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KING EDWARD AND BERLIN.

DATE OF VISIT SETTLED.

London, January 4. The visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Berlin has now been fixed to take place during the second week of February.

The above despatch makes refreshing reading after the pessimistic reports, mostly emanating from Vienna, which were circulated last week, alleging that the projected visit of the King of England to Berlin had been cancelled or indefinitely postponed, owing to "the conditions prevailing in Berlin." ballon d'essai quickly collapsed in face of the official denial which promptly followed, and it is now practically certain that the long talked-of and sincerely hoped-for visit is to become an actuality. There are numberless reasons why such a visit is highly desirable. It would, in the first place, form a fitting corollary to the German Emperor's visit to England fourteen months ago, when he received popular ovation that for whole-hearted spontaneity has rarely been accorded to exalted guests of the British nation. Further, the arrival of King Edward and his gracious consort in the Prussian capital would put an end to the mischievous stories which have engaged public attention far too long, mendacious statements concerning the "friction" supposed to exist between the Courts of Great Britain and this country. The visit would do more to cut the ground from under these malicious inventions than whole sheaves of official denials. It would, moreover, go far towards laying the foundations of a thorough and lasting understanding between two nations who have very much in common and very little apart. King Edward, like his august nephew, during his accession to the Throne has won the name of an earnest lover of peace, and his untiring endeavours to cement the fabrication of European amity during the last seven years have justly earned for him the title of "Edward the Peacemaker." In spite of insinuations to the contrary which continue to appear in the press of both England and Germany, in spite, too, of the clouds which from time to time partially obscured the real cordiality of Anglo-Teuton intercourse, there is little room for doubting that the time is ripe for the inauguration of a friendly understanding between the two countries. Nobody will deny that Great Britain and France are now enjoying the fruits of a sincere and, let us hope, a permanent friendship, in striking contrast to the acerbity which for more than a century inspired writers on either side of the Channel to forecast an ultimate clash. The causes of mutual antipathy between England and France were far more deeply-rooted than those between England and Germany, but tact and sincerity made short work of them when the task was conscientiously taken up. As King Edward's historic visit to Paris was the commencement of the Anglo-French understanding, so may his coming visit to Berlin serve as the introduction to an era of openhearted and healthful intercourse between the British nation and their German neighbours.

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All contributions to the Fund which we have received up to date have been handed over to the Dresden branch of the Fund for "die Opfer der Erdbebenkatastrophe in Sicilien und Calabrien" (the victims of the earthquake catastrophe in Sicily and Calabria), at the town hall. When desired, however, contributions are forwarded to the Lord Mayor's Fund, Mansion House, London, and for these a special list is kept at our office apart from the original one. It is as well to point out that all monies collected in Germany will be forwarded to Sicily and Calabria and distributed to sufferers, entirely irrespective of nationality.

BRITISH NAVAL DISASTER. SIXTEEN BLUEJACKETS DROWNED.

Sidney, January 5, A pinnace belonging to the British cruiser "Encounter," of the Australian Squadron, came into collision with a coaling steamer in the harbour here yesterday, and sunk immediately afterwards. Sixteen bluejackets were drowned.

STANDARD OIL VICTORIOUS.

RECORD FINE ANNULLED.

New York, January 5. The Supreme Court has refused the application of the Federal Government for leave to appeal against the decision of the Appellate Court quashing that of the Court below, by which the Standard Oil Company was adjudged, at Chicago in 1907, to pay a fine of twenty-nine millions of dollars.

AMERICAN HONOUR FOR GERMAN PROFESSOR.

New York, January 5. Dr. Penck, the German "Exchange" professor in New York, who is the director of the Geographical Institute, has received an honorary degree from Columbia University, New York City.

THE DEVASTATED CITIES. AMERICAN ASSISTANCE.

IMPROVED RESCUE CONDITIONS.

