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On Friday next, January 25th, the King of England will celebrate a jubilee which has several points of unique interest. On that day it will be twenty-five years since he was appointed by the first Emperor William Honorary Colonel of the Fifth Hussars. It was a specially high honour for the then Prince of Wales as the Emperor was by no means so liberal in creating honorary colonelcies as is his grandson. And the regiment selected for him was, and still is, one of the crack regiments of the Prussian Army, as it bears, for all time, the name of its first Honorary Colonel, Field Marshall v. Blücher, generally called *Marschall Vorwärts*, whose army decided the battle of Waterloo in favour of the allied forces. It was a great compliment for the whole English nation when the old Emperor selected the regiment bearing the name of Wellington's brother-in-arms for the heir to the English throne. Some years later, King Edward visited and reviewed his regiment,—whose uniform he occasionally wears,—at its garrison town, Stolpe in Pomerania.

By order of the Emperor, the colonel, one major, one captain and one lieutenant of that regiment have left for London, in order to congratulate the King upon his silver jubilee as their Honorary Colonel.

The II. Philharmonic concert under the direction of Professor Arthur Nikisch comprised a Symphony in E by Hermann Bischoff, the pianoforte Concerto in A op. 54 of Robert Schumann, and Tchaikowsky's orchestral Suite op. 3 No. 5. The Bischoff symphony, which on account of its novelty was the chief feature of the programme, was performed for the first time at the *Tonkünstlerfest* at Essen about two years ago. At that time the composer prepared a text descriptive of his work—which is by no means a programme-symphony in character, and at bottom has nothing in common with a modern symphonic poem. A youth carried away by the whirl of life rejects love that is obviously and truly offered to him, and only when it turns away from him sees how wrong he has been. In vain he seeks forgetfulness and rest; only after a long period of suffering finding peace, and then through the means of his former love. Such are the contents of the descriptive text referred to; but the composer has preferred to suppress entirely this not very clear "programme." He has rewritten the symphony, and it was in its new form that Professor Nikisch presented it to the audience at the concert under notice.

There is sound music in the work. Bischoff speaks in a language of his own, beautified with pictures and new evolutions. The structure is firm and solid. These merits alone justly claim approval. That the symphony made no great impression on the audience is due to its excessive length. The hearer cannot easily keep to the thread of the whole throughout the too long periods. Emil Sauer, as the soloist of the evening, lent to the Schumann Concerto all the charm of his eminent art; pearly execution and a powerful grasp of form are among his qualities. Professor Nikisch conducted the excellent Philharmonic orchestra as we are accustomed to hear him, with refined artistic judgment and feeling. G. M. A. G.

Fritz Masbach will give a concert on February 4 at the Singakademie, together with the Mozart Orchestra under the direction of Herr Kapellmeister August Scharrer.

Annie Bremer, assisted by Hjalmar Arlberg, will give a duet and song recital on February 4 in the Klindworth-Scharwenka hall.

Some days ago the ex-crown Princess of Saxony, Madame Toselli, was expected in Berlin. Her husband, who is well known as a pianoforte artist, had announced a concert at the Beethoven Saal for the end of this month. But now prominent posters announce that Signor Toselli, on account of the death of his father-in-law, the late Grand Duke of Tuscany, has postponed the concert indefinitely.

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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

MR. HENRY FARMAN IN LONDON.

Mr. Henry Farman, the recent winner of the Deutsch-Archdeacon prize at Paris, is at present in London, and has announced that he will not, as originally intended, make an aeroplane flight from the Brooklands motor track owing to the many obstacles on the course, such as telegraph-poles, &c. He is now looking for a suitable location on which to make an attempt for the *Graphic* prize of £1,000, the conditions of which involve a flight of one mile.

ROYAL PATRONAGE FOR WAGNER OPERA.

Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra have consented to become patrons of the two cycles of *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, the first performance of which will take place at Covent Garden on the 29th instant, under the leadership of Herr Hans Richter.

ANOTHER HARWICH BOAT MISHAP.

