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MR. KEIR HARDIE'S RETURN TO ENGLAND.

Not many months have passed since Mr. Keir Hardie gave unmistakable evidence of his aptitude for practical politics; nor is it likely that his consolation of the disaffected elements among the British subjects of India during a time of difficulty will be forgotten. Since those memorable events took place Mr. Keir Hardie has seen many lands and peoples, and has at last returned to his native shores amid the congratulations of his partisans. We are far from grudging him his welcome, for whatever his shortcomings as a politician, Mr. Keir Hardie is a man who has gained great influence through the sheer force of sincerity, personal probity, and honest effort. That his utterances should be treated with the respect we gladly enough extend to his personality is not, however, the best token of good sense; and it must therefore cause a certain amount of surprise that he has been accepted as one of the candidates for the Rector of Glasgow University. Achievement as well as character, distinction as well as uprightness, has hitherto been the primary qualification for such an honour; but whether it is in science, in letters, or in the art of statesmanship that Mr. Keir Hardie has become distinguished his supporters do not avow; so that we are bound to conclude that he has been selected mainly because he has chosen to treat his ideals as his every-day business irrespective of their character as ideals, or because as a working man he has upheld the dignity of work in the eyes of the world, or perhaps because he has overcome the obstacles of his environment with some measure of success. These are the qualities of a good citizen, although only within theoretical limits (as events have amply shewn), and if they are accepted as forming the qualities of a great citizen we shall not err in believing that the standard of public service today is not what it has been in the past.

The welcome accorded to him early in the week by the Glasgow Independent Labour Party is more intelligible than the welcome of a section in the University. Mr. Keir Hardie's address in the City Hall was received with enthusiasm, and especially his peroration, which might just as well have concluded an atheistic sermon as a review of political events. "There is a movement here in this country now," said Mr. Keir Hardie, "which, joining with similar movements all over the world, is working for the realization of the time when poverty, misery, destitution, and heartache will be abolished from the world, and when men shall worship the true and the beautiful for their own sake. . . . I shall stretch a hand of comradeship to all peoples and to all classes, and bid them in God's name unite for the overthrow of wrong and the installation of all that is right." This, then, is the measure of Mr. Keir Hardie's Socialism; it is the measure of the aspirations of the movement and the measure of its failure. If the most rigid of Conservatives could believe for a moment that Socialism was able to achieve this end, or to approximate to this end, he would become the most enthusiastic of Socialists. But it is clear that these high ideals of the dignity of human life and toil lie beyond and above the actual issues of political thought; that these speculations are inconsistent with the instincts of the large majority of human beings; that Socialism, when it is not an ideal, is the hasty rejection of all those principles of progress which the human race has learned from the development of centuries, and in the school of suffering, sacri-

STOP PRESS NEWS.

BRITISH NAVAL DISASTER.

We regret to report that during manoeuvres in the English Channel on Thursday night, the armoured cruiser "Berwick" ran down the torpedo-boat-destroyer "Tiger", which foundered immediately. An official statement issued in connection with the disaster states that 35 men of the destroyer's crew were drowned.

This is one of the most serious catastrophes which have happened to British warships during recent years. No further details are conveyed in the Portsmouth telegram.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH SERVICE INTERRUPTED.

Serious interruption in the Indian telegraph service, says a Bombay despatch just to hand, has been caused in consequence of dissatisfaction on the part of the telegraph operators with a new working plan introduced by an English expert. Messages are being very considerably delayed.

... fice, and failure. Socialism, when it professes to be practical, desires to leap at perfection, and to achieve its aim without menaging, let us not say the lives of men, but interests which have become a second nature if they are not natural. How can we believe that the security of individuals against injustice, the happiness of countless men and women to whom the existing system brings contentment even when it does not bring prosperity, is not at stake? It is not only the rich or the well-to-do who are bound to be the scapegoats of Socialism: the laws of man have been kinder to the poor than the laws of Nature to the rich. If the weakest must perish at the lower extremity of society so must the weakest perish at the upper extremity; if there is injustice anywhere it is not man but Nature who is ruthless. How can we believe that Socialism will blot out the passion of competition or will destroy the natural power of the strong over the weak? The prince of today is the slave of tomorrow: that is the only equality among men which History is able to show us.

