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## PRESIDENT IS TO WED IN DECEMBER

### Chief Executive's Betrothed Traces Her Ancestry Back to the Indian Princess Heroine, Pocahontas

Washington, Oct. 7.—Without the pomp attendant upon a White House ceremony, President Wilson in December will be wedded to Mrs. Norma Galt, charming southern widow, who traces her ancestry back to the Indian heroine, Pocahontas. The ceremony will be performed in Mrs. Galt's palatial home in the most exclusive portion of Washington.

Tomorrow the president, his promised bride, and a small party will go to New York for a house party given by Colonel House. In the metropolis, it is understood, the chief executive will purchase the ring to designate their betrothal. At New York he will attend a theater with his fiancée; and on Saturday the presidential party will attend the world series game at Philadelphia.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The nation is to have a new first lady. She will be Mrs. Norma Galt, of this city, a charming widow of 38, member of a fine southern family, whose engagement to President Woodrow Wilson was announced last night.

With this announcement from the White House romance records for the executive mansion were shattered, for the wedding, planned for early in December, will be the third nuptial event there since President Wilson's inauguration.

The White House today literally was swamped with congratulatory messages for the president. From every corner of the land came a nation's expression of happiness, wishing him much joy. High officials joined with low in felicitating the chief executive. Cabinet heads and others in intimate touch with the president personally expressed their good wishes.

The president, 59 years old, has been a widower for 14 months. During that period, until a few months ago, he observed strict mourning. His first social activities were at Cornish, N. H., where the charming widow who is soon to be his wife was the public guest of his daughter. Then a few weeks ago he attended his first theater performance in more than a year.

In the months since his first wife's death, the executive had been a man of solitude. His closest friends ob-

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## BLOCKADE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AGAINST BULGARS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Athens, Oct. 7.—The allies today notified Greece that all merchandise consigned through Greece to Bulgaria will be treated as contraband and confiscated.

The British minister announced a blockade, though no formal declaration of war has passed between Bulgaria and the allies.

The allies intend to blockade Bulgaria in a manner similar to the blockade maintained against Germany under the British order-in-council.

King Constantine yesterday received the British envoy for a few minutes, but the subject of their conference was not disclosed.

## QUICK SUCCESS IS PREDICTED FOR CENTRAL EMPIRES

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Berlin, via The Hague, Oct. 7.—Quick and overwhelming victories for the central empires, and a speedy ending of the war, will follow Bulgaria's entrance, it was believed in military circles today.

They believed the Austro-Germans will be able to smash their way through to Turkey's aid, and there was talk that through this move the decisive battlefield would be the Dardanelles and the eastern territory.

Premier Radoslavoff conferred with the Austro-German and Turkish ambassadors for four hours yesterday, Buda Pest dispatches said. The English charge d'affaires called simultaneously and was received by the premier's secretary.

Geneva messages reported that the landing of French troops at Saloniki was ordered after the French minister at Athens had reported that the Greek minister Venizelos' position could not be shaken and that he would not object to the debarkation. Foreign Minister Grey of England, however, objected, suspecting that King Constantine would not support Venizelos.

## MINERS' LEADER AND GOV. HUNT IN CONFERENCE

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 7.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, conferred with Governor Hunt here today on the subject of the Clifton strike. En route here from Clifton, Moyer had a narrow escape from being mobbed by non-union workers who had been driven out of Morenci.

The refugees boarded Moyer's train at Guthrie, 12 miles south of Clifton, rushed into his car and backed him into a corner, threatening bodily injury. Conductor Mike Reardon ran to Moyer's assistance and succeeded in persuading the miners to let him go.

Moyer said today that the strikers ask only justice and a living wage. He added that outside representatives of the federation would leave Clifton if they would restore peace there and bring about better conditions. This meets the chief requirements of the operators, who refuse to arbitrate as long as outsiders participate in the conferences.

## FRENCH DRIVE GERMAN TROOPS OUT OF TAHURE

Berlin, via London, Oct. 7.—The official statement today admitted French attacks in the Champagne region had driven the Teutons from Tahure, but claimed that elsewhere the French were repulsed.

"The French offensive in the Champagne apparently has recommenced," said the statement. "It has succeeded in the Tahure region, but afterwards was stopped by our counter-attacks."

"Northwest of Soissons the enemy made temporary gains west of the Somme-Souain high road, but was afterwards repulsed."

## U. S. ASSAY OFFICES TO REDUCE CHARGES

Washington, Oct. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today ordered that the Seattle, Boise and several other assay offices reduce their charge to \$1 for each metal pound. Previously the charge of \$3 each had driven business to private firms who charged \$1.

## SERBIA IS INVADED BY TEUTONS

### Austro-German Troops Have Crossed Into the Balkan State and Obtain Foothold at Three Different Points

Berlin, via London, Oct. 7.—Official announcement of the Austro-German invasion of Serbia was made here today.

