

ANOTHER INFANT PRODIGY.

Wonderful Dexterity of a Girl Pianist.

Yet another infant prodigy, in the person of little Ruby Taylor, of Bristol, has appeared upon the horizon of the musical world.

Though barely nine years old, Ruby is really a marvelous pianist. Seated at the piano, she looks by far the youngest of all the musical mites; her little feet can hardly reach the pedals and her fingers are far too small to stretch the octaves. Yet she manages to play the works of a composer like Chopin with remarkable dexterity and effect, actually thinning down the octave passages to the compass of her tiny hands.

Her extraordinary musical memory and her command of the piano is evidenced by a strange feat she is able to perform. Blinded, with the keyboard covered with a cloth, she can render with absolute accuracy passages requiring the most perfect execution.

At a recent test of these extraordinary powers, she played one of Chopin's most difficult waltzes, following it up with a really brilliant rendering of Benjamin Godard's "Valse Chromatique."

Only Practices When in the Mood. This, of course, is only trick-work, explained her father, Mr. Taylor, "but it helps to show that the little one has a good memory, and has command of the keyboard."

Ruby is not forced to play. She has lessons a week from Miss Ethel Tharmadage, a Bristol pianist, and she only practices when she is in the mood.

Perhaps the most amazing infant prodigy of whom there is any record was a mysterious child named Filippa, aged three. The performance that this marvellous infant gave in Paris in 1838 is spoken of with enthusiasm. Moreover, Filippa was referred to in the chronicles of the time as "the distinguished solo violinist."

A considerable number of famous musicians and composers were prodigies in their childhood. Mozart was dubbed the "Kleiner Hexenmeister," or "little magician," by his Emperor when he was only six. At seven Joseph, the great violinist, had already achieved fame. Alfredo Piatti was offered the choice of becoming a violinist or a cobbler when he was five. The choice of the former, and two years later had created his reputation. Mark Hambourg was also an infant prodigy sixteen years ago.

WILLIAM OF ORANGE.

The Statue of Him Presented to King Edward by Kaiser Wilhelm.

Much attention has been directed to the gift from the German Emperor to the King of England of a statue of William of Orange. It is a bronze figure nine feet high and the work of the German sculptor Heinrich Baume, who was assisted in the modeling of the details of the costume, so as to make them historically correct, by the Kaiser himself. A duplicate is to be erected on the terrace of the royal palace in Berlin. The site chosen for the statue presented to King Edward is in front of Kensington Palace, and one of the buildings of this palace is the historic structure known as the Orangery. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British Premier, could not refrain from a little pun when in informing the House of Commons of the German Emperor's gift he alluded to the fact that most appropriately the statue of William of Orange would stand "in the neighborhood of the orangery."



England's Population. Under the authority of the registrar-general there will be shortly published (says The Pall Mall Gazette) the general abstract of marriages, births and deaths registered in England and Wales in the year 1906. From this abstract it appears that the registered population enumerated on April 1, 1906, in England and Wales, was 32,587,563. This total had increased in the middle of 1906 to 34,547,016. Last year the number of marriages taking place in England and Wales was 268,324, while the number of births was 304,281, this total being made up of 478,747 males and 467,044 females. As against this number of births there were 503,715 deaths—273,978 males and 229,743 females. Taking London by itself we find that the enumerated population, which was 4,536,429 in April, 1901, had increased to 4,721,337 in the middle of 1906. There were in London last year 40,412 marriages, 225,629 births, and 71,912 deaths.

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COMES TO BE CONVINCED.

Keir Hardie Not Favorable to Emigration to Canada.

London, July 15.—Keir Hardie, who sailed Saturday, said he was going to find out whether the efforts which are being made to induce people to go to Canada are justified by the facts. Prima facie he is a strong opponent of organized emigration, and refused to be charmed by the prospect of Canada's empty territories so long as there are three million of acres of good land in England idle for want of men to till them.

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Rosnoke, Va., July 15.—Rosnoke is quiet after four hours of rioting Saturday night, when a mob wrecked nine Greek restaurants and three Greek butchery establishments and two Syrian shops.

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CUTS UP THE DEFENCE

State Brings Startling Rebuttal Evidence in Haywood Trial.

Witnesses For Accused Miner Scored By Prosecution—Confess to Participation in Various Crimes—One Was Insane—Warrant Issued Against Physician For Perjury—Orchard's Partner On the Stand.

Boise, Idaho, July 15.—There were startling developments in the trial of William Haywood for the murder of Frank Steunenberg when the state began its rebuttal Saturday.

One witness confessed to participating in a labor riot resulting in the death of two men, and the record of a witness for the defence, proving his conviction for murder in the second degree, was introduced, and the proof of another having been sent to the insane asylum on the information of his neighbors, was offered. The admissibility of this last was argued, and the court will hand down a decision this morning.

