

ery to the Government and the Prime Minister 'Hands up' but 'Get to work.'"

M. Purishkewitch, Member of the Union of the Russian people, at first declined to speak, at which much applause broke out. He then ascended the tribune and said: "It is clear that the Parties of the Left derive the main portion of their tactics out of the question of the famine. Their goal is to form a general staff of revolution in the Duma." In the course of his speech he declared that he could not understand the existence of the revolutionary socialists in the Duma since outside the Duma they were persecuted as a rebellious party and as injurious to the country.

In the end M. Rodicheff's motion to postpone the discussion of the formation of a relief committee was carried, and the House adjourned.

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### GENERAL NEWS.

(From our London correspondent.)

The Duke of Westminster celebrated his twenty-eighth birthday on Tuesday last. He was only twenty when his grandfather, the late Duke, died. In his immediate family circle he is called "Bend Or" after the celebrated horse which won the Derby of 1880 for his grandfather. The Duke and Duchess have been married six years and have two children, a son and a daughter.

April 3 is the actual date fixed for the departure of King Edward from Biarritz, and Queen Alexandra will meet him at Marseilles, whence their Majesties will proceed to Cartagena in the Royal yacht to pay an official visit to the King of Spain.

It is also anticipated that the King and Queen of Italy will arrange to be at Naples when the "Victoria and Albert" reaches there, so that there may be an interview between their Majesties and King Edward.

After a somewhat lengthened visit to Marlborough House the Princess Louis of Battenberg and her young daughter, Princess Louise, went on Monday to pay a visit to Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor.

It is reported that both Lord Rosebery's sons are likely to become engaged this year. Lord Dalmeny has long been one of the most eligible of elder sons and his brother, the Hon. Neil Primrose, is already quite wealthy, having inherited more money and property since the death of his relative Miss Cohen.

Arthur Preston and Charles Rehner, the two men who were arrested at the request of Scotland-yard on the arrival of the liner "Amerika," at New York, were there charged with stealing £5,000 worth of jewellery from Tiffany's and other jewellers in the West End of London and were remanded on bail of £2,000 each. In the afternoon they were again brought up when a further charge was preferred against them of bringing stolen property into the State of New York.

On Saturday the first public dinner in America in honour of Mr. Bryce, the British Ambassador to the United States, will be given by the Pilgrims of the United States.

The death is announced of the Venerable Samuel Williams, Archdeacon of Hawke's Bay, after sixty years service in the Church Missionary Society.

In all probability the appointment of the Duke of Connaught to the Mediterranean as Commander-in-Chief will take place in September, when Malta will be his headquarters. His elder brother, the late Duke of Edinburgh, was for a long time in Malta where his daughter, Princess Melita, now the Grand Duchess Cyril of Russia, was born.

Prince Arthur of Connaught and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein arrived in London from Sweden on Tuesday night.

Good news comes from Arcachon of the greatly improved health of the Hon. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, who has derived considerable benefit from his sojourn in the South of France.

The next extension of the Tube railways in London to be opened will be the Angel, Islington, to Euston on April 11.

After a long and terribly anxious time the relatives of Mr. Lionel Brough have been able to report a decided improvement in the condition of the veteran actor who, nevertheless, remains very weak and restless.

Today the great event of the day in England will be the race for the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree near Liverpool. The issue appears likely to be fought out between Drumcree, Eremon and Wolf's Folly.

According to a Reuter Johannesburg telegram, General Botha and his staff will leave South Africa on board the "Carisbrook Castle" on March 27th to take part in the Colonial Conference.

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At Fulham, the Association football match between England and Wales resulted in a draw, each side having scored one goal. Wales really played a magnificent defensive game, and their improvement is one of the greatest features in the Association football world.

Penny postage to the United States would no doubt become very popular in England. Mr. Asquith, asked by Mr. Henniker-Heaton whether there was any chance of reciprocity in such a movement, replied that there was good hope that the United States would reciprocate if the offer came from England.

There is to be a meeting today (Friday) at 2.30 in the Great Hall of Cannon-street Hotel to hear an address by Mr. T. Hallett Fry upon the need of reform in the incidence of income-tax, and of a reduction of the tax itself. The meeting is called to advocate the differentiation of earned and unearned incomes, and the graduation of incomes up to £1,000 a year.

For the Aero Club exhibition of flying-machines, which will be held at the Agricultural Hall from April 6 to 13, one hundred entries have been registered. An interesting feature of the exhibition will be the practical tests to which the machines will be submitted.

Millie Marsh who was brought up to receive sentence for perjury in the Lewis-Brady case, was simply bound over and sent to a home, which was understood to be at Leicester. Miss Pankhurst, the well-known suffragist, also offered to take charge of Marsh.

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Mr. William Clarkson, the London theatrical costumier, was nearly arrested last Saturday as a dangerous anarchist by the Boulogne police. He was on his way to Paris with a number of bombs which are to be used in Mme Sarah Bernhardt's forthcoming production of "Faust", to produce the flashes of light which were so effective in Sir Henry Irving's production at the Lyceum Theatre. It took quite half an hour to explain and satisfy the officials that the bombs were harmless.

