

Berlin Office:
W., Potsdamer
Strasse 10/11.
Telephone:
VI 1079.

The Daily Record

Dresden Office:
A., Struve
Strasse 5, I.
Telephone:
1755.

and THE DRESDEN DAILY.

THE FIRST DAILY PAPER IN ENGLISH PUBLISHED IN GERMANY.

№ 676.

DRESDEN AND BERLIN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1908.

10 PFENNIGS.

The Daily Record is delivered by hand in Dresden, and may be ordered at any Post Office throughout the German Empire. It is published daily, excepting Mondays and days following legal holidays in Dresden.

Monthly Subscription Rates: For the whole of Germany and Austria, mark 1.— For other countries, marks 2.50.

THE CASE FOR VIVISECTION.

It may be doubted whether the scores of good people who violently denounce vivisection as a black art, and those who practice it as myrmidons of the Evil One, really pause to consider if there may not perhaps be a case for the defence. Several vivisectionists who are known to us personally did not impress us as devils in human form, to whom the piteous wails of mutilated animals were sweet music, to whom the spectacle of a noble hound carved beyond recognition and in its death agonies was a pleasurable sight; on the contrary, our acquaintances were one and all men of quick sympathy and kindly feeling, and ardent lovers of animals. Why then, you ask, were these men what they were, vivisectionists? Is not vivisection incompatible with humane feeling? What benefit has it ever conferred upon humanity? These are the stock questions of the anti-vivisectionist, and like the majority of stock questions they are easily answered.

Imprimis, the fundamental factor in scientific progress is research; research entails practical experiment, without which every theory pertaining to the functions of the human system remains an hypothesis, often with disastrous results to the patient. This principle is beyond doubt, and men of science have learnt the vanity of mere speculation and the absolute necessity of research. The true humanitarian must welcome any means which tend to mitigate human suffering, and however much we may deplore the necessity of practical experimentation, abstention from its exercise would inevitably produce results infinitely more deplorable. Secondly, the individual who cries aloud to know what good humanity has derived from vivisection is in a similar situation to the fanatic who, lifting his eyes to Heaven, invoked divine assistance in his search for good in the world. Facts and statistics there are in abundance, but it is so much easier to ignore data and to raise the parrot-cry of self-righteous protest. Experimental research, or vivisection, (to honestly use the hated word) resulted in the discovery of antiseptics, next to anaesthetics the greatest gift to humanity offered by the scientist; it has resulted in an enormous reduction in the mortality among women in child-birth; in the increase of our knowledge of tuberculosis and of the means of diminishing its incidence; in the discovery of the antitoxin for diphtheria—by which that disease has ceased to be highly dangerous to life; in the discovery of the causes of plague, cholera, typhoid, numerous fevers; in the acquisition of a large number of valuable drugs, and in accurate knowledge of the effects of many which were previously used hap-hazard. These are the best known, but only a few, of the benefits reaped from the "black art" of vivisection, but they are enough to justify its continuance, to render its abolition a universal catastrophe. It is worthy of note that even dumb animals themselves have benefited from research, as any experienced veterinary will testify.

And against this mass of impregnable fact the extremists hurl their tirades, unbacked by nothing save picturesque denunciation, fiery catchwords, and questionable photographs. A certain section of the Press, knowing it profitable to pose as a fearless defender of the defenceless, makes pages of copy out of one or two isolated exceptions to the humane methods of conscientious vivisectionists. While it cannot be denied that the majority of anti-vivisectionists are stirred by praiseworthy motives, it can be truthfully asserted that their unthinking activity constitutes a great public danger. With practical research legally prohibited the avenue to complete and accurate scientific knowledge is effectually barred, a result not to be contemplated with equanimity.

Recognising the significance of the anti-vivisection campaign, a number of eminent scientists and representatives of every class of educated Englishmen and Englishwomen have founded a society in London for the purpose of educating the public in the vital principles involved in the question. In the list of executive officers we observe the names of nine ecclesiastical dignitaries, and the general membership includes a large number of men and women distinguished in various walks of life, and forming collectively a body of

There could not be a better time than now—to impress upon you the fact that, when in need of Furs we can save you from 10—25% on purchases.

Exclusiveness, thorough knowledge of the business, strongest purchasing power, direct importation of Skins, our own designing & manufacturing of Furs, enable us to guarantee these savings. No one should overlook this establishment before purchasing.

Remember the only store where Americ. & Engl. are suited best. 52, Prager St. H. G. B. Peters, opp. Thos. Cook & Son. Dresden.

OTTO MAYER

Photographer

38 Prager Strasse 38

Telephone 446.

By appointment to T. M. the King of Saxony and the Emperor of Austria.

Superb artistic work.

Moderate terms.

E. W. STARKE

only Prager Strasse 6

Table Linen. Bed Linen.

Hand-embroidered goods.

Shirts to measure.

