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PARLIAMENT.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, February 25.

In the course of the debate on the Address, Sir Edward Grey, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking on the question of the Congo, said Great Britain would very gladly recognise the annexation, but that would not imply the recognition of the old régime on the Congo. The Government would take no step before Parliament had had an opportunity of expressing its opinion on the Belgian reply, which might be expected in about a fortnight. The Address was adopted, after some further debate.

THE MARITIME WARFARE CONGRESS.

London, February 25.

The last sitting of the international Maritime Warfare Congress for the signing of the protocol will take place tomorrow. The result has given universal satisfaction. The Governments represented at the Congress have agreed to maintain complete silence in the matter until the 20th of March; on which date a Blue-book and the necessary Bills will be laid before Parliament.

RADICALISM IN GREAT BRITAIN.

THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

THE FLOWING TIDE.

The result of the polling at Taunton on Tuesday has already been published in these columns; we repeat it as follows:

The Hon. W. Peel (U.)	1,976
Mr. Frank Smith (Lab.)	1,085
Unionist majority	891
Increase in the Unionist vote	134
Increase in the Unionist majority	552
Decrease in Radical and Lab. vote	418
Decrease in the total poll	284

A great crowd had gathered in front of the municipal buildings eagerly awaiting the declaration of the poll.

Previous elections have resulted as follows:

1892.		1901.	
Hon. A. P. Allsopp (U.)	1,402	Col. A. C. E. Welby (U.)	1,387
H. H. Bridgman (R.)	921	W. King (R.)	1,024
Unionist majority	481	Unionist majority	363
1906.		1908.	
Sir E. Boyle, K. C. (U.)	1,842		
Arthur Pensonby (R.)	1,503		
Unionist majority	339		

In 1895 Colonel Welby (U.) was returned unopposed.

Since the return of the Radical Government there have been 38 bye-elections, beginning with the City of London and ending with the Taunton contest. Four are pending in Scotland, one of which will be fought today, viz. Forfarshire where Mr. R. L. Blackburn, K.C. (U.) stands against Mr. J. Falconer (R.). The Radical majority here in 1900 was 248; in 1906, 3519.

Among the most striking of the results of the contests hitherto decided may be mentioned the Unionist majorities at the following places:—

Constituency.	Majority.
Mid-Devon	559
South Hereford	1,019
Worcester	1,292
Hastings	1,018
Peckham	2,494
N.W. Manchester	429
Pudsey	113
Haggerston	1,143
Newcastle	2,143
Chelmsford	2,565
Taunton	891

Altogether the Unionists have won nine seats from the Radical party since the last General Election. They are:

Cockermouth.	South Hereford.
Brigg (Lincs.)	Peckham.
Mid-Devon.	N.W. Manchester.
Pudsey.	Haggerston.
	Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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The following table speaks for itself:—

	Increase in Unionist vote.	Decrease in Radical vote.
Mid-Devon	1,395	447
South Hereford	762	569
Worcester	480	683
South Leeds	2,789	926
Hastings	147	458
Peckham	3,406	1,427
Dewsbury	1,124	1,170
North-West Manchester	1,019	651
Kincardineshire	439	216
East Wolverhampton	1,761	1,096
Dundee	505	2,197
Shropshire (North)	480	305
Pudsey	1,903	1,712
Pembrokeshire	687	421
Haggerston	496	1,048
Newcastle	1,921	6,703
Chelmsford	1,237	874
Taunton	134	418
	20,685	21,321

The difference between the two sets of figures is accounted for partly by the increase in the electorate, and partly by the intervention of Labour or Socialist candidates.

THE NEW KNIGHT OF THE GARTER.

The King of England has been pleased to approve of the Earl of Durham being a Knight of the Garter in the place of the late Earl of Leicester, K.G.

Lord Durham is possibly the only twin who has ever risen to that particular dignity. He is one of the largest colliery owners in the North of England, an extraordinary popular landlord in his own county, and a prominent sportsman; and in politics he is a Liberal Unionist, following in his Liberalism the unbroken tradition of his family.

It is a strict rule that a Knight of the Garter must at all times wear upon his person some one of the distinctive ornaments. It may be the Cloak, or the Hat, or the George, or the Garter itself, and the two last may be worn under ordinary clothes, but always, either secretly or openly, the Knight of the Garter must have some portion of the insignia upon him.

ABE HUMMEL NOT DEAD.

The New York *Herald* denies the report of Mr. Hummel's death which was published in the *Daily Record* yesterday.

