

NEWS OF TWO CAPITALS.

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number of architects for the work of submitting designs for structures which will commemorate the reign, and is showing signs of conciliating the public by widening the lists. Its exclusiveness in preferring five architects of respectable ability was unfortunate, since the scheme for ornamenting the Mall was a large one, capable of producing artistic results of a high order. Free scope for competition would have been the surest safeguard against mediocrity, when so much could be done to improve the Mall with the co-operation of sculptors, architects and landscape gardeners. The committee now explains that the memorial may include an arch at the new entrance to the Mall from Spring Gardens and a series of sculptured works leading up to the Queen's statue in front of Buckingham Palace. Instead of excluding talent from the competition, the committee ought to be settling all the best men at work under conditions of friendly rivalry for the accomplishment of artistic results, as was done for the World's Fair in Chicago. No mention is made of the possibility of American co-operation in any published scheme, but it is probable that the committee will regard with favor any organized movement for making a portion of the work distinctly American. The scheme for the embellishment of the Mall will allow Americans to take up a definite portion of the work. Canada and Australia will have the same privilege.

PARIS.

IMMENSE LOSS TO FRANCE THROUGH STRIKES.

THE RUINED COMMERCE OF MARSEILLES—A SUCCESSFUL PLAY BY ALFRED CAPUS.

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Paris, April 6.—The object lessons furnished by the strikes, which since the close of the exposition have been so general throughout France, are beginning to take effect. Calculations have been made showing that the Calais strike caused loss of life and \$1,000,000 to local industry, besides \$2,000,000 loss in workmen's wages. The Marseilles strikes, which are not yet ended, although 70 per cent of the strikers resumed work yesterday, have dealt such a terrible blow to the prosperity of Marseilles that the city can scarcely hope ever to recover its lost position. The loss to trade at Marseilles is estimated at \$8,000,000 each week during the strike; sales in retail business diminished 60 per cent. There are indications on all sides of additional withdrawals of capital from French undertakings, and shopkeepers in Paris and elsewhere have the greatest difficulty in meeting their engagements and paying their rents, their situation being worse than at any time since the siege of Paris.

As is usually the case in Paris, there was a steady downpour of rain on Good Friday, which lasted all day long. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the churches were more crowded than ever before. The music was of exceptional interest at St. Gervais, where the singers gave an admirable performance of Palestrina's "Stabat Mater," and at St. Eustache, where Rossini's "Stabat Mater," with solos, choruses and orchestral accompaniment, was executed in grand style. At St. Sulpice a procession of three hundred young priests in surplices and bearing lighted candles, marched to the music of "Vexilla Regis." At Notre Dame Monsignor Richard, Archbishop of Paris, officiated, and there was an impressive selection of sacred music. The special feature of the day was the enormous number of workmen who attended the church services. There were, of course, the Gargantuan feasts, which Free Thinkers ostentatiously organize for Good Friday, but the religious observance has seldom been so general and sincere. The rule requiring abstinence from meat was rigorously complied with among all classes; Cardinal Richelieu restricted his menu to sardines, boiled potatoes and mashed peas, and President Loubet limited his diet to brook trout, grilled mushrooms and poached eggs.

Among the Americans who paid brief visits to the churches to hear the music were the Right Rev. Bishop Lawrence and family, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Peck and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Tiffany.

By a singular coincidence Holy Week has been the most fertile of the season in interesting theatrical novelties. "La Veine," a comedy in four acts by Alfred Capus, superbly acted by Jeanne Granier and Guityry, was received by a first night audience at the Variétés with an enthusiasm that I have not seen equalled here since the production of "Cyrano" and "La Veine" ("The Run of Good Luck") is a delicate mirror-like reflection of the most characteristic phase of modern Parisian life, and French critics, including Gustave Larroumet, Emile Faguet and Catulle Mendès, unhesitatingly pronounce it a masterpiece, and place Capus foremost among French writers of modern comedy.

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The play, although embodying the quintessence of Parisianism, is free from slang or boulevard expressions, and is written in absolutely pure French. It is the romance of a young lawyer (Guityry), who loves and finally weds a bewitching and clever flower girl (Granier). A fascinating and wealthy professional beauty (Marcelle Lender) strives to wear the barrister from his affection. There are a young Parisian millionaire (Brasseur) and his risky ex-flower girl helpmate (Eve la Valliere), who are the good angels of the play. The laudable theories of Fourier in regard to the institution of marriage prevail, and this may somewhat handicap the play before an English minded audience; but the attention is fixed from the outset and held to the end. There is a deal of Balzac's observation and humanity; a dell of Balzac's sentiment supplies the motive power of the comedy, which is on a distinctly higher plane than anything hitherto attempted by Capus, and is regarded as the most decisive success of the present theatrical season.

At the Théâtre de la Gaîté "Le Capitaine Thérèse," a comic opera in three acts by Alex. Bisson, with music by Robert Planquette, has been produced with success. It is totally different from the English version of the same work played in New-York and London some years ago. It is a mythical chain of episodes of the time of Henri IV, set to music which, although bright and sparkling, is not up to the best compositions of the author of "The Chimes of Normandy." There is an effective ballet of the harvest season, wherein the dancers appear as sheaves of wheat.

"Sacré L'Étoile," a three act farce by Pierre Wolff, produced at the Palais Royal, is a frolicsome bit of impropriety, wherein the fun at times degenerates into horseplay, but, nevertheless, tickles the fancy of nurses and soldiers out for a holiday. C. I. B.

IDLE WORKMEN IN RUSSIA

POLITICAL AGITATORS BUSY, AND THE GOVERNMENT TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—The stoppage of the works in the province of Ekaterinoslav has caused ten thousand workmen to become idle. The government, with a view of preventing disorders, political agitators being busy, is sending the unemployed gratuitously to the places whence they originally came.

