

# Society

Miss Marie Pullen, of Burgaw, spent the day in the city yesterday.

Mrs. H. E. Whitehous returned to her home at Wrightsboro last night, after spending several days in the city with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. J. Hudson, of this city, left last night for Rocky Point, where she will spend several days with relatives and friends.

Miss Hazel Bishop, of Winter Park, returned to her home at Rocky Mount, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Margolis, of Burgaw, arrived in the city last night to spend some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. Henry C. McGowan, of this city, left last night for Baltimore, Md., where he will enter the Peabody Institute for a course in music. Mr. McGowan was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. A. McGowan, who will spend several weeks in Baltimore visiting relatives before returning home.

Mrs. J. I. Deans, of Milwaukee, Wis., returned to her home last night, after a very pleasant visit of several months with Mrs. M. J. Corbett at Wrightsville Beach.

Miss Eva Barry left last night for New York and points in Connecticut, where she will spend her vacation.

Misses Julia and Kate Faison have returned from Poplar Grove, Va., near Richmond where they spent the summer.

Mr. William McGirt and son and daughter, Master Roger and Miss Evana, Mr. A. D. McGirt and son, Master Duncan, and Mrs. Rebecca Graham, all of Maxton, were in the city yesterday having motored here from their homes.

Mrs. John DeWitt and daughters, Misses Charlotte and Ruth, and son, Master John DeWitt, Jr., arrived in the city from Chicago, Ill., yesterday to join Mr. DeWitt, who is supervisor of mail and express traffic for the Coast Line here.

Holy Communion for the women of St. John's Episcopal church will be held at the church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, at which service an offering will be taken for the United Thank Offering to be presented in St. Louis, Mo., next month.

### MARRIED YESTERDAY.

Many friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of Miss Eva May Westbrook, of this city, to Mr. Hugh C. Eilers, of Florence, S. C., which was solemnized at the parsonage of the St. Lutheran church yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. F. B. Clausen performed the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony the couple boarded the afternoon Southbound train for Florence, where they will make their home.

### EVENING MARRIAGE.

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brock, No. 522 South Fifth street, Miss Maggie Lee Brock was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas McKoy, last evening at 8:30 o'clock, by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of the Southside Baptist church. Only a few intimate friends of the bride and groom were present.

As the nuptial knot was being tied Mr. James Croom sang "I Promise You." Miss Emma Lee Rich played Lohengrin's bridal chorus as the party entered the room. Following the ceremony an informal reception was given and the bride and groom left this morning for the North. On returning they will make their home at No. 816 North Fifth street.

The out of town guests included Miss Beulah Brock and Miss Emma Mangum, of Durham, N. C.

### MUSICAL MONDAY EVENING.

From all indication there will be a large audience present at the Academy of Music Monday evening to attend the musical recital to be given by Miss Anna Graham Harris for the benefit of the Catherine Kennedy Home. Miss Harris, who possess a delightful soprano, will be assisted by Mr. John F. Harris, who has recently completed a voice course in Connecticut. Mr. J. E. Vilim, violinist and Mr. W. G. Robertson, pianist.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Friends throughout North Carolina will be interested to learn of the announcement of the engagement of Miss Florence Kidder, daughter of Mrs. George W. Kidder, of this city, to Mr. Louis T. Moore, also of Wilmington.

Both Miss Kidder and Mr. Moore are of the oldest families of Wilmington and the lower Cape Fear section and are very prominent in social circles here. Miss Kidder is a charming young woman and is held in the highest of esteem by her many friends. Mr. Moore, was for many years city editor of The Evening Dispatch, and is now a member of the Davis-Moore Paint Company, one of the prosperous new firms of the city.

Miss Louise Wise, who has been spending some time at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., with Mrs. H. M. Flagler and Miss Hannah Bolles, of this city, arrived in Wilmington this morning.

Mrs. H. E. Sledge of Lumberton, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Wilmington Hotel.

Mr. F. B. Pultz, who will instruct the commercial classes at the Tiltston High School this season, together with Mrs. Pultz, arrived here from Lexington, N. C., this morning.

Miss Florence Kidder returned to the city this morning from Ridgefield, Conn., where she has spent the past six weeks with her uncle, Mr. Edward H. Kidder.

Frank Thompson, Esq., of Jacksonville, N. C., is in the city on professional business.

Prof. A. R. Newsom who is to be a member of the faculty of the Tiltston High School during the coming term as instructor in mathematics and science, arrived from Elizabeth City yesterday.

Capt. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, is a visitor in Wilmington, a guest at the Orton Hotel.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. M. Martin, of Mullins, S. C., is visiting his brother, Mr. L. V. Martin, No. 15 North Seventh street. Rev. J. E. McNair, of Smithfield, will occupy the pulpit at the Winter Park Baptist church tonight at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to be present.

