

Sargent's Paintings Making Big Hit With Lovers of Art

London Letter Deals With Naval Controversy About Usefulness of Aircraft—Australian Cricketers' Action in Leaving Wives Home Endorsed.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(By mail) The memorial exhibition of the late John S. Sargent's works, at Burlington House, is probably the most remarkable one-man show ever attempted. Over 400 exhibits are included, paintings in oil, water color, crayon and pencil drawings, designs, and bronzes, and they completely fill the ordinary galleries used for the summer show. These works cover the full gamut of the famous artist's development, from his earliest boyish experiments to his mature achievements, and they reveal him as perhaps the greatest technician of his day and generation. At the press view, before the eager crowds invaded the galleries, I met ultra-modern Chelsea critics there, who were disposed to disparage Sargent's claims to be among the immortals, but not one of them failed to utter a word of praise for his "amazing technique." He would paint, and his artistic surface, in brilliant landscapes, splendid interiors, and portraits of dazzling beauty and divination, to surmount the ordeal of such an inordinate one-man show as this.

ART COMMENT

I wonder how many of our moderns, or even of masters of the past, could stand the test of time. It is a poignant, horrible, yet beautiful too. Beautiful in harmony of line and color as well as in its sympathetic sense of fraternal value. The portraits of great Victorians are amazing. Illustrations of men and famous beauties, both long dead, live again on the walls of Burlington House, conjured back for us, from the past, by the spirit, by a magician's brush. Sargent's last sketch is there too. A spirited and faithful head in pencil of Princess Mary. The price of the portraits in the famous old Earl Wemyss—a real masterpiece of vivid characterization.

CABINET AND ADMIRALTY.

Next to the treasury the most attractive of all Whitehall departments is the admiralty. But after recent revelations, sensational only because a wide publicity has now been given to facts well known for years to those behind the scenes, the cabinet and the admiralty in resisting demands for an inquiry which shall be something more than a mere official whitewash committee. When the Tag came in 1914, it was no sudden emergency, but a supreme crisis long foreseen. The fate not only of the British Empire but of half the world depended on the "Britannia's" sure shield. We now know that the most efficient thing about it was its great tradition, which alone withstood the Germans from forcing a decisive naval battle. Had they done that early in the war, before at Chertumun the Germans had turned a slight numerical preponderance into an overwhelming one, the odds would have been on the Black Eagle and not the White Ensign.

GRIM FACTS.

Two British vice-admirals, not old fogies, but active war-time officers, our Fourth Sea Lord and the other in the grand fleet all through the war, endorse Admiral von Tirpitz's statements. These statements are real, grave, and are that in ships, gunnery and vital equipment the German fleet was definitely superior to ours. This was not because the British taxpayer refused money adequate for supreme efficiency. It was because the whole spirit of the British Admiralty, of which Admiral Lord Fisher declared they would like to have stuck to wooden ships and masts, and to protect these ships with armor just where the high-angle guns must drop their shells. We were hopelessly outclassed in such scientific apparatus as rangefinders, wireless, and magazine isolators.

EYELIDS AT JUTLAND.

The disastrous loss of our great battle-cruisers, during the overture to such main action as took place at Jutland, was due to the latter omission solely. Nobody had thought of preventing flames from bursting out of the central ammunition stores. There was almost a forced draught anything from the magazine. Moreover, owing to the admiralty's supreme contempt for all aircraft, our grand fleet steamed eyeless into Jutland, and throughout the war, could be watched without being able to watch. To comprehend how such gross inefficiency as this could be possible, we have to get right down to the mentality at the top of our fabulously costly machine. Vice-Admiral Chambers quotes a case that is perhaps typical. A British battleship captain's request for some slight alteration on board his vessel was refused—on the ground that "it could only be of use in action." One recalls Sir Percy Scott's "Paint before

gunnery," and Lord Fisher's "Scrap the lot!"

MR. NORMAN'S VISIT

I understand that during the visit of Mr. Norman to the United States, among other matters discussed was the problem of Russian indebtedness to Europe. For some little time past there have been indications that American business interests were keen on getting into Russia and somewhat chafing at the hide bound regulations of their treasury regarding the question of credits. They felt that other nations were "getting there," while they were at a moral disadvantage. Mr. Norman gave his views as to what the government would do before admitting to the Soviet authorities into the circle of friendly commercial relations internationally, and I understand they coincided with the present view of the American government. As a result, determined pressure will be brought to bear on the situation, and the Russians, if they desire any credits at all, must either themselves or the States, will have to come to some definite working arrangement whereby past international debts will be provided for adequately in part at least. It would make a world of difference to both France and ourselves could this be done, and mean the settlement of a considerable part of the debt each now owes to the United States.