The closing of the factories in Kharkoff has produced much unrest there, and trouble is likely to occur during the Easter festivities not only in the districts of Ekaterinoslav and Kharkoff, but also in the factory quarters of St. Petersburg, Tula, Moscow and Brjansk, where work is almost at a standstill.

GENERAL VJASEMSKI LEAVES RUSSIA.

London, April 6.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that Lieutenant-General Vjasemski, a member of the Council of the Empire, who was recently severely reprimanded by the Czar for his protests against the conduct of the police during the recent student demonstrations, left Russia to avoid the consequences which would result socially. He is regarded officially as almost a conspirator.

FEARS FOR A FRENCH FORCE.

GENERAL SERVIERE LOST SOMEBODY ON THE MOROCCAN BORDER.

Algiers, April 6.—Military officials here are anxious over the absence of all news from General Serviere, operating on the Moroccan border, whose present location is wholly unknown. Couriers have been dispatched in various directions, but have failed to communicate with General Serviere, and it is feared that he is short of ammunition and provisions.

CONSULATES MOBBED AT GENEVA.

Geneva, Switzerland, April 6.—A serious demonstration against the Russian and Italian consulates and the residence of the Italian Consul occurred last evening in connection with the extradition of the assassin of King Humbert. The mob tore down and shattered the coat of arms at the Russian Consulate, and prevented the police from doing material damage elsewhere.

MAY MODIFY THE DREIBUND.

ITALY WISHES TO MAKE CLOSER ARRANGEMENTS WITH FRANCE.

Berlin, April 6.—The correspondent of The Associated Press learns that the German Foreign Office regards it as probable that Signor Zanardelli, the Italian minister, will propose modifications of the Dreibund conditions, which seem to hinder the bettering of the relations between Italy and France, though in themselves these paragraphs are unobjectionable.

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TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS

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Sofia, Bulgaria, April 6.—All the leading members of the Macedonian committee here, including Sarafoff, were arrested last night. The building in which the committee met has been sealed up.

The Macedonian committee has been the source of considerable trouble to Turkey lately. It recently summoned an extraordinary congress to meet on March 31, for the purpose of considering the complications in Macedonia, where great excitement has prevailed and lively developments have been expected. The date of meeting of the congress was later postponed until April 7. Only the action of Russia, supported by Austria and Great Britain, has prevented an outbreak in Macedonia. On March 1 an imperial decree ordered the concentration of fifty thousand Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier, as a result of the agitation of the revolutionary committees in Macedonia.

Recently, in consequence of reports that the Bulgarians were contemplating the destruction of the Macedonian railroads, Turkish troops were sent to guard the lines and bridges. The Turkish troops have been charged with forcible seizures at Ustka and elsewhere, but the reports have been denied at Constantinople. Some skirmishes have occurred between the Bulgarian revolutionists and the Turkish troops, but the real facts do not appear to have been ascertainable, owing to the exaggerations of the parties concerned in the dispute.

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THE STOLEN GAINSBOROUGH.

THOMAS AGNEW & SONS NOT SURE THE CHICAGO PORTRAIT IS THE ONE LONG MISSING.

London, April 6.—Inquiry at the art establishment of Thomas Agnew & Sons, from which the Gainsborough portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire was stolen in 1876, elicited the response that nothing was known by the firm of the reported recovery of the picture in Chicago. Stories of the discovery of the missing portrait have recurred at frequent intervals ever since the picture was stolen.

Lockett Agnew, a partner in the firm, did not appear surprised when seen. He said the picture had been recovered in Chicago, but was not prepared to believe it until quite sure that such was the fact. His cousin, Charles Morland Agnew, had cabled from Chicago that he had bought a Gainsborough. "That, perhaps, is the origin of to-day's story," said Mr. Agnew, "so I will not pronounce an opinion until I see the picture in Bond-st. I should be glad, indeed, to see the picture, but only to contradict the story that we ourselves destroyed it. We have been following clues for ten years past. My uncle and father were members of the firm at the time of its disappearance. Father has been dead some years, and uncle retired six years ago. They completely gave up hope. However, I have been hopeful of its recovery. Father was deceived five times, and the firm since I joined it has been deceived four times in the recovery of the picture. Anything like the picture has always been said to be the original. Inspector Grey of the London police has asked me if I know any man, if it is true that the picture has been found, it is singular that he did not mention the name of the man who had it. I have been offered a reward of £1,000, stipulating that the channel for the restoration of the picture must be quite legal.

Robert Pinkerton, one of the chiefs of the detective agency credited with the recovery of the stolen Gainsborough, reached here this morning from Chicago, and discussing the London dispatch, said: "There cannot be the slightest doubt about the recovery of the picture, and when C. Morland Agnew reaches London and confers with the members of his house he will no doubt fully confirm the story. He probably has not heard that there is some danger of losing the picture again. I do not think that the man given out in London was authorized to say anything. He probably has not heard of the recovery of the picture, saw it myself, know all the facts in connection with the incident, and you can rest assured of the personal assurance of the entire truth of the story."

THE BOER CAPITAL MOVES AGAIN.

FORCED FROM PIETERSBURG BY PLUMERS ADVANCE TO THE NORTHWARD.

London, April 6.—The Kronstadt correspondent of "The Times," telegraphing on Thursday, says that preparations are being generally made by the British forces for winter operations. Lord Kitchener reports as follows to the War Office: "Colonel Plumer had advanced twelve miles beyond Nylstroom on the way toward Pietersburg. According to the Pretoria correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph," the Boers have shifted their seat of government from Pietersburg to a point thirty-five miles northeast.

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