The steamer "Amsterdam" collided with an unknown vessel near the Hook of Holland yesterday morning, and sprung a leak in the bow. The passengers were landed from a steamer of the Rotterdam Lloyd.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

The Australasian papers have been full of the British Antarctic expedition under Lieut. Shackleton, which sailed from Lyttelton, New Zealand, on New Year's Day. The Australian Government, or one of the State Governments, says the *Queen*,

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The new opera *Acté*, by Juan Manén, to be produced here tomorrow (Friday) evening, will be the first Spanish opera ever heard in Germany. Its production in Barcelona met with very great success, and the principal journal of that city, *La Vanguardia*, as well as the leading Madrid weekly, *La Ilustracion Espagnola y Americana*, published lengthy criticisms on the work.

A short time ago Juan Manén's *Nueva Cataluna* Symphony was performed at Leipzig by the Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by the composer himself, and received an enthusiastic reception.

The *Allgemeine Zeitung* reports that Professor Wolters, professor of archaeology at Würzburg, has received a call to become the successor of Professor Furtwängler at Munich University.

The solemn benediction of the body of the Grand Duke of Tuscany took place at Salzburg on Tuesday morning in the presence of the Grand Ducal family, Prince and Princess Leopold of Bavaria, Prince George of Bavaria, Prince Heinrich of Bavaria, Prince Conrad of Bavaria, Duke Ferdinand of Calabria, the Bürgermeister of Lindau, and the heads of the State and military departments. In the afternoon the body was conveyed to the railway station, whence the funeral train started at 4 o'clock. The route to the station was lined by troops and military societies.

The special Embassy to be sent from Stockholm to the Court of Dresden to announce the accession of King Gustav V. of Sweden, will be headed by Oberkammerherr v. Celsing; and will proceed from Dresden to Bukarest and Constantinople.

We learn that as a result of Consul-General Gaffney's efforts in Berlin to effect an arrangement whereby the coming Minstrel Show may be reproduced here, the promoters of the entertainment have expressed their readiness to fall in with the suggestion provided the expenses of bringing the performers to Dresden are reimbursed. Mr. Gaffney hopes, therefore, that this stipulation may be met by the co-operation of the Anglo-American Colony here, so that such a rare opportunity of witnessing a peculiarly interesting and high-class performance may not be missed. It is estimated that the total cost of the scheme will amount to 2,350 marks.

The production here will be arranged for Saturday, February 15th, so that the visitors can spend Sunday in viewing the local sights, &c.

It is unnecessary to state that all the members of the Show and everybody to whom the project has been submitted are extremely hopeful that the visit can be satisfactorily arranged. Communications in regard to the proposal should be addressed to Mr. Victor Ha Clark, Hon. Secy. of the Committee of Arrangements, Moczinsky Strasse 1, Dresden.

The programme of this evening's orchestral concert at the Gewerbehause, comprising exclusively the works of Austrian composers, will be as follows: (1) Radetzky-Marsch, Johann Strauss. (2) Ouverture zur Operette "Der Bettelstudent", Carl Millöcker. (3) Steyrische Weisen, Ländler für zwei Solo-Violen und Harfe (1. Mal), Josef Lanner. (4) Grosse Fantasie aus der Operette "Zehn Mädchen und kein Mann" (1. Mal), Franz von Suppé. (5) Ouverture "Die unbewohnte Insel" (1. Mal), Joseph Haydn. (6) "Larghetto aus dem Klarinetten-Quintett", Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. (7) Divertissement à la hongroise (1. Mal), arranged for grand orchestra by Erdmannsdörfer and Franz Liszt, Franz Schubert. (8) Ouverture zur Operette "Der Fremdenführer", Carl M. Ziehrer. (9) Grubenlichter-Walzer aus der Operette "Der Obersteiger", Carl Zeller. (10) Vilja-Lied (Lied vom Waldmägdelein) aus der Operette "Die lustige Witwe", Franz Lehár. (11) Wiener Volksmusik, grosses Potpourri, Carl Czerny.