Messina, January 4. As far as can be estimated at the present juncture, one-fourth of the buildings in Messina are still standing, but owing to the disturbance of the foundations it is doubtful whether any of the houses are habitable. Railway communication with Palermo has been re-established. The harbour is crowded with vessels coming and going, bringing provisions, tents, and other assistance, while the returning vessels convey a continual stream of survivors to Naples and other ports. Rescue work here is now organised on a more systematic scale, and the appalling scenes witnessed in the centre of the town just after the catastrophe are of less frequent occurence. Firemen from Palermo, Genoa, and Milan, and other cities are taking an active part in the work. The body of Deputy Fulci was recovered from the ruins today. Hearing loud cries from under a heap of débris, the rescuers this afternoon redoubled their efforts, and finally brought to light an entire family, all of whom were uninjured. pour of rain is terribly handicapping the work, however, and few hopes are entertained of finding many more survivors under the ruins. Each arriving steamer discharges vast quantities of provisions and other necessaries, and as soon as one has unloaded her cargo she is requisitioned to convey the injured back to Genoa or Naples. The steamer "Sardegna" has arrived with 1,200 soldiers and stores of provisions.

Washington, January 5. The first division of the United States battleship squadron has been ordered to proceed at full speed to Naples and thence to the scene of the earthquake disaster, in order to render all possible aid. Congress has authorised a grant of 800,000 dollars for the relief of the sufferers, 300,000 dollars of which sum is represented by the provisions and other necessaries which have already been despatched to Messina. Intense sympathy is felt among all classes of Americans for the frightful disaster which has overwhelmed the inhabitants of Sicily and Calabria, and the prompt action of Congress in authorising money to alleviate some part of the distress is approved throughout the Union.

The American Red Cross Society has cabled the American Committee in Rome the sum of 390,000 dollars for the chartering of a steamer, which is to carry provisions to the districts which have suffered from the earthquake, and to convey fugitives to places of safety.

Rome, January 4. This afternoon Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary, paid a visit to the Vatican hospital where a large number of people injured at Messina are lying. A French abbé, the director of an orphan asylum, has intimated to the Pope his readiness to assume charge of 1,000 orphans, and this offer has been gratefully accepted by the Pope. This afternoon numerous survivors and injured arrived in Rome and were taken to the San Marta hospital, where the cost of their maintenance will be covered by the Pope.

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BERLIN





To-day, Wednesday, is a holiday in Saxony, and the next number of The Daily Record will therefore appear on Friday morning, January 8.

We regret to announce the death of Kommerzienrat Ferdinand Hecht, of the Berlin firm of Hecht, Pfeifer & Co., and representative of the well known firm of George Borgfeld & Co., of New York. Mr. Hecht died very suddenly on Monday morning, January 4, of lung trouble. He will be mourned by a host of people in Germany and in the United States, where he was almost as well known as in this country. He was known among Americans as the German businessman par excellence.

By the decease of Mr. Hecht, the American Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin loses a member of its Board of Directors and one of its most esteemed and valuable friends.

Mrs. Berthold Israel entertained as usual on New Year's Day at a large reception in her beautiful home at Hohenzollern Strasse 7. Between 150 and 180 guests came and went in the course of the afternoon. Representative members of the Anglo-American community in Berlin as well as of the German world of art and letters attended. Guests of honour were: Mr. Mortimer Solomon, of London, Mrs. Israel's brother, and her nephew Mr. Frank Lazarus, also of London, who have both been visiting Mrs. Israel throughout the holiday season. A delightful but quite informal musical programme was rendered by Miss Lucy Gates, a young American soprano with a charming voice, who is a pupil of Mme. Blanche Corelli, and who will make her appearance at the Berlin Royal Opera next month; by Miss Beatrice Harrison, a talented young cellist only fourteen years of age; and finally by Mr. Walter

The guests included:-Herr and Frau Professor Feruccio Busoni; Frl. Lola Beeth, the one-time great singer; Mr. Eustace Blois, and Mrs. Blois (the daughter of Mme. Carreno); Dr. Serge Barjansky, well known both as mathematician and cellist; M. Guy Carreras, and Mme. Carreras (the well known pianist); Mme. Blanche Corelli; Mrs. Burton Chamberlin, of Elmira, New York; Herr Professor Dessoir, the well known psychologist, of Berlin University, and Frau Professor Dessoir; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Dickie; Rev. Mr. Fry; Mrs. Robert Gülcher; Mr. Putnam Griswold, of the Royal Opera, and Mrs. Griswold; Mr. and Mrs. Rodolph Ganz; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Honan; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hessenberg; Colonel and Miss Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Israel; Herr Karl Langhammer, the well known landscape painter, and Frau Langhammer; Dr. Alice Luce; Mrs. Maddison; Miss Mary Münchoff, the popular American concert singer; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Maclennan, of the Berlin Royal Opera; Professor Ludwig Pietsch, a doyen of Berlin journalism and one of the best-known personalities in Berlin, now celebrated for his great age as well as his friendship with three emperors; Mr. D. J. Partello; Mr. and Mrs. August Spannuth; Frau Schmidt-Bürkly; Herr Professor Stein, of Berne; Herr Professor Schadow; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Twiss; Mr. Robert de Bruce; Herr Joseph Neszi, a Hungarian writer and former a member of the Hungarian parliament.

