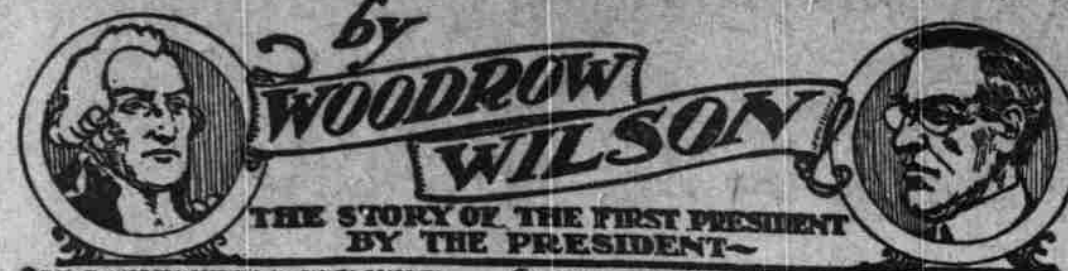


GEORGE WASHINGTON



WOODROW WILSON

THE STORY OF THE FIRST PRESIDENT BY THE PRESIDENT

(CONTINUED.)

Becomes a Major of Militia.

His brother's death, in truth, changed everything for him. He seemed of a sudden to stand as Lawrence's representative. Before they set out for the Bahamas Lawrence had transferred to him his place in the militia, obtaining for him, though he was but nineteen, a commission as major and district adjutant in his stead; and after his return in 1752, Lieutenant Governor Dinwiddie, the crown's new representative in Virginia, added still further to his responsibilities as a soldier by reducing the military district of the colony to four, and assigning him one of the four, under a renewed commission as major and adjutant-general. His brother's will not only named him an executor, but also made him residuary legate of the estate of Mount Vernon in case his child should die. He had to look to the discipline and acquitment of the militia of eleven counties, aid his mother in her business, administer his brother's estate, and assume on all hands the duties and responsibilities of a man of affairs when he was but just turned twenty.

The action of the colonial government in compacting the organization and discipline of the militia by reducing the number of military districts was significant of a sinister change in the posture of affairs beyond the borders. The movements of the French in the west had of late become more ominous than ever; 'twas possible the Virginia militia might any day see an end of that "everlasting peace" which good Mr. Beverley had smiled to see them complacently enjoy, and that the young major, who was now adjutant-general of the northern division, might find duties abroad even more serious and responsible than his duties at home.

War Was Inevitable.

Whoever should be commissioned to meet and deal with the French upon the western rivers would have to handle truly critical affairs, decisive of the fate of the continent, and it looked as if Virginia must undertake the fateful business. The northern borders, indeed, were sadly harried by the savage allies of the French; the brunt of the fighting hitherto had fallen upon the hardy militiamen of Massachusetts and Connecticut in the slow contest for English mastery upon the continent. But there was really nothing to be decided in that quarter.

The French were not likely to attempt the mad task of driving out the thickly set English population, already established, hundreds of thousands strong, upon the eastern coasts. Their true lines of conquest ran within. Their strength lay in their command of the great watercourses which flanked the English colonies both north and west. 'Twas a long frontier to hold, that mazy line of lake and river that ran all the way from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the wide mouths of the sluggish Mississippi.

French Well Armed and Ready.

Throughout all the posts and settlements that lay upon it from end to end there were scarcely eighty



The French Move.

thousand Frenchmen, while the English teemed upon the coasts more than a million strong. But the forces of New France could be handled like an army, while the English swarmed slowly westward, without discipline or direction, the headstrong subjects of a distant government they would not obey, the wayward constituents of a score of petty and jealous assemblies tardy at planning, clumsy at executing plans. They were still far away, too, from the mid-waters of the lakes and from the royal stream of the Mississippi itself, where lonely boats floated slowly down, with their cargoes of grain, meat, tallow, tobacco, oil, hides, and lead, out of the country of the Illinois, past the long, thin line of tiny isolated posts, to the growing village at New Orleans and the southern Gulf.

But they were to be feared, none the less. If their tide once flowed in, the French well knew it could not be turned back again. It was not far away from the Ohio now; and if once settlers out of Pennsylvania and Virginia gained a foothold in any numbers on that river, they would con-

trol one of the great highways that led to the main basins of the continent. It was imperative they should be effectually forestalled, and that at once.

Duquesne Decides to Fight.

The Marquis Duquesne, with his quick soldier's blood, at last took the decisive step for France. He had hardly come to his colony, to serve his royal master as governor upon the St. Lawrence, when he determined to occupy the upper waters of the Ohio, and block the western passes against the English with a line of military posts.