"We have crossed the Danube river at several points," said the statement. "We obtained a firm foothold on the eastern bank of the Drina and the southern banks of the Danube and Save."

The invasion along three river fronts indicates that larger forces were concentrated on the Serbian frontier than had been intimated in recent dispatches. For weeks the Austro-Germans have been directing artillery attacks at the Serbians along the south bank of the Danube near Semendria. Field Marshal von Mackensen has been reported in command there, and it has also been reported that a second German army had concentrated along Serbia's western frontier. This one apparently crossed the Drina.

The Austro-Germans probably will strike quickly toward the railway leading to Nish, Sofia and Constantinople. Bulgaria is expected to invade Serbia's eastern frontier and cut the Saloniki-Nish railway, thus shutting off Serbia from communication with the outside world.

## LONG FIGHT FOR SPALDING FORTUNE NOW ANTICIPATED

San Diego, Oct. 7.—Attorneys for both factions were today preparing for the long legal battle over the fortune of the late A. G. Spalding, following the appointment yesterday of Mrs. Spalding executrix of the estate.

Kelth Spalding, son of the sporting goods magnate, who is contesting the will, which left the bulk of the \$2,000,000 estate to the widow, said today that the true facts concerning the will were being withheld from the aged mother of A. G. Spalding in the east.

He denied statements attributed to Madame Katherine Tinsley, head of the Theosophic society, of which Mrs. Spalding is an active member, that Spalding was a poor man when he married the second Mrs. Spalding. "His fortune was already established," young Spalding said today.

He also took issue with Madame Tinsley in regard to the funeral of his father, which, he says, was held almost before relatives of the deceased in the east were notified.

## PRESIDENTIAL HONEYMOON MAY SHINE IN FRISCO

Washington, Oct. 7.—President G. A. Davidson of the San Diego exposition, here today, asked President Wilson to attend the exposition. It was regarded as possible that the president might go to California on his honeymoon.

## HUNGRY MAN FAINTS IN LOS ANGELES STREET

Los Angeles, Oct. 7.—Starved almost to death, M. J. Orena, of San Francisco, fell senseless in the street today. He told hospital surgeons he had eaten nothing for a week.

## WAR CENTER SHIFTING TO BALKANS

### Diplomatic Representatives of the Allied Powers Leave the Bulgarian Capital As Strike Approaches

London, Oct. 7.—With the allied diplomats reported by Athens already to have withdrawn from Sofia, the maelstrom of war today rapidly tended toward engulfment of the Balkans.

Following an unsatisfactory reply by Bulgaria to Russia's warlike ultimatum and dispatch of another similar ultimatum from Bulgaria to Serbia, hostilities were expected soon along the Serbo-Hungarian border, simultaneously with an Austro-German attack on Serbia's northern frontier.

General Liman von Sanders, the German officer in charge of Turkish operations, has arrived at Philippopolis and is conferring with Czar Ferdinand. Other German officers are reported to have gone into Bulgaria from Constantinople for the beginning of the Serbian invasion. Meanwhile, reports of heavy reinforcements of Teuton forces withdrawn from the Russian front were circulated, though experts inclined to believe that the Austro-Germans had not made any serious inroads on their Russian lines because of the difficulty under which they are already struggling there.

The first French forces landed at Saloniki are reported to have reached the Serbian frontier near Gjevelli, where they were enthusiastically received by the Serbians. Other French forces continue to land at Saloniki, according to reports today, while British reinforcements are said to be debarking in that vicinity, having started this operation yesterday.

From Saloniki French troops are going forward as rapidly as railway facilities will permit, though the British were reported waiting there for supplies.

Athens is wild with excitement over conflicting rumors about the situation. Announcement of the personnel of the new Greek cabinet which the king has "commanded" M. Zaimis to form, is expected tonight.

King Constantine hopes to secure the approval of parliament for this new body by including in it several members of the old cabinet who resigned after Premier Venizelos did.

Reports said Germany had undoubtedly given Bulgaria assurance that Greece and Roumania would remain neutral and that for this reason Bulgaria had assumed a more warlike tone toward Russia and Serbia than she might otherwise have adopted. The Greek king is bound by marriage ties to the Kaiser, and hence it was thought in some quarters his sympathies have been swayed toward Germany and had determined him to aid that nation in blazing a trail to Constantinople by keeping neutral.

Serbia had not replied early today to the Bulgarian ultimatum demanding that she cede Serbian Macedonia within 4 hours. The Serbian legation here presumed, however, that Bulgaria's demands would be rejected sharply. Similar views were entertained in many diplomatic quarters and none saw any result other than war.

A portion of the press suggested that the allies may have partly withdrawn from the Gallipoli operations and landed for Bulgarian operations. From Smyrna bay in the Gallipoli region to the Bulgarian coast of the Gulf of Saros is less than four miles.

Mrs. F. H. Norman, of Millwood, Ore., returning from San Francisco, stopped off here this morning to visit her cousin, Mrs. L. A. Heath.

