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SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT PINEHURST

Week of Rare Enjoyment With Many Arrivals at North Carolina Resort—Bridge, Card Parties, Dancing Etc.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 1.—The week has been one with few open dates upon the social calendar, its special features the first of the season's cotillions, a progressive bridge, numerous dinners, saddle picnics, and the annual holiday week golf tournament. Enjoyed by the entire village was the Holiday cotillon, decorations, favors and figures in keeping with the season; a pleasant prophesy for the more formal social events which add brilliancy to the winter. The decorations were twin Christmas trees strung with small red hearts and tinsel, streamers of English ivy entwined with holly and mistletoe, huge crimson bells and four monstrous stockings, hung on the fireplace mantel. The novelties in figures included a burlesque ablet in which young men garbed in tarlatan skirts won over their evening suits won or lost partners by their ability to dance the Cinderella numbers in which young women were claimed for partners with slippers selected from a basket and young men by personal articles drawn from a hat, the matching of all nation flags, and jig-saw puzzle pictures made from colored postals. The favors were mistletoe and holly sprays, Christmas toys, decorative novelties, confections and cigarettes.

The list of participants included Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. King, of Northboro, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Metcalf, of Providence, Capt. R. B. Parrott, of New Brunswick, and Miss Olmstead, of West Brookfield, Mr. Spencer Waters, of New York, and Miss Harriet Horton, of Williamsport, Mr. J. S. Walker, of Orange, Va., and Miss Blanche Hapgood, of Boston, Mr. Julian T. Bishop, of Bridgeport, and Miss Ethel Check, of New York, Mr. Charles Banes, of Overbrook, and Miss Margaret Clough, of Lynn, Mr. H. S. Haskell, of New York, Mr. Charles Horton, of Williamsport, and Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of Springfield, O., Dr. Myron W. Marr, of Dorchester, and Miss Mary Keller, of Northboro, Mr. H. G. Bailey, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Herbert L. Jilson, of Worcester, Mr. C. A. Neff, of Norfolk, and Miss Lucy K. Priest, of Portsmouth. At the favor tables were Mrs. Thomas Check, of New York, Mrs. H. W. Ormsbee, of Fitchburg, Mrs. C. S. Horton, of Williamsport, and Miss Ethel Gibb, of Toronto. Details of arrangement and decorations were in the hands of an active committee including Mrs. A. W. Hayford, of Phillips Beach, Misses Blanche Tapley, Theodate Clough and Margaret Clough, of Lynn, Harriet Horton, of Williamsport, and Ethel Check, of York.

THE WEEK AT PINEHURST.

Annual Holiday Week Golf Tourney.

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 1.—The annual holiday week golf tourney which ended Friday, sets the local golf season in full swing, immediately preceding as it does, the seventh annual mid-winter contest booked for January 10th, 11th and 12th, and the annual Advertising Men's contest, which rounds out the week. Starting with a large and promising field seven years ago, this event has grown in size and importance until it now occupies front rank with the leading American matches, its entry list for several years past establishing new records for American golf.

Six divisions are provided for this year with a special division for those who fail to qualify; the Pinehurst system of qualification to decide who will fight it out in the match play rounds for the wealth of attractive trophies offered. These include a gold medal for the best qualification score, and the "President's Governors' Secretary's, Treasurer's, Captain's and Club's cups to match play division winners, with sterling cups for the division runners-up and the winners of the consolation divisions. Qualifications which the entrants are arranged in six classes and the best sixteen scores in each class qualify.

The field promises not only to be large but extremely fast as is evidenced by advance entries and inquiries; all sections of the country represented, with the New York delegation, which comes by special train, in the majority.

In all ways the week will be one of the busiest and merriest of the season, for many delightful social affairs are being planned in honor of the visitors, not to mention quail hunting, trap shooting, fox hunting, riding, driving, tennis and other outdoor diversions.

WELDON NEWS.

Personal and General News Notes From the Railroad Town.

Weldon, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mrs. James T. Carter, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James T. Gooch. Mrs. P. N. Stainback, Jr., left last Tuesday for a visit to relatives in York, Pa. Mrs. Stainback's former home. Mr. John B. Sledge spent the holidays with relatives in Norfolk. Miss Jennie Strother, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gooch. Miss Allen Hart spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lula Hart. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Zollicoffer entertained Tuesday night in honor of the young people who have been off to school. Among those present were Misses Allen Hart, Jessie Green, Janette Daniel, Annie Musgrove, Jeanette Musgrove, Susie and Mamie Zollicoffer, Messrs. Allen Zollicoffer, Edgemo Daniel and B. H. Smith. Mr. M. R. Harrell, of Rocky Mount, N. C., spent several days here with his people. Mr. Robert Ransom spent several days in Raleigh this week. Mr. Tom Mabry and Miss Jennie McIlhenny were married last week. Mr. E. F. Johnson is visiting relatives in Richmond. The young men of town gave a delightful dance complimentary to the visiting young ladies, last Wednesday night. Miss Frances Scott, of Richmond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Owen. Misses Lula and Lillie Steinback are visiting friends in Tatum, S. C. Mr. Hiram Wall, of South Hill, Va., was a visitor here this week. Capt. E. C. Cohen, of the Atlantic Coast Line, was a visitor here last week. Mr. Louis Hudson, of Emporia, Va., spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Etta L. Hudson.

