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On Wednesday last Professor and Mrs. Schofield received about 250 guests in the Hotel de Rome, Unter den Linden, who had accepted their invitation to a farewell concert and dinner, as they are to depart next week. Among the guests were the British Ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles, and his American colleague, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, several members of the two Embassies, Consul-General and Mrs. Thackara, Colonel and Mrs. Wisser, Captain and Mrs. Belknap, Dr. Dickie, Dr. Fry, the English chaplain, Mr. and Mrs. Hessenberg, Professor Hadley and wife, of Yale, in fact almost the whole American colony, besides many English people. The official German world was represented by Kultusminister Holle, his predecessor Herr v. Studt, Geheimräte Schmidt and Elster. The military authorities had sent two adjutants of the Emperor and a great many officers in brilliant uniforms. The world of science, especially the Berlin University, was, of course, represented by many of its most shining lights, above all, the Rector of the University Professor Stumpf, and Professors Brandt, Adolf Wagner, v. Hansemann, v. Luschin, Richard Meyer, Friedländer, Riesser, Häuser and others. Herr Ludwig Fulda, the well-known author, represented literature. Geheimrat v. Schwabach, the British Consul-General, and Geheimrat Goldberger were also present, and all the Harvard students who are in Berlin at present.

Before the dinner a concert was given by the Halir Quartette, Madame Tila Plachinger, and the pianist Herr Wilhelm Posse.

Dinner was served in three beautifully decorated rooms at small tables. It is reported that the artistic decorations were designed by Mrs. Schofield herself. It was certainly one of the most brilliant affairs that Berlin society has witnessed this winter.

Yesterday, Friday, Professor Schofield held his farewell lecture to his students in the University; and on Saturday night he is going to lecture publicly, in the interest of the Berlin teachers of modern languages, as reported by the *Record*, and on Tuesday next Professor and Mrs. Schofield are sailing for America on the Hamburg-American steamship "Auguste Victoria."

It may interest some of our readers to hear that the voyage from America to Europe last autumn was the wedding trip of Professor and Mrs. Schofield, who were married shortly before their departure.

The managers of the big Minstrel Show, to be held on February 5th and 6th in Berlin and, perhaps, on February 15th in Dresden, are working arduously to ensure an extraordinary success, which is already certain. Now they have every reason to hope that the Crown Prince, who is greatly interested in American "ragtime" music, and the Crown Princess will attend one of the performances, probably that on the first evening.

In response to many requests we have pleasure in giving herewith a complete list of the performers and chorus in the show:

Ballance, Dr. Harriet
Brandenburg, Mrs. Marian
Brown, Mrs. Inga
Buckman Jr., H. H.
Callinan, Mr. W.
Conant, Mr. Richard
Crocker, Miss Florence
Cutsinger, Mrs. Bird
Cyrillacus, Mr. E.
Daust, Mr. H. B.
Derriek, Herr W. A.
Dickson, Miss Elizabeth
Dye, Mr. John, W.
Davis, Arthur N. and wife
Ehinger, Miss Mamie
Fillebrown, Miss Helen
Gross, Dr.
Gallup, Mr. Miner
Hamilton, Mr. Lloyd
Hawkins, Miss Beatrice
Hewes, Miss Evelyn
Hilmer, Mr. Paul
Hirschberg, Miss Elsa
Hobart, Mr.
Hoffmann, The Misses
Hobbs, Mrs. Anne Ewing
Holmes, Miss Lucie
Hofmann, Miss
Jorgulesco, Mrs. Ella
Jackson, Mrs. Grace

Isaacs, Miss Lilah
Isaacson, Dr. Selmar
Kelley, Miss Lois
Kinkeldey, Mr. Otto
Knowles, Mr. Bernard
Knox, Mr. Paul
Knudsen, Miss Charlotte
Kuttner, Dr. Theodore
Lemmel, Miss Gladys
Levy, Mr. Ellis
Marshall, Mr. Ridgely
Matt, Dr. G. Edison
Moore, Mr. Jason
Nettleton, Miss Helen
Pense, Mr. Marshall
Phillips, Dr. H. J.
Pomeroy, Miss
Pullich, Mr. and Mrs. O.
Ragsdale, Mr. Earl J.
Saylor, Mr. J. E.
Silverman, Dr. S. Tilden
Thackara, Miss Eleanor
Thurston, Mr. Theodore
Vickery, Mr. J. H.
Waller, Mrs. Maude R.
Walther, Mr. O.
Werner, Mr.
Whitacre, Miss Bessie
Williams, Miss Anne.

