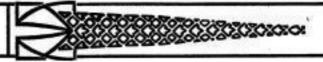


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Bob Kelly, the light-weight boxing champion of the Southern States of the U. S., who was defeated during the recent match (already reported in these columns) at the Zoological Gardens by the British light-weight champion Joe Edwards, informs the Daily Record that he wants an opportunity of revenge, and hereby challenges Edwards to another match, the details of which can be arranged later. Kelly believes Edwards to have been at his mercy during the first five rounds, and this opinion, he informs us, is corroborated by experts. In the third round, however, Edwards accidentally struck his opponent's nose with his head, causing a blood vessel to burst, this circumstance leading to Kelly's retirement after ten more rounds had been fought.

The Munich artist, Heinrich Knote, sang with great success at the New Royal Opera (Director Gura) in the title-rôle of "Tannhäuser," for which he is better suited than for "Lohengrin." But at the same time I cannot eradicate the impression I received from his "Lohengrin" performance. Herr Knote has been endowed by Nature with a superhuman tenor, whose magnificent high tones dominate everybody and whose low notes are equally admirable. It appeared to me that the criticisms respecting his acting-all of which had been unanimous-had had the effect of making the artist try to improve his representation by exaggerated expressions of his countenance. Knote conquers by his strong voice, and anybody who does not mind the acting can be fully satisfied. Herr Bordmann's Landgraf was on quite a different scale. This young artist has learnt much; he has a wonderfully rare bass voice which he knows how to treat artistically and, in addition to that, has a pleasing dramatic touch. He was a Landgraf from head to foot, such as we have seldom heard. Fräulein Hummel as Elisabeth was well worthy of praise, her lovely, tender soprano touching the heart and evoking emotion. Herr Gille's conducting was very successful indeed this time. The audience throughout applauded enthusiastically.

The first international congress of dancing masters commenced on Monday and concludes today. The meetings are held in the Philharmonic Hall and have the object of founding an international union of dancing masters for the purpose of teaching pupils to execute a waltz after the same method as that prevailing in New York and in Berlin. In other words, it is desired to standardize the various steps. This object should receive the sympathy of all those devoted to the Terpsichorean art.

In conjunction with the congress at the Philharmonic an exhibition is being held in the same building, and the visitor will find much to interest and amuse. The art and science of the dancing master is here revealed in all its intricacy, and there is a wonderful display of all sorts and conditions of instruments utilised for the production of every species of music. Foot-gear for dancing has no lack of variety, if we are to judge by the specimens exhibited. There are dainty pumps of patent leather, of silk, silver, and gold, some studded with precious stones; high heels adorn some of the shoes, so high in fact that the spectator wonders how on earth it was ever possible to dance in them. Cotillon favours are here in abundance, from the simplest to the most elaborate. It is to be regretted that such a unique exhibition has only had such a short existence.

A number of German scientific men, including Professors Harnack, v. Willamowitz-Möllendorf, Wolf Count v. Baudissin, Erich Schmidt, and Eduard Lachan, met in the Elite Hotel on Saturday night to meet Dr. Hill, the United States Ambassador, at the invitation of Professor Haupt, who lectured for six years in Baltimore. After the reception, when the eminent scientists were introduced to the Ambassador by Professor Haupt, an informal banquet took place, and at the conclusion of the meal an animated conversation served to keep the party together for a considerable time.

We hear from New York that an imposing celebration of Shakespeare's birthday will take place on the other side of the herring-pond and also, it is hoped, in England on April 23rd, 1909. Mr. Frohmann, proprietor or lessee of unnumbered theatres in England and the United States, has announced his intention of allowing only Shakespearian plays to be performed on the stages under his control on the date in question, and to this end he will arrange for the necessary decorations, costumes, scenery, &c., leaving his managers to select the actual plays. Mr. Frohmann is also endeavouring to interest other lessees and proprietors in his scheme, so that if his efforts are crowned with success there will probably be some seven hundred Shakespearian performances in the United States and Great Britain on the fateful 23rd of April. Mr. Frohmann is to be congratulated on the enterprise he is displaying to do honour to the memory of the great playwright.