THE NEAR EAST.

OPENING OF THE SKUPSHITINA.

Belgrade, February 25.

Long before the opening of the sitting of the Skupshtina this morning all the galleries of the Chamber were crowded with a keenly expectant audience. In consequence of the unusual pressure on the space available for the public, the President gave special permission for a portion of the hall itself being occupied as standing room. The sitting was opened by President Ivanovitch shortly after 11 o'clock. When the order of the day's business had been settled, the President called upon the Secretary to read the Royal decree appointing the new Ministry. Hereupon, the Ministers entered the Chamber headed by the Premier, M. Novakovitch, and were greeted with loud cries of "Zivio!" The Royal decree was then read, and at its conclusion enthusiastic cheers for the King broke out. M. Novakovitch proceeded to read a statement, as follows: "I have the honour to appear before the Skupshtina and to work with a Cabinet composed, in a manner that is unusual, of representatives of all parties. Nevertheless our appearance is quite a normal occurrence; signifying that the present moment imperatively requires unity at home and the protection of Servian interests abroad (Loud cries of "Zivio" and clapping of hands). Attempts are being made in certain directions to assail the right of Servia to continue to exist, a right which is established by international treaties. The national Skupshtina has taken the foreign political programme of Servia from the hearts of the Servian people. The demands which that programme contains as well for Servia as for Montenegro, and the grounds of right and the interests on which it is based, Europe will shortly have to appreciate. The Government formed by the Royal decree of the 24th of February appears before the national representative assembly as a witness of the unanimity with which the Servian people lays its national question before Europe. The roots of that national question in the hearts of the Servian people cannot be destroyed so long as a single Serb remains on this globe (Enthusiastic shouts of "Long live the Nation!" Cheers for the Serb Piedmont!). The King's Government, in devoting all their attention to foreign affairs and to the representation of the Serb question before the great Powers of Europe, relies on the general unanimity and prudence for support. Firmly resolved to defend the Constitution and the laws, the King's Government appeals to all Serbs to uphold it, in the fulfilment of its tasks, by doing their duty as fellow-citizens, so that in this way the only sure foundation of a better future for Servia may be laid. Resting as we do on the unbounded confidence of the Throne, we are convinced that you also, the people's representatives, will sincerely and heartily support us. Let us be filled with the feeling and the consciousness of a higher duty with respect to the sacred traditions of our people, to the inheritance of our heroic ancestors, and to the continuance and vital interests of our nation!" (A storm of applause. Enthusiastic cheering for the King, the Government, the Serb peoples, and for Bosnia and Herzegovina.)

President Ivanovitch said he believed he was speaking as the interpreter of the whole Skupshtina in proposing that the statement of the Ministry be placarded in all parts of the country, in order that the electors may convince themselves of the patriotic feelings that animate every member of the Skupshtina, and of its care for the interests of the country. The proposal of the President was adopted unanimously amid enthusiastic cheering.

INSURRECTION AT A COLONIAL SCHOOL.

SCHOLARS STRIKE.

Witzenhausen, February 25.

One of the young men at the Colonial School here having been reprimanded by the headmaster, submitted his conduct to his fellow-scholars who found that the reprimand had been unjust. Fifty of them forthwith packed their things and declared they would leave if the headmaster didn't apologise. After having consulted with the teachers the headmaster revoked his reprimand.

BERLIN

Mr. George S. Atwood, Secretary of the Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin, will leave for the United States by the S.S. "Cleveland" of the Hamburg-American line on her maiden trip, sailing March 27. Mr. Atwood is going to America in the interests of the Association, and will also confer with the authorities at Washington on tariff matters. It is hoped that the Secretary's trip will be as successful as that undertaken two years ago. Giving the correspondent of the *Daily Record* his views concerning the prospects of tariff revision, the Secretary of the Association said he was confident that we would and we ought to have a maximum and minimum tariff, which would afford a proper basis for dealing with all nations, inasmuch as, on the theory of give and take, all parties to any commercial reciprocity would be treated fairly, and all interests could be conserved. The threatening change in the constellation of political parties in the German "Reichstag" would, the Secretary seemed to think, tend to hamper tariff negotiations, as the Agrarian party is so strongly opposed to admitting anything of American origin.

