

BERLIN

The farewell dinner in honour of Sir Frank Lascelles, the retiring British Ambassador, took place at the Hotel Adlon on Monday night at 8 o'clock, and was attended by about sixty guests, including the most prominent members of the British colony in Berlin. Immediately after dinner, Mr. Bashford, the Berlin correspondent of a London paper, rose and proposed the health of the King and the Emperor in a dual toast, which was honoured with enthusiasm. Mr. Bashford, who was seated to the left of His Excellency, again rose and, in an eloquent speech, bade the Ambassador farewell in the name of the colony. In his reply Sir Frank Lascelles expressed the honour he felt at being the guest of such an assembly, and assured them of his sincere regret at having to leave Berlin. It was, he said, the termination of his diplomatic career after 47 years' service in all parts of the world. He referred in very cordial terms to the improvement in the relations between England and Germany which had taken place during his tenure of office. Referring to his successor, Sir Frank Lascelles said that he had long enjoyed the friendship of Sir William Goschen, and assured the guests that they would find him a worthy representative of His Majesty's Government in this capital, adding that, last but not least, the new Ambassador was, like himself, a great lover of the Royal Game of Golf. The announcement that Sir Frank Lascelles on that day had received the order of the Black Eagle was loudly applauded. At this juncture Mr. Bashford again rose and requested the company to keep their seats, as a flashlight photo was going to be taken, which will probably appear in next week's *Woche*.

The "Kronprinzessin Cecilie," which left Bremen last week, carried an unusually large number of distinguished American passengers, homeward-bound after lengthy official or pleasure trips to Europe. Senator Aldrich, Mr. Henry Davison, Vice-President of the First National Bank of New York, and Professor A. P. Andrew, of Harvard, all three of whom have been winding up the work of the United States Federal Monetary Commission in Germany, France, and England, were among those on board. Among other well known names in the cabin list were Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt; Herr Vogel, Swiss Minister at Washington; Mrs. John Wanamaker; Mrs. Henry Davison and her two sons; Madame Marcella Sembrich and her husband, Prof. Stengel; Mr. Harold F. McCormick and wife, of Chicago; Mrs. Collis P. Huntington; Brigadier-General Allen; and Professor Hilprecht, the famous Assyriologist of Pennsylvania University.

A further extension of the Emperor's cherished project of a German-American intellectual alliance has been announced this week. Commencing from September of this year, Harvard University has bound itself for a period of ten years to accept each year, as guests of the University Corporation, five advanced German students, who shall have access to all departments of the University free of tuition fees. These students will be selected by the Prussian Ministry of Education. German educational authorities are highly gratified at this arrangement, and hope that German students will liberally avail themselves of this opportunity.

English and American readers should be on their guard in case they are visited by a man of gentlemanly

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appearance and good address, who invariably brings messages from friends abroad, using actual names, and subsequently obtains loans of money, with which he disappears. We are informed that he announces himself as Mr. Herring. In view of his fishy tactics, the pseudonym is singularly appropriate.

Mr. Hugh Melville Smith, of New Zealand, has returned from Paris, where for some time he studied voice production with Mr. Bouhey, the famous teacher of singing. Mr. Smith is staying at Potsdamer Strasse 111, and will continue his studies here during the winter.

Mr. Lewis D. Dozier has arrived from St. Louis, and is staying at the Hotel Adlon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo M. Acker have arrived from America, and are staying for a short time at the Hotel Westminster.

Mr. Harold C. Bodman, of Chicago, is at present in Berlin at Miss Worfolk's Pension, Victoria Luisen Platz 10.

Mr. Dorman, American Deputy Consul, will entertain a number of friends at dinner next Saturday at his home.

Mr. J. A. Wagner, who for the last two years has been well known in English and American circles in Berlin, in connection with the National Cash Register, together with his family will sail from Antwerp for America on the S. S. "Finland" on Oct. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Digby C. H. d'Avigdor, of Schloss Strasse 31, Steglitz, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son and heir.

Miss Mona McCaughey, together with her mother, is expected to arrive here shortly from Paris to continue her vocal studies.

Mrs. A. E. P. Hayman, of Gitschiner Strasse 19, has returned to her home after a stay in Lille and Eastbourne, accompanied by her sister, Miss Creed, who will spend the winter here.

Miss Norah Drewett entertained several friends at tea in her studio, Regenten Strasse 4, on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Coors, well known in local American circles, returns to America on the S. S. "Vaterland," sailing from Antwerp on Oct. 31.

Miss Martha L. Downing has received news of her brother's serious illness, and is therefore returning to America on the S. S. "Cedric," which left Liverpool yesterday.

GENERAL NEWS.

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THE ADIRONDACK FOREST FIRES.

New York, October 20.

The forest fires in the Adirondack Mountains are increasing in number, and the region presents an extraordinary spectacle. Great tracks, two or three miles wide, are being cut through the forests and woods, and the task of staying the work of destruction seems in many parts to be quite hopeless. Hundreds of men, however, are working incessantly to prevent further outbreaks, and to save small towns and villages.

