April 18: Woodrow Wilson, candidate for President, spoke to an immense audience that packed Duval theatre and overflowed far into the street.

Street Car Strike

October 28-November 19: Motormen and conductors of the Jacksonville Traction Company suddenly walked out on strike October 28th, completely tying up the street car system of Jacksonville. A feeble attempt was made to operate the cars during the day by the office force of the traction company, and likewise on the 29th. On the 30th strike-breakers were imported, whereupon rioting and violence began. Some of the strike-breakers were severely beaten and the situation became so serious that the local authorities were unable to cope with it. A request for military protection was sent to the governor and on the night of the 30th four military companies were mobilized. By the evening of November 1st, two regiments of infantry, a company of coast artillery, and a cavalry troop, 21 companies in all, practically the entire military force of the State, were on riot duty in Jacksonville. Serious rioting continued, although the cars were operated under military escort. This situation prevailed for a week or more. Everywhere, not only in the outlying sections, but in the center of the city also, acts of violence were committed, the lives of passengers on the cars endangered by missile-throwing and in several instances by shooting into the cars. Attempts were made to tear up the car tracks. On November 11th the general trades issued a call for a sympathetic strike in Jacksonville, giving five days' notice, unless the business men of the city forced the traction company to accede to the demands of the strikers, their demands being that it recognize the recently formed carmen's union. This the traction company refused to do. By this time, however, the striking employees were tiring of the strike and public sentiment had become pretty well crystallized against it. Conditions had improved decidedly by the 12th, and the last of the troops left for their homes. Striking employees were beginning to apply for reinstatement and the traction company took them back without prejudice. The strike was officially declared off by the carmen on November 19th.