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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

This evening, beginning at 7.30, ending 9.30
 Hundertjahr-Feier der Dreyssig'schen Singakademie
 Mit Allerhöchster Genehmigung
 Zum Besten der Pensionskasse für die Mitglieder
 des königl. Hoftheater-Opernchores.
 Festaufführung:
Samson.
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Die Ausführung geschieht durch die Mitglieder der
 Dreyssig'schen Singakademie unter gütiger Mit-
 wirkung des Herrn Hofkapellmeister Hagen, der
 königl. musikalischen Kapelle, Frau Irene Abend-
 roth, Fräul. Irene v. Chavanne, Herrn Georg Grosech
 und Herrn Carl Perron.

Tomorrow, Friday, at 7 p.m.
 V. Symphony Concert. Series B.

REPERTOIRE OF THE ROYAL THEATRES FOR THE WEEK.

Opera House.
 Saturday: Siegfried. 6 p.m.
 Sunday, March 10th: Die Afrikanerin. 7 p.m.
 Monday, March 11th: Götterdämmerung. 6 p.m.

SCHAUSPIELHAUS.

Saturday: Die versunkene Glocke. 7.30 p.m.
 Sunday, March 10th: The Ideal Husband. 7.30 p.m.
 Monday, March 11th: Mirandolina.—Der Diener
 zweier Herren. 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL.

The programme of this evening's orchestral
 concert at the Gewerbehäus will be as follows:

- (1) Overture, "Gott Pan". Kempter.
- (2) Impromptu. Schubert.
- (3) Der Wanderer, Lied for orchestra
 (first time). Horn.
- (4) Ballet Music, "Die lustigen Weiber von
 Windsor". Nicolai.
- (5) Vorspiel, "Lohengrin" (by request). Wagner.
- (6) Violin solo, "Air varié". Vieuxtemps.
- (7) Polonaise for grand orchestra (first
 time). Kranich.
- (8) Tonbilder, "Carmen" (by request). Bizet.
- (9) Overture, "Eine Nacht in Venedig". Strauss.
- (10) Waltz, "Ballsirenen". Lehár.
- (11) Sphärenmusik. Rubinstein.
- (12) The Motor March (first time). Roseg.

Next Saturday's concert will be Capellmeister
 Willy Olsen's Benefit, and the programme will be
 the first that the orchestra is to perform on their
 forthcoming Scandinavian tour. Hofopernsängerin
 Kreissler will assist.

Frau Manja Freitag-Winkler has fully resumed
 her former activity as a teacher of concert, opera,
 and oratorio singing. She is herself a singer of
 repute, and was heard so lately as last *Bussday*,
 when she took the alto solo part in Mendelssohn's
 oratorio "St. Paul" and was very favourably
 criticized in the columns of a leading contemporary.
 She is also known as the organiser of the Dresden
 Ladies' Quartet whose performances at occasional
 concerts reach a high degree of refinement.

The guards in the city today are furnished by
 the 2nd Jäger Battalion No. 13. The band plays
 about 12.30 p.m. in the Neustadt.

"LAST POST."

One of the last of the storm petrels of the nine-
 teenth century wars has just ended his days quietly
 in France after 27 years of soldiers service, and
 after fighting in twenty of the bloodiest battles of
 the epoch. Van Leyen, as the veteran was named,
 seems to have been born a rover. Of Dutch
 parentage, and a youth spent at the Cape, he
 finally settled down to soldiering in France, and
 fought for the Monarchy, the Republic, the Empire,
 and the Republic. Alma, Inkerman, Solferino,
 Magenta, Algeria, Mexico, Strasburg, with five or
 six wounds, are in his record; and how much of
 the history of Europe it embraces! The old fellow
 has died at 83, the custodian of a rock grave which
 Marshal Castellane has had cut in the rock in his
 lifetime.

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ROYAL THEATRE NEUSTADT.

This evening, beginning at 7.30, ending about 10.30

The Ideal Husband.

Comedy in 4 acts by Oscar Wilde.

Cast:

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| The Earl of Caversham, K. G. | Herr Müller. |
| Viscount Goring, his son | Herr Stahl. |
| Sir R. Chilton, Bart. Under Secretary
for Foreign Affairs | Herr Wiecke. |
| Vicomte de Nanjac, Attaché at the
French Embassy in London | Herr Lelchert. |
| Mason, Butler to Sir R. Chilton | Herr Höhner. |
| Phipps, Lord Goring's servant | Herr Huff. |
| James, Footmen | Herr Walther. |
| Harold, Footmen | Herr Taudien. |
| Lady Chilton | Frau Salbach. |
| Lady Markby | Fräul. Ulrich. |
| Countess of Basildon | Fräul. Verden. |
| Mrs. Marchmont | Fräul. Werner. |
| Miss Mabel Chilton, Sir Robert's
sister | Fräul. Serda. |
| Mrs. Cheveley | Fräul. Lissl. |

Tomorrow, Friday, at 7.30 p.m.

Mirandolina.—Der Diener zweier Herren.

RESIDENZ THEATRE.

This evening, at 7.30 p.m.

Die lustige Witwe.