The American Government, Mr. Atwood claims, ought to insist upon the re-admission of American canned meat into Germany. The people themselves want it, he says, adding that to his personal knowledge not a can of tainted canned meat was ever found among the immense quantities formerly imported into Germany. American canned meats would, particularly at the present time, be a real boon to the working and middle classes in Germany. The German high duties on American fruits, fresh and canned, ought also to be greatly reduced, says Mr. Atwood, so as to bring the American California fruit within the reach of the man of moderate income. "Why high, in fact prohibitive duties," the Secretary concludes, "where no competition exists?"

Owing to the generosity of a member of the congregation of St. George's Church, the help of Rev. A. C. Dixon, Vice-Principal of the Theological College at Salisbury has again been secured for "Holy Week" and Easter Day.

Professor and Mrs. William Morris Davis have issued cards for an afternoon reception on Monday, March 1, at Pension Steinplatz, Uhland Str. 197.

An "English tea" will be given at the Berlin Lyceum Club, am Carlsbad 12-13 on Wednesday next, March 3, at 5 o'clock. The hostesses will be Miss Partello and Frl. von Schoeler, Vice-Presidents of the "English circle" of which Lady Edward Goschen is President.

Mrs. Frank O'Meara, Landshuter Strasse 5, who has been spending several months in Berlin studying with Richard Löwe, Mme. Nikisch, and Ellison van Hoose, expects to leave Berlin for her home in St. Paul in April 1. Mrs. O'Meara, who has frequently been heard in the American Church in Berlin, is the contralto soloist in the People's Church at St. Paul.

Mr. A. M. Thackara, the eldest son of Consul-General and Mrs. Thackara, who has been in Berlin for a week or two for final recuperation from the effects of his recent serious accident, will remain here for several days longer before returning to Paris.

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Miss Katherine Ruth Heyman leaves Berlin early next week for London, where she will give a concert with orchestra at Queen's Hall on March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shilstone, of New Orleans, have come to Berlin and expect to spend several months here. Mr. Shilstone will be engaged in chemical research.

The many friends of Mrs. Stillman-Kelley will be glad to learn that she is steadily recovering from her recent serious attack of influenza.

Miss Eda Heinemann, Motz Strasse 36, left on Monday morning for London, where she will spend the Spring.

Miss Marcella Craft, the young American dramatic soprano who has been engaged at Kiel for the past two years, has signed a contract under excellent conditions with the Munich opera house. She will be much regretted at Kiel, where she was signalled out for honours from the royal box on more than one occasion. Miss Craft has many friends among Americans in Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Godowsky will leave Berlin for Vienna in September. Mr. Godowsky will receive the title of *Geheimrat* immediately upon undertaking his responsible post as official piano pedagogue under the Imperial Government in Vienna. Twelve months later he is raised to the rank of "Excellenz."

Mr. Herbert A. White, Berlin correspondent of the London *Standard* and *Express*, has changed his home and office address from Wilhelm Strasse 125 to the Hotel Esplanade, Bellevue Strasse 12a.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patton, who have made many friends during an extended stay in Berlin, at Frau Professor Neumann's, Kalckreuth Strasse 5, left on Monday for Austria and Italy. Mr. Patton has been active worker in the American Church.

Another student of Institut Tilly, Gross-Lichterfelde West (Berlin), Mr. Clifford Hamblin, of London, has passed the examination for the Oerman Diploma of the Association Phonétique. Prof. Viëtor, of Marburg University, gave him the mark "sehr gut bis gut." In a few months' time Mr. Hamblin intends presenting himself in Paris for the French Diploma.

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Royal Opera House	Elektra	at 7.30
Royal Theatre	Die Quiltzows	7.30
Deutsches Theatre	Revolution in Krähwinkel (Kammerspiele) Der Graf von Gleichen	7.30
Lessing Theatre	Der König	8
Berliner Theatre	Einer von unsere Leut	8
New Schauspielhaus	closed.	
Kleines Theatre	Moral	8
Hebbel Theatre	Revolutionshochzeit	8
Comic Opera	Lazuli	8
Residenz Theatre	Kümmere dich um Amelie	8
Lustspielhaus	Im Klubsessel	8
Schiller Theatre O.	Das Erbe	8
" Charlottenburg	Rechts herum	8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Husarenfieber	8
Luisen Theatre	Das Mädchen auf Irrwegen	8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Das Warenhausfräulein	8
Trianon Theatre	Der Satyr	8
Thalia Theatre	Wo wohnt sie denn?	8
Urania Theatre	Von Abbazia nach Korfu	8
Theatre des Westens	Der tapfere Soldat	8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus	closed.	

Every evening until further notice.