At the Central Theatre this evening, at 7.30, *Der Rastelbinder*, an operetta in 1 Vorspiel and 2 Acts by Victor Léon, music by Franz Lehár, will be performed.

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GENERAL NEWS.

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gave it a grant of £2,000, and now the New Zealand Government has given its contribution, £1,000—a very generous one, considering the size and wealth of the Dominion. So far the expedition has cost its promoters £30,000, but then Lieut. Shackleton does not hope to be back even in New Zealand till August, 1909, though news of the expedition may be expected about the end of next March, when the "Nimrod" returns to Lyttelton from the Antarctic Ocean. A motor-car, specially constructed, after many experiments, is being taken, but should it break down there will always be the little Manchurian ponies to fall back upon. These have created immense interest wherever they have gone, and the manager of the expedition, judging by an interview, pins his faith far more to the shaggy little beasts than to the motor. The ponies stand about 14 hands high, can live on very rough fare, and on comparatively little of that, and are so well hardened to cold that on the Manchurian steppes they bury themselves in the snow up to their noses, and can endure a temperature of 80° below zero. They are, it seems, no use till about four or five years old, and one pony is equivalent in strength to eighteen dogs. Dogs, by the bye, are also being taken, but seem relatively less important in this expedition than in others. The ponies alone have cost £1,000. The motor-car had, naturally, to be tested with severe cold, and tested in such a manner as to prove that the petrol and special lubricating oil to be used for it will not freeze at the lowest temperature likely to be met. If the motor-car breaks down the ponies following after it will eventually come up, and the twelve dogs will run alongside the ponies, but may never be used. Lieut. Shackleton hopes he may reach the Pole towards the end of November or in December. The assistant cook of the expedition must be an enthusiast for adventure indeed. He is Sir Philip Brocklebank, Bart., a young fellow of only twenty-two, to come into great wealth when he is twenty-five, and nephew of Col. Brocklehurst, the Queen's equerry.

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DEATH OF FAMOUS YACHTING SKIPPER.
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BRIGHTER PROSPECT IN INDIA.
 A telegram received in London from the Viceroy of India says that owing to the continued rainfall throughout northern India the crop prospects have considerably improved. Prices have ceased to advance, and in consequence of the brighter outlook popular distress has been greatly alleviated. In all India some 300,000 persons are in receipt of Government assistance.

SOCIALIST MEASURE REJECTED.
 During a meeting of the Labour party at Hull on Tuesday, a socialist motion was introduced to alter the statutes of the party so as to make the overthrow of capitalism and the setting up of State ownership the main object of the organisation. The motion, however, was rejected by 951,000 votes to 910,000.

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NEWS FROM AMERICA.
THE ASIATIC EMIGRATION PROBLEM.
 The Minister for Foreign Affairs, says a Tokio message, has told a correspondent that as Japan is unable to prevent emigrants from going to the United States by way of Hawaii, she will forbid emigration to Hawaii itself. The Japanese Government will also prohibit emigration to Mexico.

RESCUED AFTER 46 DAYS.
 A telegram from Ely, Nevada, reports that all three of the miners who were entombed in the Guroux Pit were on Sunday rescued, after 46 days' imprisonment, a thousand feet underground. Rescue operations have been in progress ever since the day of the accident, the men being provided with food and drink through a pipe. The excitement of the crowd was intense when the men were at last brought to the surface. Round after round of cheers went up, whistles and sirens were blown, and the people went almost mad with delight.

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UNEMPLOYED RIOT IN A CHURCH.
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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.—OPPOSITION TO MR. BRYAN.
 The anti-Bryan intrigue which has been in progress within the inner circle of the Democratic party management has apparently at length come to a head, and it is announced that a secret conference will shortly be held in New York with a view to deciding upon a Presidential candidate who will unite the warring sections of the party.

Mr. Bryan, it seems, has been unable to give satisfactory assurances to the great financial interests, and it has become necessary to find a "safe" man to carry the party standard next autumn. That is the explanation that finds most favour, says the New York correspondent of the *Globe*. Another is that the Democratic South has become very dissatisfied with Mr. Bryan, who is believed to be unsound upon the race question, and is even suspected of cherishing the idea that the nigger voter should be properly protected in the exercise of the electoral franchise.

