

# Society

Miss Lucy Murchison has returned from a short visit to relatives in Fayetteville.

The High School girls won two games of volley ball with the Business Girls' team Tuesday night. The scores were 21 to 18 and 21 to 8.

The engagement of Miss Agnes Borkenhagen, of Winter Park, to Mr. C. George Ambrosiano, of this city, is announced by the young lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Borkenhagen. The wedding is to take place during the holidays.

Mr. Louis T. Moore and his bride, who was formerly Miss Florence Kinder, of this city, have returned from their bridal tour North and are making their home with the bride's mother, on South Third street.

A meeting of the Business Women's Club will be held at the home of Miss Nellie Pickard, No. 412 North Fourth street, Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock. All business women of the city are invited and urged to attend.

The Wilmington Red Cross Society requests all those who wish to contribute to the boxes that are to be sent to the Wilmington soldier boys on the Mexican border, to have their packages at the Y. M. C. A. not later than Monday. Mrs. Blunenthal is chairman of the committee arranging for the Christmas present for the local contingent at El Paso, Texas.

**MORRELL-EDWARDS.** At St. Paul's Lutheran church parsonage last night at 3 o'clock, with the immediate families of the contracting parties present, Miss Lucy Edwards became the bride of Mr. Ben Morrell. Rev. F. B. Clausen performed the ceremony.

Miss Lina Edwards, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. H. W. Wells was best man. The couple will make their home on North Sixth street.

**MARRIED LAST NIGHT.** Miss Maude Conway, attractive daughter of Mrs. E. D. Conway, of this city, and Mr. Howard L. Jones, an employe in the local District Engineering Office, were married at the rectory of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, at 7:30 o'clock last night by Rev. Louis Bour.

**COUNTRY CLUB DANCE LAST NIGHT**  
One of the most enjoyable dances of the season was given at the Cape Fear Country Club last night by the younger members of that organization. A special car left the city at 7:45 o'clock and shortly after the arrival at the Country Club a delicious luncheon was served, after which the dancing began and lasted until a late hour. Music was furnished by Grainger's orchestra.

One of the features of the social event was renditions by the "Venetian Trio," now playing at the Victoria theatre. Several selections were sung and the dancers were delighted. This feature was a surprise arranged by the ladies who managed the dinner dance.

Vienna, which occupies such a prominent place in the news of the day, has a history dating back to the early days of the Christian era, when the country's final restoration to Austria for more than 100 years, every since Romans, as they spread their empire north and east, reached the banks of the Danube.

### CURNETT-ORRELL WEDDING CELEBRATED.

Last evening at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Orrell, No. 310 North Ninth street, Miss Edna Pearl Orrell became the wife of Mr. George C. Burnett. The nuptial knot was tied in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives by Rev. R. E. Gribben, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. Miss Rose Orrell, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. A. C. Burnett, brother of the groom, was best man. As the bridal party entered the parlor, which was attractively decorated in flowers of the season Lohengrin's bridal chorus was played by Mrs. J. D. Edwards, on the violin, accompanied by Mr. A. H. Yopp, at the piano.

After the ceremony a reception was tendered at the home. The bride and groom will make their home with the groom's mother at No. 820 South Sixth street.

### MARRY THIS AFTERNOON.

Mr. W. G. Gregson, of this city, and Miss Josie Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Shields, of Durham, N. C., will be married this afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Carlton Brinkley, Lochinvar Apartments, Norfolk, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Gregson will leave immediately after the ceremony for points in the North, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will return to Wilmington in about ten days and will make their home at the Orton.

The bride is an unusually attractive young woman and has a host of friends in the Piedmont section of the State, where she has spent practically her entire life. Mr. Gregson is the general cashier at the Orton Hotel and is a business man of integrity, enjoying the confidence and respect of all his associates.

### INVITATIONS ISSUED.

The following invitations have been received by friends here:  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas Mayer announce the marriage of their daughter  
Viola Belle  
to  
Mr. Adrain F. J. Velman  
on December twenty-fourth  
nineteen hundred and sixteen  
at 4 o'clock in the afternoon  
at the home of the bride's parents  
No. 605 Queen street, Wilmington  
North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—The Elizabeth Mills Company, of Charlotte, capitalized at \$250,000, of which \$50,000 has been paid in, was chartered today by the Secretary of State. The corporation is to engage in the manufacture of cloth from cotton and other fibres.

**ORIENT LODGE, NO. 395, A. F. & A. M.**  
Regular communication of this lodge will be held this (Thursday) evening at 8:00 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. By order of the W. M. C. C. Brown, Sec'y.

**WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? DEC. 14 EVERYBODY'S GOING**

## America's Big Export Business With India

### AMERICA'S

Bombay, India, Dec. 5.—Since the beginning of the war the United States has, roughly speaking, doubled her export trade with India, and the possibilities of greatly increasing this business are good, according to British and Indian trade experts with whom a correspondent of the Associated Press has discussed the subject. The statement regarding prospects is, of course, made on the hypothesis that any trade agreement which the entente allies may make after the conclusion of peace will not act as a bar to American activities.

