

BERLIN

Although it will be short, music-lovers are promised a genuine artistic treat in the programme which is being arranged for the matinée musicale for the benefit of the American Church, to be held at the Hotel Adlon tomorrow, Thursday. One of Mr. Francis MacLennan's numbers will be an Aria from the opera "Joseph," by Méhul, a popular French composer of the eighteenth century. Mr. Anton Hekking's generosity in lending his services is doubly appreciated when it is noticed that he is to be one of a number of noted artists who are contributing to a programme the same evening at the big German charity *Fest* in the Mozart Saal. Mr. Rudolph Ganz's kindness also deserves unusual recognition, inasmuch as the distinguished pianist, who is now in the midst of an active period of concert-touring, is making a special effort to be in Berlin on the day of the musicale. The American Colony is well acquainted with all three musicians. It would have been difficult to find three more desirable artists for tomorrow's entertainment.

Tickets will be procurable tomorrow at the Hotel Adlon for those who have not been able to obtain them in advance.

The solo anthem at the 11 o'clock Service at St. George's Church, Monbijou Garten, on Christmas Day will be sung by the well-known American baritone, Mr. Arthur van Eweyk.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Dickie are visiting in the country. Their usual Thursday At Home will therefore be omitted this week.

Mr. Joseph Grew, 2nd Secretary at the U.S. Embassy, and Mrs. Grew entertained a few friends at dinner on Friday night at their apartment, Matthäikirch Strasse 6.

Mrs. A. M. Thackara, wife of the U.S. Consul General, held her first reception last Friday afternoon. Among the many callers were:—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fry, Mrs. Carey and her daughter, Baroness von Luttwitz, Mrs. McFarlane, Mr. Elmer Roberts, Mr. Morris of Chicago, Mrs. and Miss Griswold, Miss Knowles, of Baltimore, Mr. Frederick Cauldwell, Mr. Vossins, Mrs. A. C. Wilkie, Mrs. Arthur Abbott, Mrs. and Miss McElwee, Miss C. V. Kerr, Miss Durant, Miss Barbara Rupley, of Iowa, Mme. Hannah Mara and the Misses Calbreath, Mrs. Phipps-Miller, Miss Paris, of Jacksonville, Miss Dickie Fletcher, Mr. Whelpley, of New York, Mlle. Martin, of Le Havre, Mrs. William S. Graham, Miss Elva Faeth, Mrs. J. Duncan Hill, Mrs. Ch. P. Whitacre, Miss Molly Fancier.

Mrs. F. Hessenberg and Miss Partello presided at the tea and coffee tables.

Mrs. Thackara will be At Home every Friday from 4 to 7 during the months of December and January.

Mrs. Alex. Thackara, Jr., left Berlin on Saturday for Paris, her departure being somewhat sudden. It is possible that Mrs. Thackara will not return to Berlin.

An interesting new arrival in the American Colony is Miss Green, who holds the responsible post of Secretary to the Association of Charities in Washington, D. C. Miss Green, whose life in Washington is naturally a "strenuous" one, is in Germany for rest and recreation, but will possibly spend part of her time in looking into Berlin charitable organisations. She will be in Berlin until shortly after Christmas, staying at Pension Belmont, Victoria Louisen Platz 10.

Mrs. Lemmel, of Seattle, who was appointed Directress of the American Woman's Club last September in order to finish Miss Redfern's year, has

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sent in her resignation which was accepted at the Club business meeting last Wednesday. Mrs. Lemmel, who is a concert-singer, has accepted an engagement to tour in the States for several months, after which time she intends to return to Berlin with her son, an electrical engineer, and her daughter in order to complete their education and studies.

Mrs. Lemmel was At Home on Sunday evening, invitations having been sent out to a number of students and friends to meet Mr. van Hoose, the celebrated American tenor. Mr. van Hoose leaves for Leipzig this week to sing the Verdi Requiem with the Nikisch Orchestra.

Kathleen Parlow, the Canadian violinist, has this year as last received remarkable tributes of praise and acknowledgment from the cynical Berlin critics. "Notwithstanding her youth," said the *Berliner Tageblatt's* never-flattering critic, "she already shows distinct signs of artistic individuality. There is a great deal in her playing, not only from the technical standpoint, which is already worthy of unreserved recognition. It is a round, rich tone that she entices from her instrument." These words of eulogy are quite unmodified by criticism or disapprobation of any sort. Keen gratification has been felt in the English-speaking Colony at Miss Parlow's unqualified success.

The Fencing Club organised by Mr. R. S. McElwee is proving a most popular institution among Americans here. The membership list has already considerably passed the original limit.

At the At Home given by Messrs. Francis Hendricks and Louis Siegel at their studio, Bamberger Str. 41 on Friday last, an interesting musical programme was furnished by the two artists before a large gathering, representative of the American Colony. Messrs. Siegel and Hendricks, after rendering together the Grieg Sonata, each gave several solo selections. Mr. Siegel played the Wieniawski Polonaise in A, and Schumann's *Abendlied*. Mr. Hendricks, besides a composition of his own, rendered a Godowsky-Chopin Etude which was received with great applause. Something of a sensation was created by little Miss Allen Gray, aged eight, who after taking lessons for only eleven months played with obvious talent Gounod's *Méditation* and a Serenade by Pierre. The child is a pupil of Mr. Siegel. Amongst the guests were Mrs. Willekes Macdonald, Baron and Baroness von Reitzenstein, Dr. and Mrs. Cleves Symmes, Baroness von Maltzahn, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Gray, Mr. A. M. Abell, of the New

York *Musical Courier*, and Miss Abell, Miss Norah Drewett, Mr. Sigfried Lewinsky, Mrs. Arthur van Eweyk, and many others.