There is yet another kind of Socialism, a sort of bastard Socialism, which is not Socialism at all, but simply the partial negation of the individualistic principles on which modern democracy is based. To the supporters of this creed every problem of policy, every problem of administration is the occasion for an attack on the stratifications of society; every gain of the community is the loss of the working man. When Mr. Keir Hardie is not speaking in the vein of the preacher he speaks in the vein of agitators who see only the injustice of the world without its compensating benefits, and who base their political beliefs on that ungenerous estimate. Speaking, for instance, of Old Age Pensions he elicited heartfelt applause by means of the transparent fallacy that the only workers in the community are those who work with their hands. They were told, he said, the nation could not afford to raise the sum necessary to provide the pensions for the aged workers unless the workers contributed themselves towards the cost. Who else was there, he asked, to contribute towards the cost? He knew of no alchemy to produce wealth apart

from labour. To this melancholy confession of ignorance Mr. Keir Hardie's audience replied with a burst of approval. Thus do we value the meaning of civilization and the activity of men; and, after all, the statement and the applause were very characteristic. When Socialism is used as the argument for the redressing of a grievance, it is like hewing down a tree for the sake of the fruit: nothing is allowed to matter except the prospect of repletion.

GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

During Thursday's sitting of the House, Mr. Lloyd George, the President of the Board of Trade, brought in a Bill for establishing a new controlling authority for the port of London, to consist of 25 members, of whom ten will be appointed by the Admiralty, the Board of Trade, and the county of London, the rest to be elected from among the merchants engaged in the business of the port. The authority shall acquire the property and business of the existing Dock companies and shall have power to provide further dock accommodation as required; it will, moreover, be empowered to make all necessary improvements and to levy dues on goods, but Mr. Lloyd George expressed the hope that it would not be necessary to make these dues very burdensome. Besides raising the capital necessary for the acquisition of the property of the existing Dock companies, the authority shall have power to raise further capital for necessary improvements. Mr. Lloyd George pointed out the necessity for such improvements if London was to compete successfully with other ports.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S AMENITIES.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Colonial Office, speaking at Liverpool on Thursday on the advantages of free trade to Great Britain, admitted that the tariff-reform movement was gaining ground, but characterised it as an undemocratic movement that amounted to an attack by the rich upon the poor.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The United States Senate has confirmed the appointment of Mr. A. M. Beaupré as Ambassador at the Hague, and of Mr. Spencer Eddy as Minister to the Argentine Republic.

THE PROGRESS OF PEACE.

The Senate has approved the decision reached at the Hague Peace Conference respecting the formation of an international Court of Arbitration, and also the decision to create arbitration treaties between the United States and Italy and the U. S. and Mexico.

PRESIDENT CASTRO'S INSOLENCE.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald declares that the United States Government has decided that the best way of dealing effectually with the insolence of President Castro will be to wage a tariff war against the Venezuelan Republic. Government action to this end will be taken almost immediately.

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The humorous evenings held every Sunday at the Mozart Saal become more and more popular. The Management engages none but first-class talent...

The concert-singer Frau Zerlett Olfenius will give a concert at the Mozart Saal on Friday next the 10th instant in conjunction with the pianist Kgl. Musikdirektor J. B. Zerlett.

Kammersängerin Helene Staegemann at her last popular folk-song recital in the Mozart Saal on Tuesday next the 7th instant will sing German, Slav, and French folk-songs.

Kammersängerin Lula Mysz-Gmeiner will sing songs by Schubert, Schumann, and Strauss at her popular song recital in the Mozart Saal on Thursday next the 9th instant.

As experts in swindling the two Americans Knox and King were arrested on board the Paris express at Cologne, at the telegraphic request of the Berlin criminal police, on Thursday. According to the Lokal Anzeiger they had lately fleeced a number of tradespeople...

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BERLIN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

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GENERAL NEWS.

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NEW YORK TO PARIS RACE.

According to our latest advices the American Thomas automobile still remains at Seattle waiting for the steamer to convey it to Vladivostock. The other cars are making good progress and the Zust has arrived at Los Angeles...

MDME. ANNA GOULD'S BETROTHAL.

One of the New York newspapers, not renowned for its veracity, asserts that Mdma. Anna Gould has now definitely decided to defy her relatives in the matter of becoming engaged to the Prince de Sagan. It is further declared that by so doing she will forfeit an inheritance of some six million dollars...