So far as the building itself is concerned the Berlin Ice Palace is now completed, and the interior decorations are proceeding apace. The opening ceremony is fixed to take place on September 1st. On the second floor there will be a gymnastic and physical culture institute complete with all the latest appliances, while the ice surface itself will occupy an area of 2,000 square yards with a thickness of 12 cm.

BERLIN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

This evening:

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A CENTENARIAN BAZAAR.

A unique fair was recently held in New York, at the Home of the Daughters of Jacob. Old Jews and Jewesses having passed the century mark were placed behind the counter to sell goods, which they did quite skilfully. Mendel Diamondstein, 103 years old; Mrs. Esther Davis, 112 years old, who sat in an armchair, had a staff of saleswomen, the youngest 72 years old; Mrs. Rosie Aronwald, who recently celebrated her 107th birthday with a feast at which she told how she shook the hand of Napoleon I. after the Treaty of Tilsit, sold oil-paintings from the walls.

GENERAL NEWS.

(Continued from page 1.)

CRUISE OF THE BATTLESHIP FLEET.

Honolulu, July 23.

The United States Battleship Fleet weighed anchor this morning and left the harbour. The Fleet's next point of call is Auckland, New Zealand.

CANADIAN TOWN FIRE RAVAGED.

New York, July 22.

Advices have been received of the partial destruction of Fort William, in Ontario, by a fire which broke out on Monday in the business quarter.

The whole of this portion of the town was gutted, and the loss is estimated at 200,000 dollars.

REMARKABLE "YELLOW PERIL" SPEECH.

Wellington, New Zealand, July 22. Sir Joseph Ward, the Premier of New Zealand, speaking at a social gathering of the Liberal and Labour Federation, expressed regret at the criticisms which have been directed against the Government in connection with the entertainment of the U.S. fleet. He pointed out that the fleet was not that of a foreign country, but that of a nation which was our cousin, kith and kin of the Anglo-Saxon race. We could not, he said, ignore our position as part and parcel of the British Empire. America was a great Power on friendly terms with the United Kingdom, with whom she was doing a trade of £50,000,000 yearly.

He predicted that some day there would be a fight to decide whether the white races or those of the East were to govern Australia, New Zealand, and the other islands of the Pacific. When that took place the Old World could have the assistance of the American fleet, which would fight shoulder to shoulder with its forces for the purpose of preserving for future generations the rights and interests of all classes of the people.

New Zealand would not refrain from extending to the American fleet what would be extended to New Zealanders if they visited America in British warships.

PRESIDENT FALLIERES' TOUR.

Copenhagen, July 22.

After a hearty leave-taking from the royal family, President Fallières embarked this evening on board the French cruiser "Cassini" for Stockholm. The cruiser, accompanied by two torpedo-boats, was saluted by the batteries as she passed.

THE TURKISH SITUATION.

Belgrade, July 23.

Three battalions of Asiatic troops which were ordered to march to Monastir from Salonica refused to carry out their commands, stating that they were not prepared to fight Moslems. The troops were marched back to their barracks. Another officer has been murdered at Prilip.

A Salonica despatch asserts that the committee of the Young Turkey League has decided to em-

bark upon an aggressive course. Major Halil Effendi has left Wodena with the troops under his command, and is believed to have gone over to the rebels. According to rumours current, the Inspector of Artillery has been promoted to the rank of Field-Marshal, and will replace General Ibrahim Pasha as commanding officer of the Third Army Corps.

The Cologne Gazette publishes a telegram from Salonica, dated yesterday, reporting that military trains and convoys are constantly passing through that place on their way to Monastir. Major Ejub, the commanding officer at Ochrida, has confiscated 1,000 Mauser rifles and 500 chests of cartridges from the arsenal and gone over with his troops to the insurgents. The situation hourly increases in gravity.

THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION.

Belgrade, July 23.

The British Ambassador recently handed a note to the Servian Government relative to the agitation carried on by organised bands and the latest occurrences in Macedonia and certain parts of Servia. The Servian Government's answer has now been lodged, to the effect that every possible measure will be taken to prevent aid being rendered these bands by any of the Balkan States. The note adds that Servia would even be willing to consider any proposals put forward by the Powers for the pacification of the three Villayets where disturbances are in evidence.

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