

KAISER'S DEFILIER COUR MARKS THE HEIGHT OF BERLIN WINTER SEASON

Court Function Followed by Bewildering Succession of Dejeuners, Dinners and Dances, Many Americans Being Among Those Who Entertain on Large Scale.

MR. THACKARA AND FAMILY LEAVE FOR PARIS

(Special Dispatch.) BERLIN, Jan. 31. DURING the months of January and February Berlin may claim the distinction of being the outstanding social centre of the Continent. The brief midwinter season is now at its height and will continue with unabated activity until Lent.

Impetus to the week's uninterrupted round of gayeties was given by the Defilier Cour. This brought a bewildering succession of dejeuners, dinners and dances. As usual, the Hotel Esplanade was the rendezvous for court and diplomatic society after the Cour, some of the chief personages from court society being Prince Friedrich Sigmund, of Prussia, the hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz; the Prince and Princess Wied, Prince Stephan zu Schaumburg-Lippe, the Prince von Stolberg-Wernicke, Count and Countess Schul-Plessen and the hereditary Duke Fugger.

Mrs. Harry Jacques Luce, who, with her daughter, Miss Margaret Luce, was among the Americans presented at court this season, entertained a large party, including the Consul General, Mr. Thackara; Miss Eleanor Thackara, Professor and Mrs. Paul Shorey, Mrs. Jameson Winslow, Professor Archibald Coolidge, Count Strachwitz and Mr. Jack Bosh.

Many Private Parties.

There were also many private supper parties after the Cour, the largest being given to diplomatic society by Count von Moltke, formerly Danish Minister at Washington, and his American wife. Among those present were the United States Ambassador and Mrs. Gerard, Mrs. Norman Whitehouse, Mrs. Ernest Wilsee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark Grey, the United States Naval Attaché and Mrs. Gherardi, Major General T. Langham, Mr. William Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Ruddock and Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Cassatt.

Feu Big Sales Occur in British Art Auctions

Gainsborough's Picture of "The Market Cart," a Notable Painting Disposed of During the Year, Bought by Messrs. Agnew for \$105,800.

REMBRANDT'S "BATHSHEBA" SOLD TO MR. DUVEEN

(Special Dispatch.) LONDON, Jan. 31. AFTER surveying last year's art, the story of noteworthy sales in London is easily told, for they were fewer than they have been for many a year. Among those which stand out prominently were those of "The Market Cart," by Gainsborough, bought by Messrs. Agnew out of Sir Lionel Phillips' collection for \$105,800; "Bathsheba," by Rembrandt, bought by Messrs. Duveen for \$206,875; a "Hans Lady de la Pole," by Romney, bought by Messrs. Duveen for \$206,875; a world's auction record; the Panshanger, or "Cowper," Madonna, by Raphael, bought from Lady Desborough by Messrs. Duveen for \$350,000; and "Philip II," by Titian, sold by Sir Hugh Lane to Mr. T. J. Emery, of New York, for a sum variously stated as \$350,000 and \$400,000.

The more considerable gains to the national collections during 1913 make a longer story, though less noteworthy. There were the portraits of His Majesty George VII, by Sir Luke Fildes, R. A., presented by the King to the National Portrait Gallery; the "Portrait of the Royal Family," by Mr. John Lavery, A. R. A., presented to the same gallery by Mr. Hugh Spenslow; seven important pictures by Annibale Carracci, Rubens, Jacques Chassagn, Gainsborough, Mignard, Del Mazo, and Barnaba da Modena, presented by Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle, to the National Gallery, which also received six pictures by request of Sir John Murray Scott; two, by Isabey and Diaz, by request of Mr. Samuel Joshua Cooper, and, by purchase, Watteau's "La Gamme d'Amour."

EVERY GIRL INVITED TO THE DESBOROUGH PARTY DAUGHTER OF A PEER; MEN ALL HEIRS TO TITLES



LADY BRIDGET COKE LADY MURIEL BERTIE LADY VICTORIA CAVENTISH-BENTINCK

Hunt Ball Season Over and Society Expected Back in London.

