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### BERLIN: LOCAL.

The New Year festivities at the Berlin Court were about the same as usual. The *Grosse Wecken*, executed by the band and drum and fife corps of one regiment of the Foot Guards, served as an introduction to the military part; the firing of a royal salute by a battery of guard artillery followed, then the Emperor received the official congratulations of the commanding generals, the foreign ambassadors, his military and civil household, and finally went to the *Zeughaus*, where he announced the *Parole* of the day.

When His Majesty, during the reception of the ambassadors, spied Mr. Charlemagne Tower, he grasped his hand, and expressed his most sincere regret that he had decided to retire from the diplomatic service. The Emperor informed Mr. Tower that he would be glad to dine once more in the American Embassy before Mr. Tower's departure and then, to keep the popular diplomat in Germany a little while longer, he invited Mr. and Mrs. Tower to attend the Kiel week, which invitation, of course, was gladly accepted. The cordiality with which the German Emperor greeted the American Ambassador at this highly official function was generally noted.

In the afternoon, from four to six, Mr. and Mrs. Tower had thrown open the doors of their princely home at Königplatz 4 to the members of the American Colony, who came in droves to wish the official representative of their country and his charming wife a Happy New Year, which kind expressions were as cordially returned by both Mr. and Mrs. Tower.

Among the many distinguished persons present we noted Consul-General and Mrs. Thackara, with their two pretty daughters, assisting Mrs. Tower in receiving the guests. There was the First Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. Spencer Eddy, who was recently appointed Minister to the Argentine, Colonel and Mrs. Wisser, Captain and Mrs. Howard, Captain and Mrs. Belknap, President Hadley of Yale University, Mr. Garrett and Mr. Miles, both of the Embassy staff, Dr. and Mrs. Honan, Mrs. Goldsmith, who is to return to America during the spring, with some lady relatives, and representatives of American papers with their ladies.

Captain and Mrs. Howard have now decided to sail for America on January 7. They have been

kept in Berlin longer than they anticipated, not to the regret of their friends, as Captain Howard was awaiting his farewell audience by the Emperor, to whom he had to introduce his successor, Captain Belknap. When he received Captain Howard the Emperor was especially kind, and showed the greatest interest as well as the most astonishing knowledge of everything concerning the American navy. Particularly is he interested in the long journey just commenced by the battle fleet of sixteen giants of the sea, voyaging from Hampton Roads to San Francisco. His Majesty charged Captain Howard to give President Roosevelt his most sincere regards, and to assure him of his friendship and admiration.

A few days ago, Captain Howard went to Kiel to say goodbye to Prince Henry, who entertained him at dinner. The Captain also paid his respects to the Admiral of the Port.

Germany is the musical-centre of the world, and its capital, Berlin, leads all other cities of the globe in this respect.

To illustrate this assertion one only needs to look at the daily papers and one will find in Berlin during a single evening four different operas, five different operettes, eight vocal and instrumental concerts, seven large concerts of philharmonic and other orchestras, and no less than forty-seven concerts by military bands, Hungarian bands and so forth in the different gardens and cafés.

The Empire of Germany has 72 Opera-houses and Companies, of which 14 are supported by Royalty, 15 by Municipalities and eight by private enterprise.

Next comes Italy with 50 Opera-Companies, then Austria-Hungary with 12, Switzerland with nine, France with seven, Belgium and Holland each with two, and Denmark, Norway and Sweden each with one operatic company.

America has seven companies, and England, the richest country of all, has none!

Herr Adolph Paalzow, formerly a Professor of the Technical High School at Charlottenburg, died in Berlin on Thursday.

Freiherr v. Schlicht will assist at Mrs. Betty Will's popular cheerful evening at the Klindworth-Scharwenka Saal tomorrow, and will produce some of his own pieces—*Der Gedanke seiner Hoheit*, *Der Musketier Meyer*, *Verrückt*, and *Meyers Hose*.

Miss Emmy Doll, at her pianoforte recital on Tuesday the 7th instant in the Choralion Saal will perform works by Mozart, Beethoven, Weber, Mendelssohn and Liszt.

Professor Karl Panzner, the conductor of the grand concerts of the Mozart Orchestra, conducted two concerts at the Philharmonic Society's hall in Moscow on the 19th and 24th December. He was enthusiastically applauded, and engaged to conduct several concerts in Moscow in the coming season.

At the VI. grand concert of the Mozart Orchestra, to be given in the Mozart Saal on Monday next under the direction of Professor Karl Panzner, an interesting novelty will be produced. The *Eleusische Fest* which Max Schilling set to music and dedicated to Ernst v. Possart will be performed by the latter for the first time in Berlin. The programme contains also Tchaikowsky's *Symphonie Pathetic* and the *Hexenlied* of Wildenbruch-Schilling's.

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