Coincident with the increase in American trade has been the virtual shutting off of German and Austrian imports from Allied countries. That Germany and Austria will not regain, at least for many years to come, the trade which they had established is accepted here as a foregone conclusion. Further, it is pointed out that most of the entente allies will not be in a position immediately after the ending of hostilities to resume their pre-war exports, due partly to the demands which will be made for the reconstruction period at home, and partly to the disorganization of their industries. These conditions, it is said, will give the United States a chance to make a substantial increase in her trade with India, provided she strikes while the iron is hot.

The United Kingdom has and does hold the bulk of the trade with India, and officials declare that she will make a strenuous fight to maintain her position. However, Germany for years prior to the war was next to the United Kingdom in the matter of exports to India, and Austria, while falling far below Germany, did no inconsiderable business. The combined German and Austrian export trade with India in the fiscal year 1913-14, ending April 1, totaled 11,204,000 pounds sterling, or 9.2 per cent of India's whole importation. Business men here, maintaining that German and Austrian trade with India is dead, are speculating as to what nation will take the place of these central allies. The markets which Germany and Austria have relinquished and which are said to be open now to the strongest bidder, are shown in the following tables, giving the principal articles exported to India in 1913-14 by these nations, with the values in pounds and sterling:

<b>Germany:</b>	
Apparel, . . . . .	104,000
Chemicals, . . . . .	84,000
Cotton manufactures, including yarn, . . . . .	945,000
Cutlery, . . . . .	82,000
Dyes, . . . . .	622,000
Glass and glassware, . . . . .	191,000
Haberdashery and millinery, . . . . .	186,000
Hardware, . . . . .	482,000
Instruments, apparatus, . . . . .	102,000
Liquors, . . . . .	158,000
Machinery, etc., . . . . .	288,000
Matches, . . . . .	17,000
Metals, . . . . .	2,573,000
Oils, . . . . .	216,000
Paper and pasteboard, . . . . .	183,000
Salt, . . . . .	62,000
Silk manufactures, including yarn, etc., . . . . .	149,000
Sugar, . . . . .	12,000
Toys and requisites, . . . . .	17,000
Woolen manufactures, including yarn, etc., . . . . .	716,000
Other articles, . . . . .	1195,000
Totals, . . . . .	8,444,000

<b>Austria-Hungary:</b>	
Apparel, . . . . .	55,000
Boots and Shoes, . . . . .	21,000
Cotton manufactures, . . . . .	184,000
Cotton twist and yarn, . . . . .	41,000
Glass and glassware, . . . . .	583,000
Haberdashery and millinery, . . . . .	149,000
Hardware, . . . . .	223,000
Matches, . . . . .	64,000
Metals, . . . . .	115,000
Paper and pasteboard, . . . . .	88,000
Sugar, . . . . .	922,000
Woolen manufactures, including yarn, etc., . . . . .	77,000
Other articles, . . . . .	338,000
Total, . . . . .	2,860,000

Japan is making vigorous efforts to capture this German and Austrian trade and has met with considerable success. It is stated, however, that she is dealing mostly in the cheap grades of goods and much doubt is expressed as to whether, even in these, her inferior standard of manufacture, as it is characterized here, would stand competition with better articles in the same class. In this connection it is interesting to note that during the past three years Japan and the United States have almost paralleled each other in the amount of their Indian export trade. In the fiscal year 1913-14 these countries were tied for fourth place among the nations exporting to India, the United Kingdom being first, Germany second, and Java, with her sugar

trade, third. Out of the total Indian import trade America and Japan each held 2.6 per cent, the money represented being 3,193,000 pounds sterling for the former and 3,187,000 pounds for the latter. In 1914-15 the United States moved into third place and Japan dropped to fifth, Java taking the position of Germany, which had gone down to fourth. However, the American and Japanese percentage were 3.5 and 3.3 respectively, and the money involved was 3,120,000 pounds and 2,986,000 pounds, a very slight difference. This was the year of the outbreak of hostilities and both nations dropped a little in their Indian exports, although they made an increase in the percentage column. In 1915-16 each forged ahead. America still held third place, but her exports totaled 6 per cent, and Japan was next with 5.7 per cent. The money transacted was 5,247,000 pounds and 4,998,000 pounds, respectively.

One Indian market has been cornered by the United States, and that is for the low-priced automobiles. There is said to be an increasing demand for inexpensive but durable machines, and in 1915-16 the United States led the world with a total exportation to India of cars valued at 347,000 pounds. Four years ago America's automobile trade with India was so small that it is not recorded in the official figures.

