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### On Making Up One's Mind

The President holds his hand. Any day now he is expected to go before Congress with the whole situation, but exactly when he will go, what he will say, and what he intends to ask for remain secrets. — NEW YORK PRESS.

THE art of making up one's mind ought not to be very difficult, since one has occasion to practise it a hundred and one times a day. One would suppose that the obligation to execute judgment about petty things would naturally lead to the ability to make up one's mind readily and irrevocably on momentous questions. It is not true, however, and that person is rare who can size up a situation, map out a course, and steer a straight line unafraid and undismayed towards a cherished goal. There have been, and there are to-day, rulers of men whose names are so associated with a steadfastness of purpose and an inflexibility of mind in the pursuit of progress that their records reverberate like the sound of silver bells.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson will go down in history as the note-writing-hard-to-make-up-his-mind President of the great United States Republic. We believe that he has often made up his mind in past years, but the problem he is now trying to solve is the biggest thing that has appeared upon his slate, and we may be pardoned if we quote a sentence or two from a letter received a few days ago from a lady in Canada:—"What do you think now of the nice amiable country to the south of us? I would be quite content to be only a hair on the British Bulldog's chin, as long as I was near the growl, rather than sit in the White House chair." We feel sure that some day soon the President will make up his mind, but the delay and uncertainty have been harrowing to our editorial plans and preparations. Reams of good copy have had to be destroyed; type already set up has had to be broken down, and all because we were sure the President had at last decided to make up his mind and didn't. If he could only have known the inconvenience to which he has put the *Canadian Hospital News* would it have made any difference? Be sure of this, delay in making up one's mind is always calamitous to someone. *Verbum sap.*

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