The matter did not seem urgent to the doubting ministers at Versailles. "Be on your guard against new undertakings," said official letters out of France; "private interests are generally at the bottom of them." But Duquesne knew that it was no mere private interest of fur trader or speculator that was at stake now. The rivalry between the two nations had gone too far to make it possible to back. Military posts had already been established by the bold energy of the French at Niagara, the key to the western lakes, and at Crown Point upon Champlain, where lake and river struck straight towards the heart of the English trading settlements upon the Hudson.

Accept the Challenge.

The English, accepting the challenge, had planted themselves at Oswego, upon the very lake route itself, and had made a port there to take the furs that came out of the west, and, though very sluggish in the business, showed purpose of aggressive movement everywhere that advantage offered. English settlers by the hundreds were pressing towards the western mountains in Pennsylvania, and down into that "Virginian Arcady," the sweet valley of the Shenandoah; thrifty Germans, a few; hardy Scots-Irish, a great many—the blood most to be feared and checked. It was said that quite three hundred English traders passed the mountains every year into the region of the Ohio. Enterprising gentlemen in Virginia—Lawrence and Augustine Washington among the rest—has joined influential partners in London in the formation of an Ohio company for the settlement of the western country and the absorption of the western trade; had sent out men who knew the region to make interest with the Indians and fix upon points of vantage for trading-posts and settlements; had already set out upon the business by erecting storehouses at Will's Creek, in the heart of the Alleghenies, and farther westward still, upon Bedstone Creek, a branch of the Monongahela itself.

The French Build a Fort.

It was high time to act; and Duquesne, having no colonial assembly to hamper him, acted very promptly. When spring came, 1753, he sent fifteen hundred men into Lake Erie, to Presque Isle, where a fort of squared logs was built, and a road cut through the forests to a little river whose waters, when at the flood, would carry boats direct to the Allegheny and the great waterway of the Ohio itself.

An English lieutenant at Oswego had described the multitudinous feet of canoes upon Ontario carrying this lake to its place of landing in the lake beyond, and a vagrant Frenchman had told him plainly what it was. It was an army of six hundred men, he boasted, going to the Ohio, "to cause all the English to quit those parts." It was plain to every English governor in the colonies who had his eyes open that the French would not stop with planting a fort upon an obscure branch of the Allegheny, but that they would indeed press forward to take possession of the Ohio, drive every English trader forth, draw all the native tribes to their interest by force or favor, and close alike the western lands and the western trade in very earnest against all the king's subjects.

Governors See the Danger.

Governor Dinwiddie was among the first to see the danger and the need for action, as, in truth, was very natural. In office and out, his study had been the colonial trade, and he had been merchant and official now a long time. He was one of the twenty stockholders of the Ohio company, and had come to his governorship in Virginia with his eye upon the western country. He had but to look about him to perceive that Virginia would very likely be obliged to meet the crisis unaided, if, indeed, he could induce even her to meet it.

Governor Hamilton, of Pennsylvania, also saw how critically affairs stood, it is true, and what ought to be done. His agents had met and acted with the agents of the Ohio company already in seeking Indian alliances and fixing upon points of vantage beyond the Alleghenies. But the Pennsylvania assembly could by no argument or device be induced to vote money or measures in the business. The placid Quaker traders were as stubborn as the stolid German farmers. They opposed it because they could not for the life of them see the necessity of parting with their money to send troops upon so remote an errand.

Dinwiddie Does Not Hesitate.

Dinwiddie did not wait or parley. He acted first and consulted his legislature afterwards. It was in his Scots blood to take the business very strenuously, and in his trader's blood to take it very anxiously. He had kept himself advised from the first of the movements of the French. Their vanguard had scarcely reached Presque Isle ere he dispatched letters to England apprising the government of the danger. Answer had come very promptly, too, authorizing him to build forts upon the Ohio, if he could get the money from the Burgesses; and meantime, should the French trespass further, "to require of them peaceably to depart." "If they would not desist for a warning," said his majesty, "we do hereby strictly charge and command you to drive them off by force of arms."

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CORRESPONDENCE

News That You Can't Get Elsewhere

PANOLA

Mr. Carl Bracher is on the sick list.

Miss Lillie Chrisman who has been seriously sick is improving.

Sunday School at this place is progressing nicely and every one is interested.

Mrs. M. A. Logsdon has as her guest Miss Mollie Pearson, of Estill county.

Miss Mary Karr is visiting her sister Mrs. David Kindred on Locust Branch.

The Cumberland Telephone Co. has put a new phone in the residence of Mr. J. B. Broadus.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker, of Lexington, are visiting the formers sister, Mrs. James Chasteen.

Messrs. J. B. Broadus and E. A. Wagers passed through this place Tuesday en route to Irvine to ship a car-load of hogs.