(Special Dispatch.) LONDON, Jan. 31. DRAWING to a close, so the prevailing dulness in matters social is expected to come to an end with the return of society from the country prior to the opening of Parliament on February 10.

The King and Queen are now at Windsor, where they will remain until the beginning of March. The King and Queen called on Prince Christian at Cumberland Lodge on Thursday to congratulate him on his eightieth birthday. They found the Prince in excellent health and the recipient of telegrams from all parts of the world.

The King and Queen's stay at Windsor will be very quiet and regarded as strictly private, for though they are doing some entertaining there will be no receptions even of Ministers in their official capacity. While some of the diplomatic corps are included in the parties they are invited in a strictly private capacity.

While at Windsor the King and Queen are to have a command performance by a Lohkén company. When this was first unofficially mooted there was much stir in the theatrical dovecotes, for though it is a costly business for the manager receiving the command, it often means a long lease of life to a play whose popularity is beginning to wane.

Two Events of the Week. Socially there have been only two events of interest this week, these being the coming of age of Lady Muriel Bertie, daughter of Lord and Lady Lindsey, and the ball given by Lord and Lady Desborough at Taplow Court for their elder daughter, Monica Grenfell.

The former event was celebrated at Uffington House, Stamford, when the tenantry and others on the estate were entertained in the ballroom of the mansion and presented to Lady Muriel a magnificent silver plate service. The Desborough party at Taplow Court was interesting because all the girls invited were daughters of peers and all the young men heirs to well known titles. Among them were Lady Iris Capell, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Essex; Lady Bridget Coke, daughter of Lord and Lady Leicester; Lady Victoria Cavendish-Bentinck, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Portland; Lady Moira Osborne, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Leeds, and Lady Victoria Stanley, only daughter of Lord and Lady Derby.

entertained at dinner. Winifred Lady Arran escorted a party from Queen Anne's Manse. The death of Lord Strathcona brings into the roll another peeress in her own right in the person of Mrs. Bliss Howard. Lord Strathcona's only child, but the new peeress has no liking for town society and is expected to pass most of her time at Deben Hall, near Saffron Walden, which has long been her favorite residence.

Peeresses in their own right now number twenty, the last receiving a similar patent being Viscountess Walsley. The roll is headed, of course, by the Duchess of Fife, now Princess Arthur of Connaught, while the Duchess of Norfolk is Lady Harris in her own right. Lady Cromartie is the only countess, but both Lady Strathorough and Lady Powis, who are sisters and Countesses by marriage, hold the title of Baroness Fauconberg and Countess and Baroness Darcy de Knayth respectively.

New Army Officers. Lord Chesham, who will attain his majority next year, has just passed from Sandhurst for appointment to a commission in the army. Several other well known names are among those who have passed the last examinations at Sandhurst successfully and will be commissioned in British regiments, among them being Mr. John Verney, only son of Lord Willoughby de Broke; Mr. Hugh Douglas Penhant, second son of Lord Penrhyn, and Mr. Oswald Mosley, grandson of Sir Oswald Mosley.

While preparations are being made for the season in Dublin, which is expected to be more than usually brilliant, there are many who fear it will be interrupted by serious disturbances. Many well known names are among those who have passed the last examinations at Sandhurst successfully and will be commissioned in British regiments, among them being Mr. John Verney, only son of Lord Willoughby de Broke; Mr. Hugh Douglas Penhant, second son of Lord Penrhyn, and Mr. Oswald Mosley, grandson of Sir Oswald Mosley.

Americans are beginning to make their presence felt in London once more. Many who came by the Lusitania are still stopping at the leading hotels, and Mr. and Mrs. Malvina Drummond and Mrs. William B. Leeds are back for a time in their usual quarters in the Ritz Hotel. Also still stopping there are Mrs. Louis Treddwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Proctor, Mr. T. A. Griffin and Mr. E. R. Armsby, of New York, and Mr. A. Smith and Mr. L. C. Miller, of Chicago.