It is considered probable that when the Premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, retires, which he is likely to do at the end of the year, his place will be filled by Mr. Birrell.

### AFTER LUNCH AND BEFORE.

Cases occasionally come before the Courts in which no such serious problem is presented, but in which unexpected difficulties still arise. One such was at an assize in the North some years ago, where a very distinguished judge, now dead, presided. The facts were as simple as A. B. C. The prisoner, a hot-blooded foreigner, annoyed at being reproved by his master for bad work, had picked up a piece of metal and thumped that master over the head until he almost knocked out his brains. He was indicted for unlawfully wounding. His lordship had just lunched when the case came on, and had returned to the Bench at peace with all the world. And, having to sentence the prisoner, he showed the greatest perplexity and distress. He had never had a more painful or difficult case. He wept a little, and put the man back for consideration of his sentence. Next morning, the first man called was the metalswinger. There were no tears from the Bench this time. "You have very properly been found guilty of a most wanton assault," said his lordship, "which might have been attended by the most serious results. I have no hesitation in sentencing you to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour."

### LOCAL.

We hear that Herr Burrian has received an invitation to create the part of *Herodes* at the first performance of Strauss' "Salome" in May next. As Herr Burrian has leave in that month he has accepted the invitation. Frau Destinn will be the *Salome*.

At the sacred concert held in Zittau on March 17th to celebrate the Tercentenary of Gerhardt, the bass solos in Bach's difficult cantata "Ich sah in Gottes Herz und Sinn" was sung by Herr Otto Stock, a pupil of Herr Eduard S. Mann. The local journal writes: "We must not omit to mention that Herr Stock delighted his hearers with a wonderful, rich, mellow voice that remained full and clear even in the lower register."

### RAILWAY FARES IN GERMANY.

The new railway tariff comes into force throughout the German Empire on the first of May and its provisions, from their novelty and importance, will be of great interest to the travelling public. In general it may be said that although travelling will be somewhat more expensive, the rates have been equalised and simplified. The main principles of the new tariff are the creation of a single ticket at half the price of a return ticket, the limitation of extra charges as far as possible to the main express through trains, simplification of the baggage system and payment for forwarding luggage.

Fares. In future the fares per kilometre will be: 1st class 7 pf.; 2nd class 4.5 pf.; 3rd class 3 pf.; 4th class 2 pf. This is the same rate as has been paid hitherto for return tickets. On this scale it will be easy to reckon the cost of a journey, but it must be remembered that to it must be added the amount demanded by the railway ticket tax.

Additional fares. For certain classes of express trains additional fares must be paid. In first and second class carriages the charge will be for 75 kilometres or under, 50 pf.; 76 to 150 kilometres, 1 mark; over 150 kilometres 2 marks; in the third class the rates will be half these.

Tickets. Return tickets will be no more issued, but a passenger can buy a double ticket the latter half of which can be stamped "return", but may only be used on the day or day after purchase.

Reserving seats. A passenger may reserve a seat from the point of departure, provided he has a ticket available for the journey. The ticket will be stamped "Pl." on the back.

Season tickets. Sunday tickets, monthly tickets, schoolboys', workmen's and children's tickets will still be issued, but holders of monthly tickets will have to buy additional tickets for certain express trains.

Breaking journey is still permitted everywhere. Return tickets purchased before May 1st will be available until June 15th but not after that date.

Luggage registration. Luggage will no more be conveyed free. Formerly 25 kilograms were conveyed free but now the charge will be: 1-50 kilometres 20 pf.; 51-300 kilometres 50 pf.; further 1 mark.

Luggage weighing between 25 and 35 kilogram will cost from 1-50 kilometres 20 pf.; from 26 to 50 kilometres 25 pf.; from 50-100 kilometres 50 pf.; for each further 50 kilometres 25 pf. Luggage weighing 36-50 kilogram will cost, up to 25 kilometres 40 pf.; up to 50 kilometres 50 pf.; up to 100 kilometres 1 mark; for each further 50 kilometres 50 pf. more.

The above tariff is considerably simpler than heretofore.

Bicycles. Up to 100 kilometres a passenger may buy a bicycle ticket, beyond that distance the machine must be registered. With a ticket the passenger must take his machine himself to the luggage van.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 1st Grenadier Regiment No. 100. The band plays about 12.30 p.m. in the Schloss Platz.

### CHILD MURDERERS.

The youth who has confessed to murdering a fellow-servant on a Cheshire farm is of an age at which boys often go wrong. Herbert Spencer at the same period of life might, under provocation, have become a wastrel. There is a strain of primal savagery left in most males, though it does not crop out at the same time in every one. A Liverpool jury a few years ago had to decide an appalling case. Two boys, aged respectively nine and eight years, had murdered a playmate. They first decoyed him into an unfinished building, which, lacking a roof, had permitted water to collect to a considerable depth in the cellar. Floating on this was a plank, which they persuaded the little fellow to mount. They pushed him into the water several times, stripped him of his clothes, pushed him in again, then finally held his head under for five minutes to make quite sure that he was dead. They parted his garments between them, and went home happy. All that the jury could do was to find that the children were not responsible for their actions, and declare them not guilty of murder.