That Mdma. Gould has indeed made her final decision seems now to be taken for granted. The New York Times stated yesterday morning that it has already been arranged that the marriage shall take place in Paris, though for many reasons such an arrangement had hardly been anticipated.

THE EMPEROR'S ADRIATIC CRUISE.

During a visit to the Greek theatre at Syracuse by the Imperial family, a humorous incident occurred. The Empress broke off several twigs from an almond-tree, whereupon the owner and his ser-

vant appeared on the scene, volubly abusing the depredators. When the proprietor learnt who the strangers were, however, he seized the Empress' hands and kissed them, pleading for forgiveness. Then, pulling down the entire branch of fruit, he presented it to her Majesty.

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BERLIN.

DEFINITE APPOINTMENT OF DR. HILL.

A Washington telegram states that the Senate has confirmed the appointment of Dr. David Jayne Hill as United States Ambassador in Berlin.

This decision by the Senate will, it is to be hoped, effectually terminate the mendacious and malicious rumours that have been current during the last few weeks, and which might not improbably have culminated in a most awkward contretemps. While smoke usually indicates the existence of fire, it is a deplorable fact that the Press of both countries did its best to assist the conflagration with volumes of inflammatory material.

AMAZING NEWSPAPER HOAX.

The Berlin Börsencourier publishes a telegram from the editorial office of the März, according to which the publication of the alleged correspondence

between the German Emperor and Lord Tweedmouth was nothing but an elaborate First of April hoax.

On the first of April the newspaper März published what purported to be a translation of the correspondence between H. M. the Emperor and Lord Tweedmouth. These communications were worded in such a plausible manner that, although the publication of the much discussed correspondence so late in the day evoked considerable surprise, since the affair was regarded as closed, the letters were reproduced by many German contemporaries.

NEWS FROM FRANCE.

REPORTED MILITARY MUTINY.

It is reported from Beauvais that during marching exercise two soldiers, who had been cautioned by the officer commanding the company, attacked him with the bayonet, shouting "Down with the army". The two mutineers were secured by the rest of the men, and handed over to the police.

IMPORTANT NAVAL INVENTION.

The Paris Temps reports that the "Homecourt" factory has constructed an apparatus by means of which (Continued on page 4.)

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Patriots' Day. Members of the American Colony from the Bay State (for the benefit of others we will state that Massachusetts is meant) should remember that Sunday, April 19, is Patriots' Day. Incidentally, there is no American national holiday, not even July 4.

A concert, the proceeds of which were to be divided between two local institutions for the benefit of sick children, took place at the Vereinshaus on Thursday at the unusual hour of 6 p. m. H. R. H. Princess Mathilde had previously announced her intention of being—and was—present, in view of the charitable object. This graciousness led the *New York Herald* (Paris edition) to make an obviously false and ridiculous statement in connection with the event. *Cui bono?* The readers of the *Herald* will no doubt know to what we refer. We are sure that the bad taste exhibited by the statement in question was a fault attaching to the Paris office of our contemporary, rather than to its Dresden correspondent.

The hall of the Vereinshaus was half empty, and we fear that, unless one or the other of the people responsible for the arrangements make a dive into their pockets, Her Royal Highness in her gracious kindness, and the innocent little sufferers in their happy unconsciousness, will have lent their names to the concert all in vain. However, it having been arranged for the benefit of two very deserving institutions, we consider fair criticism,—such as we make it a rule to present to our readers—out of place.

In view of the lateness of the concert season it is not a matter for astonishment that Fräulein Della Thal, a pianiste so far unknown to the Dresden public, gave her recital on Thursday at the Palmengarten before a very sparse audience. The young lady is a pupil of the highly-respected American pianiste Mrs. Bloomfield-Zeissler, but neither her ability nor her artistic disposition attain the high standard of her talented instructress. Her touch is not capable of modulation, and her technique—especially that of the left hand—is wavering and uncertain. These defects naturally influenced her renderings of Bach, Schumann and Chopin, but in her performance of Sgambati's "Nenia" Fräulein Della Thal was more fortunate, exhibiting therein a good rhythm. The works which she played by McDowell are hardly appropriate for the concert hall here, reminding us as they do of drawing-room music which, in the eighties, was luckily replaced by works of more intrinsic worth.