Finally shortly after court adjourned for the day, information was sworn to and a warrant for perjury was issued against Dr. I. L. McGee, a physician at Wallace, Idaho, who was one of the witnesses for the defence.

A crowded courtroom showed close attention to the second session of the trial, when William Dewey, a witness, in rebuttal for the state, confessed to active, armed participation in the destruction of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan concentrators at Wardner on April 2, last, 1899, when two men were killed in a riot of a thousand men. Harry Orchard began his series of crimes at Wardner, where, he said, he lighted one of the fuses which started the explosion, and he swore that William F. Davis, known among his fellows as "Big Bill" Davis, led the mob.

Witnesses for the defence, however, swore that Orchard was not at Wardner on April 29, 1899. Davis himself has sworn that he was elsewhere, and has positively denied any connection with the crime, for complicity in which Paul Corcoran was tried and convicted and some dozen men, including Davis himself, were indicted. Davis on the stand admitted that he went into hiding immediately after the rioting.

Dewey swore that not only did Davis accompany the mob to Wardner, but that he served out guns and ammunition to the union men gathered in the hall at Burke before they went to Wardner, and was one of the leaders of the column that advanced on the concentrator before the work of destruction began.

With downcast eyes and fingers nervously picking at the braiding around the rim of a gray sombrero, Dewey told it all. He was repeated, by a quick glance at the court, complied, only to relapse into almost inaudible tones.

Under the provocation of a sneering cross-examination by E. J. Richardson, Dewey rallied and even became combative; but, throughout the recital, he gave evidence of remorse. Under the same cross-examination Dewey told why he had come to Boise to confess after eight years of silence. He had been a miner in Colorado for several years, he said, and had even risen to a town marshalship. "What promise of immunity of punishment was given you, before you decided to make confession of the crime? What reward will you receive? What induced you to make this statement now after all these years?" were some of Richardson's questions.

"None," was the laconic reply to the first two questions, but to the last one, "I read Orchard's confession."

"You saw how well he was treated and decided to get a little of it?" sneered Mr. Richardson.

"It was nothing of that kind," responded Dewey quietly. "I thought I ought to help along with the doing of justice."

Dr. McGee was also one of the witnesses who swore that Orchard was at Mullin on the day of the explosion at the Bunker Hill and Sullivan concentrator.

Ten witnesses in rebuttal were examined. Most of them were called to disprove statements as to Orchard's movements in North Idaho, and as to the disposal of his interests in the Hercules Mines.

One of the most interesting witnesses was August Paulson, once a poor miner partner of Orchard's in the Hercules Mine. He retained his interest in the mine for five years until the mine became one of the richest in the country and is now rich. Orchard swore that he planned to kidnap Paulson's children and extort a ransom of \$30,000. Paulson was called to show that Orchard disposed of his interest in the mine some time before he left Idaho.

Counsel for the state expect to finish the rebuttal by Tuesday evening or Wednesday at the latest.

Orchard's Grandfather Insane. Boise, Idaho, July 15.—Last night the Haywood defence says it has discovered new evidence to show that Orchard's maternal grandfather, formerly a resident of Canada, was a maniac on the subject of crime.

Drank Carbolic Acid. Ottawa, July 15.—Mrs. W. H. Farr, wife of the proprietor of the Oxford Cafe, drank carbolic acid last night and died.

Her husband had gone for a drive and she, with her little girl, visited a nearby drugist, purchasing carbolic acid to put in the sink, she stated. About 9 o'clock she was found dead in her room.

Six Killed; Twenty Hurt. Knoxville, Tenn., July 15.—A long-distance telephone message from Johnson City, Tenn., says:

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The Presbyterian Sunday School picnic in Walker's woods on the last.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Webster spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Highgate.

Mrs. Chas. Hodge is spending a couple of weeks at Dutton.

Mrs. and Miss Walker and Mrs. Parkinson have returned from a pleasant visit at Blenheim.

Guy Webster returned to Detroit, Monday, after a week's visit under the parental roof.

Miss May Hillman, of Windsor, was the guest of her grandparents, M. and Mrs. Thompson, last week.

Miss Robinson, of Oil Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson, Sunday.

The frost has made almost a total loss of the corn and bean crop in many parts.

Mrs. T. Cragg and daughter have gone to London and vicinity for a week's holiday.

Miss Ada Cummer, of Tillsonburg, is renewing old acquaintances in town.

Mrs. Chamberlain, of Petrolia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Smith, and other relatives in the village.

Miss M. Webster and nephews, Max and Walter Charteris, of Chatham, are here for their summer vacation.

The Misses Graves, of Grove Mills, who have been conducting a dress-making shop here during the past few months, have closed up their business and returned home.

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