Mrs. Israel will be at home throughout the season on the first Sunday and first and second Wednesdays in the month, from four to six.

Miss Nettie Spencer, who is spending a month or so at Tot-Szerdahely in Hungary, is accompanying the Hungarian Prima Donna, Sari Fedak.

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The Sacred Concert held in the American Church on Nollendorf Platz on Sunday evening was largely attended. The musical programme proved very enjoyable, notwithstanding the fact that the two leading artists bespoken for the occasion were by unforeseen circumstances prevented from appearing. Miss Frances Rose, who was to sing "O Lamb of God," by Jacoby, was unable to do so on account of an engagement to appear in "Die Huguenotten" at the Royal Opera House. Mr. George Walter sent word that he was indisposed.

Miss Esther May Petersen (soprano), of Chicago, took the place of Miss Rose, singing the same solo, of which she presented a very effective interpretation. Miss Petersen has a sympathetic, well-schooled voice, with dramatic breadth where necessary.

George Meader (tenor) replacing Mr. Walter at the last moment, sang the four selections from the "Messiah," "Thy Rebuke," "Behold and See," "He was cut off," and "For Thou didst not leave." These numbers, it is unnecessary to say, call for musicianship, intelligence, and voice. Mr. Meader was by no means unequal to the demands made upon

Mr. Kirk Towns (baritone), who is well known in the American Colony as a vocal teacher, sang "Hosanna" by Grenier, and was in fine voice. Mr. Towns, who, as announced, has been engaged for the Wiesbaden Royal Opera, will leave Berlin to commence this engagement there next Fall. Arnim Liebermann, the cellist from the Royal Opera House Orchestra, played two delightful solos. At the age of twenty he has already played over 200 solos in Berlin, which bespeaks warm appreciation of his

The organisation of the concert is due to the efforts of Mr. Jason Moore, the well known and popular organist of the American Church, whose prelude and postlude for organ on the same evening were greatly enjoyed.

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T	his evening:
Royal Opera House	Aida at 7.30 Der Schlagbaum
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Deutsches Theatre	Revolution in Krāhwinkel 7.30
Lessing Theatre	(Kammerspiele) Elektra 8 Die Stützen der Gesellschaft 8
Berliner Theatre	Einer von unsere Leut 8
New Schauspielhouse .	Die Stinde
Hebbal Theatre	Moral
Comic Opera	Die Stitzen der Geseilschaft 8 Einer von unsere Leut 8 Die Stinde 8 Moral 8 Der Liebhaber 8 Zaza 8
Residenz Theatre	Kümmere dich um Amelie " 8
Lustspielhaus 1	Die glücklichste Zeit
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Frdr Wilhelmst Theatre I	Vater und Sonn 8
Luisen Theatre	Fliegende Berliner
Bernhard Rose Theatre I	Die Gever-Wally 8
Trianon Theatre I	Vater und Sonn 8 Husarenfieber 8 Fliegende Berliner 8 Die Geyer-Wally 8 Der Satyr 8 Mein Leopold (Girardi) 8
Thalia Theatre 1	Mein Leopold (Girardi) 8
Urania Theatre 5	Sizilien
Theatre des Westens I	Der tanfere Soldat

Thursday evening: Royal Opera House . . Cavalleria rusticana. Versiegelt at 7.30 Royal Theatre . New Royal Opera Theatre closed.