Encouraging applause was not wanting, but we are rather inclined to attribute this to the charming personality of the pianiste, rather than to her artistic utterances. *M. N.*

At the concluding ceremony of the Royal Conservatorium the following prizes and certificates were awarded: The highest distinction of the institution, the Prize Certificate, to Fräulein Catherine Jüttner (singing class of Frau Söhle, opera class Bercht, Hofschauspieler Starke); and to Herr Fritz Lange-Frohberg (violin class Wille). The Prize of His Majesty King Friedrich August, to Fräulein Elizabeth Lorenz (pianoforte class of Fräulein Reichel). The Prize of His Royal Highness the Landgraf Friedrich of Hesse, to Herr Arno Pretsch (composition class of Geheimrat Draeseke). The Prize of the Königlich Sächsischen Kriegsministerium, to Herr Arthur Käppler (conducting class of Korrepetitor Striegler, composition class of Geheimrat Draeseke, trumpet class of Herr Fricke). The Prize of the Kloss Stiftung, to Herr Rudolph Simon (organ class of Kantor Fährmann). The Prize of the Krantz Stiftung, to Herr Kurt Paetzold (oboe class of Herr Biehring). The Prize of Herr August Paulus, proprietor of the string instrument factory Richard Weichhold, in Dresden, a violin with bow and case valued at 350 marks, to Herr Fritz Schneider (violin class of Herr Paul Lange-Frohberg). The Prize of the "Universal Edition" in Vienna, to Herr Emil Klinger (pianoforte class of Professor Vetter). The right to an appointment as teacher in the elementary school of the institution, to Fräulein Gertrud Schilde (pianoforte-teaching class of Seminaroberlehrer Paul).

Certificates of competency: 1, for independent further development as a composer, to Herr Arthur Käppler and Herr Arno Pretsch (class of

DRESDEN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

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

Samson und Dalila.
Opera in three Acts and four pictures.
Music by C. Saint-Saëns.

Cast:
Dalila Fräul. Tervani a. G.
Samson Herr v. Bary.
Highpriest of Dagon Herr Scheidemantel.
Abimelech, Satrap of Gaza Herr Puttlitz.
An old Hebrew Herr Rains.
A messenger of the Philistines Herr Engelhardt.
First } Philistines Herr Büssel.
Second } Herr Erwin.

PLOT. Abi Melech, satrap of Gaza, derides the captive Israelites, till in fury, led on by Samson, they kill him and rout the Philistines. The rejoicing Israelites are welcomed on their return, even by Dalila, the Philistine maid, who once before had ensnared Samson by her beauty. Angry at his having deserted her she promises the High Priest of Dagon to put Samson into his hands. Samson comes to her, and though at first obdurate, finally reveals the secret of his strength and Dalila cuts off his hair, and the Philistines easily overpower him. He is blinded and imprisoned and finally, led away to a banquet of the Philistines, where Dalila mocks and derides him. Claspings the pillars of the hall, he invokes the God of Israel, who gives him strength, and he tears down the pillars, burying the Philistines with himself in the ruins of the Hall.
Composer: Saint Saëns, born 1835.

Sunday night Carlo Broschi at 7.30
Monday night Tiefland. " 7.30

Royal Theatre Neustadt.
Tonight The Ideal Husband at 7.30
Sunday night Die Rabensteinerin " 7.30
Monday night Kimiko Torakojia " 7.30

Residenz Theatre.
Tonight Ein Walzertraum at 7.30
Sunday afternoon Die lustige Witwe " 3.30
Sunday night Der Mikado " 7.30

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"Grosser Kurfürst," from Sydney for Bremen, passed Gibraltar April 1st.
"Goeben," from Japan for Bremen, left Port Said April 2nd.
"Königin Luise," from Genoa for New York, left Genoa April 2nd.
"Breslau," from Baltimore for Bremen, arrived Bremerhaven April 2nd.
"Prinz Ludwig," from Japan for Hamburg, left Penang April 3rd.