Whatever the reason, it is certain that renewed and more determined efforts are to be made to prevent Mr. Bryan from obtaining the party nomination at the National Convention at Denver. There is reason to believe that the friends of Mr. William A. Chandler, Lieutenant-Governor of New York, have had a good deal to do with the anti-Bryan movement. They desire to prevent the spread of the taint of Socialism in the Democratic party, so they say, and any effort in that direction must be doomed to failure so long as Mr. Bryan remains high in the party councils. There is no taint of Socialism about Mr. Chandler, for he belongs to the Astor family, and has immense wealth.

Considerable attention was attracted to him some time ago when he was elected Lieutenant-Governor of this State at the same time that Mr. Hughes, a Republican, was elected Governor. He is young and ambitious, and recently made a tour of the Southern States with some amount of success. He is an advocate of moderate reforms and opposed to confiscatory legislation.

On the Republican side a state of almost open war now prevails between the rival forces of Mr. Taft and Mr. Hughes. It is claimed that all the indications are in favour of Mr. Taft, at any rate outside of the State of New York.

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The International Photographic Exhibition, Dresden 1909. The competition for the production of a coloured placard that shall indicate in an original but generally intelligible and effective manner the scope of this world-exhibition of the photographic profession, has been very extensively taken up. All the designs will be exhibited when the Judges have announced their award, and will remain open to public inspection till the end of February. The term allowed for sending in designs will expire at noon on the 31st instant. The jury consists of the following gentlemen: Geheimler Hofrat Professor Gotthardt Kuehl, Stadtbaurat Hans Erlwein, Professor Otto Gussmann, Herren Hugo Erfurth and Ernst Müller.

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Last week, Colonel Wisser and Captain Belknap, the American military and naval attachés, paid a visit to the Ehrhardt gun factory in the Rheinland, where they witnessed some very interesting experiments. The field gun adopted some time ago by the U.S. Artillery is quite similar to the latest type of Ehrhardt gun, in fact it might be called an improved model. Now, as almost all large military Powers have adopted a device for rendering the gun immovable when the shot is fired, by which means the most rapid fire can be secured, they strive to construct a projectile which combines the qualities of common-shell and shrapnel. Under present conditions it is necessary to carry both species of ammunition, shells being used, firstly to find the correct range, and secondly to demolish defences, buildings &c. Common-shell is provided with a percussion fuse and explodes when it hits the ground, emitting a dense cloud of smoke and thus permitting of a reliable observation, while shrapnel is provided with a time fuse and explodes in the air, showering a rain of leaden bullets on the enemy beneath. Now the Ehrhardt people have constructed a so-called combined projectile, which was tested by the American experts. It differs from former types inasmuch as the bursting charge is not at the base but at the front. During the tests, the gun was fired at a range of 2,500 metres, the target consisting of a series of armour plates one-third of an inch thick, braced by thick wooden supports. The two fuses worked admirably, the shrapnel section bursting in the air, the common-shell going ahead and penetrating several of these combination plates with great effect. According to the American experts the ammunition problem seems to be thus solved in an admirable way.

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Deutsches Theatre	Die Räuber	" 7.30
"	(Kammerspiele) Hochzeit, 1st performance	" 8
Berliner Theatre	Bluebeard	" 8
Lessing Theatre	Kaiser Karl's Geisel	" 7.30
New Theatre	Baccarat (Miss Maud Allan)	" 8
New Schauspielhaus	Judith	" 8
Kleines Theatre	Mandragola	" 8
Residenz Theatre	Bibi	" 8
Trionon Theatre	Fräulein Josette — meine Frau	" 8
Schiller Theatre O.	College Crampton	" 8
" Charlotten-		
burg	Philister. Die Lore	" 8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Madame Sans Gêne	" 8
Thalia Theatre	Immer oben auf (Girardi)	" 8
Luisen Theatre	Wallensteins Tod	" 8
Comic Opera	Tiefend	" 8
Lortzing Theatre	Les Dragons de Villars	" 8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Die arme Miese	" 8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus	Zwischen zwei Herzen	" 8
Urania Theatre	Cairo und die Pyramiden	" 8

Every evening until further notice.