Deutsches Theater . . Revolution in Krähwinkel (Kammerspiele) Der Graf von Lessing Theatre . Gespenster . . . Berliner Theatre . . Einer von unsere Leut. . . . New Schauspielhaus Rabagas Kleines Theatre . . Hebbel Theatre . . Hoffmanns Erzählungen Kümmere dich um Amelie . . Comic Opera . Residenz Theatre. . Die glücklichste Zeit . . . Lustspielhaus .. Schiller Theater O. . Comtesse Guckerl . . . " Charlotten-

King Victor Emanuel has issued a special order to the Army and Navy, in which he thanks the officers and men of both services for their courage and energy in rendering aid to the victims of the earthquake, and also acknowledges in the warmest terms the assistance given by foreign officers and

Rome, January 4. The Agenzia Stefani publishes the following communication from the Prime Minister: "Several journalists who are not in the neighbourhood of the earthquake disaster, but who, on the contrary, are far removed therefrom, continue to send despatches to their newspapers in which they seek to play upon the public's imagination by fantastic descriptions of the scenes in the afflicted districts, by criticisms of Governmental measures which have never been taken, and by the fabrication of all manner of false reports. In this category belong the reports of a contemplated bombardment of Messina and the death of six Russian soldiers in conflict with plunderers, etc. Such reports are well calculated in this painful time to disturb public opinion, and to create fresh fears, not only among the suffering people in the earthquake district, but throughout the country. An appeal is therefore made to the patriotism of editors of all Italian newspapers not to publish reports received which lack substantial confirmation, or whose contents are such as to exclude the probability of truth."

The temporary postoffice erected at Reggio di Calabria commenced the distribution of postal matter today. All corpses extricated from the ruins are buried in long trenches, first being covered with lime. Several more people were rescued alive today, and the survivors are assembling in great numbers to receive bread and other provisions.

Catania, January 4. The subterranean shocks continue at Messina, and are causing great unrest. One thousand victims are being tended in the local hospital. Seven have succumbed, while three others became insane. Those least injured have been removed to the gaol, as the hospital is overcrowded.

GERMAN ART IN NEW YORK.

EXHIBITION OPENED.

New York, January 5. Some 16,000 people assembled yesterday afternoon in the Metropolitan Museum of Arts on the occasion of the opening of the German art exhibition, to the establishment of which impetus had been given by the numerous unfavourable judgments against German art which were rendered during the recent World's Fair at St. Louis. The guests were welcomed by the committee, including Mr. John Pierpont Morgan, Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, General-Consul Bünz, and other

prominent figures. The exhibition includes 250 works of art, chosen by the President of the Royal Academy of Art in Berlin, Professor Kampf, and Professor Marr, of Munich. They are believed to represent a fair example of the present status of German art. Telegrams of congratulation were read from various departments of the German Government.

New York, January 5. The following telegram has been received from the Emperor William in reply to a cable message sent to his Majesty by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, the President of the Museum of Art. "I thank you and the Curators for your friendly announcement of the opening of the German Art Exhibition in New York, and I am very glad that, with the kind support of the Administrators of the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, Germany will be able to exhibit a choice collection of contemporary works of art in America. I beg you to convey my thanks to all those who have assisted in arranging the Exhibition. Wilhelm. I. R."

THE FRENCH NAVY.

AN INVENTORY TO BE TAKEN.

Paris, January 5. According to the Matin of this morning, the Minister of Marine is engaged in drawing up a kind of inventory of the ships of war possessed by France, which may serve, in coming debates in the Chamber

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Professor Felix Adler, the American "Roosevelt Professor" at the University of Berlin, and Mrs. Adler were entertained at luncheon yesterday at the American Consulate-General by Mr. and Mrs. T. St. John Gaffney. In the evening Professor and Mrs. Adler returned to Berlin.

Mrs. William John Watson, of Lindenau Strasse 1a, will not be at home today, her regular At Homes having been postponed until next month. Mrs. Watson will receive again on the first Wednesday in February.

Mrs. Howard J. Smith, of Plauen i. V., has come to Dresden for four weeks, and is staying at Werder Str. 19, II.

M. Boris Kamtschatoff, who gave his second pianoforte recital of this season at the Palmengarten on Monday evening, begins to be interesting. He showed that he plays very unequally. That may sound paradoxical; but I pay M. Kamtschatoff the compliment of saying that such inequality in playing is the surest sign of finely differentiated nerves and of an artistic temperament. At his previous concert this winter the young Russian's playing was not very satisfactory; on this occasion he played with very great taste. Then his execution was imperfect, this time it was clear, excepting in a few passages, and very expressive. It would be absurd to suppose that M. Kamtschatoff could have made progress in such a short interval of time. The explanation must be sought in a difference of mood, dependent on the music, which may appeal at one time more than at another to the artist's own feelings. I will not praise all M. Kamtschatoff's performances on Monday evening. Beethoven's Sonata, op. 31 No. 3, was somewhat too hard and dry in the rendering, particularly the first and third movements; and the delightful Gluck-Brahms Gavotte was deprived of all poetic spirit. But M. Kamtschatoff made amends with Schumann's "Faschingsschwank"; and in the Tschaikowsky-Pabst "Wiegenlied" he showed that he can "sing" on the instrument with sweet tone and deep feeling. The best performances were unquestionably Arensky's "An der Quelle," and Liszt's tone-poem "Der König von Thule." In these, delicacy of touch and brilliant execution combined in giving expressive and poetical interpretations, That the young pianist should have played afterwards the Strauss-Tausig "Walzer Caprice 'Man lebt nur einmal"" was unnecessary, because not in very good taste; it is beyond his present technical powers. The not very numerous audience applauded enthusiastically.