Geheimrat Draeseke); 2, to undertake the post of conductor, to Herr Arthur Käppler and Herr Arno Pretsch (class of Korrepetitor Striegler); 3, to give pianoforte instruction, (a) in the elements, to Fräulein Margarethe Flössel, Raissa Goreloff, Elisabeth Hauswald, Paula Landis, Margarethe Oppermann, Irma Taussig (pianoforte teaching class of Oberlehrer Paul) (b) in the elements and a more advanced stage, to Fräulein Hedwig Krumbiegel, Marie Lambert, Doris Otto (class of Professor Reuss), to Fräulein Elisabeth Rütger, Johanna Wagner (class of Alexander Wolf), to Fräulein Gertrud Schilde (class of Professor Vetter), (c) in all stages of the pianist's art, to Fräulein Gertrud Geissler and Franciska Rumrich (class of Professor Vetter), Fräulein Johanna Sekulla (class of Fräulein Reichel); 4, to give instruction in singing, (a) in the elements, to Fräulein Frieda Grumpelt (class of Frau Professor Braunroth), to Fräulein Martha Hanschke and Susanne Mittasch (class of Fräulein Gasteyer), and to Fräulein Albina Tietzsch (class of Fräulein v. Kotzebue), (b) in the elements and a more advanced stage, to Fräulein Dora Francke (class of Frau Söhle), Fräulein Margarethe Müller (class of Fräulein Sievert), to Herr Paul Scheder (class Porth), (c) in all stages of the art, to Fräulein Gertrud Braasch, Katherine Jüttner, Johanna Lewald, (class of Frau Söhle); 5, for independent further development as pianist, to Fräulein Gertrud Geissler, Marthe Grandjean, Franziska Rumrich, Else Zipfel (class of Professor Vetter), Fräulein Klara Kroll (class of Hofrat Professor Döring), to Fräulein Pauline Seidenberg (class of Professor Reuss), Fräulein Johanna Sekulla (class of Fräulein Reichel); 6, to appear in concerts as pianist, to Fräulein Klara Schubert (class Urbach); 7, to undertake the post of organist, to Herr Johannes Schlicke (class of Kantor Fährmann), to Herr Albert Schneider (class of Herr Richard Schmidt); 8, to appear in concerts as organist, to Fräulein Else Gaillard, and Herr Albert Schneider (class of Herr Richard Schmidt), to Herr Johannes Schlicke (class Fährmann); 9, to play in an orchestra as violinist, to Herren Max Schindler and Ernst Schulze (class of Professor Petri), as oboe-player, to Herren Emil Uhlmann (class of Herr Biehring), as horn-player to Herren Gustav Irrgang and Paul Mehlhorn (class of Herr Frée), as trumpet-player to Herr Arthur Käppler (class of Herr Fricke), as trombone-player to Herr Paul Hickel (class of Herr Meisel); 10, to play solos and in an orchestra as violoncellist to Herr Fritz Lange-Frohberg (class of Konzertmeister Wille), as flautist to Herr Walter Schanz (class of Herr Bauer), as oboe-player to Herr Kurt Paetzold (class of Herr Biehring), as bassoon-player to Herren Adolf Fehre and Arthur Zillicher (class of Herr Tränkner), as trumpeter to Herr Otto Friedmann (class of Herr Fricke); 11, for independent further development as singer, to Herr Paul Scheder (class Porth), to Fräulein Dora Francke (class of Frau Söhle), to Fräulein Katharina Wolf (class of Fräulein Professor Orgeni); to sing in concerts, to Fräulein Katharine Jüttner and Johanna Lewald (class of Frau Söhle); to sing in opera, to Fräulein Katharina Jüttner (class of Frau Söhle), to Fräulein Katharina Wolf (class of Fräulein Professor Orgeni); 14, as play-actor, to Herr Walter Lantzech (classes Hofmann and Hofschauspieler Starke). A number of certificates of commendation were also awarded. The 53rd school year of the Royal Conservatorium began on the 3rd instant.

A cheap and delightful all-day trip. On Sunday at 6.30 a.m. two members of the *Rudergesellschaft Dresden* started in a comfortable two-pair boat, on pleasure bound up the Elbe. There was ice on the landing-stage but that was a detail; there were also no steamers and coal boats on the river. The current was strong and a head wind retarded progress; but the first aided in bringing a healthy glow to the entire surface of the rowers' bodies and the second prevented undue perspiration. The familiar stopping points Blasewitz, Poyritz, and Laubegast were soon passed, and the bank opposite reached in time for a rest and breakfast. Then after easy pulling for a while came Pirna with all sorts of shallows and whirlpools above and below the bridge; and these being unfamiliar to the oarsmen made that part of the voyage more interesting and exciting than pleasant. The Sonnenstein was soon passed; then Posta "and the outlying provinces," the beginning of Saxon Switzerland, that end of which is fast disappear-

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ing before the quarrier's drills and cartridges. Then Wehlen, without the good landing facilities which had been promised or the good dinner which was expected. Actual rowing time six hours: distance, 18 miles. During the discussion of a very good plate of soup and a very bad "Schnitzel" most of the traveller's afternoon lunch was "swiped" by the innocent-looking boys of four to six years of age who crowded about the boat as its occupants left it.

