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You quote  
Letter to  
Mary Peck

WW - Versailles  
"If I didn't feel  
that I was a  
personal instrument  
of God I couldn't  
carry on" P268  
Lloyd George

Colonel House  
Brandis  
William Jennings Bryan

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1918 - House/Senate go Republican

Taft fires Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot - a meeting was held on Italian Riviera - turning point of TR's relationship with Taft  
TR hated Cannon/Aldrich type of leadership. p17  
TR returns from Europe - June 18, 1910

Will Taft - Yale Skull and Bones / Cincinnati Law School

1889 - Solicitor for Ben. Harrison - after 2 yrs. at 36 went back to 6th Circuit Court

Even of March 4, 1909 - small dinner Taft and TR - women had never been close

March 23 - TR left for Sabau -

Hellie gets sick - stroke or cerebral hem. p30 - never quite same.

The tariffs - TR in favor of lowering - Conservative not

TR's 2nd term - became more active in Anti-Trust - against corrupt business - Standard Oil / American Tobacco / Sugar Trust  
Aldrich betrays Taft - no lowering of tariffs - fatal mistake in speech declared Payne bill - best ever Rep. Party has passed.

Meeting at Taft's Beverly Mass Evans Cottage with TR.

Chap 2 W. Wilson - Pres. of Princeton - Geo. Harvey - editor of Harper gets interested in Wilson. (1906) In 1907 W. put a halt to Pres. ambition

Thomas Woodrow Wilson b. 1856 - poor student - ignorant of alphabet until he was 9 - could hardly read at 11 - taught himself shorthand at 16

aided with confederacy (his father) Wilson was a white supremacist  
1885 - married Ellen - 3 children - girls - he had a small stroke 1906  
affair with Mary Peck.

Princeton - wanted the Quad System - no more clubs.  
Fight over where Princeton grad school should be located - Wilson lost. 1910 N.J. Gov.

Chap 3 - TR rebuffed as Chair of N.Y. Party Conventions - because he didn't support Taft's policies

TR's - private rail car - speeches all over. Most radical speeches

Osawatimie, I.N. Called for "New Nationalism" and permanent moral awakening. Wanted to see labor org. powerful

Hamilton vs. Jefferson - liberty vs. equality

Wilson decided to run as liberal democrat.

Wilson won 1,333,682 to 654,126

TR and Wilson were cordial before Wilson became Dem. Candidate



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Dels - b 1855 Tern Hants 1871 became railroad  
quit high school at 14 fireman  
worked on railroad for less than 5 years  
elected city clerk 1878  
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen  
1884 - elected to state leg.  
married Kate Metzger 1885 - she sought Social States  
Pullman strike of 1894 - decision in lifting him to full time  
1893 Dels founded American Railway Union common man  
Pullman - more than 100,000 men quit work nothing like this had  
ever happened  
troops called to Chicago  
Dels imprisoned - got out but sent back to Woodstock jail  
in 1895 for 6 months  
Dels - 40th B-day in Woodstock jail - Sheriff sympathetic  
Prison turning point in Dels move to Socialism  
Nov 22, 1895 - released from prison  
ARV could not be brought back to life  
William Jennings Bryan - won Henry mon. 1896 - 00' - 08'  
Dels supported Bryan in 96' but then endorsed Socialism  
1900 - Dels Socialist nominee - polled 100,000 votes  
1904 - 400,000 votes  
His brother Theodore - his campaign mgr.  
Dels was with a lot but his doctor could find no illness to cure  
1908 - 420,000 votes



Chap 6 TR gets in

TR's bitterness towards Taft.

Ans. Taft quote p107

TR to use direct primaries

Taft about TR p108

It is not a highly run campaign

Taft weighed 322 lbs

began to weep after Boston speech III

p112 vicious epithets are one another

Primaries - total vote: 540

TR 1,157,397 Taft 761,714  
La Follette 351,043

7078 delegate needed

TR had 278 Taft 48

540

La Follette 36

Chap 7 -

TR in Chicago - "I'm feeling like a Bull Moose"

We battle for the Ford p. 118

Root ruled in favor of Taft but was for TR

Fights broke out

When was Progressive Party born?

At 6:15 p.m. Harding rose to nominate Taft

Fights were breaking out

Taft 561 votes TR 107 LaF. 41

Rump convention - one mile from Coliseum -  
TR nominated

Chap 8

1910 - men gathered around WW

Colonel Harvey

(with Caroline) Walter Hines Page, editor World's Week

Walter McCook (Virginia born)

William McCombs (Arkansas born)

William Gibbs McAdoo

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Mar 12, 1911 - WW meets Bryan - has a much different

WW betrayed Colonel Harvey - the original backbone of his career

WW told Harvey that Harvey's support hurt him

Texas House - the other self p137



P144 Chap 9 Bryan cand. for Pres. for Dems  
1896/1900/1908

McCombs crying miserably because Wilson  
didn't accept his advice regarding Bryan's  
Telegram

Charles Murphy - owned & bar - opposed to Bryan  
getting nomination - Tammany Hall

Wilson against bossism and Wall Street

Who would be the progressive nominee

Oscar Underwood

Champ Clark or

Woodrow Wilson

McCombs at Baltimore on the tenth ballot -  
told Wilson he should release his delegates -  
McAdoo was appalled - called WW suggested it  
was not over. p. 154 Wilson was prepared to congrad.  
Clark. He reversed his decision.

