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Mem. - Woodrow Wilson

May 29/24

Don't forget to revive impressions of Wilson in Paris.

Baker's naïve revelations. Do you know that you must not hand a letter direct to the President but put it on a tray? His impulsive outbreak when I said that I had felt a vein of cruelty in Wilson one evening when we were walking in the Place of the Capital. With a half grin he said, "There is."

My notion is that this was self-protective - impossible to meet a hundredth part of the demands, he steeled himself to refuse, and to hold even those about him to the essential - no waste of time.

Lincoln had a self-protective method equally effective which shocked a certain type of people - the New England intellectual even more.- His stories, his physical slump - largely self-protective. Develop this in Lincoln - Washington.