The Adirondack region is noted for the magnificence of its scenery, and numerous country houses are threatened by the ever-advancing flames. A large sanatorium for tuberculosis patients is reported to be in imminent danger, and the hundreds of inmates are preparing at any moment to flee. Large numbers of bears and smaller animals have been driven from their woodland haunts, and may be seen in the open quite tame, through their common distress.

The loss of property already runs into millions dollars. Practically the whole of New York State is overhung by a vast pall of smoke, which so darkens the atmosphere that artificial light is being used in almost all the large towns, including New York.

FEARFUL STORM IN THE WEST.

New York, October 21.

Fifty lives have been lost in the township of Shawnee, Oklahoma, in consequence of a cloudburst.

THE ABRUZZI ROMANCE.

Rome, October 21.

The Italian cruisers "Fieramosca," now at New York, and the "Etruria," now in South Africa, have been ordered to be in readiness to escort the Duke of Abruzzi in the cruiser "Europa," after his marriage to Miss Katherine Elkins.

PEACE BETWEEN ITALIAN THRONE AND THE VATICAN?

(From our own correspondent.)

London, October 21

Great interest has been aroused among Roman Catholics and others interested in the long-sustained feud between the temporal and spiritual heads of the Italian State, by a report published in a London newspaper from its Rome correspondent. This correspondent says he is in a position to state that Count Szeceen, the Austrian Ambassador to the Vatican, who has just returned to Rome from Vienna, has been entrusted by the Emperor Francis Joseph with a mission of the highest importance, this mission being the bringing about of a reconciliation between the Quirinal and the Vatican.

A prominent official at the Austrian Embassy who informed the correspondent of this fact said, "Our Emperor is old, and he dearly desires before his death to accomplish two great things upon which his heart has long been set—the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the re-establishment of good relations between Italy and the Holy See. As a political Sovereign he has already achieved the first of these objects; as a Catholic Sovereign he is now working to achieve the second."

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BERLIN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

This evening:	
Royal Opera House	By royal command: Sardanapal at 8
Royal Theatre	Die Rabensteinerin " 7.30
New Royal Opera House	Herrgottschnitzer von Ammergau " 8
Deutsches Theater	Fiesko " 8
	(Kammerspiele) Clavigo " 8
Lessing Theatre	Der Raub der Sabinerinnen " 8
Berliner Theatre	Der Clown " 7.30
New Theatre	Wahrheit " 8
New Schauspielhaus	Die Kinder der Exzellenz " 8
Kleines Theatre	Zweimal zwei ist fünf " 8
Comico Opera	Hoffmanns Erzählungen " 8
Residenz Theatre	Kümmere dich um Amelie " 8
Hebbel Theatre	Le Passé (Sarah Bernhardt) " 8
Lustspielhaus	Die Tür ins Freie " 8
Trianon Theatre	Die Liebe wacht " 8
Schiller Theatre O.	Der Familientag " 8
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burg	Julius Caesar " 8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Die zärtlichen Verwandten " 8
Luisen Theatre	Freiheit " 8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Herr Paragraphe " 8
Thalia Theatre	Bruder Straubinger (Girardi) " 8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus	Die von Hochstol " 8
Apollo Theatre	Eine lustige Spreewaldfahrt " 8
Theater des Westens	Der fidele Bauer " 7.30
Every evening until further notice.	
Metropol Theatre	Donnerwetter — tadello " at 8
New Operetta Theatre	Die Dollarprinzessin " " 8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten " " 8
Gehr. Herrfeld Theatre	Die beiden Bindelbands " 8
Berliner-Operettentheater	Havana " 7.30
Passage Theatre	Spezialitäten " " 8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten " " 8
Casino Theatre	Familie August Knoche " 8
Folies Caprice	Die Brautschau. Die lustige Witwe " 8
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten " " 8
Urania Theatre	Der Montblanc " " 8
Parodie Theatre	Raub der Sabinerinnen. — Die Zauberflöte. — Berlin steht Kopf " 8
Trianon Theatre	Die Liebe wacht " " 8
Lustspielhaus	Die Tür ins Freie " " 8
Apollo Theatre	Eine lustige Spreewaldfahrt " " 8

There is reason to believe that Count Szeceen's task will not prove a very difficult one, for Pope Pius X. is more tractable than his predecessors, and has no desire for the restitution of the temporal power of the Popes. As a matter of fact the state of war between the Italian Court and the Pontificate is now merely nominal, the relations between Church and State in Italy being in reality quite cordial. Signor Giolitti, the Premier, is a "persona grata" at the Vatican, and Signor Tittoni too is an ardent Catholic, for whom the Pope entertains the highest regard.

The only difficulty is that hitherto neither the King nor the Pope has been prevailed upon to take the initiative in bringing about a public reconciliation, and it is for this reason that the Emperor of Austria is taking upon himself the rôle of mediator.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

COUNT WITTE IN PERIL.

Details regarding two remarkable plots against the life of Count Witte and the causes of their failure have just come to light, and are contained in press reports to hand from St. Petersburg. The Count having rendered himself obnoxious to the Union of Russian People, several members of that Union undertook some weeks ago to enter his house disguised as ordinary workmen, for the purpose of assassinating him.

Before proceeding to the accomplishment of their task, however, most of the volunteers demanded payment for the work, and as the quantity of cash in the coffers of the Union was insufficient to satisfy

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