At Claridge's are Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fowler, Mr. S. O'Day and Mr. F. S. Vanstone, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Penrose, Mrs. Charles Penrose and Mrs. Lippincott, of Philadelphia. Americans in the Hotel. At the Piccadilly Hotel are Dr. and Mrs. McCurdy, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Culver, Mr. W. C. Teagle, Mr. H. Jones and Mr. W. Steinway, of New York, and Colonel R. W. Stewart and Miss A. L. Gill, of Chicago, and Mr. Edward Key, of Baltimore.

At the Carlton Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Struthers, Jr., Mrs. Stephen Little, Mr. and Mrs. Adam King, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wolfberg, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Palmer,

Mr. J. A. Jones, Mr. J. Walter Wood, Mr. A. E. Harrison, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. P. S. Muller, of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. A. Abbas, who had been stopping at the Piccadilly, have gone to Bradford.

The late Mr. Bradley Martin, who was greatly respected in Invernesshire, is to have a monument erected in his memory by the people of Glen Urquhart, near Balmacon House, an obelisk and bronze medallion of Mr. Martin.

In view of the forthcoming Anglo-American peace centenary the Earl of Buchan has received inquiries from America regarding the portrait of George Washington which was painted about 1793 by Archibald Robertson for the eleventh Earl of Buchan, but Lord Buchan does not know where it is, for he is not a descendant of the eleventh Earl.

Matrimonial Advertisements Cause Divorce (Special Dispatch.) PARIS, Jan. 31. THE story of a curious intrigue conducted through the medium of a matrimonial advertisement columns of a French newspaper has just been related in the Seine Divorce Court.

The parties concerned were a Parisian painter and his wife, a woman who had already been divorced from her first husband, an examining magistrate in the provinces. Some time past the painter suspected that his wife had been studying the matrimonial, or pseudo matrimonial, advertisements in an endeavor to start some romantic intrigue. To obtain proof of his suspicions was a matter of some difficulty, but the painter finally inserted a neat little advertisement in his wife's favorite paper to this effect:—"Retired prefect, aged forty-five, tall and fair, with a fortune of 200,000, would like to find a sister soul."

The bait, either of the 200,000, (\$200,000) or of the sister soul, was a successful one, for Madame, though "very confused at replying to a question of this sort," wrote a long answer in which she pathetically demanded:—"Can you indeed be the sweetest heart of my dreams for whom I have looked so long?" She also suggested somewhat disingenuously that her fortune was a large one and that her heart and hand were at liberty.

22 Dreadnoughts Put in the Water by World Powers

United States and Austria-Hungary Are Not Represented in 1913.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY LEAD WITH FIVE EACH (Special Dispatch.) LONDON, Jan. 31. ALTHOUGH not such a record year as 1911, when twenty-six dreadnoughts were put into the water, the total number of capital ships launched in 1912 nearly reaches this figure, and is a good deal above the average. The only naval Powers which have not put a dreadnought afloat during the last twelve months are Austria-Hungary and the United States, but for the latter both the Nevada and Oklahoma may be launched early in the new year.

Including battle cruisers, the dreadnought record of Great Britain and Germany is the same—five launched for each country—two of the British war ships being of the 1912 programme, while the German total includes one of that date. France comes next with three capital vessels, all of the 1912 programme; Italy, Japan and Turkey, now that she has bought one from Brazil, have two each to their credit, and Russia, Chile and Spain have one each.

The delay in putting the Szent Istvan, for Austria-Hungary, into the water is explained by the circumstances that this vessel is building at Pola, where facilities for the construction of a dreadnought have not yet been fully developed. Of the twenty-two vessels ten were launched during the last quarter of the year and eight went afloat from British yards.

The dreadnoughts launched for Great Britain were: The Queen Elizabeth, on October 16; the Benbow, on November 12; the Warspite, on November 28; the Emperor of India, lately the Delhi, on November 27; and the Tiger, battle cruiser, on December 15. The Queen Elizabeth and the Warspite are of the all oil burning type, and should also be the first completed vessels to carry 15-inch guns. The other three have been delayed in construction by labor troubles in the private yards.

