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# Our National Capital

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the  
News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

## THE LEGACY OF THE OFFICE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Party insurgency may not add to the elements of happiness for the President, but there is nothing in the situation that is at all surprising. It worked up to such a growth under Taft that bills were frequently killed, simply because the President favored them. It was the same way under Colonel Roosevelt, who spent his latter years in office in continual warfare with Congress. McKinley, Harrison and Cleveland met the same conditions. Before the Civil War the administrative and legislative branches of the government occasionally agreed, but since that time harmony has always appeared with the advent of a new party into power, but when the fruit was shaken off the plum tree, the trouble began. President Wilson has simply inherited a legacy of his office.

## McAdoo and Tumulty

Son-in-law McAdoo does not attempt to deny that he is a grandfather, but the world has grown so swift that some people reason that relationship to their descendants rather early in life. Secretary McAdoo looks like a young man, acts like one, and undoubtedly feels like one. Anyhow, he is so energetic that he and Private Secretary Tumulty have grown to be considered the "young men" who carry the greatest of the President's burdens in the accumulating rows with Senators and Representatives. Both have been very much in evidence in the Senate corridors and galleries during late years, and the critics of the administration have frequently referred to McAdoo and Tumulty as lobbyists. The remaining member of the presidential triumvirate is Secretary Bryan, and while the latter does not get out on the "firing line" as do the other two, yet he has been active from the first in calling obstreperous statesmen into consultation, and in advising them to "get off your feet," when they essayed to question the wisdom of the "presidential way."

## "Presidential Interference"

Senator Clapp has answered a summons from the White House, and has refused to listen to the President's advice upon the shipping bill. The Senator once remarked that "high as I hold a seat in this great body I will retire to private life before any man shall become the keeper of my conscience or judgment." Only once before in recent years has a Senator refused to listen to the President, and that was when Senator LaFollette declined President Taft's invitation to call. At the time it was claimed that this was because of personal ill-feeling between the two distinguished gentlemen. But there is no strain between President Wilson and the Minnesota Senator, and while the latter takes his stand on the ground that he is resisting "presidential interference," the most of Washingtonians have been saying that since Senators do little else but listen to other people's views upon public questions, and advise constantly with their fellow men, that they fail to get the point as to why Senator Clapp should draw the line so rigidly with the President of the United States. On the occasion of the visit Senator Clapp remained with the President for a time, and they doubtless found the weather neutral territory for continuing their little chat.

## The Extra Session Talk

Every Member of Congress who

has been on the job for two years or more, and was re-elected last Fall, is opposed to an extra session—at least at heart. The newly elected Congressmen would like an extra session so that they could get to work before next December. "Big Business" never wants any Congress at all, and "little business" has had quite enough of legislation, and would like to be let alone.

## The Business Shrinkage

The railways of the country have been spilling buckets of tears because of "persecution" in state and federal supervision, but the good old Pennsylvania system appears to be in good standing with the holders of American money bags, since the subscriptions to its \$49,000,000 bond issue totaled five times the amount offered. Bank reports show that there is a plethora of money resting easy, and apparently blind to the alluring offers of investment throughout the country. The postal savings banks are receiving unusually large deposits, indicating that a lot of money that was formerly sent to Europe, is now being laid by through the government banks. Many instances of this kind may be cited to show that one of the main troubles right now is a lack of confidence among the people. This is reflected by the low point reached in immigration, since the foreigners outside the war zone are giving America the go-by. The president of the steel company says that big business is going to reopen its affairs on the old scale, and the unemployed have taken hope to some extent. President Wilson is an optimist, and most of the leaders of his party are boosting hard to support the theory that if people get over thinking things are in a bad way, that there will immediately be a big improvement. The business shrinkage has hit the country hard, so hard, in fact, that there have been more laborers going to Europe in late months, than have come here.

## Southern Delegates

When Harrison was President and defeated Blaine in securing his second nomination the country rang with the accusation that it was because of the manipulation of "southern delegates." The same complaint followed in the case of McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and the Republican convention of 1912 at Chicago was said to have been decided by the "southern delegates," who voted for the renomination of Mr. Taft. The Republicans have had a sort of referendum, in which they submitted the question of representation to the states. The result has been that the southern delegate will find that there has been a shearing bee when he shows up at the next national convention, as the southern states will lose fully one-half of their representation under the new plan.