## TARIFF ON SUGAR TO BE RETAINED, SAYS PRESIDENT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Oct. 7.—In addition to retaining the tariff on sugar, as announced today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, President Wilson contemplates making further changes in the tariff.

No general revision of the Wilson-Underwood law is under consideration, but a reduction of the income tax exemption to \$2,000, even to \$1,500, has been suggested.

## PORTLAND GOVERNMENT COSTS \$5.72 PER MINUTE

Portland, Oct. 7.—Experts today figured that it costs \$5.72 a minute to conduct Portland's municipal affairs.

## VON HINDENBURG BLOCKED PLAN FOR SLAV OFFENSIVE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Berlin, via The Hague, Oct. 7.—A gigantic offensive by the Russians, simultaneously with the Anglo-French drive, was planned recently, according to information received by the authorities, but Field Marshal von Hindenburg blocked the plan.

Russian prisoners disclosed the Slav strategy, which provided that the czar strike the Dvinsk-Smogon line, driving the Teutons back to the swamps and duplicating the feat of von Hindenburg in the battle of the Mazurian lakes.

General Ruzsky actually launched his attack accordingly. But he found von Hindenburg menacing his flanks, and his every move countered. Von Hindenburg threatened, indeed, to envelop the Slavs, whereupon they retreated in force, abandoning their munitions and leaving stragglers to be captured by the Germans.

Concerning operations on the western front, an officer from there commented today:

"It is hell to endure that avalanche of artillery, but the men are optimistic and certain that the French will never pierce our lines."

## CESSANT FIRE FROM ARTILLERY IN CHAMPAGNE

Paris, Oct. 7.—Heavy, incessant artillery firing for the past few days has worn down the German resistance in the Champagne, according to dispatches today. The second line of Teuton trenches is crumbling beneath the giant shells and indications point to a German retirement along a wide front.

French capture of Tahure and Tahure heights, with comparatively slight losses, was reported in last night's communique. French guns blotted out redoubts and levelled stone bridges concealing enemy guns. A few regiments stormed the remaining works and attacked the German occupants with the bayonet.

The Tahure victory is one of the most important successes since the initial drive in the Champagne swept the Germans from their first line of defenses. The ease with which the capture was effected convinces experts that the Bazancourt-Challean railway, less than two miles from the French advanced works, will be pierced within a fortnight. For some time past the tricolor forces have been aiming at this goal, a highly strategic point, because of its value to Germans as means of transporting supplies.

New York, Oct. 7.—President C. A. Mosher, of the Aetna Explosive company, left here by special train after learning of the big explosion in the Emporium plant of the company.

## NEW GRECIAN CABINET IS NAMED

### King Constantine Indicates by Selection of Official Advisors That Greece Has No Aid to Offer the Entente

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
London, Oct. 7.—Without retaining a single Venizelos' cabinet member, and, in fact, naming the most bitter foe of Venizelos and the allies, King Constantine of Greece, according to an Athens message, has named the following new cabinet:

M. Zaimis, foreign affairs; General Yanakitas, war; Admiral Countouriotis, marine; M. Thallis, justice; S. Dragumis, finance; M. Thakois, instruction; M. Gounaris, interior.

The latter is known as Venizelos' foe, hence his appointment was regarded here as particularly significant, as indicating Constantine's intention to stand pat on his objection to an open alliance with the entente or permitting them to land forces for Serbia's aid.

## FANS WAIT IN LINE FOR CHANCE TO BUY BASEBALL TICKETS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—When dawn broke over the Quaker city today it found a line of weary baseball fans grimly determined to camp outside the Phillies' park until they could get a bleacher pasteboard for the world's series.

Fred Wagner, 25 years old, was the first in line. Behind him was a bedraggled set of men with soap boxes who during the night had snatched a bit of slumber on their precarious perches, but always with one eye open lest somebody pry them loose from their position of vantage. All were dyed-in-the-wool fans who confessed they would be willing to wait a week if necessary to get a ticket.

"I'm the first one here, and I'm going to stick until I get that ticket," commented Wagner. "I've rooted for the Phillies since I was a kid and I would not take \$100 for my position."

Included in the motley throng of weary fans was a man with one arm, another with only one leg.

The tickets are scarce and talk of a ticket scandal is heard on every hand. President Baker promised to tell the public tomorrow where the tickets have gone.

"Speculators undoubtedly will get some," he said. "They always have and always will, but we are trying to keep them down to the minimum."

## EXPLOSION OF GUN COTTON KILLS FOUR MEN

Emporium, Pa., Oct. 7.—Explosion of 5,000 pounds of gun cotton in the Aetna Explosive company's plant here during the night killed at least four men and seriously injured a dozen others.

The cotton was isolated in the drying department, so the rest of the big plant did not suffer. The cause of the explosion has not been learned.

Reports said the company was working on a \$35,000,000 war order for the allies.

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