Metropol Theatre	Donnerwetter — tadello	at 8
New Operetta Theatre	Die Dollarprinzessin	8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten	8
Berl. Operettentheater	Das Himmelbett	8.30
Passage Theatre	Hanako	8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten	8
Folies Caprice	Ein lediger Ehemann	8.15
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten	8
Apollo Theatre	Onkel Casimir	8
Casino Theatre	Russland	8
Gastspieltheatre	Der Hüttenbesitzer	8.30
New Theatre	Die fremde Frau	8
Gebr. Herrenfeld Theatre	Die beiden Blindelbands	8

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SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN FRANCE.

THREE MEN KILLED.

Charleroi, February 25.

The express from Calais to Brussels, due at Erque- lines at 4.45 p.m., ran into some goods vans that were on the line at Recquignies, near Maubeuge. Twelve persons were injured, but it is believed that no one was killed. All the traffic is much delayed.

The above telegram, alas! was too sanguinary in its purport, later intelligence showing that three trainmen were killed, and two trainmen and four- teen passengers injured.

THE SUBVENTION OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

Washington, February 25.

The Committee of the Senate appointed to con- sider the question of Government subventions to ocean steamers has recommended that the Bill be passed.

THE GERMAN CROWNPRINCE.

NOT GOING TO AMERICA.

Berlin, February 26.

The German Crownprince had received an invita- tion from some American sporting clubs, to pay a visit to America, which was cordially received but declined, owing to the impracticability of the Ger- man Crownprince visiting the United States in the capacity of a sportsman.

FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

Paris, February 26.

According to the *Petit Parisien*, President Fallières has instructed M. Jules Cambon, the French Am- bassador at the Court of Berlin, to express to the Emperor William the President's great gratification at the conclusion of the German-French Morocco agreement.

M. Cambon was received in audience by the Em- peror yesterday, and was subsequently the Emperor's guest at luncheon.

THE UNREST IN PERSIA.

Teheran, February 25.

A telegram from Täbris states that the fierce at- tacks on the city made by the Shah's adherents on the north and east sides were everywhere repulsed, with loss to the assailants, who retired.

Paris, February 25.

The Agence Havas has received a report from Constantinople that the Shah of Persia had tele- graphed to the Persian Ambassador there that he is ready to grant a Constitution if his life is guar- anteed; that at the same time the Shah authorised the Ambassador to place himself in communication with the revolutionary Committee in Constantinople; and that the Ambassador has done so.

MR. TAFT'S CABINET.

New York, February 26.

Mr. Franklin McVeagh, of Chicago, has accepted the office of Secretary of the Treasury in the new Cabinet.

CHINA AND AMERICA.

Pekin, February 25.

In a private letter addressed by the Regency to Mr. Taft, the position assumed by the Regent and his Council with respect to the most important po- litical questions is explained. The letter states posi- tively that the recent change in the Ministry was a purely personal matter and did not imply any change in the home or foreign policy of the Govern- ment. The prospect of the earnest prosecution of reforms is held out, and with regard to the con- sumption of opium, which the letter condemns as a disgrace to China, the writers declare that the evil can be extirpated with the assistance of the United States. With respect to Manchuria, the agree- ment between Japan and America to assist China in the government of that province is alluded to and the hope is expressed that China will receive the support of the American Government in that task. It is of the highest importance to the Govern- ment that good relations should prevail between China and Japan. China recognises the obstacles to the evacuation of Korea which confront Japan, but is convinced that Japan will ultimately give up her firm position in China as well as in Korea.

N. D. LLOYD STEAMER AGROUND.

The S.S. "Kaiser Wilhelm II." grounded in the Gedney channel on Monday evening during a dense fog, fortunately without receiving any damage. She was soon got off but could not enter the harbour on account of the fog.

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DRESDEN

Shakespeare's tragedy "Hamlet" was performed at the Royal Theatre in the Neustadt under new scenic conditions on Thursday evening, when the attempt was made, for the first time in Dresden, to put certain principles of modern stage art in practice. The main object of the new arrangement is, instead of a stage picture designed to produce an illusion as actual and historically true as possible in point of time and style, to present one suggested rather by artistic considerations, and which will appeal to the fancy without referring to any particular epoch. This is a mode which has been adopted by Herr Max Reinhardt, the gifted manager of the *Deutsches Theater* in Berlin, and at the *Künstlertheater* in Munich. The system cannot, of course, be applied to all plays; but only to those of a more or less fanciful character and not necessarily connected with a specific date. In this category Shakespeare's "Hamlet" may well be placed; inasmuch as the old Hamlet saga of the Danish chronicler Saxo Grammaticus belongs to a period so historically uncertain, and the great poet's version of it is so full of ideas and truths and reflections that are everlastingly applicable, that it is in fact sufficient to give the scenes a colouring approximately indicating old kingly times.

