

B E R L I N

In view of the meeting of the Berlin British Colony at the Restaurant Rheingold tomorrow (Saturday) evening, to discuss ways and means for the consolidation of the British community and an appropriate annual celebration of Empire Day—full details of which movement have been and will continue to be recorded in this column—the following letter from the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Meath, founder of the Empire League, to the Editor of *The Daily Record* is particularly appropriate, and will, we are convinced, be read with interest by all concerned in the praiseworthy object:—

The Editor of *The Daily Record*,
Dresden, Germany.

Sir,

I am pleased to hear that you are supporting through your paper the movement which has been set on foot to consolidate the British community in Berlin, and I wish it every success.

I trust that the meeting which is shortly to be held may lead to the annual observance in Berlin of the King's Birthday and of "Empire Day" on May 24th, the anniversary of the birth of our late beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, whose memory is revered all over the world, but especially in Germany.

The "Empire Movement," the watchwords of which are: "Responsibility, Duty, Sympathy, and Self-sacrifice," advocates the saluting of the National Flag by British subjects all over the world, and the singing in unison of the National Anthem on the King's Birthday, on "Empire Day," and on such other notable dates as may be considered desirable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MEATH.

San Remo, Italy, May 5, 1909.

The appointment of Mr. Rudolph E. Reuter, a young New York pianist, as head of the piano department of the Imperial Academy of Music at Tokio, Japan, reveals itself, on further investigation, as another astonishing *coup américain* in the international musical field.

Mr. Reuter is a youth of twenty. His German predecessor, Professor Dr. von Köber, is a man well on in years, a pupil of Rubinstein and Tschai-kowsky. He is now retiring after fifteen years' active service in the post which Mr. Reuter is to fill. The authorities of the Tokio Conservatory decided to appoint a younger instructor in Professor von Köber's place, and wrote to the Royal Hochschule in Berlin, requesting the selection of a suitable German for the post, preferably about twenty-seven years of age. The authorities of the Berlin Hochschule wrote back that the most suitable man they could possibly suggest was a certain young American, aged twenty. Considerable correspondence followed this unexpected reply. Even the Japanese Embassy in Berlin interested itself in the matter, cabling assurance to the Imperial Academy at Tokio that Mr. Reuter's extreme youth would weigh as nothing against the musical advantages he could put at the disposal of the Japanese institution. Finally the doubts of the academy were allayed, and Mr. Reuter's appointment became an accomplished fact.

Mr. Reuter expects to remain three or four years in Tokio. He has been resident in Berlin for the past three years, and is well known and popular in German as well as in Anglo-American circles. He speaks German like a native.

It is interesting to note that it was an American, Dr. Mason, of Boston, who originally founded the Imperial Academy of Music in Japan.

Mr. George S. Atwood's hustling American programme during the past fortnight is outlined in recent letters from Washington to friends in Berlin. Writing on April 23, Mr. Atwood refers to a pleasant interview with President Taft which he and Mr. Robert Kuehnert had on the previous Wednesday. Mr. Atwood had already had a very satisfactory talk with Secretary of State Knox on the concessions which the Association ought to demand of the German Government. He had interviewed Mr. Nagel, the new Secretary of Commerce and Trade, reputedly "the busiest man in the Cabinet;" Mr. Nagel proved most cordial in his attitude towards the Association, and gave it as his conviction that the Department should certainly work in co-operation with the Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin. This opinion was also expressed in the Bureau of Manufacturers, and there is, Mr. Atwood reports, proof on all sides that the Association enjoys the best possible standing with the Government. Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Pittsburg, Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and Cincinnati were the next cities to be dealt with in the course of the Secretary's extensive tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Hessin, of Gross-Lichterfelde, have decided to spend the summer in Holland, at Zandvoort, on the North Sea, about 45 minutes' run from Amsterdam. Mr. and Mrs. Hessin leave Berlin for Holland in the latter part of June.

Baron and Baroness von Gregory, Königgrätzer Strasse 104, expect to spend the summer on the North Sea, leaving Berlin early in June.

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Mr. Elmer Roberts, of the Associated Press, is still in Constantinople. There is as yet no prospect of his return to Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spencer will spend the summer at Buckow, in the Märkische Schweiz, one of the picturesque summer resorts in the immediate neighbourhood of Berlin.

The Rev. Kenneth McDonald, who goes as a missionary to the Philippines in August, has also transferred his study headquarters from Berlin to Marburg.

The Rev. Jones Perry, a young Welsh theologian well known in Berlin during his recent course of study here, will spend the summer at Marburg, taking a course at the University there. Mr. Perry has been making a comprehensive tour, including Dresden and Jüterbog and the Goethe and Luther towns.