Lustspielhaus	Panne	at 8
Metropol Theatre	Das muss man seh'n	" 8
Thalia Theatre	Die gelbe Gefahr	" 8
Casino Theatre	Die Freuden der Häuslichkeit	" 8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten	" 8
Apollo Theatre	Alexia, Hymack, Genes	" 8
Passage Theatre	Rudolf Mälzer	" 8
Gehr. Herrfeld Theatre	Papa und Genossen	" 8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
Folies Caprice	Mal was anders. Dunkle Punkte.	" 8
"	Eine anständige Frau	" 8
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
"	Sundays	" 7
Central Theatre	Frau Warren's Gewerbe	" 8
Theatre des Westens	Ein Walzertraum	" 8
Theatre an der Spree	Hokuspokus	" 8

STOP PRESS NEWS.

Berlin, January 22. The neighbourhood of the Reichstag buildings presents an appearance differing but little from its everyday aspect. Strong patrols of police, mounted and foot, are in evidence, however. The popular demonstrations that were expected have not taken place. The lobbies of the Reichstag itself afforded a lively scene previous to the commencement of the sitting.

Hook of Holland, January 22. The report of a collision in the fog between the Harwich steamer "Amsterdam" and the British steamer "Axminster" from New York, has been confirmed. It is now known that the Harwich boat sustained severe damage. The Amsterdam Handelsblad reports that the steam-lifeboat, accompanied by the tug "Wodan," has put to sea to look for two of the "Amsterdam's" boats which have not yet been recovered. The boats had contained passengers from the Harwich steamer who were picked up by another vessel.

Hook of Holland, later. The boats for which the lifeboat and tug are searching have not yet been found. At the mouth of the Nieuwe Waterweg are anchored a whole fleet of vessels which cannot venture out owing to the fog. It is possible that the occupants of the "Amsterdam's" boats have been picked up by one of these craft. Another tug has gone out to ascertain.

New York, January 22. Governor Hughes in a letter to the Republican Club states that he will accept nomination as Presidential candidate if the Republican party decides upon this measure.

DRESDEN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

Royal Opera House.

Tonight	closed.	
Friday night	Acté	at 7
Saturday night	Der Freischütz	" 7
Sunday night	Acté	" 7
Monday night	Tiefend	" 7.30

Royal Theatre Neustadt.

Tonight	Die Nibelungen	at 7
Friday night	Die Rabensteinerin	" 7.30
Saturday night	Vater und Sohn	" 7.30
Sunday night	The Ideal Husband	" 7.30
Monday night	Vater und Sohn	" 7.30

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Particularly excellent is the first incident, *The King's Comrade*, in which the reader will observe a marked resemblance to the style of Stanley Weyman. Indeed, the latter will find occasion to look to his laurels if these authors revert to that period of seventeenth-century swashbuckling, of cloak and sword, and of high romance, which up to the present Mr. Weyman has held against all newcomers.

Rockhurst, of course, has a fascinating past, and therefore is loved by many of those ephemeral beauties who came, conquered, and—passed into oblivion, at the Merry Monarch's court. Herein we find the unmistakable touch of femininity that seeks to invest the hero of fiction with that dual personality,—a curious conjunction of Sir Galahad and gay Lothario. It is, however, an idiosyncrasy at which only the hypereritic cavils.

The vivid descriptions of plague-ridden London, and the subsequent holocaust that swept the city from end to end, are executed in brilliant style. The narrative, or rather the serial, ends in a manner consistent and dramatic, and so long as the authors maintain the finished standard of workmanship and the refreshing originality that characterises this book, their numerous admirers will enthusiastically welcome new works from the same gifted pens.

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PASSING PARS.

(Specially Contributed.)