At the Royal Opera, the performance of Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde," which stands on the week's programme for Saturday next, has been postponed until Monday, the 11th instant. The piece given on Saturday will be "Tannhäuser."

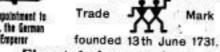
The Gauklerfest which the students of the Royal Academy of Arts have arranged to take place in all the rooms of the Exhibition Palace in honour of the "Wedding of the King of the Gauklers," promises to beat the Gaukler record as a social event. King Friedrich August has intimated his intention to honour the festivity with his presence; and thus the grand procession, which with its various groups and incidents will present a splendid coup d'oeil, will become a true demonstration of loyalty, and the enthusiasm of the processionists will be real.

Lists in which those who wish to altend the Fête should enter their names will be found in the art-galleries of Amold, Richter, and Sinz; at Herr Geller's store, Prager Strasse 19; and at the Royal Academy of Arts. Single tickets cost 10 marks; family cards 25 marks.

The guards in the city will be furnished today by the 2nd Grenadier regiment No. 101, and tomorrow by the 2nd Jäger battalion No. 13. The respective bands will play on both da ys in the Neustadt, at about 12.30 p. m.

MUSIC AND ART NOTICES.

The programme of the orchestral concert at the Gewerbehaus tomorrow evening will be as follows. (1) Overture, "Preciosa,"



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Weber. (2) "Der Erlkönig," Schubert. (3) Japanisches Intermezzo (first time), Voigt. (4) Waltz, "Eugen Onegin" (first time), Tschalkowsky. (5) Prologue, "Der Bajazzo," Leoncavallo. (6) Concerto for trombone, Sachse. (7) Tonbilder, "Faust und Margarethe," Gounod. (8) Ballet Suite (first time), Popy. (9) "Klage der gefangenen Sklavin," Kempter. (10) Mandolin serenade, Triebel. (11) Entente cordiale Exhibition March (first time), Latur.

The annual concert for the benefit of the Vincenzius Verein will be given at the Vereinshaus on Monday the 11th instant with the assistance of the famous violinist Franz Ondricek and other eminent artists. A London critic recently described Herr Ondricek as one of the first violinists of the day and a perfect master of his art.

Made. Teresita Carreno-Blois will give a pianoforte recital at the Palmengarten on the 15th instant.

DRESDEN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

Royal Opera House.

Tonight, beginning at 7, ending about 10

Die Fledermaus.

Cast:

Operetta in three acts. Music by Johann Strauss.

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Rosalin	de, his wife		Fraul Seebe
Frank,	governor of the prison.		Herr Bilesel
Prince	Orlofsky		Fried Heban (as muset)
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Tomorrow, Thursday, beginning at 7.30, ending 10.15

Grand opera in four acts. Music by Joseph, Verdi.

The King. Herr Puttlitz Fraul. v. Chayanne. Aida, an Ethiopian slave...... Frau v. Falken. Herr Burrian. Herr Hummel. Amonasro, King of Ethiopia, Arda's father Herr Scheidemantel. Herr Löschcke. A Priestess.

Friday night . Saturday night . Sunday night . Monday night . Tannhäuser . Maurer und Schlosser . . Tristan und Isolde . .

Royal Theatre Neustadt. This afternoon. Schneewittchen Die glücklichste Zeit . Das Glück im Winkel . Tonight . Thursday night Wallensteins Lager. Piccolomini "6 Wallensteins Tod. "6 Friday night . Saturday night

on the reconstruction of the Navy, to give a clear view of the actual strength of the fleet. The Naval Council is to meet shortly to settle the programme of reform. The Matin hereupon remarks: "The French people will shrink from no sacrifices for ensuring the development of their sea power, when once they have the requisite guarantees that their money will be well spent."

