

BERLIN

Mr. Sidney Whitman, the English publicist, is making one of his periodical visits to Berlin, and is at the Hotel Continental.

Mr. George Ade, the American humorist and playwright, of "Fables" and "College Widow" fame, was on Tuesday night the guest at dinner and the theatre of Messrs. Frederick William Wile and A. C. Wilkie, former colleagues on the staff of the *Chicago Record*. Mr. Ade left Berlin on Thursday to continue his tour around the world.

Mrs. F. Sefton Delmer, wife of Professor Delmer, of Berlin University, leaves Berlin on January 31 on an extended visit, with her children, to her home in Melbourne, Australia. Mrs. Delmer will return to Berlin about next October.

Mr. G. Valentine Williams has returned from a holiday visit to England.

The American Woman's Club held its annual general meeting for the election of officers and committees last Wednesday morning. Much useful work was done. The morning's proceedings opened with a somewhat amusing incident when it was discovered by one of the ladies in attendance, Miss Maynard Butler, that under the Club's Constitution no resolutions could be passed by the present meeting, since only fourteen ladies were in attendance, while the number required to complete the Club quorum was twenty. There was a certain amount of protest at this excessively parliamentary attitude, but Miss Butler carried her point, and energetic use of the Club telephone finally brought a number of additional members on the scene.

Mrs. A. M. Thackara, President of the Club, announced that she had formally put before Mrs. David Jayne Hill, the wife of the Ambassador, the suggestion that she, Mrs. Hill, should fill the position of Honorary President of the American Woman's Club during her residence in Berlin. Mrs. Thackara then read a letter in which Mrs. Hill declined the courtesy tendered with cordial thanks.

Mrs. Thackara was subsequently re-elected President, while the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Miss Molt and Mrs. J. P. Wisser, were also re-elected.

A Committee has been formed to discuss arrangements for holding a reception in honour of Mrs. David Jayne Hill.

An important change was made in the Club Constitution in the course of the meeting. The amendment now voted makes it possible for foreign-born women who have become American citizens to be members of the Club.

Thanks to the energetic and efficient work of Mrs. William C. Dreher, Chairman of the Nominating Com-

mittee, the vacant post of Recording Secretary, regarding which some anxiety had been felt, has now been filled. Mrs. Dreher has induced Miss Worfolk to undertake this onerous office. It is felt that no better choice could have been made in the interests of the Club. Years ago, prior to Mrs. Honan's term of office, Miss Worfolk acted for some time in the capacity of Recording Secretary.

Miss Amy Hare, the distinguished English pianist who is to give a recital to-night at the American Woman's Club for the benefit of that institution, will be heard in orchestral concerts during March and April, in Berlin, Munich, Dresden, and Leipzig. Miss Hare has a list of phenomenally eulogistic criticisms to show from American and English journals. The *Washington Daily Post* says: "It would hardly be going far enough to say that Miss Hare is a fine pianiste. Her execution is marvellous, and the precision that governs her every touch is wonderful. The Liszt 'Rhapsodie Hongroise' has probably never before been played in Washington in such magnificent manner." The *London Standard* speaks of Miss Hare as a "brilliant and powerful executant." The *Bonn-Zeitung* says:—"The lady is a perfect master of her instrument. The chief feature of her playing, however, does not lie in her virtuosity, but purely and entirely in her heartfelt conception of the music. In this conception lies such a mine of sympathetic power as is rarely possessed by feminine humanity. The English may well be proud of such a pianiste."

CHURCH SERVICES: BERLIN.

S. George's Church, Montbijou Garten.
Second Entrance: Oranienburger Strasse 76B.

Sundays: 9 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins and Sermon (followed by a second Celebration on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday in the month).
6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Fridays: 11 a.m. Litany.

Holy Days: 9 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion.
The Chaplain: Rev. J. H. Fry, M. A.,
Savigny Platz 7, Charlottenburg.

American Church, Motz Strasse 6.
Nollendorf Platz.

Sundays: 11.30 a.m. Regular Service.
4.30 p.m. Song Service.
Communion 2nd Sunday of each alternate month from January.
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BERLIN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

This evening:	
Royal Opera House	Siegfried at 7
Royal Theatre	Marla Stuart " 7
New Royal Opera Theatre	closed.
Deutsches Theatre	Revolution in Krähwinkel 7.30 (Kammerspiele) Der Graf von Gleichen " 8
Lessing Theatre	Rosmersholm " 7.30
Berliner Theatre	Einer von unsere Leut " 8
New Schauspielhaus	Rabagas " 8
Kleines Theatre	Moral " 8
Hebbel Theatre	Frau Warrens Gewerbe " 8
Comic Opera	Zaza " 8
Residenz Theatre	Kümmere dich um Amelie " 8
Lustspielhaus	Die glücklichste Zeit " 8
Schiller Theatre O.	Die Braut von Messina " 8
" Charlotten-	
burg	Ein Volksfeind " 8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Husarenfieber " 8
Luisen Theatre	Die Kinder des Kapitän Grant " 8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Brüderlein fein " 8
Trianon Theatre	Der Satyr " 8
Thalia Theatre	Mein Leopold (Girardi) " 8
Urania Theatre	Über den Brenner nach Venedig " 8
Theatre des Westiens	Der tapfere Soldat " 8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus	Der Militärstaat " 8
Every evening until further notice.	
Metropol Theatre	Donnerwetter — tadello at 8
New Operetta Theatre	Die Dollarprinzessin " 8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten " 8
Berl. Operettentheater	Die Tochter des Herrn Fabricius 8.30
Passage Theatre	Spezialitäten " 8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten " 8
Folies Caprice	Servus Pachesina. Der lustige Ehemann " 8.30
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten " 8
Apollo Theatre	Onkel Casimir. Spezialitäten " 8
Casino Theatre	Die Dianabäder " 8
Gastspieltheatre	Drahtlose Telegraphie (H. Lange) 8.30
Gebr. Herrenfeld Theatre	Die beiden Bindelbands " 8
New Theatre	Israel " 8

