



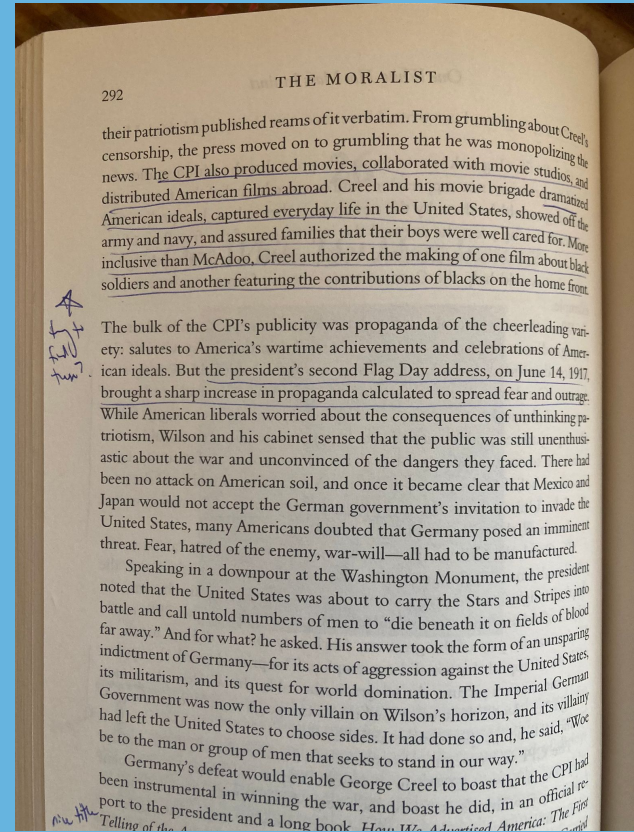
# WWH Project Update

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# Step 1: Initial Research

## Notes from *The Moralist*:

- Very inspired by anything English, particularly politics
- As a young man, supported English practice of combining legislative + executive- less power for executive
- Liked executive branch more after Spanish-American War
- Governor of NJ
- Democratic sweep of 1910
- Wilson wins presidency in 1912 thanks to new Democratic voters
- Wilson: Dem + rad
- William Jennings Bryan: Dem + more radical
- Teddy Roosevelt: Rep + rad
- WHT: Rep + conser
- Most Black Americans supported Wilson in 1912- he promised he would do his best to "advanc[e] the interests of their race in the United States"
- Wilson was seen as stiff + reserved



## Step 2: Choosing the Project

- Political inconsistencies
- Which situations were luck? True talent? Ill will? Or incompetence?
- Possible TEDTalk format for final presentation

## Step 3: Categories

Political Theory

African-American Rights

WWI

Interventionism

# Successes and Dead Ends

- Public speeches— found texts online
- Rediscovery— contained mostly physical objects rather than documents
- Chronicling America— super helpful (thanks, Ms. Stacey!). German espionage research

**GERMAN LIES, AND GERMAN SPIES.**

German lies and German spies,  
A sorry combination;  
German spies and German lies,  
A curse to any nation;  
The penalty should be so great,  
For every violation,  
Yes, we should hang these rogues  
in state,  
And help to free our nation!

German lies and German spies,  
Yet justice now is gaining;  
German spies and German lies,  
Their propaganda's waning;  
A little shot, and shell, and rope,  
A few quick shots at sunrise,  
Will give our nation added hope,  
And squelch these German spies!

German lies and German spies,  
The clouded skies are clearing;  
German lies and German spies,  
Your end is surely nearing;  
A few swift shots at some stone  
wall,  
Right early in the morning,  
Farewell, friend spy, and that is  
all,  
Unless you heed the warning!  
—WILLIAM HENRY DIXON.

# Arthur Link Papers

Stone 2/24/16

- Wilson is confident about his struggle to keep the U.S. out of war
- And believes he will continue to succeed
- Believes European powers will respect U.S. neutrality
- Only wants to maintain U.S. honor and principles like liberty
- Demonstrates a strong unwillingness to compromise on that front

A News Release 7/28/16

- President has established preparedness measures related to industry and that kinda stuff, not the army
- Wants to focus on science + research

Brisbane 4/25/17

- Wilson doesn't want Espionage Act to apply to criticism of him and his own actions because he believes that would go against American principles

Helvering 4/19/17

- Defends the Selective Service Act



# What's Next?

- Analyzing Link resources— war
- Organize thoughts into specific observations + examples
- Move on to next category: interventionism

Thanks for listening!