## ARRANGING FOR CORN SNOW PARADE

### Mr. Ames Announces That It Will Eclipse The One Held Last Year

It was announced yesterday by Mr. Thomas R. Ames, of the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Corn and Agricultural Show, that plans for the big industrial parade to be held in connection with the Corn Show in November are being laid and that it will be under the auspices of the Corn Show this year instead of the Rotary Club as it was last.

Mr. Ames stated that it will be held on November 9, which is the second day of the Corn Show. It is the idea of the committee in charge of this feature to secure more co-operation from the local merchants and manufacturers in making the parade a success and it is hoped to have many industrial floats that will surpass those of last October.

A feature that will add much to this year's parade will be the participation of school children. Mr. Ames and the other members of the committee are very busy making plans for the big feature and the responses from business men thus far have been singularly successful.

The Executive Committee, in session Tuesday night, considered the parade feature and placed it in the hands of a committee to work out the details.

## ALL EXPORT RECORDS BROKEN IN AUGUST

Washington, Sept. 28.—American exports have finally passed the half billion a month mark. Statistics issued by Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, of Department of Commerce, show that the exports for August amounted to \$510,000,000, which is not only the record for this country, but for all countries. It is \$35,000,000 higher than the previous high record, which was established in May, and \$45,000,000 higher than the June total.

Imports, on the other hand, showed a decrease for August, the total being \$199,247,391. This is a decline of \$47,000,000 as compared with June, the record month. It is greater than the total for any previous August however. The exports for the year ended with August totaled \$4,750,000,000, both totals being far in advance of those for a similar period in any previous year.

Of the August imports, 66.5 per cent. in August, 1915.

The favorable trade balance for August was 311 million dollars, comparing with an export balance of 119 million in August, 1915, and an import balance of 19 million in August, 1914. For the 12 months to August 31, 1916, the export balance was 2,465 million dollars, as against 1,363 million in the preceding year and 374 million two years ago.

The net inward gold movement for the month of August was 39 million and for the year 410 million dollars, a record total. Last year the net inward gold movement was 146 million and two years ago, a net outward movement of 95 million. Gold imports in August were \$41,238,716, compared with \$61,641 in August, 1915, and \$2,045,219 in August, 1914. Gold exports in August were \$11,780,129, against \$1,128,428 in August, 1915, and \$18,125,617 in August, 1914. The year's gold imports were \$518,451,553, as against \$244,035,950 last year and \$59,323,228 two years ago; while gold exports in 1916 were \$108,104,549, compared with \$97,749,270 last year and \$153,984,944 for the 12 months ending with August, 1914.

### NEVER WORE A CORSET.

Aged Woman Attributes Her Good Health to That Fact. Georgetown, Del., Sept. 28.—Attributing her many years of good health to the fact that she has never worn a corset in her life Mrs. Lottie G. Wiltbank of Georgetown, celebrated her ninetieth birthday a short time ago. Mrs. Wiltbank has had but very few sick days in her life and at present enjoys the use of all her senses, being able to read and hear as well as any one. She boasts that she has never in all these years attended a circus or a theatre, and has never eaten an egg. Mrs. Wiltbank has never worn a corset, believing them to be injurious to good health. She attributes her long life to plenty of exercise, wholesome food, proper clothing and going to bed early and getting up early. At present she resides with her daughter, Mrs. David E. Johnson, in Georgetown.

Special Coffin for Big Woman. Wabasa, Ind., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Hannah Smith, who weighed 387 pounds, died of heart trouble at her home a few days ago after an illness of two weeks. She had slept in a specially constructed bed for a number of years. Despite her great weight she had been quite active until six months ago, having been able to walk long distances daily. A special coffin was ordered for Mrs. Smith's body and one of the doors of her home was enlarged to permit the coffin being taken through.

## BELGIUM TO COME BACK TO HER OWN

### Will Have Complete Freedom and Independence, Declares Baron

Havre, France, Sept. 28.—"Belgium will come back to her own to her place in the sun, and to complete freedom and independence," said Baron Beyens, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, in the course of an authorized interview given to the Associated Press.

Baron Beyens is one of the notable figures of the present war, for up to the beginning of the war he was the Belgian minister at Berlin and went through the crisis culminating in the first blow at Belgium and the immediate entry of England, France and all Europe into the seething struggle. Then leaving Berlin, he entered the British cabinet and has since directed the foreign affairs of the country, finding time also to write a book which graphically describes "the week of tragedy" at the German capital when the British and French ambassadors and himself made their last attempts to prevent the European conflict.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where Baron Beyens was seen, is installed at Ste. Adresse, a suburb of Havre, in the Villa Hollandais, a rustic chalet occupied in ordinary times by seashore visitors, but now bearing on the outer gate a small placard reading, "Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de Belgique." A foreign office usually suggests marble halls and big diplomatic rooms with mahogany furnishings. But the Villa Hollandais has nothing of this kind. Three small pine structures have been put up in the garden for various diplomatic and consular branches. Inside the villa there is the simplicity of a summer cottage, but everything is scrupulously well done and effective.

