

President Wilson Will Wed

Following is an Associated Press dispatch:

Washington, Oct. 6. — Woodrow Wilson, the president of the United States, announced tonight his engagement to Mrs. Norman R. Galt of Washington. The date of the wedding has not been fixed, but it probably will take place in December, at the home of the bride-elect.

The brief announcement from the white house made by Secretary Tumulty came as a surprise to official Washington, but to a number of intimate friends it has long been expected. From this circle came tonight the story of a friendship whose culmination was viewed as a happy turn in the troubled and lonely life of the nation's chief executive.

Daughter Figured in Matchmaking

It was Miss Margaret Wilson and her cousin, Miss Bones, who drew Mrs. Galt into the white house circle. They met her first in the early autumn of last year, and were so much attracted by her that they sought her out more and more frequently and the friendship between them rapidly ripened into an affectionate intimacy. Mrs. Galt spent a month this summer at Cornish as the house guest of the president's eldest daughter. It was through this intimacy of his daughter and cousin that the president had an opportunity to meet and know Mrs. Galt. One of the most interesting facts about the engagement indeed, as told by friends, is that the president's daughters should have chosen Mrs. Galt for their admiration and friendship before their father did.

Widow of Business Man

Mrs. Galt is the widow of a widely known business man of Washington, who died eight years ago, leaving a jewelry business that still bears his name. She has lived in Washington since her marriage in 1896. She is about thirty-eight years of age and was Miss Edith Bolling, born in Wytheville, Va., where her girlhood was spent, and where her father, William H. Bolling, was a prominent lawyer.

In the circle of people who have known Mrs. Galt for many years she has been regarded as an unusual beauty, gifted with natural charm. Friends speak of her as being constantly sought out as a delightful companion, remarking especially on her thoughtfulness and quick capacity for anything she chose to undertake.

For many weeks Mrs. Galt and her relatives have been frequent dinner guests at the white house. Often she has accompanied the president on motor rides. She is not quite as tall as Mr. Wilson, has dark hair and dark eyes, and always is in stylish attire. Her tastes are said to be strikingly similar to those of the president, with a deep interest in literature and charity work.

Friends of President Pleased

Friends of the president expressed their pleasure over the announcement tonight, not only because of Mr. Wilson's personal happiness, but because they felt this new companionship would give him support and comfort in his home life—a vital need during the hours of strain over the nation's problems.

With the marriage of his two daughters and the death of Mrs. Wilson more than a year ago, the president's life had become one of solitude. His absorption in official labors began to tell on him physically and when a few months ago he began to take a renewed interest in personal affairs, his friends and members of his family welcomed the distinct

change which it brought about in his health and spirits.

Mrs. Galt White House Guest

Tonight, at the end of a busy day for the president, during which he announced that he would vote for woman suffrage, took a firm position in favor of national defense and received a number of callers, Mrs. Galt was a dinner guest at the white house. At the moment when Secretary Tumulty stood in the executive offices announcing the engagement to a large number of Washington correspondents who had been summoned for the occasion the president and Mrs. Galt were spending the evening with Dr. Cary T. Grayson and Miss Bones in the white house parlors.

The news was given out in a brief statement which read: "The announcement was made today of the engagement of Mrs. Norman Galt, of this city and President Woodrow Wilson."

Grover Cleveland was the last president to be married in the white house. Should Mr. Wilson eventually decide to be married there, it will be the third wedding in the mansion under his administration, the first being Jessie Woodrow Wilson and Francis B. Sayre, being held in the east room and the second between Secretary McAdoo and Miss Eleanor Wilson being solemnized in the blue room.

Social Season Forthcoming

The announcement of the engagement was generally regarded as a forerunner of an interesting social season for Washington with the new first lady of the land at the head of the receiving line at official receptions. The wedding, it is understood, will take place before the first of the series of state receptions and dinners is held.

Mrs. Galt was present at the first social affair, participated in by the president and Miss Margaret Wilson in more than a year. It was a tea given by Miss Wilson to neighbors in the artist colony at Cornish, N. H.

Since the return of the president to Washington he and Mrs. Galt have spent many evenings together, sometimes at the white house and often at her home. Last week she occupied a prominent seat in the president's reviewing stand at the G. A. R. parade. She was with her mother in the midst of a circle of the president's friends and wives of cabinet members. She was modishly attired in a flannel suit of pearl gray and wore a large bouquet of flowers. Some of the president's friends who may have had an inkling of today's announcement were gathered about Mrs. Galt in animated conversation.

The president was in a happy mood tonight. The satisfactory settlement of the Arabic case and the disposition of many other important questions pending, with the announcement of his engagement, had buoyed his spirits.

WHAT OUR WAR WASTE MIGHT DO

In two years we have spent nearly a billion dollars for war purposes. How much is a billion dollars? . . . We all know what a dollar bill is—a billion of them would make a pack fifty-five miles high. In the last two and a half years we have spent for war a dollar for every minute which has passed since the birth of Christ.

Now, it is interesting to notice what could be accomplished with our war money if it were turned into constructive channels. Let us apply it to education. Estimating the cost of the average university at two and one-half millions, our annual war ex-



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—New York World.

penses would build and equip four universities in every state of the union. The very best two-room modern rural school can be built for \$4,000. Our annual war bill applied to this purpose would build 2,500 such schools in every state of the union. If applied every year it would give every high-school student in the United States a high-school education and the necessary books. It would also give a free college education to six times the number of people enrolled in our colleges. The price of one battleship would more than pay for all the school books used in the United States in a year.

From the standpoint of the philanthropist, our yearly war budget would provide the following institutions: ten hospitals at \$200,000 each, two insane asylums at \$500,000 each, four orphan asylums at \$250,000 each, four blind schools at \$250,000 each, four old people's homes at \$250,000 each, two reform schools at \$250,000 each, two schools for defectives at \$250,000 each, four industrial training schools at \$250,000 each, twenty agricultural high schools at \$50,000 each, a model farm in every county of the United States at \$2,000, one thousand visiting nurses at \$100 per month for the prevention of diseases, \$250,000 for the relief of the poor, and another million dollars left for any other purpose.—Christian Herald.

A LIBERAL ADVANCE IN RUSSIA

The confusion of war and a plan to increase the Russian cabinet by 10 members gave the Duma its chance. It seized it by insisting that the 10 should be responsible to the Duma and chosen by a majority vote of that body. The pressure of events is so great that the government has consented to the election of five of the new ministers by the representatives of the people, the remaining five to be chosen by the council of the empire.

The Duma was formed on the model of the German imperial parlia-

ment, with the ministers responsible to the executive alone, but through this advance will make a closer approach, in form at least, to a genuine popular government than has been made so far by Germany herself, in which the representative system has been much longer in effect.

This concession of five ministers out of a rather numerous cabinet may be greater than now appears. For, with part of the cabinet responsible to the court and a part to the Duma, will not difficulties develop? And will not the logical solution for probable complications be found in the progress that will vest the choice of all ministers in the national legislature?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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