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BERLIN

In honour of the Kaiser's birthday yesterday flags were hoisted on all the public buildings and many private houses. The windows of many of the shops exhibited patriotic decorations. After the grand *Reveillé*, at which a crowd was present, while the Emperor looked on from a window of the *Sternsaal* in the Palace, His Majesty at 2 o'clock received the congratulations of the Imperial family, and afterwards those of the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, of the General Officers at Head Quarters, and foreign Princes staying in the capital.

Beautifully dressed ladies and a small dozen of gentlemen filled the elegant rooms of the American Women's Club last Saturday evening, at their monthly musical. Mrs. Griswold, the Chairman of the Music and Dramatic Committee, had provided an elaborate program which was executed in a most artistic way by the pianist Madame Avani Carreras and the vocalist Fräulein E. Ohlhoff. It contained pieces by Schumann, Chopin, Volkmann, Tosti, Dessauer, Tschalkowsky and Saint-Saëns, and each number was so warmly applauded that both ladies were compelled to give encores.

The directrice, Miss Redfern, who is doing all her arduous work in a most admirable manner, just because she takes great interest in the welfare of the club,—which fact does not seem to be fully known and appreciated by all members,—had provided tea, lemonade and cake as refreshments. Charming young ladies helped her to arrange the tables and accommodate the guests.

Among those present were Consul-General, Mrs. and the Misses Thackara, Mr. and Mrs. Huttmacher, Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Wisser, Mrs. Maronn and sister, the Misses Cobb, Miss Foy, Mrs. Dickson, Vice-Consul Cauldwell and many others. Mr. Thackara was always surrounded by a merry crowd of young ladies and seemed to be "Hahn im Korbe", as the German saying goes.

Mrs. Thackara announced that the preparations for the minstrel show were going on in a most satisfactory way, that the chances for a brilliant success were excellent, and that the sale of tickets would begin within a very few days.

The Berlin Press unanimously considers the great exhibition of old English masterworks in the Royal Academy of Arts, Pariser Platz 4, as an extraordinary event such as the German capital has never seen before. On Sunday the general public was admitted for the first time at an admission fee of 5 marks; from Monday on the admission fee is 2 marks. An elegant crowd fairly flooded the rooms filled with the fine English pictures.

There was general surprise, when in the late afternoon the lights were turned on, that the pictures could be seen even at greater advantage than during the day. This proves that the artistic management of the Academy has solved a serious problem in an admirable way. There are no big, clumsy looking arc-lights in the rooms, but in the glass-roofing are hidden small electric lamps with a great lighting capacity, and the light produced there is let in at the same angle as the regular daylight. Of an ordinary Berlin winterday the diffused sunlight is rather slim, while the electric light in the evening is independent from weather influences, and to the managers of the Academy great credit is due for having taken advantage of this independence.

It will interest many of our readers to learn, that the "Photographische Gesellschaft" of Berlin (An der Stechbahn 1), is preparing a collection of photo-engravings, reproductions of the masterpieces exhibited there. Only a limited number of the two editions will be sold. The first 150 copies will be of Japanese paper and are sold at a price of 420 marks, and 350 copies on English engraving paper, at 210 marks the volume, containing about eighty sheets measuring on the average 18 by 24 centimetres.

The delegation of King Edward's Prussian Regiment of Hussars, sent to London by the Emperor to congratulate the King on his silver jubilee as

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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

APPROACHING COMMERCIAL DEPRESSION.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Lloyd George, in a speech held at Cardiff, said that the economic depression existing in Germany and the United States would probably spread to Great Britain, but it could be confidently asserted that such depression would be kept within moderate limits.

UNEMPLOYED DISTURBANCE.

A crowd of unemployed men who were marching from Manchester to London, came into conflict with the police at Birmingham. At that place they were reinforced by a contingent of the workless, the entire body numbering about 1,000 men, some of whom attacked the police. Four arrests were made, and the procession was escorted by the police to the town limits.

THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY.

The German Ambassador, Graf Wolff-Metternich, was among King Edward's guests at the dinner given at Windsor Castle yesterday in honour of the Kaiser's birthday.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION.

