to the definiteness of speech or phrase for fear of restricting their scope or discussion. He would not write his state papers until the event was close at hand, and then one draft usually would suffice. There was little patching and revising to do to meet altered or forgotten conditions. He possessed a ready facility of phrase, and when he set down to draft a document it was a token that he had the facts in his mind, had weighed them, and that his judgment was formulated.

Made Own Decisions.  
When he had a state paper or a decision to write, he did not ask for advice so much as for information. He would gather all the facts together as he would the material for an essay and then retire within the seclusion of his own thoughts and form his decision. The impression of him as a man intolerant of criticism or counsel arises from this fundamental habit, the conviction that where was the responsibility, there must also be the decision.

He had unlimited confidence in his own ability, possessing all the facts, to arrive at a correct conclusion, so that when he had a crisis to meet, his habit was to inform himself of his subject, as exhaustively as possible, and then, regardless of all else, make his decision.

And once he had made up his mind, he held to his position through thick and thin. He would not bring a case "back into court" except upon new evidence.

Mr. Wilson's integrity was as striking as either his courage or his stubbornness. His distaste for the use of influence, for dishonesty of any kind, or for misrepresentation, was so pronounced that, if anything, in this respect he was inclined to "lean backward."

One afternoon while he was spending a vacation at Cornish, N. H., there was a collision between the president's secret service car following the president and a private car. The private car was damaged to some extent, although the driver of the car was equally at fault, the secret service man in charge promptly settled for the damage to the other car, sending a notation of the amount, as was the custom, to the comptroller's office of the Treasury department.

Accordingly, a voucher was made out, charging the amount to the president's traveling fund, and I handed it to Mr. Wilson for his signature. He looked at the bill and shook his head emphatically.

"I won't do it," he said. "That is not a legitimate government expense. I was on a pleasure trip."

And, drawing his check book from his desk, he wrote his personal check for the amount.

On another occasion, he planned to go for one of his customary week-end cruises on the Mayflower and gave orders that provisions should be made. Food supplies for such trips are always paid for from the traveling fund of \$25,000 provided by Congress.

On this occasion, at the last moment, he canceled his trip after a large quantity of food had been purchased for the perishable food on hand, he directed that it be utilized in feeding the crew of the ship, but when the government voucher was presented to him to sign he refused to expend government money for the purpose, and drew his own check for the amount. He had not traveled, he said, and it was therefore not a legitimate expenditure to be charged to his traveling fund.

Another Personal Check.  
Once he required a cabinet member to execute a commission for him. It was strictly government business, but when it came to the question of reimbursing the commission for his traveling expenses, some question arose as to the government fund from which they should be paid. It was decided that, being a presidential commission, no fund was available for it in the department involved, and that therefore the expenses should be paid from the president's traveling fund.

Such recommendation was made to the president, and a voucher was made out for the amount. When I laid it before the president for his signature, he asked what it was for, and when I explained, he refused to sign and directed me to have his personal check drawn for the amount.

When I protested that it was not a proper expense for him to pay, since it was government business, he gravely shook his head and said, since there was any question at all, he would pay for it himself.

"But don't let them know that I have done it," he considerably directed, knowing that the cabinet member would have paid it himself rather than permit the president to stand for the expense.

The most unique expression of his high sense of honor I find noted down on a piece of paper I preserved at the time.  
One morning after he had finished his work and I was about to leave his study, he called me back and said: "Swem, I wish you would tell Tumulty when I told him the other day that I did not know anything about the approaching marriage of Mrs. — that I am sorry I had to lie to him. I did know it, but had given my word not to divulge the secret."

## The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY

- Horizontal.
- 1. The human race.
  - 2. Small valleys.
  - 3. A large vase.
  - 4. A Hebrew high priest.
  - 5. The presiding officer.
  - 6. Myself.
  - 7. Goddess of earth.
  - 8. You (Biblical).
  - 9. Proposition.
  - 10. Portions.
  - 11. A brazer.
  - 12. Himself.
  - 13. Musical note.
  - 14. For instance (abbr.).
  - 15. Ourselves.
  - 16. An equine.
  - 17. A naval station in France.
  - 18. Otherwise.
  - 19. Like.
  - 20. Apart (prefix).
  - 21. Negation.
  - 22. Virulent.
  - 23. Profit after deducting expenses.
  - 24. An equine.
  - 25. Reward.
  - 26. The sun.
- Vertical.
- 1. A chum.
  - 2. A parsonage.
  - 3. Requiring assistance.
  - 4. The sediment of liquids.
  - 5. Frozen rain.
  - 6. The home of Abraham.
  - 7. Proposition.
  - 8. To go.
  - 9. A straight line (Trigonometrical).

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Purchase of a municipal air field would make Omaha one of the most important stations in the country in the development of commercial aviation, the aviation subcommittee reported to the Greater Omaha committee Wednesday.

The report urged the immediate purchase of a suitable field on the outskirts of the city and the formation of a definite plan for the development of Omaha as an air terminal.

Omaha in Center.  
"With the development of commercial aviation, Omaha will probably be a station on the main central continental route to the west coast," the report says. "Omaha also lies at a strategic point for a station on a north and south route through the central part of the United States."

The report points out that Omaha is located in the center of an important commercial area which includes, within a 500-mile radius, the cities

of Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Fargo, Cheyenne, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis. All of these cities would be within the standard day's flight for one pilot.

The report also states that Omaha would be an important aviation center in time of war because it is situated in the center of the Seventh Army Corps area.

The report urges the purchase of a municipal air field in order that development of commercial air lines may not be hampered by private owners, who might attempt to keep out competing lines. Immediate action is recommended.

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