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The exhibition of old English masterworks at the Royal Academy of Arts came to an end at 8 o'clock yesterday evening.

Many of the pictures will be sent from Berlin to Copenhagen, for exhibition in Jacobsen's Ny Karlsberg-Glyptothek, an arrangement largely due to the personal efforts of H. M. Queen Alexandra of England, who is sister to the King of Denmark. Many of the owners willingly agreed to this further exhibition of their pictures, but the Duke of Westminster has declined to allow his famous "Blue Boy" to be sent; the lovely portrait of Lady Caroline Price, owned by Sir Julius Wernher, will also go directly back to England.

The average number of daily visitors to the Academy of Arts was 2,500 to 3,000, the exhibition attracting more attention than any previous one since the display of Böcklin's work in the old Academy buildings. The total value of the English pictures approximated about 18 million marks. The expenses in connexion with the affair were cleared last week, and the surplus will go into the coffers of the Academy.

In connexion with the late exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, it may be mentioned that the following ladies of Berlin society have consented to represent living pictures of the old English masterworks at the great charity performance, under the patronage of the Crown Princess, in the Blüthner-Scharwenka Saal on March 7th: Countess v. Looz-Corswarem, Countess Matuschka, Baroness v. Stumm, Countess Rehlinger, Baroness v. Szögyenyi-Marich, daughter of the Ambassador of Austria-Hungary, Frau v. Etdorf, Fräulein Goldschmidt, Fräulein v. Hagenow, Madame Mannheimer, Fräulein Mosse, Countess Potulicka-Skorczewska and Fräulein v. Siemens. The artistic management is in the hands of Prince Anton von Hohenzollern, who will be assisted by the two well-known painters, Professor Julius Kraut and Herr Bodenstern.

The sporting committee of the *Deutsche Reichs-ausschuss für die Olympischen Spiele* in London held an important meeting under the chairmanship of Count Asseburg on Sunday last. It was resolved to compete in all sporting events of the London games, above all in gymnastics, cycling, athletics, fencing, lawn-tennis, rowing and sharp-shooting. A delegation of eighty or ninety members will take part in the great Stadion competitions. To secure the necessary means for the rather expensive trip a great sporting festival will be arranged in the Circus Busch for April 11th.

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THE LIBERAL PROGRAMME.

The General Committee of the National Liberal Federation met at Leicester last Friday in order to discuss, appositely or inappositely (for it is a question of outlook) every burning topic of the day. By a mischance, to which Liberal meetings have begun to make us accustomed, the length of the earlier speeches and the fervour displayed over the suffrage question pushed the most important topics into oblivion. Resolutions respecting the House of Lords, the unrest in Macedonia and the reform of Parliamentary elections, points on which the opinion of the Liberal rank and file would have been more than instructive, were not touched. In place of any tangible proposals Mr. Dyke Acland, the President, delivered an address on the Government's record and position so suffused with optimism that neither by-elections, nor shallow promises unfulfilled, nor the grim opposition of public opinion dimmed for one moment the radiance of his hopes. On the contrary, it was a magnificent record; the Government were thinking both of the young and the old—or, in language that plain men can understand, an Education Bill which is dead and an old-age pension scheme which has not yet been born are held up as precious achievements. This may be good thinking, but it is bad action; nor does it become better as it grows every day more tentative and vacillating. "I do not think," says Mr. Dyke Acland, speaking of the by-elections, "that that matters very much, nor do I propose to inquire into the causes of the losses we have sustained." This, to be sure, is true resignation: combined with the "dogged optimism" Mr. Dyke Acland advocates it is no less than heroic philosophy. We should scarcely be surprised if the Government will live with posterity for its power of gilding failures with the lustre of fine principles.

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DRESDEN

A full report of the great Minstrel Show at the Vereinhans last night will appear in our issue of tomorrow.

