

## ARCHIE ROOSEVELT AND HIS PONY



Young Archie Roosevelt owns Oyster Bay, L. I., at least that is the impression the youthful son of the president conveys as he dashes through the streets of the town on his famous Shetland pony. Archie is full of vim and animal spirits and inherits all his father's strenuousity.

### A Throne or Her Love?

Royal circles in Europe are all agog over the revival of the romantic tale affecting the German crown prince and an American girl, with whom the Kaiser's son is credited with being deeply in love, even declaring he will give up his throne in order to make her his spouse.

The Paris *Matin*, which printed a story to the effect that the German crown prince had had a violent interview with his father, in which he expressed the desire to renounce his rank and give up his claim to the throne in order to marry for love, says further that Miss Gladys Deacon, daughter of the late Edward Parker Deacon, is the object of the young prince's affection.

The paper adds that Miss Deacon told Prince Frederick William that she would never consent to a morganatic alliance and if he desired to marry her

a full religious and legal ceremony would be necessary. Three days after Miss Deacon's avowal the crown prince gave her a ring which he had sworn to give to nobody except his wife. It was a present he had received from his grandmother, the late Empress Frederick.

The *Matin* says that at the last meeting of father and son the emperor stamped and swore a Hohenzollern prince should never marry, morganatically or otherwise, a girl of common American clay, however beautifully moulded.

The prince and Miss Deacon met at Blenheim palace on the occasion of the prince's visit to his granduncle, the king of England. Both prince and fair commoner are of the same age, and it was a case of reciprocal love at first sight. The emperor had asked the king to see that the prince got an insight into the rural life of the English aristocracy, and the king secured him an introduction to the Marlboroughs, with whom Gladys Deacon was visiting.

The young Hohenzollern unduly pro-

tracted his stay, led a cotillon every night with Miss Deacon, and returned only when ordered to do so by the emperor. Last spring the prince got permission to visit Lucerne for three days, which he extended to ten days because he met Miss Deacon there. Being chastised by the emperor for his disobedience, the prince threatened to do as did the Austrian archduke, who took the name of John Orth and renounced his rights to the throne for the sake of the woman he loved. The prince said he would rather have the heart and hand of the American girl than rank or purple, or even the throne of the German empire.

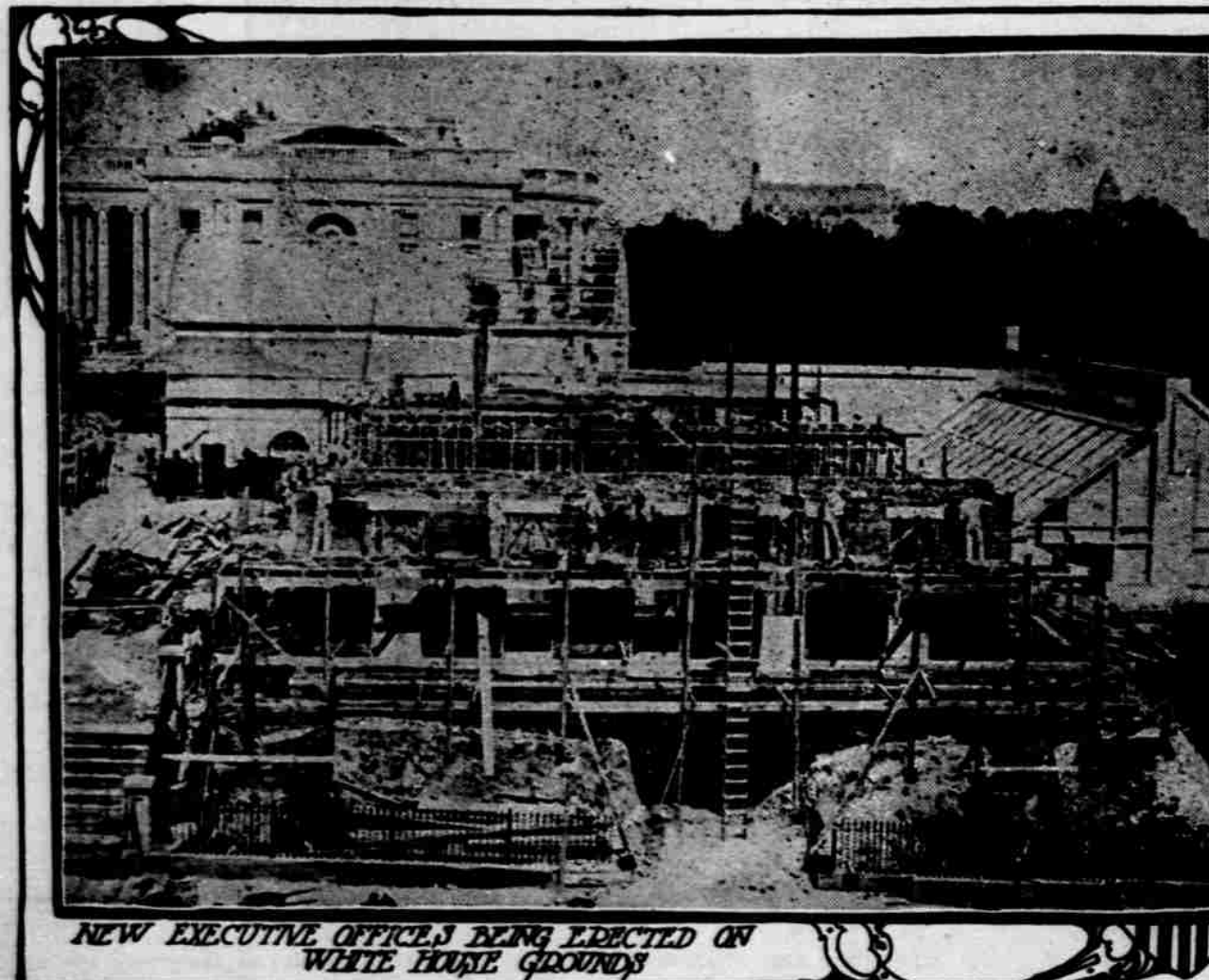
So lovelorn was the prince that he could not stand the student life of the university of Bonn, and so returned home with his education unfinished. So romantic and poetic was he that he could not stand the coarse behavior of the students who drink thirteen bocks at a sitting, and the discipline of an establishment where diplomas count less than sword scars. All of these sickened his sensitive soul. The conflict between the imperial father and son is now well known in Germany. The present article in the *Matin* is headed, "The Two Eagles, American and German."

The *Matin* is regarded as conservative for a Paris paper. It prints more telegraph news than any other French newspaper.

Miss Mary Gladys Deacon, who is credited with having won the affections of the young prince, is the oldest daughter of the late Edward Parker Deacon, who February 21, 1892, at Cannes, France, shot and killed Emile Abelle, a wealthy French clubman, whom he suspected of being his wife's sweetheart. Deacon was imprisoned at the time, tried at Nice, committed and sentenced to one year's imprisonment. In September of the same year he was pardoned by President Carnot and released.

Mrs. Deacon is a daughter of the late Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, U. S. N., and was a New York belle at the time of her marriage to Deacon in 1879. Shortly after the marriage the Deacons moved to Paris, where they lived until the time of the scandal that broke up their family life. They moved in the best society and Mrs. Deacon was a favorite. Deacon himself was retiring by nature and of a somewhat eccentric mind, but the marriage seemed to be happy. Four children were born to them, all daughters, and they were named Marie Gladys, Ida Audrey, Dor-

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