A "blue Mauritius," one of the rarest stamps known, has recently been sold for £450, after fierce bidding. Lunacy, as Dr. Saleeby points out, is distinctly on the increase.

The vicar of Offley, near Hitchin, complains that at only one wedding in thirty celebrated in his church, are the parents present to see their children married. The parents evidently find hitchin' ceremonies too painfully reminiscent.

A horse-owner, summoned in a cruelty case at Brentford, stated that the animal did not lift its leg through pain, but because it had been taught to "shake hands" with it.

The cruiser "Rurik," built to the order of the Russian Government, and said to be the most powerful cruiser afloat, left Messrs. Vickers, Sons & Maxims' yard last Monday. The finishing touches will be performed on the Clyde. Probably the Russian Navy will prefer them to the finishing touches applied at Port Arthur.

A man named Anderson, sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Dunganon, turned fourteen pigs out of their sty and occupied their quarters for the night. Hoggish, to say the least of it.

Paderewski, whilst shaving on his private railroad-car, passing near Cincinnati, severely gashed his face owing to the collision of the car with a shunting engine. A close shave.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller's barber complains that, although he has shaved the millionaire regularly for twenty years, he has never received the smallest tip. More close shaves.

A patent fire-extinguishing machine, with a water-capacity of 450 gallons per minute, has just been exported to Bombay. The Government is evidently determined to dampen the ardour of the Indian revolutionaries.

Mr. Farman, winner of the Deutsch-Archdeacon prize for flying machines, certainly means to show how far man can go towards the conquest of the air.

Sabbath literature is not what it used to be. Mr. Jabez Balfour, the distinguished ex-convict, and Mr. Robert Wood, recently acquitted of the Camden Town murder, have detailed their sensations for the delectation of the readers of the *Weekly Dispatch*, and now Mr. John Lee, the Babbacombe murderer, retails his thrilling narrative for the benefit of the patrons of *Lloyd's News*. Plainly, there is something in having the courage of one's convictions.

Mrs. Rushworth, wife of a York solicitor, has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for gross cruelty to two young girls. The children had been severely burned with flat-irons and red-hot poker. "Suffer the little ones!" means something in York.

The control of the *Times* newspaper has passed into the hands of Mr. C. A. Pearson. "The *Times* has changed" is now the correct expression.

In consequence of the Atlantic rate war, the Cunard and White Star Lines are not on speaking terms. They cut each other dead.

The man in the street says that Tetrizzini has too many syllables in her name. After Patti, why not Tetti?

The governor of one of the United States says that recognition of the negro would be the "capital crime of the ages". Two blacks do not make a white.

General Smuts, of the Transvaal Government, states that they have no intention of modifying their attitude towards Asiatics. No spots on Smuts!

The *Daily Telegraph* has discovered that Ireland suffers from a considerable amount of internal dissension.

Mr. Cosmo Gordon Lennox and Mr. Beerbohm Tree have provided a solution to Dickens' unfinished novel, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and produced a stage version of same. Competent critics, however, say that the mystery is still all of a twist.

Because the Druce grave was opened and found to contain Druce, many people seem to think that the tomb of Bacon ought to be opened to see if it contains traces of Shakespeare.

A movement is on foot to present a testimonial to Mr. Plowden, the well-known magistrate, for resisting the temptation to refer to the Druce exhumation as a "grave" matter.

Amidst a scene of terrific excitement, England won the second Test Match. Australian stocks, however, remain firm. The nervous old gentleman who saw a placard in Fleet Street, "England in Great Peril", is reported to be slightly better.

GENERAL NEWS.

(Continued.)

THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA SPANNED.

A cablegram received at Hamburg on Tuesday by Consul General Carillo, representing the Republic of Guatemala, from M. Barrios, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic, reports the arrival at Guatemala of the first train of the new Transcontinental Railway from Puerto Barrios, connecting the Pacific ocean with the Atlantic. The arrival of the train at the Guatemala railway station was awaited by President Escrada Cabrera, the Ministers, the Diplomatic Body, and a crowd numbering thousands of people, who cheered enthusiastically when the train came in. Speeches were made by President Cabrera, the American Envoy, General Davis, the German Envoy, Graf Schwerin, and others, laying stress on the importance of the line for commerce and industry. The peaceful development of the country, the speakers agreed, was assured.

