

# BERLIN

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During a trial run which Rittmeister Fahrenholtz (retired), of Westend, made on Tuesday afternoon in a hired automobile, accompanied by his wife and a chauffeur, the car swerved near Pichelsberg and dashed into a tree at the side of the road. The Rittmeister's wife was thrown out of the tonneau and struck a tree, being killed on the spot. The two men escaped with skin abrasions.

The negotiations which continued on Tuesday between representatives of Berlin builders and their employes lasted six hours and did not close until ten o'clock. In spite of this long conference, however, no final decision was arrived at. In the meantime, reports come from Danzig, Dresden, Halle, Königsberg, Lübeck, Magdeburg, Munich, and Plauen that the builders of those cities have decided to proclaim a lock-out on the evening of Friday. Unless an agreement is reached at the eleventh hour, Germany is threatened with the greatest building strike in history.

A Berlin correspondent writes to us:

A banquet was held in London on April 5th, to which the descendants of all the great English poets were invited.

Descendants of Shakespeare and Milton were among the guests. The banquet was held on the birthday of Swinburne. Dr. Rowbotham, an English poet who is well known in the literary world of Berlin, made a telling speech on Swinburne and related some very interesting reminiscences of him.

The Budget Commission of the House of Deputies dealt in Tuesday's sitting with the Flora bust, when the clause of the "Kultusetat," providing for an increase and maintenance of collections, came up for discussion. The reporter declared that even if Dr. Bode himself had erred in his judgment of the Flora bust, this was no reason why he should be attacked. There was certainly doubt as to the genuineness of the bust. The Minister regretted the press polemics which had raged round this work of art. He maintained that, as a matter of fact, there was no irrefutable argument advanced in favour either of the genuineness or spuriousness of the bust. The English artist Lucas, he said, might well have taken a hand in renovating the bust, as a photograph showing it in its original state revealed cracks and other damage. There was, in any case, not the least doubt that it hailed from the time of the Renaissance, even if it were not the work of Leonardo da Vinci. The price, in view of the object at stake, did not appear too high. Portraits by Rembrandt, Franz Hals, etc., had been purchased elsewhere for sums of 40,000 to 100,000 pounds sterling. Granting the bust to be genuine, the price of 160,000 marks was very moderate—and might well have been ten times as much. The sellers had offered to take back the bust at the price originally paid, while two Berlin collectors had declared themselves ready to purchase it for the same amount; but the Museum administration had refused all such offers. In the further course of the debate other speakers maintained the theory of genuineness, while others contested it. No telling arguments were adduced on either side, and the impression left on the listener was that none of the gentlemen engaged in the debate had a profound knowledge of the subject he was discussing so earnestly.

Already 60,000 marks in prizes have been offered for the Berlin aviation week at Johannisthal, which will take place at the same time (from May 7 to 15) as the aviation meeting at Lyons. The most noted aviators, such as Latham, Rougier, Paulhan, and van den Born have decided to appear at Lyons rather than Berlin, which will presumably have to put up with second best men. It seems a pity that the date could not have been amended to avoid clashing with the Lyons meeting, which was arranged long previously.

Mr. Robert Katz, of Paris, and New York, a well known antiquity dealer, is at present in Berlin on business. He is accompanied by his son, Herbert H. Katz, who is a recent Harvard graduate. They arrived in their automobile via Frankfurt.

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11 a.m. Matins and Sermon (followed by a second Celebration on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday in the month).  
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3.30 p.m. Office hour for the Pastor.  
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## BERLIN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

**This evening:**

Royal Opera House	Madame Butterfly	at 7.30
Royal Theatre	Strandkinder	7.30
New Royal Opera Theatre	Regimentsdokter.—Coppel a	7.30
Deutsches Theater	Die Braut von Messina	7.30
"	(Kammerspiele) Der gute König Dagobert	8
Lessing Theatre	Heiraten	8
Berliner Theater	Tailfin	8
New Schauspielhaus	Rampe (Agnes Sorma)	8
Comic Opera	Die Fledermaus	8
Schiller Theatre O.	Egmont	8
burg	Charlotten-	8
burg	Goldfische	8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theater	Alt-Heidelberg	8
Kleines Theater	Luxuszug	8
Urania Theatre	Im Firmenglanz des Oberengadin	8

**Every evening until further notice.**

New Theatre	Die goldene Ritterzeit	8
New Operetta Theatre	Der Graf von Luxemburg	8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Der Pfarrer von Kirchfeld	8
Metro Theatre	Halloh — die grosse Revue	8
Lustspielhaus	Lieutenantmündel	8
Apollo Theatre	Spezialitäten	8
Walhalla Theatre	Sp. Spezialitäten	8
Reichshallen Theater	Sittlicher Sängler at 7, Sundays	8
Passage Theatre	Spezialitäten	8
Falles Caprice	Herr Wasserkröpfl.—Der Luftturner	8.5

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## NEWS OF THE WORLD. (Continued.)

**NEW YORK, Wednesday.**—It is reported from Fairbanks, Alaska, that an expedition reached the summit of Mount McKinley on April 3. Although the members of this expedition made a careful examination of the route and summit of the mountain, they found no trace of the proofs which Dr. Cook said he had left there or any sign that a previous ascent had been made.

**NEW YORK, Wednesday.**—It is officially announced that the wage differences between the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and its employes have been satisfactorily settled by the Board of Arbitration.