Reggio, January 8.
Frequent shocks of earthquake were felt here during the night, accompanied at times by loud subterranean reports. A few buildings that had not been completely destroyed were further damaged. The work of reconstructing the railway is being pushed forward energetically. News has been received from Brancalone, Catanzaro, and Palmi of earthquakes by which the inhabitants were alarmed last night.

DISASTROUS FIRES IN NEW YORK. MORE THAN \$1,000,000 DAMAGE.

New York, January 8.
The down-town section of this city was yesterday the scene of no less than three extensive fires, which broke out almost at the same time, and before they could be extinguished damage to the extent of over one million dollars had been caused. It is not yet known whether incendiarism is suspected by the authorities.

BRITAIN'S TERRITORIAL ARMY. PRINCESS TO SECURE RECRUITS.

London, January 7.
The appeal from the Territorial Force to Londoners, signed by the Duke of Fife and Lord Esher, has met with Royal response in the shape of an intimation that a meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Kensington, with the Mayor in the chair, at which the Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) will be present. The object her Royal Highness has in view is to form a Ladies Recruiting Committee, of which she herself will act as President for the purpose of securing recruits to the new force.

AUSTRIAN TORPEDO BOAT AGROUND. Vienna, January 7.

A report has been received here that the torpedo boat "Narval" ran on a rock yesterday near Lesina in the Adriatic, and that the skin of the ship was pierced, but that she is kept afloat by boats lashed alongside. One man of the crew had both his legs badly crushed.

AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME. FOUR 25,000-TON BATTLESHIPS.

Washington, January 8.
The Secretary of the Navy has laid the 1909 naval programme before Congress. It provides for the building of four battleships of 25,000 tons displacement, besides several cruisers and other warships. The estimates amount to 75 million dollars.

HOLLAND AND VENEZUELA. AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.

The Hague, January 7.
The Netherlands Government has received official information from Venezuela that the decree of the 14th of May, which prejudiced the trade of Curacao, has been formally cancelled, and that exequaturs have been granted to the Netherlands Consuls.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT NEAR PARIS.

Paris, January 7.
During the trotting races at Vincennes today one of the trotters pulled his driver out of the trap and jumped the barrier. In the panic caused at the spot where this occurred, 15 people were injured, some of them seriously. Two women who were knocked down and trampled upon are in a critical condition.

THE NEAR EAST PROBLEM. SERVIAN PREMIER'S EXPLANATION.

Belgrade, January 8.
M. Milanowitsch, the Servian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has informed the Austrian Ambassador in answer to his representations that his (the Minister's) speech in the Skuptchina had no aggressive tendency towards Austria-Hungary. He regretted that his remarks on the Servian standpoint in the Bosnian question should have caused an impression in Austria-Hungary that he entertained feelings of hostility to the Monarchy. He disapproved of the criticisms uttered by other speakers in the Skuptchina on the internal affairs of the Monarchy, as they were opposed to international usage.

THE SYDNEY NAVAL DISASTER. MANY ACTS OF HEROISM.

Sydney, January 7.
The following details of the naval disaster at Sydney, already reported, have now transpired: About sixty men under Lieut. Dinwiddie, of the "Encounter," embarked at 6.30 a.m. on the pinnace which was towed by a naval steam launch, on board of which were the officers and a large party of Marines. The boats were connected by a sixty-foot towline. Near Macquarie's Point the collier "Dunmore" was seen approaching. The launch towing the pinnace cleared the "Dunmore's" bows. There were loud cries of "Cut the towline," but the men in the pinnace saw the danger too late. Their frantic efforts to cut the rope failed, the pinnace was completely turned over, and the steamer passed on over the struggling crowd of 60 men, encumbered by their uniforms, belts, and water bottles. The catastrophe was immediately observed from the warships. Within four minutes boats arrived on the scene. Despite strenuous efforts, however, it was found impossible to save all the men. Some must have been struck by the "Dunmore" and rendered insensible, while others were probably sucked down by the collier's propeller as she forged past. Some men were saved by the launch, and some by the "Dunmore's" boat, while a number seized the collier's whaling piece and were helped on board. One sailor swam ashore. A notable feature of the accident was the way in which the men helped each other in the water, and many acts of heroism were performed. Four boats from warships with diving apparatus were promptly despatched. Body after body was brought to the surface. The police also dragged the harbour outside the range of the divers. Each corpse, as it was recovered, was wrapped in the Union Jack and placed under an awning on the "Encounter's" deck, afterwards being removed to a improvised morgue on Garden Island, where sentries with reversed arms kept guard. The last body was found at 5.30. The captain of the "Dunmore" says he blew his siren and slowed down his engines. Instead of keeping astern, the launch crossed his bow.

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