NEWS FROM FRANCE.

MUTINY ON A CRUISER.

A telegram to the *Petit Journal* from Toulon, reports a mutiny on board the cruiser "Victor Hugo." Shortly after her departure for Casablanca the engineer staff, being discontented with the way in which the work was distributed, refused to perform their duties. It was only by the help of stokers and petty officers that the cruiser was able to reach Morocco.

WAR IN THE AIR.

Rumours are current in Paris that the military authorities are conducting experiments with a new field-gun, specially designed for high-angle fire against airships. The experiments, it is said, have been most successful, and have also demonstrated the effectiveness of a new shell for use in this gun. The projectile is fitted with ingenious mechanism at the head; instantly after leaving the gun muzzle the shell ignites, and continues burning during its flight, so that even if it does not actually hit the balloon its passage in close proximity would almost certainly explode the gas. The new gun bids fair to considerably restrict the possibilities of aerial warfare.

NAVAL GUN EXPLODES.

The Toulon papers publish accounts of an accident on board the armoured cruiser "Victor Hugo." The vessel was carrying out target practice on Tuesday with the new 47 m/m. gun, in the presence of a committee of experts. One of the weapons burst after a few rounds had been fired, but although fragments of steel flew in all directions there were no casualties.

THE CHAMBER OF ADVOCATES AND ANTI-MILITARISM.

The disciplinary Court of the Paris Chamber of Advocates yesterday decided to strike off the list of advocates the name of the anti-militarist Gustav Hervé who, in his journal *La Guerre Sociale*, published an article insulting to the Army and was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for so doing.

THE TIFLIS MAIL ROBBERY. ANOTHER ARREST.

A Russian who gave the name of Vladimir Kruschin, and who is probably connected with the mail robbery near Tiflis last year when 431,000 roubles were stolen, was arrested at Stockholm yesterday. He arrived on Sunday from Finland, and endeavoured at various banks to change 500-rouble notes which were found on examination to belong to the series of numbers 62,901—63,000, stolen last year near Tiflis. Kruschin was arrested as he was leaving Stockholm for the South.

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MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

An official report received at Madrid from Larasch states that Mulai Hafid has been proclaimed Sultan at Wessan. The harbour workers in the Shereefian coast towns have gone on strike.

According to rumours circulating in Tangier the French forces have sustained a severe defeat near Settat, losing 35 killed and an equal number of wounded. It is further said that Settat cannot be held by the French, who are without ammunition. The Tangier correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* states that from an authentic source he learns that General d'Amade has consented to the construction of a railroad from Casablanca to Mediuna.

A telegram from General d'Amade published in Paris on Tuesday reports that order has not been completely restored in the Schauja's district by the attack on Bei Reschid, but that the work has been much facilitated by the organisation of the French connecting posts and flying columns.

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The London *Standard* reports from Tangier that the state of anarchy prevailing in Fez is increasing, and occasions grave apprehension. The mob has looted the Government granaries, and the authorities were threatened with death in case of interference.

HEAT-STRICKEN AUSTRALIA.

According to a Melbourne telegram dated Tuesday, great damage has been done in many districts of Victoria by forest fires. Numerous plantations and homesteads have been destroyed. In Melbourne itself over one hundred fatal cases of heat prostration have occurred.

THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR MILAN.

As announced in our Stop Press telegram yesterday, the identity of the 11 persons killed in the accident near Aquabella has been fully established, and there was no foreigner among them. The traffic is not interrupted; the train to Rome was enabled to continue its journey. The Minister of Finance, Sr. Carcano, and the Senators who were in the train, assisted actively in directing the work of rescuing the injured. The responsibility for the accident appears to rest with a pointsman, who absconded; a warrant has been issued for his apprehension. A searching enquiry into the cause of the accident has been instituted by the Director General of the State Railways and the Minister of Public Works.