

PRESIDENT DOMINANT FIGURE AT CONGRESS

Power Wielded at Peace Conference Far Reaching.

NEW WORLD IDEAL RAISED

Justice and Reason. Simple and Inevitable Rules of Conduct and Executive Has Triumphed.

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PARIS, Feb. 18.—(Special Cable.)—President Wilson has gone and Paris and the rest of the world are casting up accounts in efforts to measure the value and extent of his two months of work in this temporary capital of humanity.

It would be idle to speculate upon the position history will accord to him because of the principles he has enunciated, since the value of those principles turns upon their application, but it is quite possible to establish through analysis the direct effect of the president's influence in the 60 days of the life of the conference.

That examination shows him to have been the dominant figure in all phases of the matters under consideration. He has dominated, not because of his personality, but because of his precepts; not because of his political science, but because of his human understanding.

President's Strength Proved.

He has met the conference in a new dimension, in which the question has been for the fruits of peace rather than the spoils of war. Justice and reason have been his simple rules of conduct, and they have proved his strength against opposition, some of it honest, some of it malicious. He has fought against the forces of reaction, of avarice, of thinly disguised militarism and of selfishness, and he has triumphed. But such is the curious nature of the man, that in all his victories it may be doubted if he has added to his personal popularity, although it is manifest that he has gained recognition for his purposes.

President Wilson never had the faculty of reaching the popular imagination, but he has done better than he has projected his principles into the very heart of mankind. If there was doubt in the minds of statesmen—such doubt certainly did exist—as to the manner in which the American executive would be received by the European peoples, it was banished by his visits to France, England and Italy.

Malignant Plans Frustrated.

Because of what he stands for, rather than for what he is, his stay in Paris has been productive and has butressed him from the attacks of malignant, who verily believed that in the public forum they could ignore him by playing upon national cupidity and lust for power, the two elements which in one form or another have actuated all the other peace conferences in history.

He has not demoralized.

On the contrary, he has always shown willingness to discard his own and to adopt other methods if they led to the same ends. His attitude toward the negotiations, his fiercest opponents, such as Premier Hughes of Australia, soon perceived they were beating a dead horse, not with an individual, but with an invincible force of justice, right and reason.

Exceptional Man Never Liked.

That fact contributed to the president's lack of personal popularity. The exceptional man is never much liked. He may command admiration and receive support, but he is rarely able to touch the well-springs of personal affection. His seeming lack of faults lifts him from that class in which frailties establish a touch of nature and induce sympathy.

It should not be thought that his progress was over a path of roses.

Each step had to be fought and each advance was made after a contest. Today, while the tone of the French press is less unympathetic than before, there are papers in which the president is referred to as an "idealist" rather than as an idealist.

Principles Held Fundamental.

It is a fact that from the beginning until now and from top to bottom the conference has been guided and chartered by the 14 peace principles laid down by the president. He builded better than he knew when he announced the principles on which America would be ready to make peace when he first spoke, in January 1918.

The league of nations, no armistices, boundaries, armament, economic relations, navigation and other problems are covered in the policies declared by President Wilson.

There is one problem that threatens great difficulty in solution, and that is the matter of reparations. Into this subject terminology has been introduced in order to mean by reparation. President Wilson defines the American attitude, which is that reparation should satisfy only actual damages suffered. The British are proponents of the interpretation that reparation should and does cover full costs of the war. There is the choke-point. Compromise of definition and of application will eventually be reached, but the process may be slow and painful.

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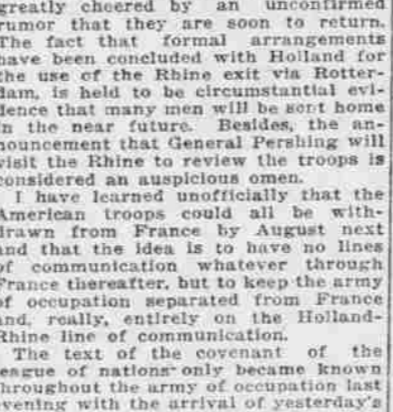
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