Baron Beyens expressed at the outset the deep sense of appreciation felt by Belgium toward the people of the United States, and, in particular, toward those who had directed the work of sending food supplies to Belgium.

"I am always glad to meet an American," said he, "and to express my gratitude to your people in general and to those who have literally saved our people from starvation. It is difficult for me to say how much we feel indebted to Mr. Hoover, head of the committee directing the relief work of Belgium. He has proved himself a man of great resource and great ability in the gigantic task of providing for a whole nation which found itself suddenly threatened with starvation or at least with cruel privation. It was a task, moreover, requiring much diplomatic tact as well as business knowledge, for the relief committee was obliged to deal between the German officials on the one hand and the Allied officials on the other. But all this has been accomplished with infinite skill; obstacles which seemed at times insurmountable have been overcome, and practical results have been realized which are of the highest importance to Belgium and the Belgian people."

"The American Minister at Brussels, Mr. Brand Whitlock, has also won our unbounded admiration and respect in performing a work of colossal magnitude under most trying conditions. Remaining at Brussels while the government was constrained by circumstances to establish itself temporarily outside of Belgium, the American minister has been, with his courageous Spanish colleague, the bulwark between our citizens remaining in the invaded regions, and the German military and civil authorities temporarily in control. Outside of the horrors and atrocities of war which have been committed, the ordinary administration of civil affairs has been carried out with an iron hand and with rigorous harshness. In all this Minister Whitlock has stood between our people and the rigors of the German military administration, and such lenience as we have received has come largely through his energetic and discreet intervention."

"But," added the Minister, "the names of Americans who have shown this good will toward Belgium in very practical ways is almost unlimited—Dr. Watson of the American Church at Paris, and Mrs. Watson, Mr. Bliss, the American charge d'affaires at Paris, and his wife; Mrs. Wharton, the well-known American writer, and many, very many others. To all of them Belgium is deeply thankful."

Turning now to international affairs in which he had taken such an active part at the debut of the war Baron Beyens went on:

"We had every reason to remain at peace with Germany. Belgium had a friendship for Germany. We had many Germans among us, as you have in America, and many of our people spoke the German language. A spirit of good-feeling and of confidence prevailed, so far as we were concerned. I have reason to know this as I was Minister at Berlin up to the opening of the war, and had opportunity to observe the mutual relations existing."

"Germany has sought to spread the legend that Belgium had a secret treaty with England relating to Antwerp. But that is false. There is no such treaty, and never was such a treaty. Certainly if such a document existed I would know of it, and I af-



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firm to you, on my honor, that it does not exist. No, the legend of the secret treaty is a pure invention set up to justify, in the eyes of the world, the crime against Belgium.

"In refusing the demand of Germany to cross Belgium, we were simply performing a duty. We were bound to act toward our German neighbor to the east just as we would have done toward our French neighbor to the west, for our duty and all our interests tended to maintain the same attitude toward the powerful neighbors on our two frontiers. Suppose France had been the one to ask the right to cross Belgium and to attack Germany. We would have been bound to refuse it. And had such a demand ever been made, and ever been granted, what would Germany have said? It would have denounced us as violators of a treaty, and as false and dishonorable. Doubtless the world would have agreed with this view, had Belgium taken such a course."

"But, happily, this contingency did not arise. France never sought to enter Belgium. Yet here again Germany has sought to set up a legend that French designs on Belgium led to the German invasion of the country. But that legend has been abundantly disproven. No, Germany's course in entering Belgium was purely a strategic military operation, carefully planned long in advance, and without the slightest justification of being a defensive move against French design. Against that, our King and government took the only path open to them—the path of honor. There was nothing remaining but to defend our freedom, sword in hand, at the price of the nation's best blood—a freedom that the Germans, after defeating France, would have with-

### PLANS WERE LAID. Committees Named to Undertake Organization of Various Features.

A preliminary meeting of the General Religious Work Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association was held at the association building last night. Matters pertaining to the organization and personnel of the committees were disposed of and a lengthy discussion of the program and policy of the committees was engaged in. The decision was arrived at to enlarge the efforts of the committee and to put on a program of service almost twice as large as that undertaken last season. The committees are the extension work (Yoke Fellows' Band), men's meeting, Bible study, missions, personal interviews and the Sunday evening discussion club.

The regular Sunday afternoon fellowship meetings for men will be shortly resumed if present plans do not miscarry and it is probable that larger meetings for men will be conducted in the theatres. General Secretary Huntington is very enthusiastic and believes that this will be the biggest winter's work in the history of the association. The religious work of the boys' division will be outlined at a later date.

Mrs. H. H. McIlhenny and daughter, Miss Yvonne, of New Orleans, La., are in the city as the guests of Mrs. McIlhenny's sister, Mrs. Washington Catlett. Mrs. McIlhenny was once a resident of Wilmington and has a large circle of friends here who will be delighted to know that she is in the city.

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