Senator Aldrich and other members of the Finance Committee, according to a Washington cable of Sunday, have brought in an amendment to the Aldrich Currency Bill of the 7th instant, increasing the amount of notes in circulation by 500 million dollars. The Treasury of the United States will be made responsible for the payment of all notes issued after that. The amendment was to be laid before the Finance Committee yesterday.

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DRESDEN

On the occasion of the Kaiser's birthday yesterday a Reception was held at the Anglo-American Club, which was attended by about 200 ladies and gentlemen. The Reverend Dr. Ward Denys delivered an address in honour of His Majesty which was loudly cheered. We hope to give a fuller report in our issue of tomorrow.

Grand Art Exhibition Dresden, 1908. In the department "Art and Culture under the Saxon Electors" rooms corresponding to the centuries will be arranged, mostly after originals which are to be found in abundance in the Royal palaces and castles, but partly after models selected by the Management from private houses. Studies for the copies have been made on the spot. The furniture, pictures, and other fittings for the single rooms of the Saxon house are derived for the most part from Royal residences, although private owners have also contributed beautiful examples. The six large halls will certainly attract universal attention.

The programme of the concert which will be given in the Palmengarten this evening at 7 o'clock by Frida Trodler-Striegler (soprano) assisted by Johannes Striegler (violin), is as follows:

Mozart's Arie from the opera "Il re pastore" with violin obligato. Schubert's Suleika; Du bist die Ruh'; An die Nachtigall; Liebe schwärmt auf allen Wegen; Liebhaber in allen Gestalten. Spohr's Concerto No. 8 op. 47 (song scene) for violin. Brahms' An eine Aeolsharfe; Komm' bald; Auf dem Schiffe; Der Jäger. Otto Urbach's Capriccio op. 5 for violin and piano. Kurt Striegler's Aufblick; Nachtgesicht; Abendgruss; Das bunte Vöglein; Das Pfeiferlein. Accompanist, Kurt Striegler.

The programme of the vocal concert of Melanie Dietel assisted by Herr Arthur Zenker (cello) which will be given in the Palmengarten on Thursday 30 instant at 7 o'clock, is as follows: Bononcini's La Speranza i cori affida. Perti's Begli occhi (arranged by A. Fuchs); Paradies; Quel ruscelletto, arranged by A. Schimon. Schubert's Vor meiner Wiege; Heimweh; Die Forelle. Schumann's Ihre Stimme; Mondnacht. Thuille's Sonata for cello and piano. Reger's Schlichte Weisen; Gluck: Mit Rosen bestreut; Mein Schätzlein; Wenn die Linde blüht. Wolf's Zum neuen Jahr; Zillinger: Antwort. Pfitzner's Wie Frühlingsahnung weht es durch die Lande. Accompanist, Herr Richard Schmidt.

At the grand sacred concert to be given on Sunday next in the Martin Luther Kirche by the Lehmann-Osten Choir, there will be performed: compositions for mixed and female choirs by Mozart, Reger, Schubert (the grand *Hallelujah*, Reinhold Becker, Albert Becker, and Mendelssohn (*Laudate pueri*)). Tickets may be obtained from the firms F. Ries and Brauer, from the parochial office Martin Luther Platz 5, and at the Ehrlich School of Music, Walpurgis Strasse 18, I.

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

Tomorrow there will be two performances: in the afternoon, at 3.30, at reduced prices, *Christbaums Wanderschaft*, a Fairy Play by F. A. Geissler, music by G. Pittrich, will be given, and at 7.30 p. m., at the usual prices, *Der Rastelbinder*.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 2nd Jäger Battalion No. 12. The band plays about 12.30 p. m. in the Neustadt.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

If the anonymous correspondent who has written us on the subject of Christian Science will kindly send her name and address (not to be published) to this office, as a guarantee of good faith, we shall be pleased to print her letter in due course.

Whoever has lost or left anything in the streets or squares of this city should enquire for the same at the *Fundamt* (lost property office) of the *Königliche Polizeidirektion*, Schless Gasse 7.