The return trip was much more full of incident, mostly furnished by "Schleppdampfer" and the usual "S. B. D. G." fleet, which generally came in combinations calculated to toss the row-boat about like a cockle-shell; indeed, at Pillnitz boat and occupants were nearly dashed on the mole, and shrieks from the by-standers rent the ambient air. That is, one may suppose that the air was ambient; the water certainly was. But two row-boats were seen during the entire day, above Laubegast. The return trip lasted only about three hours, and the only unpleasant feature about the whole day's excursion was washing out the boat. Total expense, outside of sandwiches and coffee, from home, # 1.60 per head. X.

Miss Anne Comstock-Arkady, after successful performances as "Azucena" and "Ortrud", has been engaged as dramatic alto at the St. Gallen Stadttheater. She is a pupil of Frau Auer-Herbeck.

The last of this year's Easter test performances by pupils of the Fischer-Peckel School of Music takes place this evening at 7 o'clock, in the large hall of the Bergkeller Restaurant. Any one interested in this performance will receive a card of admission gratis on application at the School, Lindenau Strasse 38.

At the Gewerbehaus concert on Thursday evening a march by Grieg, arranged for grand orchestra by Mr. Victor Ha Clark, was performed, and was, we are told, accorded a hearty reception. A Rhapsody on American airs by Mr. Alvin Kranich was also included in the programme. This last-named composition will be repeated at next Thursday's Gewerbehaus concert, and Mr. Clark's arrangement will again be on the programme at the following Sunday concert.

Mr. William Morse-Rummel, of Berlin, will be the violin-soloist at the Gewerbehaus concert this evening, when he will play a Concerto by Lalo, with orchestra accompaniment.

The programme of the music to be performed at the Vespers service in the Kreuzkirche at 2 o'clock this afternoon, will be as follows:

(1) Fantasia and Fugue in G-minor, by J. S. Bach, (Peters! Edition, vol. 2). (2) "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig," Chorale for 5-part choir, by J. Eccard (Königsberg, 1597). (3) "Passionszeit," sacred song with organ accompaniment, op. 129 No. 3, by Oskar Wermann. (4) Adagio for violoncello with organ, by Johannes Smith. (5) "Zuflucht," song for 8-part choir, op. 99 No. 5, by Oskar Wermann.

The Church Choir, conducted by Herr Otto Richter, Kantor and Kgl. Musikdirektor, will be assisted by: Fräulein Elisabeth Förster, soprano; Herr Johannes Smith, violoncello; Herr Alfred Sittard, organist of the Kreuzkirche.

Obtain Estimates! Few tradesmen and mechanics understand how to figure the cost of material, labour and general expenses, in estimating on a job of work. One of our correspondents received bids of # 4.50 and # 12 respectively for some boxes, to be made after the same sketches and descriptions; and has just received offers of # 35 and # 60 respectively for a set of shelves, to be put up according to the same drawings and specifications.

The programme for this evening's Symphony concert at the Gewerbehaus is as follows:

Overture "Patrie", Bizet; Concerto, for violin and orchestra, (soloist: Herr W. Rummel) Lalo; Symphony, D-minor, R. Schumann; Hungarian songs, for violin and orchestra (Herr W. Rummel), Ernst; Suite from the Märchen "Der Christbaum," (first time), W. Rebikoff.

Next Thursday's concert will be the benefit-concert for the members of the orchestra.

Those of our Dresden readers who happen to have skipped the Berlin page today will be interested—some of them, perhaps, shocked—to hear that Messrs. Knox and King, who played such a prominent part in the Nigger Minstrel Show at the Vereinshaus in February, were arrested, at the instance of the Berlin criminal police, in Cologne on Thursday last, on a charge of very extensive swindling. Particulars will be found on page 2.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 2nd Grenadier Regiment No. 101. The band plays about 12.40 p. m. at the Schloss Platz.

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*, Schiess Gasse 7.

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Monday, April 6th. 10.0 a. m. Matins.

Tuesday, April 7th. 10.0 a. m. Matins.

Wednesday, April 8th. 9.0 a. m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a. m. Matins and Litany.