THE DANISH MAUSOLEUM OUTRAGE.

MANY VALUABLES RECOVERED.

Copenhagen, January 4. The man Wernickewitz, who is in custody for breaking into the Roal mausoleum at Röskilde, has confessed to having hidden part of the stolen valuables at Röskilde and in Copenhagen, and has given the necessary information. The following articles have consequently been recovered at Roskilde: the gold wreath given by the Danish towns; the silver cross presented by the children of the Royal family; the silver wreaths sent by President Fallières and the Russian officers; and a silver palm branch; all of which were taken from the coffin of Christian IX. Five silver wreaths and a silver scarf were found concealed in the Zoological Gardens at Copenhagen.

RETIREMENT OF M. ISVOLSKI.

St. Petersburg, January 4.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Isvolski, will retire from office on the Russian New Year's Day, and probably go to Berlin as Ambassador to Germany.

FATAL TOBOGGANING ACCIDENT.

Berne, January 4.

An Italian pianist, named Segro, was killed yesterday while tobogganing above Montreux. Losing control of his sledge, he was dashed against a wall, and sustained so severe a fracture of the skull that he died almost immediately.

MILLBOARD AS A BULLET RESISTER.

A series of interesting firing tests has been made by the Government of Sweden. The purpose of these experiments was to examine the effect of shooting against pasteboard. The trials were conducted on the wharves of the Swedish Navy at Karlskrona, and the target used was a prepared one of millboard, against which fire from revolvers, rifles, carbines, and machine-guns was directed. The pasteboard, which was three inches in thickness, resisted completely the bullets fired from the small arms, but was perforated by the projectiles from the machine-guns. The experiments may be said to have afforded very interesting results. Bullets from the carbines used are able to penetrate wooden planks five inches in thickness, but they could not penetrate the pasteboard, which was only three inches thick.

NEW BOOKS.

Tauchnitz Edition to appear next week: Vols. 4090: "The Waters of Jordan," a new novel by Horace Annesley Vachell.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF SAXONY.

By Lady Paget.

I think people never remember sufficiently how much small children really do understand and notice. Few remember now the famous procès of the Duc de Praslin, who murdered his wife a year or two before the Revolution of 1848. The account of it was published in a French pamphlet, which my mother read out to her sister whilst she was painting. I was sitting on the floor cutting out pictures. I did not lose a single word; I was deeply interested, and remember most of the details to this day. The aunt just referred to was my mother's eldest sister, an old maid full of character and with a good deal of cleverness. She remembered all about the Napoleonic wars, and inspired me with a fine hatred of the 'Corsican brigand.' My mother's father was one of the men best hated by Napoleon, because he had held the only Prussian fortress which never surrendered. I remember on great occasions a set of tine damask tablecloths being used, with an inscription woven into them from 'The grateful citizens of Colberg' for having preserved their town from the invader. It was he also who later on planned the junction of the Prussians with Wellington at Waterloo, and who, not only as a soldier but as a politician, had always opposed the French influence which had for 200 years crippled German development, and which, during the first years of the nineteenth century, exercised so baneful an influence over the weak and vacillating king, and through him on the fortunes of Prussia. I did not wonder that nearly all the conversation was carried on in French in deference to our many foreign guests, and also I vaguely realised that it was la langue diplomatique, which had to be kept up at any cost, but when the village people, especially the old men and women, interlarded their remarks with French words, it roused my indignation. They had been young during the French occupation, and the two places we lived at most were on the very edge of the great battlefields around Leipzig. Many of the villagers had seen Napoleon and his generals: the Emperor had passed through the place and dined at the castle, Marshal Ney had slept for six weeks in my room, and Marmont was quartered close by. I knew that the country had suffered inexpressibly during those wars, though I did not then realise that the reason why the trees of all the avenues were so small was because they had been cut down, and the houses were so bare because they had all been plundered and robbed.