The V. Petri Quartet Concert. A novelty introduced to us by Herren Petri, Warwas, Spitzner, and Wille is sure of success. Vague experimenting is not the business of this eminent quartet. Sound critical sense carefully appraises the value of new quartet works and selects the best; and when these four excellent artists, with their mature powers and their ardent musical temperament, take newly-found work in hand, its success is guaranteed. On Monday evening the care of the four artists was devoted to the Bohemian composer Josef Suk, who has already distinguished himself as a composer as much as in his position of second violin in the famous "Bohemian Quartet."

The Suk quartet in B-flat op. 11 is no longer quite a new work, as it was actually written twelve years ago. It reveals plainly the influence of Anton Dvorák, to whose school the young master belongs. But the composition contains as well—particularly in the finely rhythmized *Intermezzo* and the broadly flowing *Adagio* movement—so much that is individual and personal, that one cannot speak of the author as a Dvorák descendant. Besides, the treatment of the four instruments is so exceedingly clear, and takes such exact account of their peculiarities of tone, as only a quartet-player of passion could effectuate.

Brahms' great string quartet in C-minor, op. 51 No. 1, with the intoxicatingly beautiful *Romance*, the most deeply pathetic that Brahms wrote, met with a reception as enthusiastic as if it had been newly discovered. And in point of fact, as these four artists treat such a work, new and almost unheard-of beauties are constantly appearing in it. That intuitive genius was brought to bear to great purpose on the second and third movements of the very antiquated quartet in F-minor of Cherubini. Failing such a fine interpretation as the four artists gave the work, scarcely a hand would have stirred to applaud it. As it was, a storm of applause broke out.

M. N.

At the concert of Hans Neumann (violin) and Karl Fehling (pianoforte) on Friday, March 6, at the Neustädter Kasino, works by the following masters will be played; for violin, Bach, E. Bossi, Tschalkowsky, Bruch and Sinigaglia, and for pianoforte, Bach and Beethoven.

Jeanne van Oldenbarnevelt, specialist for singing, hygienic speaking and breathing gymnastics, who appeared in Leipzig with such success in the foregoing week, will deliver an artistic and scientific lecture entitled "Die Atmungskunst des Menschen im Dienste der Wissenschaft und im Dienste der Kunst," on Friday, March 6, in the small hall of the Gewerbehaus. Tickets at 3, 2 and 1 marks.

The pianoforte recital of Percy Sherwood with the kind assistance of Herr Johs. Smith (cello) will take place on Saturday, March 7, at 7.30 p.m. in the Palmengarten.

At the Central Theatre today the last performance but one of *Christbaums Wanderschaft*, by F. A. Geissler, music by G. Pittrich, will take place at 3.30 p.m., at reduced prices. *Der fidele Bauer*, an operetta in 1 Prologue and 2 Acts by Victor Léon, music by Leo Fall, will be given in the evening, at 7.30, at the usual prices.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 2nd Jäger Battalion No. 13, the band plays at the Schloss Platz about 12.30 p.m.

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A SHAFT THAT MISSED ITS MARK.

A North of England clergyman who recently preached against ill-natured gossiping, and spoke pretty plainly to his congregation on the subject, relates his experiences in the *Church Family Newspaper*. One of the members of the congregation to whom he was especially alluding came up to him after the service. The vicar thought he had touched her, and that she was about to express contrition, but she said, "Ah, vicar, I am so glad you spoke out, and what a good thing it was the Misses — were there to hear you."

3,800 ANARCHISTS IN LONDON.

It is the wide liberties of England which makes it possible for 3,800 Anarchists to shelter in London (says *Cassell's Saturday Journal*). England allows the widest possible liberty even to them. But even in England, if the initiative Anarchist determined on assassination or bomb-throwing, it would be practically impossible to prevent him. Many of the papers circulating among Anarchists in London and elsewhere tell how bombs may be manufactured; and with a bomb or an infernal machine in his pocket society has no defence against him.

THE LIBERAL PROGRAMME.

(Continued.)