## Wane of the Bird Men

Although the United States was the first among the nations to invent flying machines, there has been less progress in aviation in this country than any other. The Smithsonian Institution has recommended to Congress the creation of a national advisory committee for aeronautics and it is secured the approval of the White House. The army and navy have done practically nothing towards developing the flying machine, and most of the dealers in planes and supplies who started out a few years ago to sell ordinary bolts, nuts, steel wire, and canvas at an advance of several hundred per cent. have

turned their stocks back to the hardware merchants, and sought more remunerative lines. The booking agencies that listed "flights" at \$200 and up a fly have gone into the morgue, and many of the aviators who formerly hired valets and cashiers are now working for the same sort of wages as are paid blacksmiths, railroad men, and skilled mechanics. The "double dip" and the "whoop the whoop" or anything of that kind can now be purchased from a first-class birdman for about eighty cents on the dollar. The Americans may be a fly lot but apparently they do not care much about flying.

## The Line of Least Resistance

Nearly every day a new issue arises in connection with the European war. Senator LaFollette has introduced a resolution for a Congress of neutral nations, and excitable statesmen have been rushing about asking that this government propose to do because the Lusitania raised the American flag in order to protect itself from German submarines. The President insists on following the line of least resistance, and Secretary Bryan gets a peace treaty whenever he can find a nation susceptible to his persuasion. The administration gives the impression that Uncle Sam is not looking for insults, and whenever anything happens that looks like one the motto of "keep cool" is laid on the doorstep.

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Randall, Pastor.  
Sunday morning service at 10:30.  
Sunday School at 11:45.

The committees for the every member canvass of the church will make next Sunday afternoon their visit upon the members of the church and congregation.  
All the members of the church are requested to remain at home Monday afternoon so as to receive the committee when they call. We hope that the committee will receive a hearty welcome from the members of the church.  
The J. Y. P. S. will meet at 3:00.  
The Y. P. C. E. will meet at 6:30.  
Last Sunday evening there was a large attendance, and a very profitable meeting, and let us endeavor to all be present next Sunday evening.

The federated meeting will be held in the M. E. church, at 7:50. Bro. Baker has a sermon on "The Home" that he wants all to hear, and surely we all are ready to listen to everything that will help us make home more what it should be. Come and see what Bro. Baker has for us.  
The mid-week meeting will be held on Thursday evening, at 7:30.  
Let us all study our Sunday school lesson and come to exchange ideas.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister.  
Sunday Morning, Feb. 21.

The churches of a town are, by all intelligent people, reckoned as valuable assets. They are essentially necessary or they may not justify their existence at all. This church is dedicated to the welfare-interest of the town. Every sermon offered from this pulpit is conceived in that spirit and offered to the people for their welfare. We are more interested in the "Kingdom" than in establishing a denomination. And our light is "He who lighteth..."

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The Evening Meeting  
This meeting will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, at 7:30. This is the people's meeting.

The Message of the Bells  
Last Sunday the sermon based on Millet's picture "The Angelus" was so well received that the minister desired to thank the people for this mark of esteem. The message of the bells should inspire us all to labor all-beartedly.  
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This will be the theme of the sermon at the federated service on Sunday evening next in this church. Home-makers, young and old, prospective and present, are most cordially invited.

Exchange Postponed  
Rev. F. F. Leavitt, who was to have exchanged with the pastor next Sunday morning, has asked for a postponement until Feb. 20. At that time he will be here with a special message of importance to every member of the church.  
The pastor will preach as usual on Sunday morning. The theme will be: "Valley Forge and Yorktown and what they stand for."

Bible classes at 12 M.  
Epworth League at 6:30.  
A good attendance and a good meeting is the report for last week. Come and make it better still.  
Church Night  
Thursday evening next the pastor will finish the series of studies in Galatians. Have you been studying this great book with us?  
Prof. Place at Elm Valley

The people at Elm Valley most cordial invite the public to attend the lecture by Prof. Place, on Saturday evening, at the Elm Valley church. The theme will be "The Economic Value of

Birds to the Farmer." Refreshments will be served at the close.

Brotherhood Banquet  
A Washington's Birthday Banquet will be enjoyed on Monday evening next by the members and friends of the Brotherhood. The Philatheas will serve the feast. All the men of the church and congregation and their wives are invited to purchase tickets and share in the occasion. The speaker will be Prof. Dubois, of Alfred, on "The Farm Home and the Farm Job." Mr. George C. Rosa, of Wellsville, on "The Supreme Call of Methodism." Prof. A. O. Tucker, on "Some Things Men Ought to Know About the Bible"; and Dr. Chas. O'Donnell on "Men in the Church."

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