

## BERLIN

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## BERLIN: LOCAL.

To the deep regret of all concerned Ambassador Tower will be unable to attend the annual dinner of the American Association of Commerce and Trade, at the Hotel Adlon. Pressing social obligations are standing in the way. So President Hessenberg will preside at the dinner and introduce the speakers of the evening.

Mr. Bernard Goldsmith recently arrived from the United States, to pay his family a flying visit, as his business engagements compel him to be back in the States early in the February. He intends

to take his family back to America about next fall as his oldest son, who is now frequenting a Berlin Gymnasium, will then have acquired the qualification to serve as a one year volunteer in the German army, if he should desire to serve at all. Of course, he has no such intention, but the certificate will help the young man to admittance in an American high-school, as he intends to study chemistry. Mr. Goldsmith speaks very interestingly of his last stay in America, where he has met many influential politicians, bankers and business men. He has also seen President Roosevelt twice and discussed with him the financial situation. It is Mr. Goldsmith's opinion that the financial crisis as such is not only over but that there will very soon be a plethora of money. As to the economic conditions, of course, some time must necessarily elapse before full confidence is restored.

On the 1st of April the Italian Ambassador will move into the palatial house which his Government has erected on a lot purchased by it in Victoria Strasse. Then the American Ambassador will be the only one of his colleagues in the German capital who is compelled to live in hired quarters. It is a fact, only too well-known, that the salary paid by the American Government to its diplomatic representatives is utterly inadequate. The present incumbent of the Berlin position draws a salary of \$17,500, just enough to pay the rent of his fine house on Königs Platz. All his other expenses, including those of social engagements, are paid out of his own pocket, and amount to a great deal more than his salary. The Embassy building on the Unter den Linden is by no means worthy of the Government of the largest, richest and most powerful country of the globe. This deplorable state of affairs has been brought to the attention of Congress quite often, but with no effect. Indeed, Mr. Andrew D. White, Mr. Tower's predecessor, complained to the State Department that he was compelled to move out of his house on Lenné Strasse on short notice, as it had been bought by the Grand Duchy of Baden for the use of its minister here. It was quite humiliating for the American Ambassador to hurriedly make room for the representative of a minor Duchy. Nevertheless, the U. S. Government never made a really serious attempt to convince Congress of the necessity of following the example of other great Powers and providing its Ambassadors with suitable quarters. In Washington, for instance, most of the Powers have bought lots and are owning palatial residences where their Ambassadors are able to represent their respective countries in a dignified manner. Germany for instance, although possessing a very fine building on Massachusetts Avenue, has recently bought another lot and is going to build a real palace for her Ambassador. It seems now as if Congress was waking up and beginning to realize the importance of the question. The appropriation bill for the diplomatic and consular service, as reported by the appropriation committees of the House of Representatives, contains an item allowing the State Department to buy suitable lots and to build Embassies in Berlin, London and Paris. It is reported from Washington that this time a large majority in both the House and the Senate is ready to vote for this appropriation, so that we may now expect the improvement long desired by all Americans living abroad. Naturally, the Embassy conditions in London and Paris are by no means better than in Berlin. At present, the United States Ambassadors in these three countries are very rich men and able to live in the dignified style appropriate to their high office. But Dr. Hill for example, Mr. Tower's successor, is not overburdened with riches and would be unable to maintain the lead set by his predecessor. It would help him a great deal, were the American Government to provide him with a suitable residence where he could entertain the guests of his country, including Royalty, without placing too heavy a tax upon his private resources. When Congress concluded that the United States was important enough to maintain Ambassadors at the European Courts, it should have had enough perspicacity to adequately provide the financial grant and enable the American representatives to live in a manner befitting the dignity of the nation. It is an unhealthy state of affairs when only rich men can hold such positions.

The great "Press Festival" held in the Zoological Gardens, as announced in these columns some time ago, proved to be a rousing success. The managers of the three journalistic societies co-operating in this affair were highly rewarded for their untiring labour as the social, artistic and financial results were equally satisfactory. The large hall was most beautifully decorated in red, white and green. A large orchestra, under the leadership of Professor Arthur Peisker, played admirably, and the soloists, Dr. Jules Sieber-München, violinist, Miss Fanny Opfer and Miss Erna Fiebiger, sopranos, excelled each other. A unique feature of the programme was the production of several new pieces played there for the first time. The last number of the programme was furnished by the eminent dancer, Miss Rita Sacchetto, who, for the first time also,

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