As we have repeatedly maintained, the Government cannot destroy facts by resolutely choosing to ignore them. Yet Mr. Lehmann, whose opinion is quite representative enough of the Liberal rank and file, saw fit to air a much discredited view on the necessity of reduced armaments. So long as nations are not at each other's throats the King's Speech will continue to employ the conventional phrase that relations with foreign Powers are good and friendly. When Mr. Lehmann uses that phrase in order to base on it a harangue on the reduction of armaments he is making poor capital; and, when the answer to the shipbuilding activities of other Powers is that England should discourage the mad race by allowing herself to be outstripped, we can see nothing beyond narrowness or a dangerous self-sufficiency. Foreign relations need not be critical to be difficult; and until there are clearer signs that friction is not imminent discussions on the reduction of armaments are a waste of time and energy. But it is characteristic of Liberal enthusiasm to fritter itself away on ideal or subsidiary issues. No sooner had one pointless debate been terminated than another one, more pointless still, was begun; and was, indeed, continued with such warmth of feeling that the really important items of the programme were not reached at all. This was the debate on the suffrage. A resolution advocating a bill which would provide one uniform qualification regardless of sex, marriage, and value, based on a three months' residence, was lost; but not until there had been some output of recriminations. A second resolution, advocating the extension of the franchise to women, was passed by a somewhat small majority. It would be idle to pretend that these opinions are the official policy of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's administration; but they are certainly the material of which he must construct his policy, and what is more they are the material on which the bulk of the nation must base its views. The Government can hardly ignore the views of its following, and the country can hardly judge of the Government until it knows what mandate it is obeying. The cry of social reform cannot be used much longer like seven-league boots in the pursuit of ideal conditions. Election cries may win a victory but they will not keep a Government in power, or popularize unpopular legislation. The present Government, we maintain, is losing its hold on the nation; not so much because its legislation is bad as because it is one-sided, and not so much because it is pretentious as because it is inadequate. Imperial issues have been shirked and are being shirked day by day. Every stimulus to the welfare of the nation is being interpreted as a steady wave of ascendancy, and every depression is accepted as a wise precaution of nature. Broad issues are ignored in order that blind complacency may become widespread; and on the other hand, where there is not self-congratulation there is much acrid disagreement. These are symptoms which augur ill for the life of the Government. Without a leader, with disunion in its councils and in its camp, and with the voice of the country sounding discontentedly in its wake, can one wonder that its assurances of hope, courage, faith, enthusiasm seem a little forced and hollow?

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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

In the House of Lords on Monday, in the course of the debate on the Congo Free State question, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, Lord Fitzmaurice, set forth the difficulties of the question as well in international respects as for Belgium, remarking on the delicate nature of the annexation negotiations. It would be an exaggeration to say that no progress had been made for a year past. Lord Fitzmaurice referred to the feeling in the United States with regard to the Congo, laid stress on the importance of the co-operation of the United States and Great Britain, and said: "We have exchanged views with the Government at Washington, and our respective representatives at Brussels have done likewise. Nothing could be more valuable for the cause of reform in the Congo territory and nothing more agreeable for Great Britain than that this co-operation should continue and extend still farther. The British Government regarded the situation with anxiety, as the existing state of things was contrary to the dictates of humanity and to the obligations imposed by treaty. Although we are unwilling to go into particulars relating to matters which the Government leaves entirely to the patriotism and the wisdom of the Belgian people and Parliament, England would not regard any agreement as satisfactory that did not conform to the demands of humanity and to treaty obligations."

THE HEALTH OF THE PREMIER.

London, February 25. The condition of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman gives rise to much anxiety. He has passed a very bad night.

London, February 25. In spite of all statements to the contrary it is believed in parliamentary circles that the Prime Minister will resign, unless his health improves within a certain time.

London, February 25. (Later.) There are persistent rumours that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has already resigned, or that he intends to resign, his office as Prime Minister on the ground that his health is no longer equal to the burden of office. In the lobby of the House it is said that the Cabinet has earnestly requested Sir Henry to delay his resignation as long as possible. It was semi-officially announced this afternoon that the report that the Prime Minister had resolved to resign and that the Cabinet had agreed to continue in office with Mr. Asquith at its head, was without foundation.

THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

London, February 24. The naval building programme for the current year is as follows: One battleship of the improved "Dreadnought" type, one large armoured cruiser, six fast protected cruisers and 16 torpedo-boat-destroyers. The Naval Budget for 1908/09 amounts to £32,319,500, as against £31,419,500 for the preceding year.

London, February 24. The memorandum of the Navy Estimates states that, in spite of the strictest economy, the Estimates have increased to £900,000. It is also stated that the reductions initiated in 1904, and which were expected to continue, have no longer become possible. The ships authorised under the present Estimates will be laid down on the first of April. Half a million sterling will be devoted to the construction of new submarines.—An appended memorandum explicitly adds that the present programme is liable to be increased in the event of further naval expansion on the part of foreign Powers.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

London, February 25. The Army Estimates amount to £27,459,000. Exclusive of India, the regular Army comprises 96,625 infantry, 14,537 cavalry, 19,307 Horse and Field artillery, 13,610 Garrison artillery, 9,136 Engineers, 6,811 Army Service Corps, 8,451 men for the Colonial troops and the Indian native army, 2,743 special troops, 4,645 medical service troops, 1,700 men to cover temporary or occasional deficiencies in the strength of all arms, 3,971 men special reserves and militia, 1,981 Staff, 1,483 men for different parts of the Army; in all 185,000, compared with 190,000 for the year 1907-8. For India the strength is only increased by 188 men.

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SHIPBUILDING STRIKE TEMPORARILY OVER.

London, February 24. As the result of a conference with Mr. Lloyd George, the President of the Board of Trade, a temporary agreement has been arrived at for the settlement of the strike in the shipbuilding industry, which the representatives of the employers and the employed will recommend to the acceptance of their respective parties. Mr. Lloyd George received deputations today from the shipbuilders and the carpenters.

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This afternoon:
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This evening:

Royal Opera House	Götterdämmerung	at 6.30
Royal Theatre	Auf Nissenskoog	" 7.30
Deutsches Theatre	Was ihr wollt	" 7.30
	(Kammerspiele) Frühlings Erwachen	" 8
Lessing Theatre	Wenn wir Toten erwachen	" 8
Rebhel Theatre	Frau Warren's Gewerbe	" 8
Berliner Theatre	Der Opernball	" 8
New Theatre	Sinon (Ferd. Bonn)	" 8
New Schauspielhaus	Judith	" 8
Kleines Theatre	Zweimal zwei ist fünf	" 8
Residenz Theatre	Bibl. Der selige Octave	" 8
Trianon Theatre	Baron Toto	" 8
Schiller Theatre O.	Der rote Leutnant	" 8
" " Charlotten-		
burg	College Crampton	" 8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Nathan der Weise	" 8
Luisen Theatre	Des Mädchens Lebenswege	" 8
Comic Opera	Tiefland	" 8
Lortzing Theatre	Don Juan	" 7.30
Theatre an der Spree	Ausgewiesener	" 8
Serubard Rose Theatre	Kean	" 8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus	Der Trompeter von Säckingen	" 8
Lastspielhaus	Panne	" 8
Theatre des Westens	Ein Walzertraum	" 8
Urania Theatre	Vortragsabend 6. Wissenschaftl. Verein, Die Sinesorgane der Pflanzen (Prof. Dr. Haberlandt)	" 8

Every evening until further notice.

Metropol Theatre	Das muss man seh'n	at 8
Casino Theatre	Die Freuden der Häuslichkeit	" 8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten (Otto Reutter)	" 8
Apollo Theatre	Mitilaw der Moderne. La belle Alexia. Beim schönen Anton	" 8
Central Theatre	Ein seltsamer Fall	" 8
Passage Theatre	Spezialitäten (Danny Gürtler)	" 8
Gehr. Herrfeld Theatre	Papa und Genossen. Salomonisches Urteil	" 8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
Folies Caprice	Mal was anders. Jeunesse dorée. Paraphrase 343	" 8
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
Folies Bergère	Spezialitäten (Guerrero)	Sundays " 8.30

STOP PRESS NEWS.