The German dreadnoughts are the König, launched on March 1; the Grosser Kurfürst, on May 5; the Markgraf, on June 4; the Derfflinger, on July 1, and the Luetzow, on November 29. The two last named are battle cruisers.

Battle Cruisers Compared. The first four of these vessels are of the 1911 programme, but the Luetzow, like the Queen Elizabeth and her sister, belongs to the programme of 1912. If, however, the German battle cruiser is compared with the British Tiger, of an earlier programme, it will be found that the difference in age is not reflected in the design, the Tiger having, in fact, the more formidable armament. Both vessels burn oil and coal, both are to have a speed of 28 knots, but while the Luetzow has eight 12-inch and fourteen 6-inch guns, the Tiger will carry eight 12-inch and twelve 6-inch guns.

The three French vessels launched were the Provence, on April 20; the Bretagne, on April 21; and the Lorraine, on September 20. These are dreadnoughts of the 1912 programme, and were well advanced when put into the water, indicating an acceleration of French naval construction for which Mr. Baulin, the late Minister of Marine, should have the largest share of credit.

Italy's new dreadnoughts are the Andrea Doria, launched on March 20, each vessel having been a year on the stocks, which are practically all ready for completion to the Conte di Cavour class, which preceded them, with the exception that for protection against torpedo attack sixteen 6-in. guns are substituted for eighteen 4.7-in. guns.

The Japanese dreadnoughts launched were the Kirishitama, on December 2, and the Hataka, on December 3. They are similar to the Kongo, built at Vickers, so that Japan has now four Dreadnought battle cruisers in the water. Turkey has bought the Rio de Janeiro, which was launched for Brazil on January 22, and has also the Eschadagh, completing, which was put into the water at Barrow on September 2. These two powerful and speedy battle ships, though not alike in design, will be a formidable accession to Ottoman naval strength.

The Imperatrice Marie, launched on November 1 at Nikolaieff, is an addition to the Russian force in the Black Sea, where another vessel of the same type is nearly ready for the water. Similarly, for Chile, the Almirante Latorre was launched at Eschadagh on November 27, and a sister vessel, the Almirante Cochrane, should soon be afloat.

Few Light Cruisers. The Spanish battle ship Alfonso XIII, was launched on May 22, being the first of two years on the stocks. Although this is quite an unusual circumstance in the present day, it is likely here long that in other countries, like Spain, the delay in construction is connected with labor, delivery in two years from the date of laying the keel will be found as a rule to be an impossible achievement.

The number of light cruisers launched during the last year was not large, amounting to seven in all—five for Great Britain, one for Germany and one for Austria.

VALUE OF ENGLAND'S MINERAL OUTPUT (Special Dispatch.) LONDON, Jan. 31. THE total value of the minerals raised in the United Kingdom during 1912 was £131,220,853, an increase of £5,641,549, or 4.3 per cent, on 1911, according to Part III. of the annual General Report on Mines and Quarries, which has just been published.

This increase is mainly accounted for by the increased value of coal. The total output of coal was 289,418,228 tons, or the value £117,921,123, showing a decrease in output of 11,475,841 tons, but an increase in value of £7,137,441, on the figures for 1911. The average price of coal was 2s. 6d. a ton in 1912, as compared with 2s. 1 1/2d. in 1911.

The diminished output and the enhanced selling price of coal were doubtless the result of the national strike of workers at collieries.

The average prices of metals for the year all show increases, the highest being the figures for 1911, and in the case of tin the highest average price yet recorded—£12 1/2 a ton for English tin—was reached.

TURKS WELCOME MR. MORGENTHAU

American Ambassador Is Delighted with Reception in Ottoman Capital.

(Special Dispatch.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 31. HAD an interview yesterday with the new American Ambassador, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, who received me at the Embassy soon after the reception given for the Ottoman official world.