To put the matter briefly, the object has in this instance been less than half realised. The arrangement of the scenes was entrusted to Professor Fritz Schumacher, who has produced a series of stage pictures that are for the most part of high merit, but practically nothing more than the old stage-illusions, in new forms borrowed in great measure from the Art Exhibition Dresden 1900, with which the Professor had much to do. The intention was to give a general character to the scenes by the use of hangings of rich material; but this was only done for some of them, the others consisting of rooms of the ordinary kind though of less depth than before. One saw much that was beautiful and in good taste, and much else—such as patterned wall-papers and furniture—that can only be called petty and false in relation to the special object in view. The compromise suffered complete shipwreck in the scenes with a landscape background; particularly in the graveyard scene, in which a velvet portière hung down beside the realistically effective grave of Ophelia. In the long run also the division of the stage, into foreground and raised background with steps ascending to it, became monotonous. Unfortunately, too, the frequent changes of scenery necessarily occupied a long time, because there was far too much material to be moved. The black drop-curtain in addition to the draw-curtains seemed quite superfluous.

Taking it for all in all, we have here only a new stage-setting that stands between two technical modes but must nevertheless be gladly welcomed in comparison with its well-worn and dusty predecessor; since it offers much that is beautiful, and justifies the hope that courageous progress will be made in the way now begun.

The acting, particularly in the earlier scenes, was of a high order and in good style, while in the closing scenes it fell into the same old lines. But much in the revised text, and as much in the dramatic representation, gained new light and depth of effect, above all the profoundly affecting *Hamlet* of Herr Wiecke. In any case, the revived "Hamlet" at the Royal Theatre is extremely interesting.

The numerous audience that was present in the Neustädter Casino on Thursday evening at the song recital of Frau Elsa Möller-Krigrar seemed well pleased with all they heard. The graceful singer, who has full control over her well-cultivated voice in all the registers, if her high *forte* tones are somewhat sharp, sang, after the "Traviata" Aria "Sist seltsam, sehr seltsam," in which the florid passages were brilliantly executed, Alabie's popular song "Die Nachtigall," a Russian folk-melody. This was rendered by Frau Möller-Krigrar with the tenderest expression, in which she was well supported by the sympathetic accompaniment of Herr Clemens Braun. The songs by Schumann, Brahms, R. Strauss, and Wolf that followed were admirably chosen for the singer's voice and very successful, excepting a slight dragging of the time in some cases. Frau Möller-Krigrar has a very refined style, specially suited to roguish songs. Her German pronunciation was also agreeable. The sympathetic singer, who received many floral gifts, was very well worth hearing. She sang one extra number, in response to the hearty applause.

F. Z.

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The programme of the music to be performed at the Vesper service at the Kreuzkirche at 2 o'clock this afternoon will be as follows: (1) Organprelude; (2) "Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen," motette for chorus of 8 parts, by Reinhold Succo, op. 9, No 1; (3) "Jerusalem," aria for soprano and organ from the oratorio "Paulus," by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy; (4) "Invocation," II. movement from the organ sonata in D-minor by Max Reger; (5) Psalm 147 for soprano and organ by Albert Becker; (6) Larghetto for violoncello and organ, op. 19, by Camillo Schumann; (7) "Fürwahr er trug unsere Krankheit," motette for choir (Kirchliche Chorgesänge I, No. 50) by Immanuel von Faist.—The Church choir, conducted by Herr Otto Richter, Cantor and Kgl. Musikdirektor, will be assisted by Frä. Hilda Parrau (soprano), and Herr Arthur Zenker, Kgl. Kammermusiker (violoncello). At the organ Herr Alfred Sittard, organist of the Kreuzkirche.

The fourth chamber-music-evening of the trio Bachmann-Bärtich-Stenz will take place this evening at 7.30, at the Neustädter Kasino, with the following programme: Trio Caprice by Juon, inspired by "Gösta Berling" (for the first time), and the Grand Trio in D-minor by Noren.—Tickets at H. Bock, Prager Strasse 9 (9-1; 3-7).