The deputation of English workmen from Yorkshire who have been making a tour through the chief seats of the wool industry in Germany under the leadership of Mr. Boyd Carpenter, left Berlin on Monday on their return to England, after visiting Gera, Kottbus, Rummelsburg, Schönweide, Leipzig, Dresden, Crimmitschau, and Frankfort-on-Main. Before starting, the deputation addressed a letter to the Minister of the Interior, who had received them on their arrival, expressing their hearty thanks for the assistance he had afforded them and for the attentions shown to them, at all the places they visited, by the authorities, the employers, and the workmen.

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BERLIN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

This evening:	
Royal Opera House	Marie, die Tochter des Regiments. Versiegelt at 7.30
Royal Theatre	Zopf und Schwert " 7.30
Deutsches Theater	Revolution in Krähwinkel " 7.30
"	(Kammerspiele) Der Arzt am Scheidewege " 8
Lessing Theatre	Gespenster " 8
Berliner Theatre	Herodes und Mariamne " 8
New Theatre	Israel " 8
New Schauspielhaus	Faust. I. Teil " 7.30
Kleines Theatre	Moral " 8
Comic Opera	Zaza " 8
Residenz Theatre	Kümmere dich um Amelie " 8
Hebbel Theatre	Frau Warrens Gewerbe " 8
Lustspielhaus	Die blaue Maus " 8
Schiller Theatre O.	Das Opferlamm " 8
" Charlotten-	burg
Der Familientag " 8	
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Als ich wiederkam " 8
Luisen Theatre	Die Ehre " 8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Die Entgleisten " 8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus	Die Herren Söhne " 8.15
Trianon Theatre	Die Liebe wacht " 8
Thalia Theatre	Künstlerblut (Girardi) " 8
Urania Theatre	An den Seen Oberitaliens " 8

Every evening until further notice.	
Metropol Theatre	Donnerwetter — tadello! at 8
New Operetta Theatre	Die Dollarprinzessin " 8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten " 8
Berl. Operetten-Theater	Havana " 8.15
Passage Theatre	Spezialitäten " 8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten " 8
Folies Caprice	Brautschau. Die lästige Witwe " 8
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten " 8
Apollo Theatre	Mizi Gizi. Siegwand Gentes " 8
Theatre des Westens	Der fidele Bauer " 8
Casino Theatre	Die Dianabäder " 8
Gastspieltheatre	Demimonde (Hedwig Lange) " 8
Gebr. Herrenfeld Theatre	Die beiden Bindelbands " 8

GENERAL NEWS.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT AND SPEAKER.

For some time past the American papers have been full of reports concerning the alleged friction between Mr. Taft and Mr. Joe Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives. It is understood that the bone of contention is represented by the question of tariff revision. Both are avowed protectionists, but they differ with regard to the lengths to which it should be carried. If the papers were to be believed, the two gentlemen were bitterly opposed to each other at the time of Mr. Taft's election, but this statement has doubtless been exaggerated. Anyhow, news now comes to hand that Mr. Taft and Mr. Cannon are expected to work in harmony, a report which has been received with general gratification. Mr. Taft favours a thorough tariff revision, and, from all accounts, Mr. Cannon has no intention of placing obstacles in the way. Hence the desire is likely to be accomplished without undue friction. Should this prediction prove correct, there appears to be no reason why Mr. Cannon should not be elected Speaker of the 61st Congress.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAL REFORM.

We gather from our New York reports that there is talk in well-informed circles of the conclusion

of a postal agreement with France on similar lines to that just announced with Germany. So far as can be ascertained, Mr. Meyer, the American Postmaster General, has been in communication with the French authorities, but no definite step has yet been taken. It seems likely, for many reasons, that such a measure will come before long, but business men criticise strongly the restriction of the cheap rate to letters forwarded by direct mail steamer only.

On all hands one hears this regulation of the German agreement ridiculed, and though the official explanation, which is based on financial considerations, is perfectly easy to understand, it is believed that many circumstances will operate towards its withdrawal. One prominent New York merchant recently told a reporter, for instance, that since the establishment of penny postage with England, many German firms have been sending their American letters in bulk to their London agents, whence they have been forwarded at the penny rate to their destinations. Such evasion, of course, is equally practicable in other instances.

THE FUTURE OF CUBA.

Trustworthy advices from Washington lead to the belief that the evacuation of Cuba by United States troops will be effected at a date considerably earlier than has been anticipated. Mr. Magoon, who has arrived from Havana, reports most satisfactorily

on the present condition and future prospects of the island, and on his return, which will not be long delayed, it is probable that he will take with him a definite message to the Cuban Congress.

THE ALLENSTEIN MURDER.

Allenstein, December 7.
The *Allensteiner Zeitung* states that Frau von Schoenebeck has been released from arrest, the order which was issued for her arrest on the 31st of December last having been cancelled.

THE CHOLERA IN ST. PETERSBURG AGAIN.

St. Petersburg, December 7.
Last week upwards of twenty cases of cholera occurred daily in the capital, and today thirty-three cases were reported, of which eight proved fatal. The number of patients under treatment is 243.

RECORD BALLOON FLIGHT.

Berne, December 7.
The balloon "Cognac," in charge of M. Victor de Beauclair of the Swiss Aero Club, ascended on Friday last at Bitterfeld in the province of Saxony, and landed on Monday at Casale in the province of Pisa after a flight lasting 56 hours, during which it passed over the Austrian Alps and the Adriatic from Polo to Pesaro.