Mr. Ebb Cox and daughter, Mrs. Ernest Covington, returned from Lexington Tuesday where they went to see Mr. Cox's son who is in a Sanatorium seriously ill.

UNION CITY

Mr. Silas Keene, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is rapidly convalescing.

The farmers throughout this section are progressing fine in preparations for a crop.

The ravages of the flood have been repaired, and all phases of farm work are forging ahead.

Elder W. I. Peel, of Nicholasville, will fill his pulpit the second Sunday at the Christian church.

Mr. J. M. Risk, who has been combating a stubborn attack of inflammatory rheumatism, we are glad to say is out again.

An interesting lecture on his travels in Palestine by Bro. Moore, at the Baptist church at this place on the third Sunday is to be given.

The prospects for a graded school are beginning to wear a rosy hue just now, and it is confidently expected that before many months have passed the lads and lassies of this community, will be called from reformation to labor, by the tolling of a bell mounted in the Belfry of Union City's modern and up-to-date Institute of Learning. That will give us quite a metropolitan air.

BEREA

Mr. and Mrs. Z. O. Logan are rejoicing over the arrival of a girl.

Miss Sally Botkins, of London, is visiting at the home of Felix Estridge.

Mr. Charles Colhensetter, of Springfield, Ohio, visited E. T. Fish last week.

Mrs. F. M. Morgan, of Hyden, is visiting sisters and mother, Mrs. O. I. Azbill.

Mrs. W. H. Moore and little son, Russell, are visiting M. D. Settle, of Big Hill.

Miss Nannie McWhorter has returned from Paint Lick, where she has been for the past week.

J. H. Baker and Albert F. Scruggs have opened a real estate office over Berea National Bank.

Miss Mary Abney and Mr. Crockett Ely were married last Wednesday evening at the Methodist church.

Miss Dooley Welch and Dr. Dan R. Botkins were married Thursday the 10th, at 12 o'clock, at the home of the bride. The couple left on the 1:07 train for Louisville.

The Young Ladies' Bible Class of the Christian church held their social last Wednesday at the parsonage. Games were played after which delightful refreshments were served.

VALLEY VIEW

Mrs. Lila Chaney was in Lexington this week.

M. F. Wharton was in Lexington Monday on business.

Mrs. N. A. Bailey was shopping in Lexington last week.

Mrs. F. E. Chase spent Sunday in Richmond, the guest of friends.

Leighton Soper, of Nicholasville, was here Saturday on business.

A number of people from here attended county court in Richmond last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Land were shopping in Nicholasville and Lexington last week.

Nat Turner attended the funeral of his grandfather, Mr. Nat Cotton, who lived at Cottonburg.

Dr. Robert Dougherty and family were in Richmond last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin.

Mrs. Nannie Northcutt and Lee Dale Howard were in Lexington the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Osborne.

Mr. Thurman Tudor and wife, of Silver Creek, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Stapp.

Mrs. Lella Hill and daughters, Lee James and Pansy, have returned from Richmond where the children have been in school.

Alma Beck Concert

Richmond is indebted to the Federated Music Clubs for a concert of the highest order which was given on last evening at the Normal Chapel. The program was a brilliant one and faultlessly rendered. Miss Beck has a contralto voice of wonderful range and beauty, while a fine conception of her selections makes her singing most effective.

Two numbers especially on the program were enthusiastically received "The Cry of Rachel," which gave scope for her dramatic style and "The Life of a Rose" which proclaimed her rare musical power.

Miss Gould accompanied Miss Beck on the piano and also executed two very difficult numbers which gave evidence of much talent and showed mastery of the instrument.



N. B. Jones Announces

Mr. N. B. Jones, our present Jailor, announces in this issue for the office of Sheriff of Madison county.

Mr. Jones was raised in this county on a farm near Red House and is a farmer by avocation. He knows the needs of the farming class and is in full sympathy with them. He believes that labor deserves rewarding. He speaks in kindly words of his opponents and says that he is glad to know that all of them are gentlemen in every sense of the word and that if they succeed in beating him, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he was defeated by a gentleman.

Mr. Jones has many friends who will stick to him through thick and thin till the battle is over.

He promises to discharge the duties of the office fearlessly and to do everything in his power to make the best Sheriff that Madison has ever had.

Bride Only Twenty and the Alleged Consent of Parents Not Witnessed

A marriage license was refused to Sam Fields and Miss Mrytle Bailey, of Winchester, last week, the bride-to-be being only 20 years of age. A written statement purporting to be signed by the girl's parents was presented, but as the signatures appeared to be in the same handwriting and were not witnessed, as required by law, the license was refused.