Next Sunday at 2.30 p.m. a football match will be played between the Dresdner Sport Club I and the Fussball Verein Sachsen I in the Sportpark near the Nossener Brücke. The team of the Dresdner S.C. will be made up of the following players: Lindwor, G. Müller, Geyer, Kurti, Grate, Assmann, Bernhardt I and II, A. Müller, Hähnel.—The F.V. Sachsen will also send its best members into the field, as this game is to decide the district championship.

The Leipsic "Sportklub" played the Christiania Hockey Club in a match at Christiania on Thursday, scoring 20-4.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 2nd Grenadier regiment No. 101, whose band plays about 12.30 p.m. at the Schloss Platz.

LATER TELEGRAMS.

LATEST TELEGRAMS FROM THE NEAR EAST.

Paris, February 26.

The Agence Havas reports that all the Powers, including Russia, have agreed in principle to take a friendly step with the Servian Government, to induce Servia not to insist on territorial compensation. Negotiations are still in progress as to the nature and form of the step.

Constantinople, February 26.

According to the young-Turk journal *Tanin*, M. Isvolsky has informed the Turkish Ambassador that he accepts the fusion of the Russian proposal and the Turkish counter-proposal, and that he is preparing a project accordingly.

ASIATICS IN AMERICA.

Sacramento, February 26.

The Senate, by 28 votes to 7, has passed a resolution in favour of excluding Asiatics from the United States.

DRESDEN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

Royal Opera House.

Tonight, beginning at 6.30, ending about 10.30

Lohengrin.

Opera in three acts by Richard Wagner.

Cast:

Heinrich der Vogler, German King	Herr Pattitz.
Lohengrin	Herr Trostorf (as guest).
Elsa von Brabant	Frau Wittich.
Duke Gottfried, her brother	Herr Trede.
Friedrich von Telramund, Brabant Count	Herr Plaschke.
Ortrud, his wife	Frau v. Falken.
A Herald of the King	Herr Eri.
	Herr Lösckke.
Brabant nobleman	Herr Büssel.
	Herr Seiter.
	Fräul. Keldorfer.
	Fräul. Kretschmer.
	Frau Scheer.
	Frau Lorenz.

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PLOT. Elsa of Brabant is accused by Count Telramund of having murdered her young brother Godfrey. King Henry decides the matter must be left to the arbitration of a duel. Elsa prays that a knight she has seen in a dream, may come to her help, and Lohengrin appears in a boat drawn by a swan. He offers to be Elsa's champion on condition that she will marry him, but never attempt to find out his name or origin. She accepts and Telramund is defeated. He and his wife Ortrud plan vengeance; the latter on plea of repentance, sows mistrust in Elsa's heart and then publicly upbraids her on the church steps for marrying a nameless man. The marriage takes place, but on the very first evening her curiosity overcomes her and she puts the fatal question. Telramund enters to assassinate Lohengrin, but the latter kills him. In front of the assembled host Lohengrin announces that he is the son of Parsival, and that he had been sent to Elsa's help by the Holy Grail. He takes leave of Elsa. The swan appears, but in answer to Lohengrin's prayer, dives beneath the water and in its stead rises the lost Godfrey, whom Ortrud had by witchcraft turned into a swan. The boat, now drawn by a white dove, glides away with Lohengrin, and Elsa sinks senseless to the ground.

Composer: Richard Wagner, born 1813, died 1883.

Sunday night	Elektra	at 7.30
Monday night	Il Trovatore	.. 7.30

Royal Theatre Neustadt.

Tonight	Flachsmann als Erzieher	.. at 7.30
Sunday night	Hamlet	.. 6.30
Monday night	Der Strom	.. 7.30

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MUSIC AND ART NOTICES.

The programme of the Symphony Concert to be given at the Gewerbehaus this Saturday, evening, with the assistance of Herr Harry Gillmann (violin), will be as follows:—(1) Overture: "Egmont," Beethoven. (2) Concerto for violin, in D, Paganini (Herr Harry Gillmann). (3) Symphony No. 1, G-minor (Wintersimmungen), Tschaiakowsky. (4) Fantasy for violin from: "Lucia di Lammermoor," Lubin (Herr Harry Gillmann). (5) Introduction, III. act of "Die Meistersinger," Wagner.

NEW BOOKS.

Tauchnitz Edition to appear next week:
Vol. 4100: "Katherine the Arrogant," by B. M. Croker.

SHIPPING NEWS.

NORDDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Next Departures for New York:

S. S. "Scharnhorst," direct, March 6th.
S. S. "Kronprinzessin Cecilie," via Southampton and Cherbourg, March 9th.
S. S. "Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm," via Southampton and Cherbourg, March 13th.
S. S. "Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse," via Southampton and Cherbourg, March 16th.