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This evening:

Royal Opera House	Bajazzl. Versiegelt	at 7.30
Royal Theatre	Ein Puppenheim	" 7.30
Deutsches Theatre	Faust	" 7.30
"	(Kammerspiele) Der unver- sündene Mann	" 8
Lessing Theatre	Baumeister Solness	" 8
Berliner Theatre	Ein Herbstmanöver	" 8
New Schauspielhaus	Mohé	" 8
Kleines Theatre	Moral	" 8
Hebbel Theatre	Arsène Lupin	" 8
Comic Opera	Fräulein von Belle-Isle	" 8
Residenz Theatre	Kämmere dich um Amelie	" 8
Lustspielhaus	Im Klubsessel	" 8
Schiller Theatre O " Charlotten- burg	Narziss	" 8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Dr. Klaus	" 8
Luisen Theatre	Die Siebzehnjährigen	" 8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Krone und Fessel	" 8
Trianon Theatre	Graf Essex	" 8
Thalia Theatre	Liebesgewitter	" 8
Urania Theatre	Junkermann. Was Reuter erzählt	" 8
Theatre des Westens	Von Abbazia bis Korfu	" 8
New Royal Opera House	Die lustige Witwe	" 8
"	Schwanensee (K. Russ Hofballt)	" 8

Every evening until further notice.

Metropol Theatre	Die oberen Zehntausend	at 8
New Theatre	Renaissance	" 8
New Operetta Theatre	Der Zigeunerbaron	" 8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten	" 8
Berl. Operetten Theatre	Berlin, wie es weint und lacht	" 8.30
Passage Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
Polles Caprice	Allein — endlich. Ungerade Tage	" 8.15
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
Apollo Theatre	Spezialitäten	" 8
Gastspieltheatre	Gefallene Mädchen	" 8.30
Gebr. Herrenfeld Theatre	Meine-Deine Tochter. Der selbige Niemann	" 8
Casino Theatre	Das Opferlamm	" 8
Reichshallen Theatre	Der Kompagnieball	" 8

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STRANGE SCENE IN PARLIAMENT.

London, May 6.

The German Labour delegates now in England were present in the House yesterday afternoon and observed the proceedings from the Strangers' Gallery.

In reply to a question of Captain Faber, whether the attention of the Admiralty was called twelve months ago by the Naval Attaché in Berlin to the fact that the German authorities were preparing to expedite the carrying out of their naval ship-building programme and that the firm of Krupp were about to increase their works considerably, the First Lord of the Admiralty said the reports of the Naval Attaché were confidential and it was not desirable to produce them or to quote their contents.

Mr. Thorne (Labour) called the attention of the House to the presence of the German visitors, and asked the First Lord of the Admiralty if he was aware that there was a deputation of German workmen in the Strangers' Gallery who had come to England to establish friendship between the peoples' parties of the two countries.

The Speaker here interfered and said the question was quite irrelevant.

In the resumed debate on the Budget Bill, the Prime Minister controverted Mr. Balfour's argument that capital would be driven out of the country. If all the Government proposals were carried into effect, said Mr. Asquith, in no country in the world would capital be less exposed to uncertainty than in Free Trade Great Britain.

GRAFT IN PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, May 5.

A former bank President and City Councillor, two former City Councillors, and three other citizens have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment of from one-and-a-half to two years, for bribery in the municipal service.

THE CONQUEST OF THE AIR.

London, May 6.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons last night, the Prime Minister said the Government had taken steps to place aerial navigation in a more satisfactory position. The Army as well as the Navy had taken up the work of designing and constructing dirigible airships. The War Office was building an airship in the workshop at Aldershot. In order to ensure the highest scientific assistance for the work, the head of the State physical Laboratory had been instructed to arrange a special department for continuous experiments and researches bearing on the questions that arose. He had appointed a special Committee, consisting of Lord Rayleigh and other eminent scientists, to supervise the researches of the Laboratory staff. The necessary means had been placed at the disposal of that Committee, so that there might be no delay in carrying on the work. The War Office was engaged on the aeroplane question.

It was subsequently announced in the House of Commons that a Committee of 25 members had been appointed to advise the Government with regard to measures about to be taken to provide the country with an efficient system of aerial defence.

Stuttgart, May 5.

At a meeting of the Wurtemberg Aerial Navy League, called to appoint a committee for the erection of an airship hall here, a representative of Count Zeppelin stated that the company, which was in connection with the Zeppelin Airship Construction Company, had undertaken the establishment of a regular line of airships from Lucerne or Friedrichshafen to the North of Germany, via Frankfurt-on-Main. The route to be adopted would depend on the tenders sent by cities for the provision of landing places. The line is intended to be opened for traffic next year.

A WRIGHT AEROPLANE ACCIDENT.

Rome, May 6.

While practising with a Wright aeroplane today, Lieutenant Calderara fell to the ground with the machine. The machine was smashed but the officer only slightly hurt.

KING EDWARD IN PARIS.

Paris, May 6.

King Edward of England arrived here last night, on his way to London.

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN.

It is reported from Madrid that Princess Henry of Battenberg is expected there about the middle of the present month. It is understood that Her Royal Highness will remain there until after the expected happy event in the Royal Family.

EX-PRESIDENT SHOOTS FOUR LIONS.

A cablegram received in New York from Nairobi states that the Roosevelt party has shot five lions, four falling to the ex-President's rifle and one to Kermit's. The health of the party is excellent, and there are now no fears of a spread of the small-pox outbreak among the native porters.