At The Theatre.

The Academy will offer only one attraction this week, but that one will be quite sufficient and will be one of the most notable Wilmington has ever seen. It will be the distinguished actress, Miss Lillian Russell, and no greater star could be obtained. The attraction is thoroughly Broadway in every particular and it is a rare opportunity afforded Wilmington the theatre-going public. But not content to rest upon her laurels and too ambitious to venture into vaudeville life,



LILLIAN RUSSELL IN "THE FIRST NIGHT."

Lillian Russell stepped from the comic opera stage to the legitimate. She studied hard and in three seasons has developed from an experimental comedienne before the public today. Her presence in a scene helps to make it and in her present vehicle, "The First Night," she is the spark in the wine Palace, Miss Russell's engagement here is as far as a comparison of this sort



LILLIAN RUSSELL.

ing for Thursday night at the Academy. Lillian Russell is perhaps the most wonderful woman connected with the American stage of her day and generation. Thirty years of uninterrupted success on the comic opera and comedy stage have not left an impression upon her glorious personality and today she is as buoyant and charming as ever as was in the years of her

water mark when she broke the records she did with her popular little play, but this year she has followed it up with a new comedy she ever did and has outstripped anything she ever did and her season is turning out the most unexpected hit of her career.

It sets the woman apart from all contemporaries and stamps her as one of the really wonderful people of stageland. As one critic in New York put it during her recent run there she has become an institution and she said that she had so often surprised him that hereafter nothing she undertakes will be a surprise even if she were to decide to play tragic roles. Miss Russell however, has no leaning in that direction. She is an apostle of good cheer and maintains that when done in the proper spirit nothing is better for the public well than a clean cut and well handled comedy, and she demonstrated her faith in it by being the motive power behind many a dainty performance.

Recent Opening in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—Before a merry Christmas audience Joseph Brooks presented tonight for the first time on any stage, Lillian Russell in a new farce "The First Night" with a splendid company. The play pleased immensely. Miss Russell has the best part in her career since she deserted comic opera for the dramatic field. "The First Night" is by Geo. V. Hobart, author of Miss Russell's successful play, "Wild Fire." It is an adaptation from "Der Halbe Dichter," B. T. Rasmussen the late August Daly obtained the highly successful "Nancy and Co." from the same source. In the Daly production Ada Rhaer played the part Miss Russell assumes and Rigby Bell has the role in which the late James Lewis registered so effectively. Mr. Hobart retains the situation but has brought the dialogue up-to-date and introduced much new business. As the original farce is unknown to the present generation of theatre-goers, it has not been played generally for two decades. "The First Night" has all the sparkle and sauciness of a new, red wagon to a modern audience. Miss Russell plays the part of Rose Graham, collaborator with Langdon Jones (Julius McVicker) of a musical comedy. Her husband (Albert Andrus), who is intensely jealous hates the stage and stage folks. As she fears to tell him of her work she conceals her identity even to her literary partner under the name of Gilbert Gray. In order to atone for the first night of the comedy she tells her husband she is going to the bedside of a sick relative. He finds in her study a half burnt envelope bearing the name of Gray. Scouting a scandal he follows her. Mr. Jones is in love with Mabel Ketcham (Leonard Oakford), the daughter of Col. Ketcham, a flirtatious old gentleman but a particular father. Rigby Bell (Mortimer Smith) Sydney Booth is in love with Jessie Ketcham (Millicent Evans). The young men must spend two weeks probation under Col. Ketch-

WHAT FORESTS CONTRIBUTED

Ninety Million Dollars to Foreign Exports Last Year—Naval Stores and History of the Industry in the South.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Our forests contributed \$90,000,000 to the exports of the United States during the fiscal year 1908—a twenty-fold increase since 1851. The imports of forest products—chiefly india rubber and other gums from the Tropics and lumber from Canada—have grown to even larger proportions. From a little over a million dollars in 1851 they rose to 122 millions in 1907, falling slightly below 100 millions in 1908. These are some of the striking facts set forth in a comprehensive bulletin, in our foreign trade in forest products, just published by the Department of Agriculture. This bulletin covers a period of nearly 60 years.

A better idea of the rapid growth of this trade can be obtained by comparing it with the population. During the first five years of the period (1851-1855) 24 cents per capita represents the average annual exports and less than 9 cents the imports of forest products. Since then both imports and exports have increased much faster than population. During the five years 1901-1905 the average exports per capita reached 74 cents and the imports 90 cents. In 1908 the exports were \$1.04 and the imports \$1.12 per capita.

During the first five years of this period (1851-1855) the exports of forest products were three times the imports. During the next five years the exports were 90 per cent greater in value than the imports. Then followed a period of about 20 years during which the balance of trade in forest products shifted from one side to the other. Since 1879 the imports have been decidedly higher in value than the exports every year, except 1901, the excess averaging about 25 per cent.

It is not, however, to be supposed that the articles included among the imports are directly competitive in any large degree with our native forest products. The bulk of the imports consists of india rubber and other tropical gums, dyewoods, and cabinet woods. Only from 25 to 30 per cent of the total is made up of timber, lumber and wood pulp from species native to this country. This class of products is derived chiefly from Canada.

Timber and lumber have during the entire period made up the bulk of our exports, constituting on an average not far from three-fourths of the total value.

Naval stores (chiefly spirits turpen- (Continued on Page 12.)

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