For Baltimore:

S. S. "Rhein," direct, March 11th.
S. S. "Köln," direct, March 18th.
S. S. "Main," via New York, March 27th.
S. S. "Breslau," direct, April 8th.

For Galveston:

S. S. "Köln," via Baltimore, March 18th.
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For China, Japan:

S. S. "Derfflinger," March 10th.
S. S. "Prinz Eitel Friedrich," from Hamburg, March 25th.
S. S. "Lützow," April 7th.

For Australia:

S. S. "Seydlitz," March 19th.
S. S. "Scharnhorst," April 16th.

When American Mails are due in Dresden:

S. S. "St. Paul," March 1st (Hamburg-America Linie).
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SUFFRAGETTES BY POST.

PREMIER'S LIVING "EXPRESS LETTERS."

Two suffragettes attempted to gain admittance to the Premier's official residence, on Tuesday afternoon, by making ingenious and humorous use of the Post Office regulations. According to a London contemporary Mrs. M'Lellan and Miss Solomons, the ladies in question, who were accompanied by Miss Jessie Kenney, went to the West Strand Post Office, and, as is permissible under the rules, asked to be dispatched to No. 10, Downing-street, in charge of an Express messenger. A waybill was accordingly given to a uniformed boy, and he set off down the Strand, followed by the human "expresses" whom he was to deliver.

Miss Solomons carried the address—a large white placard, bearing the inscription:—"To the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, 10, Downing-street." Another notice of ample dimensions was borne by Miss Kenney, announcing that a deputation would visit Mr. Asquith tomorrow. The sight of a Suffragette "on the rampage," however, has become so familiar, that most of the passengers in the crowded thoroughfare who read the notices simply smiled and passed on, not realising the connection between the ladies and the uncomfortable-looking messenger-boy marching on in front. In fact, not more than a dozen people, including a few Pressmen and photographers accompanied the little party until it reached the precincts of Downing-street.

The policemen at the corner of this historic seclusion looked puzzled as the messenger and his charges turned the corner. The bills carried by the ladies sufficiently declared their purpose, but the constable was powerless to stop the uniformed servant of the Government. Many of the people who were passing realised that there was the possibility of seeing some fun, and followed the little band up to the door of the Premier's official residence.

By the time the ladies and their escort had reached No. 10 three policemen were waiting for them, and promptly brought them to a standstill. The boy, however, handed to one of the men his way bill, and mutely indicated the two embarrassing "expresses" which had been entrusted to him for safe delivery. This was a poser. The constables could not refuse to allow the message to be delivered, so after a brief consultation they told the messenger that he might proceed with his task. A loud knock brought a servant to the door, and the messenger disappeared inside.

In the meantime a highly-amused crowd, which had somehow contrived to learn the nature of the move, formed in a semi-circle round the door of the Premier's house, and awaited the sequel with amused comment. The "express," who of course had been left outside, chatted with the policemen, who complimented them on the ingenuity of their plan. After a wait of about five minutes, a butler again opened the door of No. 10, and let the lad out, saying: "You can't deliver them here."

The boy, moved either by a strict sense of duty or a less official sentiment, attempted to re-state his case, and the wily suffragettes began to argue with the butler. It was, however, all of no avail; the door was once more closed, and the two ladies and their companion were quietly hustled into Parliament-street. For a time Miss Solomons offered half-hearted resistance, but eventually she joined her friends, and the party made their way back towards their head-quarters at Clement's Inn.

Questioned as to what had happened in the Premier's residence, the messenger boy said the way-bill had not been signed, and he was told that Mr. Asquith could not receive his message. Miss Solomons stated that the object of the ladies in attempting to see the Prime Minister, was to inform him that a deputation would wait on him on Wednesday.

IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST POINT.

\$2,000,000 ASKED FOR.

Plans have been completed in Washington for the continuation of the work on the enlargement of buildings and other improvements at the Military Academy at West Point. The next contract to be awarded is that for the construction of the riding hall. This will make ten buildings now under construction, with three on which work is to begin in a few weeks. In addition to these buildings there is considerable other work under way, such as completing roads, walks, sewers, grading, electric lighting of cadet camp, etc.