My paternal grandfather owned large tracts of the country around Leipzig and many houses in the town, and my father remembered, when he was quite small, Napoleon visiting his young and pretty mother, who had fled into the town and was the great lady there. He said the Emperor wore a black coat with frogs, and was not unamiable, for at that moment, just after the battle of Jena, the Saxons were his allies. My grandfather, however, was a patrot and loathed this unnatural alliance, and before the battle of Leipzig he retired to his country place, ordering his agent, whom he left in town, to make a feu de joie in case of success of a copse of very fine old oaks which grew upon a knoll and could be seen for many miles over the flat country. However, when the battle was won, the agent thought it a pity to set fire to the old oaks and there they stand to this day. Before my days of lessons began I used to accompany my parents to some of their other places, and delightful pictures of them still float in my mind. I remember especially a big sort of palace where there were many functions. It stood on the margin of a lake, on marshy ground. The rooms were large and bare, with stuccoed ceilings, but what endeared it particularly to me was that my English nurse on Sunday morning took me into the kitchen, a place I had never seen, and taught me to make a plum pudding. Then we went to a great castle high up in the mountains. It was situated on the watershed between Saxony and Bohemia, and a small town clustered round its giant walls. It had been partially abandoned, but the arched ceilings and great halls beautifully carved with rich ornaments excited my mother's admiration, and she wished to restore it as an ideal summer residence, for it was in the midst of immense fir-woods and 2,500 feet above the sea. We visited various other places, but the one I loved best was not far from Dresden, beyond the valley of Tharandt. My mother took us children there sometimes for a few days in May. It was a little whitewashed castle, with round towers and pointed redbrick roofs. It stood on the side of a valley overhung by lovely woods. All around it was a carpet of the greenest finest grass, intersected with small rivulets bubbling over silvery sand and enamelled with buttercups, daisies, forget-me-nots, primroses, and violets in such luxuriance as I have never seen since.

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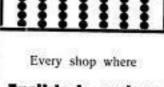
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MR. HALL CAINE AND EGYPT.

Al Bomb has exploded in Cairo. This terrifying name for a newspaper is in unmistakable black and white the title of a new vernacular journal, of Egyptian Nationalist principles. It also bears a motto, which reads, "Why live despairing, and why despair while living?" It threatened great destruction, but no one, writes a press correspondent, is hurt yet; and the profits of the venture are intended for the benefit of an Arabic secondary school. More destructive than Al Bomb is Mr. Hall Caine's book on Egypt, his new novel, The White Christ. This has burst with disconcerting effects on Egypt. In Anglo-Egyptian circles it is resented. But it is meeting with a warm welcome from native leaders. Two leading vernacular journals, Al Moayad and Al Minbar, are translating and publishing the book, in Arabic, in their daily columns. The title is slightly altered into El Nabi el Abyad, or The White Pro-

From the point of view of the majority of the English in Egypt, the White Christ is a direct incitement to the Nationalist propaganda. It is held to sanctify the Mahdis, whose risings have cost so much blood and treasure. The undisguised portrait of Lord Cromer in the book is deplored. Its motives and its publication are condemned. While disowned by the author's countrymen, native parties are defending the book with remarkable energy, and that in the English organ of the British Agency, the Egyptian Gazette. Thus Hafiz Awad, the editor of Al Minbar, writes asserting his opinion that Mr. Hall Caine does not merit the criticism of knowing Egypt only as a four months' tourist. The author, he says, spent some years ago a considerable time in Morocco, and subsequently paid a visit to Egypt, when he had many interviews with Lord Cromer. Last year's was therefore a second visit, and though Mr. Caine then entertained, and was entertained by, leading natives almost exclusively, he also saw a good deal of the prominent Englishmen in Egypt. Hafiz Awad also replies to the accusation that most of the "Arabic sayings" in the book are not Arabic at all, or are considerably distorted. But all this does not remove the distrust of the book among the English in Egypt, nor their conviction that it may, through a misunderstanding of its importance, discredit England's rôle.

MARRIAGES IN GERMANY.

From statistics it would appear that in 1903 in Germany 309,922 girls and widows were married in that country, and of these 68,468 were servant girls, of whom 40,431 had places in cities and small towns, and 28,037 were employed as servants on farms. This shows that 22 per cent. of all the women married that year were servant girls. Dressmakers came next, in point of popularity, with 20,109 marriages. Factory hands were less in demand, and only 18,115 were married. Girls who had been graduated from the house servant class and became waitresses fared still worse, only 3 per cent. of their number finding husbands, while smaller still was the marriage percentage among saleswomen, typewriters, and clerks. Matrimony claimed only about 1 per cent. of this class. In 1906 only 5,258 of the "commercial class" were married.

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