The United States has made a great advance also in its exportation of iron and steel goods to India during the past year. During the four years prior to 1915-16 the highest money figure reached 441,000 pounds. In 1915-16 this jumped to 1,600,000 pounds, the trade being largely in small articles such as machine tools, cutlery, bolts, nuts, nails, rivets, washers, tubes and fittings, etc. This is another field which is said to be a fertile one for America. Locomotive engines and most of the heavy machinery are made either in India or in the United Kingdom. The railways, which use most of the heavy iron and steel products, are government controlled, and as many orders as possible for materials naturally will be placed with British or Indian firms. In the matter of the smaller products, however, there is said to be a chance for a great expansion in the trade of the United States.

One of the best prospects for iron and steel manufacturers is farming tools, according to an agricultural and trade expert. There would be little call for such big machines as traction ploughs, but ordinary ploughs, harrows, reapers and the many other implements of husbandry would find a ready market, in his opinion.

"India is an agricultural country," he said, "and it may be new to people outside India, but the Indian farmer will buy anything which really will give him better results. Incidentally, we have been having good crops for several years and money is more plentiful now than ever before in the history of this country. In addition to the regular agricultural implements I believe that America could do a good business in small oil engines for irrigation work, which is so essential to farming in India. Another excellent field would be for windmills, also to be used in irrigation. I cannot speak for the government, of course, but I know from past experience that the agricultural department has been ready to test and itself sell the goods of firms which have introduced farming machinery of benefit to the country.

"A few years ago an American firm did try to sell windmills here. This company had an excellent article, but made the mistake of trying to do business through an agency firm which was ignorant of the machine and of the conditions under which it would work. The result was that they failed. Had they sent their own representatives over to study the country and find where the markets really were they would have given themselves a chance. "In this connection I might say that the growth of American trade will largely depend on the method of introducing goods. It is essential that American exporters send competent agents over here to represent them. India is a vast country and articles that might find a ready market in one section would be rejected in another. These things must be studied out. Further the matter of personal contact with the purchaser means much. You cannot sell goods in the East simply by sending over a picture catalog. The firm that has its agent on the ground will get the trade if it sells good articles."

Besides the lines mentioned, there is said to be a large field in India now for the cheaper grades of cotton and woolen goods and cheap fancy textiles. Japan has made a considerable advance in this trade since the war began. Dyes and drugs, which were supplied largely by Germany before



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the war, are in demand. Among other things which are said to furnish a market for America are canned goods, glassware, household hardware and paper in various forms.

### LEAVE FOR CONFERENCE

#### Heads of Various Cities of State Gather at Raleigh.

Mayor P. Q. Moore, accompanied by Capt. Thomas D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, and City Attorney Robert Ruark, will leave this evening at 6:45 o'clock for Raleigh to participate in the conference that will be held at the Yarrow Hotel tomorrow relative to the laying of plans to insure the enactment of legislation favorable to all. Hereafter municipalities are to be governed by general laws and not by local laws as in the past and tomorrow's conference is for a general discussion of the proposition. Mayor Moore was instrumental in calling the meeting, he having sent invitations to the official heads of all cities of importance in the State.

The following cities will be represented and others may have delegates in attendance: Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham, Goldsboro, and Elizabeth City. The conference is scheduled for tomorrow but Mayor Moore announced this morning that a second session might be held on Saturday.

### PLURALITY OVER TWO THOUSAND.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 7.—President Wilson's plurality in New Mexico was 2,392, according to the official count made public today.

### FANS CLAMOR FOR RESS

#### Urging Hanson to Match Him With Jo Vogar, Hungarian.

Pressure is being brought to bear by mat fans on Fritz Hanson, local wrestler, for the arrangement of a match between Ludwig Ressa, Belgian wrestler, and Joe Vogar, the Hungarian demon. Both these men are favorably known here and fans who thoroughly understand the game are confident that a match between this pair would eclipse anything yet attempted this season. Since Ressa met John Kelonis here recently fans have been very anxious for his return, as they are more than anxious to see the "human springboard" in action again. Vogar is no stranger and because both men are willing to rough it to a marked extent the fans are confident that a better match could not be arranged. If Hanson successfully negotiates such a match the consensus of opinion is that Woolvin Hall would prove inadequate to seat the crowd who would want to witness the scrap.

If Mr. Hanson is able to locate Vogar he will probably arrange just such a match for he has given fans to understand that he will comply with their wishes whenever such is possible. He is bringing wrestlers here for the benefit of the sporting element and will do everything possible to satisfy their whims.

New York city employs sixteen mammoth tractors and trailers in the collection of its rubbish and garbage. Trenton, N. J., and Savannah, Ga., are rival claimants to the distinction of being the cleanest city in America.

"Safety First" Convention  
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 7.—Delegates representing industrial and other organizations in many parts of the country were on hand here today when the second annual convention of the Safety First Federation of America was called to order by President Darwin P. Kingsley of New York. The convention session will continue three days and will be devoted to the discussion of a wide variety of subjects pertaining to public safety. These will include the prevention, health and sanitation, uniformity in street traffic regulations, and plans to prevent accidents through the right of way of railroads.

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