As soon as warm weather comes the work will be begun on a steam tunnel, water and gas lines and electric ducts. Colonel Scott, the superintendent of the Academy, estimates that it will be necessary to expend about \$1,000,000 before July 1. The work has progressed with greater speed than was expected when the original estimates were made, and for this reason next year's allotment is desired to be \$2,000,000, \$400,000 to be immediately available to meet the contract liabilities which will fall due in the present fiscal year.

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Offertories this day devoted to the N. and C. Europe Chaplaincies' Branch of the Clergy Pension Institution.

Tuesday, March 2nd. 10.0 a.m. Matins.

Wednesday, March 3rd. Ember Day. 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a.m. Matins, Litany and Address.

Thursday, March 4th. 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

Friday, March 5th. Ember Day. 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a.m. Matins and Litany.

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Thursday, March 4th. Service at 4.0 p.m.

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TRAGEDY IN PORTRAIT GALLERY.

SUICIDE OF AN AMERICAN.

SHOT WIFE AND HIMSELF.

The National Portrait Gallery in Trafalgar-square, London, was the scene of a tragedy on Wednesday afternoon, when a well-dressed man who was inspecting the exhibits in company with a woman shot his companion and afterwards turned the revolver upon himself.

The affair occurred in an upstairs room known as the Arctic Room, situated in the east wing, and which, at the time—about a quarter past two—was practically deserted. The sound of revolver shots, which echoed through the building, quickly brought the attendants on the scene to find the woman lying on the floor with the blood pouring from a bullet wound in the head. As the attendants entered the room the man pointed the revolver to his own head and fired, killing himself instantly. On a doctor being summoned life was pronounced extinct in the case of the man, but the woman was still alive, and she was taken to Charing-cross Hospital.

A Press representative who saw the secretary of the National Portrait Gallery shortly after the tragedy, was informed that the man was of foreign appearance, but had not yet been identified. He was respectably dressed and apparently about 40 years of age. The woman was also middle-aged, and was dressed in black, with a fur necklet. The room in the east wing, which was the scene of the tragedy, was immediately closed to the public, and few of the visitors were aware that anything unusual had occurred.

The body of the man has been removed to the mortuary to await an inquest.

On making inquiry at the hospital late in the afternoon, it was further ascertained that the woman died at 4.45. The bullet, after penetrating the temple, had passed out through the skull. No papers were found on either the man or the woman which would help to identify the parties. The woman's clothing is marked with the initials "N. C. D." She wore a wedding ring and two other rings, and was well-dressed, but no money was found upon her.

The police discovered a letter in the pockets of the man addressed to the Coroner, showing premeditation.

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED.

The identity of the man was established later. He proved to be Mr. John Tempest Dawson, an American who has been living in Brighton and was in London only for a short stay.

EYE-WITNESS'S STORY.

Opinions appear to differ as to whether there were two or three shots fired, some accounts stating that the man fired at the woman and missed, and then fired again. An eye-witness of the tragedy, however, told a Press representative that there were only two, and said, being out of work, he was passing the time away in looking round the gallery. Shortly after two o'clock he entered the Arctic Room. The only other occupants of the room, as far as he could see, were two young girls. Suddenly he heard a pistol shot, and looking round, saw a woman lying at the far end of the room, bleeding profusely from the head. Almost immediately the man who was standing close to her put the muzzle of the revolver to his mouth and fired again. "I felt so upset at the sight," added the informant, "that I was glad to get out of the place."

It appears that the couple had been noticed wandering about the Gallery for some time, but the tragedy occurred within a few minutes of their entering the Arctic Room. The directors of the Gallery were at once summoned, and a meeting was held in the board room.

Late in the afternoon it was stated that a man called at the Gallery and asked for news of a lady and gentleman, who he said were his brother-in-law and sister, and who had arranged to meet him there. He was informed of the sad occurrence, and proceeded to the hospital to see if the lady there was his sister.

A LUCKY ACCIDENT.

How Abraham Lincoln became a lawyer is told by himself and reproduced in the *Law Times*. Here are Lincoln's words:—"One day a western emigrant stopped at my store and asked me to buy a barrel of odds and ends of little value, for which he had no room in his waggon with his family and household goods. I bought it and put it away, and never thought of it again until one day, rearranging things, the stuff turned up. I found a two-volume copy of Blackstone's Commentaries. I devoured them, I assure you, and I never read anything which so profoundly interested and thrilled me. Soon after that I began the study of the law, and that is how I came to be a lawyer."

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY

of the Royal Saxon Meteorological Institute.

Moderate north-easterly winds, changeable skies but for the most part fairly clear, slight snow showers from time to time, temperature not much altered.

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