Operette in 3 Acten. Musik von Franz Lehár.

Cast:

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| Baron Mirko Zeta, pontevdrinischer
Gesandter in Paris | Carl Friese. |
| Valencienne, seine Frau | Rosa Habler. |
| Graf Danilo Danilowitsch, Gesandts-
chaftssekretär, Kavallerie-Lieute-
nant d. R. | Oskar Aigner. |
| Hanna Glawari | Käte Hansen. |
| Camille de Rosillon | Heinrich Werk. |
| Vicomte Cascada | Bruno Bellmann. |
| Raoul de St. Brioche | Emil Gähd. |
| Bogdanowitsch, pontevdrinischer
Konsul | Adolf Braunstein. |
| Sylviane, seine Frau | Herta Schroth. |
| Kromow, pontevdrinischer Gesandts-
chaftsrat | Alexander Oibrich. |
| Olga, seine Frau | Lina Meyer. |
| Pritschitsch, pontevdrinischer Offi-
zier in Pension | Carl Wilhelm. |
| Praskowia, seine Frau | Martha Brede. |
| Njegus, Kanzlist bei der pontevdrin-
ischen Gesandtschaft | Carl Knaack. |
| Lolo | Marie Wildmeyer. |
| Dodo | Jenny Baumgarten. |
| Jou-Jou | Cäcilie Weigel. |
| Frou-Frou | Charlotte Treuth. |
| Clo-Clo | Grete Herder. |
| Margot | Eise Isold. |
| Ein Diener | Camillo Randolph. |

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CURRENT TOPICS IN AMERICA.

(By letter dated February 19th, from our New York
 correspondent.)

IMMIGRATION AND THE AMERICAN MINING COMPANIES.

An amendment has been attached to the im-
 migration law, which, as the American mining
 companies and especially those in the Pacific States
 hope, will have the same effect as a regular law
 in forbidding the immigration of Japanese coolies
 without being externally so harsh as the Chinese
 exclusion act. At the same time the American
 Government hopes that by this amendment the
 movement against Japanese immigration, called into
 being by the San Francisco controversy, will be
 set aside to the satisfaction of Japan.

The amendment, which was drawn up owing to
 the controversy with Japan, but which in its word-
 ing in no way alludes to it, provides that every
 immigrant unfurnished with a pass can be refused
 entrance and the President himself is to be the
 court of appeal in the matter. The hope now prevails
 that the Japanese Government will simply give
 to its labourers no passes to the United States, and
 then this very ticklish question would be settled
 in the simplest way possible. Although this amend-
 ment to the immigration Law is only to touch Ja-
 panese immigration, it none the less forms a very
 formidable weapon in the hands of the opponents
 of immigration, for by the Japanese amendment
 the whole Law has become antagonistic to immigra-
 tion, and even if President Roosevelt who can never
 be reproached with being in any way an enemy of
 immigration, does not make use of the full powers
 entrusted to him in an anti-immigration sense, the
 Law still forms a great danger to immigration.
 President Roosevelt's successor could easily lose
 sight of the actual aim of the amendment and by
 applying the Law generally deal a death blow to
 immigration as a whole.

The chief opponents of immigration have always
 been the mining companies, who see in the incur-
 sion of cheap labour a danger to the good wages
 obtainable in America, and in many cases, certainly,
 they are right. But by their action they lump
 together the desirable and the undesirable im-
 migrants and the measures which they advocate
 must hit the former as well as the latter.

In face of the movement for restricting im-
 migration, which has, none the less, as is well
 known, made possible the economic and political
 advance of the United States, the fact is of
 interest, that from various parts of the country
 come complaints of the lack of labour and a cry
 arises for immigrants. The Southern States find
 themselves in a particularly embarrassing situation
 and are doing all they can to attract a stronger
 stream of immigrants. So far as the charges of the
 mining companies are directed to the fact that the
 immigrants only increase the demand for labour
 in the large towns, they appear to be justified, but
 the diversion of the stream of immigration to
 those districts in which the supply of labour fails,
 would result in immigration today being as
 beneficial for the country as in former days
 when only the very best elements immigrated from
 Europe.

A certain class of immigrants for common navy's
 work, for which American or North-European
 workmen will not apply, is required throughout
 the country. As things are, a stringent application
 of the immigration law would doubtless be fraught
 with grave disadvantages economically to the
 United States.

Besides the so-called Japanese clause or the
 amendment which is to limit the immigration of
 Japanese coolies, several other conditions have been
 incorporated in the existing immigration Law, but
 these, in consequence of the many debates on the
 Japanese clause have been completely ignored by
 the public. As a matter of fact the Japanese
 clause puts all the other clauses quite in the shade.
 But all the amendments to the Law which have
 been accepted by both Houses of Congress re-
 present decided novelties and affect to a consider-
 able degree the steamship companies.

Above all, the Law in its new shape contemplates
 the increase of the poll tax on every passenger from
 two to four dollars. A further more important con-
 dition is made by Section 12, which increases the
 amount of space necessary for each steerage pas-
 senger. This clause comes into force on January 9
 1909. It limits the number of steerage passenger