The young man said his home was in Chilesburg and Miss Bailey said she lived in Fayette county. It was learned over the telephone, however, that the young lady lives in Wolfe county.

Gusher Struck

Thomas Stuart, of Winchester, received a telegram shortly before noon Saturday from Jackson, telling of a 500-barrel gusher that came in this morning in the Wolfe county field, near Cannel City. Great excitement prevails, as this is the biggest oil well drilled in the new field, which is hardly six months old.

"Courtesy"

If we were to take a vote to determine what one thing contributes most toward a feeling of satisfaction on the part of the public, I am of the belief that the verdict would be almost unanimous in favor of courtesy.

The Weeks Sporting News

[By Hans]

The P. P. I. base ball club defeated Ballards aggregation Saturday afternoon in one of the most interesting games of the season, the score being eleven to nine.

Notwithstanding the large score, the game was exciting, and was undecided until the last man was down in the ninth. Both teams were about evenly matched in the field, the P. P. I. having a shade the best pitching, and out hit their opponets.

Batteries—P. P. I., McCowan and Bennett; Ballard, McKinney, Vaughn and Deatherage.

NOTES OF THE GAME

Powell's homer in the opening frame was the batting feature of the game. It was a beauty.

McCowan's pitching for the P. P. I.'s was high-class. He was master of the situation in the pinches.

Hans Wagner (Wilco) Scanlon played a brilliant game for P. P. I. at start. His fielding was very clean, and he got the ball away like the "old timer."

Bennett and Deatherage put up a good game behind the bat for their respective teams.

Hanger played a good steady game for the P. P. I.'s. Frank Corzelius also took an active part in the game.

Ty Cobb (Curtis) Corzelius has greatly improved with the "stick." It is hoped that Curtis has found his "batting eye."

Mrs. J. A. Sharon Dead

Mrs. Sharon, wife of Prof. J. A. Sharon, recently with the Normal School but now of Newport, Ky., died Saturday night at their home in Newport.

She left surviving her, her husband, a son and two daughters.

Mrs. Sharon was a most excellent woman and her many friends here will be pained to learn of her death.

At the meeting of the Sunday School Convention of the Danville District which was held at Corbin last week, Richmond was finely represented. Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, Prof. R. G. Stott, Mr. C. S. Jessup, Mrs. T. S. Todd and Mrs. R. K. Stone, all being present. Prof. Stott made one of his best speeches on this occasion taking the place of Dr. Crabbe on the program.

Miss Belle Bennett is in Birmingham, Ala., attending the Council meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South. Miss Bennett is the President of the Council.

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Babies Sold

Boston, April 10.—An active traffic in babies at prices ranging from \$2 up is carried on in Boston, according to Mrs. Charlotte Smith, a social worker of this city, who appeared before the Legislative Committee on Public Health today in support of a bill requiring the registration of midwives.

Mrs. Smith declared that she had bought infants, and knew where more could be purchased at any time.

"The idol of the home in the Back Bay," she said, "is a poodle dog. They run from \$100 to \$1,000, while babies are being sold at from \$2 to \$10, depending upon whether they are blondes or brunettes."

BEREA ITEMS

Mr. J. A. Collins, the marshal of Berea, was in Richmond Monday. Miss Grace Blanton spent last Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blanton. Dr. Bodkin was called to London, Saturday. Judge T. J. Coyle was in Winchester and Lexington, Monday and Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Logsdon and daughter, Geneva, were in Berea, Saturday, on their way to Brassfield and Speedwell where they will spend a few days with relatives. Misses Grace Adams and Lucy Ogg spent Friday night in the country with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler this week. Mrs. Kinney and family, former residents of Berea are moving back from Corbin, where they have been living for some time. Miss Maxie Ponder was in town Tuesday. Mr. H. E. Bingham is at home for a few days. Mrs. Felix Estridge spent last week at Paint Lick. Berea Citizen.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL

Dr. Smoot went to Maysville Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Wm. Williams, of Irvine, was the guest of Mrs. Joe Oldham last week.

Judge Commack, of Owen county, was the guest of Prof. McDougle on Friday.

Mrs. Q. Deatherage has returned from a visit to Mrs. R. C. Logan, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Joe Chenault is spending the week in Lexington the guest of her mother, Mrs. Spears.

Miss Mary Earle Oldham and Miss Elizabeth Searcy are the guests of Mrs. Will Boggs at Red house.

Miss Tommie Cole Covington spent the week end in Lexington the guest of her sister, and while there was given a handsome dinner by Miss Eunice Catherine Shouse.

:: Births ::

A baby girl has come to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kanatzar of White Hall.

DEATHS

Kathleen McDonald, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spears, died Saturday night and was taken to Danville for burial.

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