London, February 25. King Edward will probably travel to Biarritz on Monday next, making a two day's stay at Paris en route. The travelling arrangements of the Queen have not yet been decided.

Hamburg, February 25. In consequence of a broken propeller-shaft the British steam trawler "Feal" of Boston, Lincolnshire, foundered in the North Sea. The crew of nine men took to the boats and were picked up by another British steamer, which brought them to Hamburg today.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.*
By H. C. B.

Is a physician morally justified in hastening the end of such incurable cases as are attended with unbearable agony? Probably there is no question which has been more debated than the foregoing, but, pending the introduction of sane legislation on the point, a decision must be reached in each individual case by the responsible physician himself. While there is life there is hope, appears to be the only argument brought against the humanitarian plea for the administration of an anaesthetic *coup de grâce* when a sufferer is enduring frightful torture from disease or injury, the ultimate result of which is a foregone conclusion.

Around this theme Mrs. Wharton has succeeded in constructing a very readable narrative, but despite its undeniable interest and cleverness the length of the book proves a tax on the reader's patience. We are again compelled to put forward the query: why must lady novelists invariably fill two volumes? The feminine attribute of mercy might in this case be exercised for the benefit of the hapless reviewer.

The rather unheroic hero John Amherst (John, of course,—that time-honoured cognomen of the lady novelist) is unusually wooden, priggish and unnatural, but he is luckily overshadowed by some excellent characters, which show Mrs. Wharton in her happiest vein. The episode of Bessy Amherst's death is invested with strong dramatic interest, and forms the kernel of the story. All in all, the present work is a by no means unworthy contribution to modern American fiction.

* The Fruit of the Tree, by Edith Wharton. Tauchnitz Edition, 2 Volumes.

DRESDEN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

Royal Opera House.
 Tonight, beginning at 7.30, ending after 10

Der fliegende Holländer.
 (The flying Dutchman.)
 Opera in three acts by Richard Wagner.

Cast:
 Daland, a Norwegian skipper . . . Herr Rains.
 Senta . . . Frau Krull.
 Erik, a hunter . . . Herr Sembach.
 Mary, Senta's nurse . . . Fräul. v. Chavanne.
 Daland's mate . . . Herr Rüdiger.
 The Dutchman . . . Herr Perron.

PLOT. Daland, a Norwegian sailor, anchors on a deserted coast on his way home. Here he meets the Flying Dutchman, who is doomed to wander from sea to sea till he can find a maiden faithful to him. Once in seven years he is allowed to land and seek her. He offers all his wealth to Daland if he may be allowed to woo his daughter, Senta. The picture of the Flying Dutchman, which hangs in Daland's house, has always fascinated Senta until she has gradually come to love him although she is loved by Erik. While the other girls are spinning, she sings to them the ballad of the doomed man who once, when the wind was contrary as he had in vain tried to round the Cape of Good Hope, had sworn that he would try to do so for ever. Senta's father appears with the Dutchman, who woos her and is accepted at once. Erik implores Senta not to give him up, charging her with infidelity. The Dutchman, on hearing this, sets her free and sails away. Senta, having sworn eternal fidelity to him, throws herself into the waves. Immediately the Dutchman's ship sinks, and he is united to Senta in heaven.

Composer: Richard Wagner, born 1813, died 1883.

Thursday night	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	at 7.30
Friday night	Rigoletto	" 7.30
Saturday night	Tannhäuser	" 7
Sunday night	Tiefland	" 7.30
Monday night	Mignon	" 7.30

Royal Theatre Neustadt.

Tonight	Stella und Antonio	at 7.30
Thursday night	Wallensteins Lager. Die Piccolomini	" 7
Friday night	Johannistauer	" 7.30
Saturday night	Die Rabensternin	" 7.30
Sunday night	Wallensteins Tod	" 7
Monday night	Zweimal zwei ist fünf	" 7.30

Residenz Theatre.

