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WOODROW WILSON—*Inaugurated March 4,
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Woodrow Wilson assumed the Presidency in simple but impressive ceremonies. For the first time in inauguration history, the administration of the oath to a President of the United States was recorded by motion picture. Major General Leonard Wood was Grand Marshal of the Parade which was 13½ miles long with 50,000 marchers.

Woodrow Wilson's second inauguration, March 4, 1917, was marked by tremendous drama because the nation then stood on the threshold of World War I. President Wilson took the oath privately on Sunday in the White House, thus denying Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, becoming the second so-called "President for a Day." On Monday, March 5, President Wilson again took the oath publicly on the east front of the Capitol. The Inaugural Parade for the second Wilson Administration sought to convey the idea that the people were standing behind the President in the nation's hour of trial. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson II was the first First Lady to ride both ways to and from the Capitol with her husband.



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