Jud. votes went to Wilson - T. R. Marshall V.P.  
on 46th Ballot Rankin with brew Oscar & Underwood's  
name. Wilson won

Wilson did not appear at convention - Remained  
at Sea Girt



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Wilson - 3 strokes 1896 / 1904 / 1906 (gougeon) -  
32 speeches  
8000 miles trip  
lost stop Pueblo, Col.  
Sept 18, 1919  
Massive Stroke  
permanent - loss of sight  
in right eye  
Nov 19, 1919 - Senate voted 55 to 39 - not to ratify  
Feb 3, 1924 - buried at National Cath.

Chap 18 - Endgame  
TR - out of office - leading up to war - illegent  
attacks against Wilson  
Idealism  
righteousness  
Blackstone Hotel - Cli. TR and Taft reconciliation  
TR - run for Pres. 1920  
Jan 5 (?) 1919 - dies of an embolism  
Jan 1918 - Wilson's 14 Points - Paris - Versailles Treaty  
German Reparations

In Pres. race Roosevelt only got 585,000 votes  
WWI - 4 of TR's sons went to war  
Roosevelt ran Debs in 1920 - got 900,000 votes  
Debs sick at 63 - He was indicted for violation of  
the Sedition Act after speech in 1918 - got ten years



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Wilson's Victory -

House always praised him  
prejudice against people -  
never read a serious book after winning Pres.  
poorly read

TR's trip to Brazil - nearly died

1914 - gave 110 speeches in 19 states

Wilson thought US should remain neutral

1915 Lusitania - 128 killed

Edlen dies Mar 1914

Wilson tells Edith about Mary Peck - married Dec 18, 1915

House's relationship deteriorate

Rep. nominated Charles Evans Hughes - TR endorsed him

Hughes - bearded iceberg

debt - To save money Socialist had no convention  
in 1916



July 1911 TR had not broken with Taft Chap 5  
Taft was strong on anti-trust  
brought suit against US Steel Oct 27, 1911

Paris of 1907 - Morgan bales Trout out  
TR vs J.P. Morgan - big business requires big govt.  
Senator Robert La Follette - in TR's way

Who were the Progressives? p100  
La Follette's "Direct Democracy" p102 - keep corporation  
from running the country.  
elected Wis Governor - took 2 terms to get what he wanted  
La - 2 1/2 hour speech to magazine publisher in Public  
TR in Cleveland - "my hat is in the ring" - I am strapped  
to the buff.

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TR thought it a two man race.  
Boston - 20,000 people for TR he gave 150 speeches  
Wilson's statement about government p 203

TR's campaign - one of the most radical ever  
Money p 204

Brandeis wrote editorial in Collier's mag  
"anonymously" was Wilson advisor p 205  
Wilson - letter to TR about Wilson's extramarital  
affair  
Wilson opposed minimum wage

Chap 14

Fends between McCombs and McAdoo  
Colonel House's diary 2000 pages  
Wilson's racist statements in his  
History of the American people  
The Moralists p 215

Chap 15

Taft - gave only two speeches from Aug 1 to end of  
campaign  
Many of Debs' proposals looked like TR's  
Huffs



TR - lead to FOR - a pres. who believed in executive power  
Reforms lead to strong federal powers - "New Nationalism"  
Atlantic Charter - somewhat like Wilson's 14 points.

FOR's death - lost link to TR and Woodrow Wilson p283  
Hamilton means to achieve Jefferson ends.

TR shot in Milwaukee Oct 14 Gilpatrick Hotel p230

Vote WW	6,293,454	- 40 states	435 elect. college	42%
TR	4,119,538	6 states	88	
Taft	3,484,980	2 states		
Debs	901,873			

Dem. - control of Senate - 1st in 20 yrs.

Bull Moose Convention - Aug 5 ~~Providence~~  
Platform ① titans of social justice ② right to organize unions p163  
③ campaign spending limit ④ conservation ⑤ women's suffrage  
⑥ 8 hr. working day ⑦ 6 day week ⑧ safer workplaces ⑨ unemployment insurance  
⑩ unemployment old age, sickness - NO - civil rights plank  
was wanted to attract southerners

Dem. convention - Baltimore -  
Wilson thought rare between him and TR - NO did Taft  
New Freedom - Brandeis - campaign against monopolies

Acheson clerked for Brandeis - a Republican who supported many Dem.  
W.W. - History of liberty - a history of limitation of governmental power.

New Nationalism (TR) vs. New Freedom  
government against large corp. - TR's answer.



Deles and  
Oct 20, 1926  
age 70