This afternoon	Blond Effecken or: Im Zauberreich des Hutbrass	at 3.30
Tonight	Ein Walzertraum	" 7.30
Thursday night	Flotte Bursehe. Zehn Mädchen und kein Mann	" 7.30
Friday night	Die Glocken von Cornerville	" 7.30
Saturday afternoon	Blond Effecken or: Im Zauberreich des Hutbrass	" 3.30
Saturday night	Ein Walzertraum	" 7.30

Central Theatre.

This afternoon	Christbaums Wanderschaft	at 3.30
Tonight	Der fidele Bauer	" 7.30
Thursday night	Der fidele Bauer	" 7.30
Friday night	Der fidele Bauer	" 7.30
Saturday afternoon	Christbaums Wanderschaft	" 3.30
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GENERAL NEWS.

(Continued).

THE NEW EDUCATION BILL.

London, February 24. The Education Bill was brought in today by the President of the Board of Education, Mr. McKenna. It bears a much more decided character than that brought in two years ago by Mr. Birrell, and provides that in future there shall be only one kind of public elementary school which shall be conducted and supervised by the local authority without any religious test for the teachers. The voluntary schools will no longer receive grants from the local authorities but, like the public elementary schools, will be provided more liberally with funds by the State. In districts where there are only voluntary schools these will cease to exist as such, and will be taken over by the local authority and carried on as public elementary schools; but facilities will be given for religious instruction out of regular school hours.

Mr. Balfour sharply attacked the Bill, and the renewal of strife on the education question appears unavoidable.

PROJECTED NAVAL STRONGHOLDS.

London, February 25. In the Memorandum of the Naval Estimates considerable space is devoted to details of the creation of a great naval base at Rosyth, at which place excavations for the construction of docks will shortly commence. Full details of the work will be published at a later date. When the base is completed, which will be in ten years' time, Rosyth will have accommodation for 22 warships.

It is rumoured here that the Government is considering plans for the construction of another great naval base at Hastings, which will protect the coast of Sussex against hostile aggression. Naval authorities in England have asserted that only at two points is the English coast vulnerable to a foreign landing, viz. at Deal on the Kentish coast, and at Hastings; the latter place is especially favourable for the landing of troops, the shore being free from rocks. The Admiralty considers that Deal is adequately protected by its proximity to the neighbouring fortress of Dover, the completion of which is expected within the year. If Hastings was also converted into a stronghold it is believed that the English coast would be rendered impregnable to foreign assault. It is recalled that the only successful invasion of England during 900 years was that by William the Conqueror, who landed at Pevensey, near Hastings. The assertion of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir John Fisher, that invasion is a bogey of the imagination, is now being seriously questioned.

AMERICAN NEWS.

TRAGIC EXPLOSION IN THE WEST INDIES.

New York, February 24. According to a telegram from Puerto Plata, on the coast of Dominica, a terrible explosion occurred yesterday at the neighbouring town of Cotin. A christening ceremony was in progress at the time, and the explosion killed the infant, besides resulting in serious injuries to 40 of the guests, including two generals. Many adjacent houses were utterly destroyed. It is believed that the outrage was wilfully perpetrated.

DEFENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

London, February 25. The American correspondent of the *Daily News* learns from an authoritative source in Washington that everything is in readiness for the commencement of work on the Manila fortifications within the next three weeks. Already the capital of the Philippines is one of the strongest fortresses in the Far East, 6½ million dollars having been expended on the work during the past twelve months. Rear-Admiral Sperry, at present commanding the fourth division of the fleet now on its way to San Francisco, has been chosen as commandant of the Manila naval base.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF MR. EDISON.

New York, February 25. The friends of Mr. Thomas Alva Edison are very much concerned about his health. Yesterday he underwent a serious operation, which appears to have been successful, but on account of his unsatisfactory general condition the case gives rise to great anxiety. For some years Mr. Edison's hearing has been failing, this being caused by chronic catarrh of the ear, which lately took an acute form and culminated in the formation of an abscess. Three years ago a similar operation was performed. The inventor is suffering great pain and has a high fever; it is understood that the issue is somewhat questionable.