**LONDON, Tuesday.**—The report of an earthquake shock at Douglas, Isle of Man, on Friday night, has now received a probable explanation. It appears that at the time the shock was felt Vickers' firm was testing for the first time a 13.5 gun on their private range at Eskmeals, Cumberland. This is the latest naval gun to be mounted on the new Dreadnoughts. A heavy charge was put into the weapon, which was so elevated that the shell it fired would fall into the sea ten miles from the Cumberland coast, and about thirty-five miles from Douglas. The concussion was felt for miles round, and it is thought very possibly that it was the effect of this shot that was mistaken for an earthquake tremor in Douglas, as the time of the shock and the discharge of the gun were within a few seconds of each other.

"Chantecler" is to crow in London. M. Edmond Rostand's great barnyard play will be produced (says the *Daily Mail's* Paris correspondent) at Drury Lane on June 2, in French, with the same company, the same marvellous dresses, and the same gigantic scenery as have drawn Parisians in thousands to the Théâtre de la Porte St. Martin since February. Mr. Arthur Collins, managing director of Drury Lane, and M. Hertz, co-director with M. Jean Coquelin of the Porte St. Martin, signed a contract yesterday evening for a visit on a mutual sharing basis. The period agreed on is a fortnight, with the option to extend this time to a month. Guitry, who is well known to Londoners, will play the Cock, but there is still some doubt as to whether Mme. Simone will be able to appear in her rôle of the Hen Pheasant at Drury Lane, or M. Galipaux as the Blackbird, but M. Jean

Coquelin will be the dog Patou, and Mme. Marthe Mellot will fill the rôle of the Nightingale.

Mr. Arthur Collins, asked for his impressions of "Chantecler," which he witnessed on Friday night, exclaimed, "What a superb poem! It seems almost desecration to put it on the stage. And how admirable it is played! But on seeing it I immediately realised I was right in supposing it to be absolutely unadaptable. To understand 'Chantecler' London must hear it in French. Difficult though the language of the play is, I am immensely confident of its success. Both Hertz and I agree that the kitchen garden scene lends itself admirably to a big stage picture such as the audiences at 'the Lane' are accustomed to see."

**WASHINGTON, Wednesday.**—The postponement of the Supreme Court's decision in the suite against the Standard Oil Co. and the American Tobacco Co. will have the result of also postponing the Attorney General's prosecution of the Trusts. On the other hand, suits will be prosecuted in all cases in which sufficient proof can be obtained of the existence of rings for the limitation of competition or for the fixing of prices.

## SQUARING THE IRISH.

With the quarrel between Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Redmond we are not greatly concerned, except for the revelations it has entailed of the negotiations lately in progress. It appears to be fairly plain that Mr. Lloyd George was not at all averse from buying the support of the Irish by the simple process of relieving Ireland from all the special taxation which he proposes to inflict upon Great Britain. At any rate, he does not seem to be able to deny that Ireland was to be excluded from the increased spirit duties, the brewery licences, the succession duties, and those land taxes whose mere proposal has worked such havoc in the building trade in England. The negotiations evidently broke down through the impossibility of getting Mr. Redmond to confer with Mr. O'Brien upon the terms, but we do not gather that upon Mr. Lloyd George's side there was any difficulty whatever. To purchase Irish support he was apparently ready to sacrifice—in the case of Ireland only—all those parts of his Budget which his opponents in England found most oppressive. This, we suppose, is his idea of "the Budget without the alteration of a comma." In these subterranean negotiations, we know now what the terms of the O'Brienites were: are those of Mr. Redmond at all likely to be less onerous to England or less generous to Ireland? Everyone knows that the one thing which Mr. Redmond fears most is that the O'Brienites should succeed in outbidding him. Today week the motion for closing the Budget comes before the House of Commons, and Mr. Redmond's attitude in that discussion will inevitably reveal the result of the negotiations between himself and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. If he supports the Government in the division it will necessarily be because he has obtained the same or better terms than those contained in Mr. O'Brien's letter. We shall know then that while in England it is indeed to own land and almost criminal to hold brewery shares, in Ireland it is quite laudable to do both.—*The Globe*.

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We regret to report that Herr Geh. Kommerzienrat Julius Blüthner, founder and senior partner of the great piano firm bearing his name, died at Leipzig yesterday morning at the advanced age of 87.

The single pianoforte recital of Joseph Lhévinne takes place this (Thursday) evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Palmengarten. Tickets may be obtained from H. Bock, Prager Strasse 9, and in the evening at the doors.

A social-democratic interpellation respecting the sudden discharge of thirteen employes from the Royal Railway workshops at Chemnitz, owing to their attendance at a public meeting, formed the subject of debate in the Saxon Second Chamber on Tuesday. Dr. von Rueger, Minister of State, answering the interpellation, said that the railway administration could under no conditions tolerate the entrance of railway employes into the Transport Workmen's Union (Transportarbeiterverband). The Government had issued a regulation instructing employes to prevent as far as possible an agitation by the Union above-mentioned among the workmen. The sole object of the Union was to compel the Government's acquiescence to sweeping demands by means of a strike, and the public must be defended from the disaster of a railway strike by every possible means. Railway employes were not subject to labour control. They did not possess an unlimited privilege to coalesce. The discharge of the above employes had been effected in accordance with the disciplinary regulations. The workmen had only themselves to blame for losing their jobs; though the promoters of such public meetings also carried a heavy responsibility if they were aware that workmen who followed their counsels were laying themselves open to the prospect of want and distress.