STEPHAN'S Fine Art China

Handpaintings only, own workmanship. Portraits from photographs on porcelain and ivory. Retail, Wholesale, Export. Lowest prices. 4, Reichs Strasse, succ. to Helena Wolfsohn Nachf. Leopold Elb.

Pfund's unskimmed milk. 1st quality only. Pasteurised and purified, therefore free from bacilli of any kind. Delivered free. Depots in all parts of the city. Pfund's Dairy, Dresden. Telephone: 3831 & 3832.

educated opinion which it would appear impossible for even the most inveterate prejudice wholly to disregard. A detailed list of the Research Defence Society's aims would make too heavy a demand upon our space. Suffice it to say that the society proposes to examine the statements made from time to time in the speeches and writings of anti-vivisectionists, for the purpose of influencing these people to exercise greater control over their utterances, which have not been characterised by a strict regard for veracity. In pursuance of this purpose the society will issue information to all inquirers, publish articles and pamphlets, and send out lecturers, by which means it hopes to bring home to the popular understanding the real nature of experimental research.

The amazing circumstance is that such an organisation was not founded long ago, and it constitutes a tribute to the patience and forbearance of the scientific world that it has pursued its useful labours regardless of the abuse which has been heaped upon it by numberless irresponsible persons.

A LIMERICK MYSTERY.

An interesting sidelight is thrown on the Limerick craze, now apparently dying out, by a writer in the *Business Man's Magazine*. He says that some months ago he sent in a coupon signed in a particular way for one of these competitions. A few days since, when he had forgotten all about it, he received a letter from a large tea company telling him that he had won a silver teapot, which would be sent to him on receipt of 4s. 6d., and with it was a sort of certificate bearing the same signature as that which he had placed on the Limerick coupon. He can only suppose that the tea firm by some mysterious means had become possessed of Limerick coupons for the purpose of obtaining a large clientele to which to appeal.

GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE ROYAL SCANDINAVIAN TOUR.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra, and Princess Victoria, with their suite, left Stockholm on Sunday evening for Christiania, after taking cordial leave of the Swedish royal family. The State Ministers and chief authorities were present at the railway station. In the evening Stockholm was brilliantly illuminated.

A Christiania despatch states that the Royal visitors reached there yesterday morning.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House of Commons assembled again on Monday after the Easter holidays, and a commemorative speech on the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was delivered by the Premier, Mr. Asquith. Subsequent to this the House adjourned until yesterday, as a mark of respect to the dead statesman.

ANOTHER BRITISH WARSHIP DISASTER.

A telegram from Harwich states that during battle manoeuvres in the Channel on Monday night a collision occurred between the scout-cruiser "Attentive" and the torpedo-boat-destroyer "Gala." The sharp stem of the cruiser went clean through the destroyer, cutting it in half. One sailor was killed. One section of the destroyer was taken in tow and brought to Sheerness.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

PLAGUE SUSPECTED IN VENEZUELA.

A cable that has reached New York from Caracas, via Port of Spain, and dated the 21st inst., reports that La Guaira is completely isolated on account of the mysterious epidemic which prevails there. Traffic between La Guaira and Caracas has been suspended. A military cordon surrounds the district in question in order to prevent entrance or egress. So far the Government has not announced that the disease is the bubonic plague, as there is reason to believe. According to information given by foreign physicians, 50 deaths from the epidemic have occurred during the last five weeks.

THE CRISIS IN GUATEMALA.

A despatch from Mexico City announces that the Ministry is engaged in considering the Guatemala crisis. Advices received there state that Honduras troops are mobilising on the Honduras frontier. Several batteries of Mexican horse artillery left Tapachula for the frontier on Monday.

Later: It has been decided to despatch Mexican troops to the Guatemalan frontier. The artillery already on its way to the frontier has, however, been recalled. It is officially denied that Mexico will be a party to intervention in Guatemala, but the occurrences in Cabrerias and the crisis prevailing throughout Guatemala have evoked great excitement in the Mexican capital.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S STRONG LANGUAGE.

President Roosevelt in a message to Congress urges the need of legislation for the increase of the supreme authority of the Federal Government, and recommends the following points for consideration: examination of the tariff by a Parliamentary Committee and Government experts, in order to secure the information required for a tariff revision next autumn; the enactment of temporary financial measures to prevent a financial crisis next year and the appointment of a Committee of experts to examine the financial question at home and abroad. The chief portion of the message then deals with the relations between capital and labour. The President condemns the demagogues who preach hatred of wealth, but brands in the severest terms the multi-millionaires whose sons are fools and their daughters foreign princesses, and who find their own enjoyment in rapid luxury.

THE SENATE ADAMANT; ONLY TWO BATTLESHIPS.

The Senate has again had under consideration the Navy Bill to which a clause was added providing for the construction of four new battleships, in accordance with the wish of President Roosevelt. The Bill was again rejected, by 50 votes to 23.

(Continued on page 4.)