New York, February 25. The latest bulletin says that Mr. Edison passed a fairly good night. The crisis is believed to have passed, but there is always the chance of an unexpected complication arising. The inventor's wife has remained at the bed-side since the condition of Mr. Edison became grave. On Monday it was found necessary to convey the patient from his home in Orange, N. J., to a New York hospital, where an operation was immediately performed. Since his illness became known Mr. Edison has received messages of sympathy from all parts of the United States.

W. R. HEARST AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Chicago, February 25. Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the Democratic politician and newspaper proprietor, has arrived here to establish his political head-quarters, preparatory to entering the arena as a candidate for the Presidency. He intends to create a national organisation from the "Independent League" founded by him, which is to further his candidature. A meeting has been arranged for next Saturday, at which a resolution will be passed postponing the Independent convention, as it is understood that Mr. Hearst will himself be nominated at a later date as the party's candidate. The apostle of "yellow" journalism has issued the following proclamation: "Our programme is the restoration of government to the hands of the people. The old parties have out-lived their potency; the future of the Democratic party is precarious; the Republicans vacillate between the radicalism of Roosevelt, the conservatism of Cannon, and the hypocrisy of Hughes."

Among the Democrats and Republicans are many who acknowledge that the trenchant criticism of both parties by Mr. Hearst is mostly justified; nevertheless, it is considered that it would be absurd to reckon him as a formidable opponent. On the other hand, it must not be forgotten that Hearst has many advantages on his side. He possesses considerable influence in certain political circles, his funds are unlimited, and he controls a great Press organisation. It is quite on the cards that his weight thrown into the scale on behalf of either party may decide the contest, but such a move is considered improbable.

NEWS FROM FRANCE.

M. PICHON ON THE MOROCCAN WAR.

Paris, February 25. In answering the interpellation of M. Jaurès yesterday, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Pichon, stated that he had instructed M. Malpertuis, the French Consul in Casablanca, to inform Mulai Hafid that the representatives of France are willing to receive his Kaid. At the same time, Mulai Hafid will be made aware of the objections to his conduct in attacking the French troops at the moment when he was offering his mediation, in order to secure the submission of the tribes. M. Pichon also gave particulars of the latest fight, and remarked that the excitement which it has caused in the public mind is out of proportion to the incident itself. It should not be forgotten that the French troops have to do, not only with the nomad tribes, but with the trained soldiers of Mulai Hafid, who are equipped with repeating rifles and cannon. Since the beginning of the campaign, which has now lasted seven months, the French forces have lost, in 19 engagements, 57 killed and 211 wounded. Three fourths of the men killed were native Algerian levies. Painful though the losses are, they need not cause a panic among French families. There is nothing disquieting in the situation; the pessimism and discouragement which have been rife in the past month are not justified.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF TERRORISTS.

St. Petersburg, February 24. During the recent extensive arrests 96 persons were taken into custody. Some of these, however, were subsequently released, no evidence being produced against them. Most of those detained were conveyed to the gloomy fortress of Peter and Paul, where they created a riot, destroying furniture and otherwise causing much damage. The wholesale arrests were due to an informer named Bogdanof, who was recently arrested at the Finland railway depot and attempted to throw a bomb at his pursuers.

SEVERE WEATHER CAUSES DAMAGE.

Berlin, February 25. Powerful gales accompanied by showers of hail swept over central Germany on Sunday, doing considerable damage in Hanover, Thuringia and Saxony. Telegraph wires were torn down, trees uprooted in the woods, and houses unroofed. From Westphalia in particular comes news of extensive damage.

In consequence of the heavy rains and the rapid melting of snow in the mountains, the River Elbe rose very quickly during the last two days. On Monday the water was 140 c/m above the zero mark at Dresden.

THE KISS OF PEACE.

Many decades ago it was the recognised thing—indeed, one might almost say the duty—of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to impress a kiss on the forehead of every debutante who attended the Drawing Room. His Excellency represented the King and Queen, and was thus within his rights. There were many reasons why the custom was discontinued. Modesty, on the part of the Viceroy, as also on that of the young lady, had a good deal to do with it. But there was another reason, which was that in those days rouge and powder made the operation very disagreeable for all concerned.

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