RUBBER EMPLOYES

I understand that some of the most prominent members of the Mining Lane salerooms are backing a movement for the provision of better conditions for European workers on eastern rubber and tea estates. During the lean years after the war, many of these were very near starvation, and in some cases, European workers on eastern rubber and tea estates, who had been discharged owing to reduced rubber production, were stranded without the means of travel to look for work. Now, when rubber is booming again, these men are not being given their share of the additional profits, and in many cases would like to retire, when the time comes, without earning a pittance on which to exist. The salerooms want to see a system of pensions for all European employees on eastern estates. Such a change would make rubber growing a much more attractive proposition for the average English boy when leaving school.

AVOIDING INDIA

A rather disturbing change has come upon the Indian civil service. A decade or two ago there was, amongst the very best class of youngsters in this country, keen emulation to get through the stiff test examinations in order to qualify for a job under the Indian government. In fact, the Indian authorities were in the favorable position of being able to pick and choose amongst the best of eligible men. Yet, despite this, the number of applicants for the service has been steadily fewer year after year. It seems incredible that the chances for almost abjecting which secure the holder a pension of £1,000 a year after 20 years service. Yet this appears to be the position, and so seriously does the India office regard it that, at the last Headquarters Conference, a special representative attended to urge encouragement of public school boys in the direction of an Indian civil service career.

UNFORTUNATE PROPAGANDA.

Many causes may explain this surprising lack of enterprise at a time when things are none too rosy at home, and the pressure of economic conditions is most severe. No doubt the spirit of Indian unrest revives old memories of mutiny episodes in many families with whom the Indian Civil Service is almost a hereditary tradition. There is also an impression that the way things are going, some general measure of Indian home rule might conceivably upset existing civil service conditions. But perhaps the main factor is the disgruntlement of many Anglo-Indians, whose pessimistic and gloomy views about the future often exercise a most deterrent effect on those whose sons might otherwise go into the Indian Civil Service. It is quite possible that, with the help of public school headmasters, this unfortunate influence may be successfully combated, and in the interest of this country as well as India, we must trust it will be so.

WHITE MAN'S MAGIC.

A friend home from one of the mandated territories in East Africa gives me a highly glowing account of the outlook there, all the more impressive since two years ago his view was of another kind. Agricultural and commercial development is proceeding apace, and if the means of communication are increased on the lines proposed by Mr. Ormsby-Gore's committee of 15 months ago, the attractions of the country for white settlers will be greatly enhanced. It was hoped that wireless telegraphy might be used to substitute for land lines, which are costly to erect and

maintain. An unexpected difficulty has emerged, however. The native operators, who make no scruple about using the ordinary "ticker" regard wireless as "ju-ju," and are either unable or unwilling to work it. They distrust this form of white man's magic, and it seems as if for the present the older methods must be continued. The Indian problem is less troublesome than farther south, and the natives welcome the more easy-going methods of British administration after the rigor of the Germans. On the other hand, the British civil servants on the East Coast have been discouraged by the way in which their incomes have been prejudicially affected by currency operations over which they had no control.

CRICKET.

Australia's ukase prohibiting members of their cricket test team taking their wives with them to England is causing much facetious and ill-informed comment here. Few of our own cricketers, with experience of M. C. C. tours overseas will share in these criticisms. So far from being objectionable or absurd, the Australian decision illustrates Australia's cricket sense, and the earnestness with which they regard the "Ashes." To get the best out of a sporting side, not only must it be strongly captained, but its members must be a real fraternity. In the case of a cricket team the members of which are of very varying social status this is specially important. Private bickerings and jealousies are fatal. Unfortunately these have too frequently marked some of our cricket tours, with disastrous results, and most of the trouble arose from social snobbery introduced by the pettiest element. Ladies are apt not to recognize the masculine tenets, as to the republic of sport. And a "pro" whose wife has been badly snubbed by the captain's lady is not going to do himself full justice in the field.

Or As They Think. (Newcastle Courier.) Very few boys are as good as their parents think.

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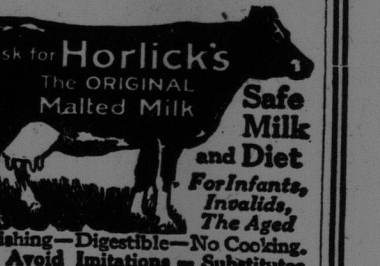


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