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KING EDWARD IN MARIENBAD.

HIS MAJESTY'S DISPLEASURE.

One evening last week the King paid a visit to the Marienbad theatre, where a Viennese company was advertised to give a miscellaneous programme. The performance proved to be scandalous in the highest degree. The songs and recitations exceeded the limits of decency, and the King, after listening to one or two items of the programme, rose from his seat in the royal box and left the theatre. His Majesty's suite, as well as the Duke of Teck and other invited guests, who occupied seats in the royal box, of course, followed him.

Scarcely was the royal box empty when all the English and Americans in the theatre rose and walked out by way of protest against the indecency of the performance. The King's protest against this display of theatrical impropriety, followed by the united demonstration of the English and American spectators, created extraordinary excitement.

The King will indicate his displeasure with Thursday's performance at the Marienbad Theatre by refusing to attend again during the remainder of his visit, which will terminate at the end of next week. The manager of the theatre, as well as an extremely efficient company of actors and actresses, is greatly distressed by the King's decision. Major Ponsonby communicated his Majesty's displeasure to Herr Laska, the manager of the theatre, in exceedingly plain terms, says *The Standard's* special correspondent.

Major Ponsonby said:—"The King is annoyed. He understood that he was going to see an amusing and witty performance of a high-class cabaret, and he concludes some mistake was made in the programme originally submitted. What he saw was unfit for presentation on a stage."

Subsequently, after his Majesty's displeasure had been notified to Herr Laska, but before the King had left the theatre, Herr Laska made an effort to persuade his royal visitor to see more of the performance before passing a hostile judgment on the whole programme. Addressing Major Ponsonby, Herr Laska said: "If his Majesty would only consent to wait and listen to the next song sung by the actress I feel sure he would be pleased with it." Major Ponsonby replied that the King would see no more of the performance, and a minute later the royal box was empty.

It is now learned that one of the songs which the actress sang was not mentioned on the programme, because it had been prohibited, as immoral, by the Austrian censors, who are none too strict in their judgment of such matters. The offending actress, with the intention of making her turn more attractive, as she thought, sandwiched this forbidden song between two others included in the printed programme. For this offence both she and Herr Laska were yesterday summoned before the police, who, in Austria, possess powers to deal summarily with such cases. The manager was able to prove that he did not know of the actress's intention to sing the forbidden song; consequently, he was discharged, with a caution. The actress, on the other hand, was sentenced to pay a fine of 50s. for contravening an order issued by the official censors in the interests of public morality.

MUTINY IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The *Transvaal Advertiser* reports that a detachment of Engineers, while on the march during



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manoeuvres, mutinied as a protest against the reckless conduct of a certain officer and cut their belts to pieces. The mutineers were brought back to Pretoria by another regiment.

MINE ACCIDENT IN THE TRANSVAAL.

By the giving way of a shaft wall in the Neu-Kleinfontein Mine 17 Chinese were buried under the débris. Seven were gotten out seriously injured, of whom four have died. There is no hope of saving the others.

TRANSATLANTIC FARES.

The Cunard Line have officially declared that they will be compelled to reduce their rates for the Eastern voyage in accordance with the reduction made by the competing lines.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

The B committee of the Arbitration Committee passed on Monday the second reading of Chapter 1 of the proposal to establish a permanent Court of Arbitration. In the debate that ensued several Delegates, whose Governments were not satisfied with the distribution of the Judges' mandates, re-

served their votes. The Committee on war on land will on Wednesday discuss a new French proposal as to the treatment of the subjects of neutral States.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

MORE OUTRAGES.

To revenge the deaths of the officer and three policemen who were killed by the explosion of a bomb found during a domiciliary visit, the Union of Russian People organised a pogrom which is still going on. Rowdies are going about the streets, firing at the Jews. Three Jews have been killed and about 60 severely wounded. The police do nothing; not a single rowdy has been arrested. A great panic prevails.

Fifteen armed men attacked the Kinkowice station of the Vistula Railway on Sunday night, carried off 370 roubles and got clear away in spite of a prompt pursuit.

THE STRIKES IN ANTWERP.

Miners, metal-workers and porters in Antwerp stopped work today. In the course of the morning numerous collisions occurred between the strikers and Flemish workmen who proceeded to go to work. The strikers forced their way into the warehouses where they removed the wheels from the trucks and destroyed implements, and showered stones upon a steamer upon which English workmen were at work, forcing all hands to take to flight. A crane belonging to the leading firm of Steinmann, which is foremost in the Employers' Union, was thrown into the Schelde. The firm applied to the police for protection, but were informed by the Chief of Police that the police were already fully employed elsewhere.

Thereupon steps were taken to induce the Governor to employ the army or the Civic guard for protection of property. There is great excitement throughout the city.

About 200 foreign dock labourers who arrived at Antwerp on Monday night were attacked by the mob on leaving the railway station. The police were obliged to use their weapons for the protection of the new-comers.

A further telegram states that the armed attacks on the English workmen continued but that the police had so far been able by using their revolvers to drive off the mob.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

ITEMS FROM PARISIAN NEWSPAPERS.

The *Gaulois* has received news from Tangier that all Moroccan ports will have been garrisoned by French troops by the 15th of September. The *Matin* contains a report from Casablanca that the tribesmen have assembled in ten camps in the vicinity of Ben Ali, the combined strength of the camps being about 8,000 men. The *Echo de Paris* has received a telegram from Fez that preparations have been made for the journey of the Sultan to Rabat. The State Bank has advanced the sum of 500,000 piasters to the Sultan and will place a similar amount at his disposal upon his arrival in Rabat. The *Journal* is advised from Casablanca that the Schauja tribe have dispatched an envoy to negotiate for their submission.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO EUROPEAN POWERS.

It is reported from Mazagan that the new Sultan, Muley Hafid, has selected Si Omar Ben Meched to go to Europe, carrying Notes to the Governments of England, France and Spain.

WHO IS SULTAN?

It is reported from Tangier that the populace in general of Fez were not aware that Muley Hafid was proclaimed Sultan on the morning of August 30th. The dominant classes observed a perfect silence in regard to this event. The Sultan is apparently making no preparations for departure to Rabat.

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