"Constantinople and its inhabitants," he said, "have made an excellent impression upon me. I am very glad to have your impressions. It is my habit to always study matters and individuals in a thorough manner before expressing a definite opinion. Come to me in a few days and I will tell you what I think of the place and the people in a more ready spirit."

"It will be my duty to give into the very heart of things surrounding me. With the help of the legal adviser of the Embassy, Mr. Shrivastava, who knows the Orient so well, I shall be able to master the task in a more or less satisfactory manner in a few weeks." The mysterious East is certainly interesting and fascinating, but, like everything else, it needs sufficient time for a good understanding of it. I dislike people who after a short sojourn in a place hazard their opinion on it, which is very unbecoming.

"One thing, however, I am able to tell you already with great satisfaction. That is the kindly willingness of the Ottoman authorities to help me in the study of the city and in the proper understanding of the various phases of its motley life. From the Sultan downward one has always shown me the utmost courtesy, and this augurs well for the relations for the future. To-day, for instance, the Ottoman Cabinet almost in its entirety responded to my invitation, and the official reception was completely successful. I am confident that my residence in Turkey will prove beneficial to both the country I represent and the one that extends to me its cordial hospitality."

Mr. Morgenthau told me that his wife was leaving New York for Constantinople next month, and is expected to arrive in Constantinople a little after the middle of February.

Those who know the new Ambassador personally assure me that he is in every way a most remarkable personality. He is many sided, energetic and exceedingly thorough. He has at heart every American interest, and he is a warm and friendly man. He has at heart every American interest, and he is a warm and friendly man. He has at heart every American interest, and he is a warm and friendly man.

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EDITOR BEGINS THE STRIKE AGAIN

Enquiry Into Grades Will be Completed at Quebec

The Two Detectives Present—Mou is Sick

(By Special Wire to The QUEBEC, Feb. 2.—The Legislature committee Montreal Mail charges Monseigneur Achille Berge P. Berard, resigned member, will be continuing notwithstanding the sick Monseigneur Messrs. H. Maloney, the Burns agent, created in the decoy Monts association scheme under Sampson and Hyland, will be this evening. They left last night.

When the hearing of the sumes to-night, Mr. Ed former editor of the Mo will be recalled to the "Through Mr. Monseigneur his seat, the inquiry first to determine whether against him of accepting true, and secondly to dis other members of the Leg guilty of the same offence the matter Hon. L. cau, chairman of the com "We will make the investigation thorough and complete."

When asked regarding the report the committee to the members of the a view of the fact that the her of the House implic signed Mr. Tachereau re conclusions will be based defence heard, or we may findings on the evidence.

LABOR CANDIDATE SPLITS THE And Liberal is El Northwest Durha English Hous

LONDON, Feb. 2.—At tion in Northwest Durha Anerin Williams, Liberal ted, receiving 7,241 votes, ionist candidate got 5,504, labor candidate was in the first time and polled . At the last general elect constituency the Liberal received 9,880 votes, while lots were cast for his Uponent.

The election was occasio appointment of the stitu L. A. Athley Jones, to judgship.

A WESTERN FI FORT FRANCIS, Feb Tullock's clothing store w by fire last night, the consuming Crown Attor law library. Total loss, \$1 Incendary fire.

LUSELAND, Sask. Fe supposed to be of incendi caused a loss of forty th lars in a business block night.

IMPORTANT SA Don't forget the attch "The Arrowsmith Farm" mises, Thursday, Feb. 5 o'clock. Here is a chance of the best farms in Br S. P. Picher and Son, a night.

Handed His As The Ship's Officer Thu Five Lives, But teen Others Wer With Vessel.

FALMOUTH, Eng. Fe Lorenz, the first officer a crew of the German b from Pisagua, Chile, fo lost their lives Sunday vessel striking a rock as most concluded her voyag maintaining five men w through the gallery of t cer, who realizing his ov near, handed his whistle with orders to blow it.

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