Thursday, April 9th. Memorial of JOHN SMITH GILDERDALE, 2nd Chaplain of All Saints' Church, Dresden. 8.15 a. m. Holy Communion.

Friday, April 10th. 10.15 a. m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a. m. Matins and address.

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Tuesday, April 7th. Service 4.0 p. m.

Thursday, April 9th. Service 4.0 p. m.

Friday, April 10th. Litany 3.0 p. m. followed by address on "Prison and Rescue Work and our responsibility" by Baronin von Krusenstjerna.

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY

of the Royal Saxon Meteorological Institute.

Moderate south-easterly winds, fairly bright but changeable weather with slight showers at times, temperature not much altered.

GENERAL NEWS.

(Continued.)

which the guns on a warship may be kept continually trained on the target even when the vessel is rolling heavily. The new apparatus is to be installed in the armoured cruiser "Waldeck-Rousseau" and all cruisers of the same type.

THE RECIPE FOR DIAMONDS.

The French engineer Lemoine, who was accused of having committed extensive swindles by claiming to have manufactured diamonds, has been released with a caution by the Paris magistrate who considered the case.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

IS WAR IN SIGHT?

The Odessa correspondent of a London daily says that from Sevastopol, during the last fortnight, there has been an almost constant shipment of artillery to the Caucasus. The guns are chiefly of heavy calibre, and the shipments are still proceeding. The whole, or nearly the whole, of this ordnance comes from the North. Machine guns are being forwarded in considerable numbers to Batoum, both from the Arsenal at Sevastopol and the military magazines in Odessa, and such warlike proceedings give rise to much speculative comment. All the Southern commanders have been summoned to St. Petersburg. General Kaulbars and General Sukhomlinoff (Kieff) will, it is understood, receive new appointments. Both generals were last week received by the Emperor at Czarskoe Selo.

WARNING TO TRAVELLERS IN SOUTH RUSSIA.

We hear from St. Petersburg that for some time past a band of miscreants has been active on the south Russian railways. Their method of procedure is to first poison their victims and then rob them of their valuables. The poisoning process is not decried, but travellers are strongly advised to refrain from accepting cigars, cigarettes or refreshments from strangers. Fifteen cases of poisoning have been reported up to the present.

HUMANITARIANISM CONDEMNED.

A court martial sitting at St. Petersburg has sentenced 23 officers who protested against the inactivity of the troops during the great Jewish massacre at Kieff in October 1905 and demanded an investigation into the matter, to various terms of imprisonment.

DIAMOND CUTTERS ON STRIKE.

The diamond-cutters of Antwerp have decided by 1,855 against 313 votes to institute a four weeks' strike from next month. They will then demand the raising of the minimum wage rate. A similar decision has been arrived at by the Amsterdam cutters, the proposal for a strike being carried by 5,001 votes against 390. The Amsterdam strike will also be of four weeks' duration.

SERIOUS LABOUR RIOTS IN ROME.

The bodies of the victims of the rioting in Rome on Thursday were conveyed during the night from the hospital to the church-yard. In consequence of Thursday's occurrences, the Workmen's Committee held a meeting at night, and decided to order a general strike for yesterday. The strike began accordingly, and the trams early ceased to run. The shops, however, remained open, and the city presented its ordinary appearance.

MR. GLADSTONE'S HYMN.

"Rock of Ages" was Mr. Gladstone's favourite hymn. In early life he rendered it into Latin, and we have heard that on the Continent in one monastery at least it is no uncommon occurrence at eventide to hear monks singing it when walking in their garden shortly before rest. The best hymns, according to the deceased statesman, in their order of merit are:—"Rock of Ages," "Praise to the Holiest in the height," "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty," and "For ever with the Lord." Near to these, but not quite on the same line, the following:—"Hark, my soul! it is the Lord." "As pants the hart for cooling streams," "And now, O Father, mindful of the love," and "Abide with Me." "Lead, kindly Light," was also a great favourite.

ONLY HALF LONDON'S POPULATION.

During 1907 there were 492 murders, 348 attempted murders, and 227 suicides in Servia. This in a population of only 2,800,000.

TRUTH WILL OUT.

From a Radical contemporary on the Licensing Bill:—"All Liberals should throw themselves actively into the fight, because this is a subject which peculiarly lends itself to prejudice and misrepresentation." Truth will out, even in a Radical leader.