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GENERAL NEWS.

ENGLISH NEWS.

SPEECH BY LORD TWEEDMOUTH.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Tweedmouth, in a speech delivered at Newcastle on Thursday evening, said that it would be a great mistake to entertain the idea of an unlimited fleet programme. Quite apart from that, it was certainly true that Germany has of late very much expedited the extension of her fleet. He believed, however, that England, in her Government and great private dockyards, possessed all that she would require under certain circumstances, viz. materials and ship-builders, that would be quickly available.

UNEXPECTED NAVAL MOBILISATION.

It is reported from London that orders have been unexpectedly received at Devonport for the mobilisation of the local division of the Home Fleet. This is the first time that an experimental naval mobilisation has taken place during Winter.

The *Daily Chronicle* hears that recent target practice in the Channel has not come up to the former high standard.

A report from Shanghai, published by the *Morning Post*, says that after the Chinese new year it is believed that German firms will receive contracts for the building of four cruisers and forty torpedo-boats from the Chinese Government.

A London telegram of Thursday reports that the destroyer "Quail", which had just completed extensive repairs in Portsmouth dockyard after her collision with the cruiser "Attentive" in July last, was on her way out of the harbour when she collided with the gunboat "Hazard" lying at anchor there. The "Quail" sprang a leak amidships, and the engine room was flooded.

THE ATLANTIC RATE WAR.

It is reported from London that the Canadian Pacific Railway has entered into the Transatlantic rate war by reducing its tariff for 2nd class passages to £6 and for 3rd class to £4.10/- or £4, according to the class of ship.

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In tomorrow's issue we shall publish a full account of the *Gauklerfest* in the Ausstellungspalast on Thursday night, written by our special critic.

We learn, however, that the affair was exceedingly well attended—a rough estimate gives the number of those present as 3,000—and that the fun was fast and furious. The audience (by special invitation) assisted the parody performance of *Salome* by pelting the unfortunate actors with "rotten" eggs and apples, but as these seemingly unsavoury missiles contained only harmless con fetti, the bombardment had no unpleasant results.

It is reported that Herr Alfred Elsmann, the correpetitor of the Royal Opera House, has accepted an engagement at the Weimar Royal Theatre, and has also been appointed director of the Bayreuth performances next season.

At the Central Theatre today there will be two performances: in the afternoon, at 3.30, *Christbaums Wanderschaft*, a Fairy Play in 4 scenes by F. A. Geissler, music by G. Pittrich, will be given, at reduced prices, with Herr Oscar Aigner as *Hans Taps* and Herr Edmund as *Tannfried*. In the evening, at 7.30, *Der Rastelbinder*, an operetta in 1 Vorspiel and 2 Acts by Victor Léon, music by Franz Lehár, will be performed.

The programme of the music to be performed at the Vespers service in the Kreuzkirche at 2 o'clock today, the eve of the birthday of His Majesty the Kaiser, will be as follows: (1) "Ernst sein", for organ, op. 174 No. 7 of J. Rheinberger. (2) "Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn", Motet for 8-part choir, op. 81 of H. v. Herzogenburg. (3) "Heilig, heilig, Herr der Welten", prayer for tenor with organ, by Händel. (4) "Zum Geburtstag des Kaisers", general hymn, by F. Spitta. (5) "Ich will dich preisen mit meinem Lied", Recitative and Aria for soprano with organ, op. 48, of Karl Reinthaler. (6) Five-part Paduana for wind instruments with organ, from "Studenten-Musik" by J. Rosenmüller (1620), arranged by Otto Richter. (7) "Salvum fac imperatorem", Motet for 8-part choir, op. 29, of H. Fährmann. The Church Choir, conducted by Herr Otto Richter, Kantor and Kgl. Musikdirektor, will be assisted by Fräulein Meta Mehrtens, soprano; Herr Lindner, tenor; Herr Alfred Sittard, organist of the Kreuzkirche; members of the band of the Garde-reiter Regiment.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 1st Grenadier Regiment No. 100. The band plays about 12.40 p.m. at the Schloss Platz.

In the *Fundamt* of the *Königliche Polizeidirektion*, Schiess Gasse 7, found articles—such as jewellery, gold or notes, purses, umbrellas, sticks, coats, clothing, bunches of keys &c.—which have been lost in the streets or squares or left in droschkes, and been given up, are kept.

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