

BIG SALES OF WORKS OF ART

Five Million Dollars Spent
in London Each Year.

SOME RECORD PRICES SECURED

Little Works by Old Masters in
Big Demand at Fancy
Prices.

London, Aug. 17.—Now that the holiday season is in full swing, the art auction rooms, in which no less than \$5,000,000 is spent annually, have closed their doors.

During the season which has just ended the flow of money showed no sign of abatement, and, although much of it came from American sources, it is evident that art collecting has as firm a hold upon the general public as ever.

The season will be memorable if only for the famous Lewis-Hill and Massey-Mainwaring dispersals, which together contributed over \$1,000,000 to the year's total. There were also the sales of the libraries of the Duke of Sutherland and Laurence Hodson, which produced \$43,885 and \$54,260 respectively, while the dispersal of the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson's collection of engravings realized over \$94,000.

In the last twelve months about 23 pictures have changed hands for sums exceeding \$5,000, compared with 28 during the previous season. The record price paid for a single picture during the year is \$42,000, the sum given by Messrs. Colnaghi & Co. for Sir Thomas Lawrence's picture, "Childhood's Innocence."

Change of Taste.

The notable feature of the season's picture sales has been the great demand for little works by old masters, while the large and dreary productions of the mid-Victorian academic painters have considerably declined in value. In illustration of this it may be recalled that a little picture by F. Hals, which was purchased with two others at Christie's in 1828 for \$12.50, again appeared under the hammer, and this time brought in the remarkable sum of \$7,875, while Clarkson Stanfield's well-known painting of Lago di Como, for which \$5,565 was paid in 1890, was knocked down for only \$1,075.

The book sales have been of a momentous character, and many of our finest literary treasures have been acquired at fabulous prices by American agents. The most sensational book sale ever known in this country took place at Sotheby's in March last, when the Van Antwerp collection produced a total of \$31,750 for but 243 lots.

Jewel Sale Sensation.

There have been many important jewel sales within recent years, but none has created such a stir as did the dispersal of the late Mrs. Lewis-Hill's gems at Christie's last April. Some of the extraordinary prices that resulted were:

Pearl rope	\$83,500
Pearl and brilliant necklace	51,000
Brilliant tiara	55,000
Pearl rope	36,000
Many costly specimens of old china, silver, furniture and various objects of art have also come under the hammer, the principal prices realized being as follows:	
Louis XV. marqueterie commode	\$19,950
Two old Chinese porcelain vases	19,425
Pair of Chinese porcelain beakers	16,725
Chinese porcelain vase	13,125
Elizabethan silver-gilt tankard	11,500

BRITAINS GUNNERS BEATEN

Canadians Won ing's Cup in Coast Defense Competition.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 17.—The Canadian artillery team has won in the coast defense competition for the King's Cup, which has been in progress for two days. The announcement was made at a late hour tonight, during the banquet given by the Canadian artillery to the officers and men of the Canadian and British teams. The Canadians have captured the trophy by the close margin of 1087. The announcement of the result was greeted with loud applause. This was immediately followed by a call from the British team for three cheers for the Canadians, and then by cheers from the Canadians for the British, each also giving a vigorous team yell.

The details of competition as given by the umpire are as follows: 6-inch guns, 24 rounds, first series, British team, 10 hits; time 3 minutes, 51 seconds. Canadian team, 18 hits, time 4 minutes, 50 seconds. Second series: British team 14 hits, 2 minutes 20 seconds. Canadian team, 16 hits, 2 minutes, 48 seconds.

First series—British 18 hits, 1 minute 33 seconds; Canadian 26 hits, 1 minute 31 seconds.

Second series—British, 30 hits, 1 minute 43 seconds; Canadian, 30 hits, 1 minute 25 seconds.

Umpire's final decision given in decimal points was as follows: British team, 530 points, Canadian team 517, giving the Canadian team a lead of .087 points. The fact that in the second series of twelve-pounders competition both teams made 30 hits out of 30 shots is remarkable, the Canadians, however, doing the work in slightly quicker time. The Canadian team consisted of 29 officers and men from the First C. A. of Halifax, and seven men from the Seventh C. A., Nova Scotia.

Steel needles were first made in England in 1545.

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TWO BOLD HOLD-UPS

Desperadoes Raid Philadelphia Money-Lender and Gem Store.

Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Two daring hold-ups at the point of pistols occurred yesterday in the crowded central part of the city, both crimes being committed by the same man, K. C. Norman, who says he is a stranger, with two accomplices entered the office of D. H. Tolman, a money-lender, in a Chestnut street office building, and while his confederates stood at the door covered two women clerks with a revolver and took \$47, all they could find in the money drawer. Backing off with the revolver still leveled at the terrified women, he cut the telephone wires and made his escape with his accomplices. When the women gave the alarm the men were lost in the crowds on the streets. The police immediately started an energetic search, and while this was in progress the two turned up at a Market street jewelry store. Norman asked to see some diamonds, and as a salesman laid several before him, Norman pointed his revolver at him.

The salesman obeyed the command to hold up his hands, and as he did so Norman started for the door with a brooch. Another salesman seized him as he was about to go into the street, and held him until a policeman arrived. His accomplices escaped.

TIGHT MONEY

BOTHERS GOTHAM

New York City Has But \$1,000,000 to Meet Debts of \$4,000,000.

New York, Aug. 17.—Admission is made today that the city of New York is hard-pressed to pay its bills, due to the present-tightness of the money market, and a consequent inability to dispose of city bonds. As was feared, the action of contractors, who had taken bonds in payment for work done by them, and who subsequently sold them in the bond market below par, has caused a slump in the sale of city bonds, three out of the public, and the financial institutions failed to absorb the issue.

The result is one of the richest cities of the world is poor, as far as cash is concerned, for the first time in the memory of living man. It is stated that there is about \$1,000,000 of cash to meet nearly \$4,000,000 of pressing obligations.

Contractors who have long waited for their money threaten to quit work on public improvements, and the situation in this respect is said to be serious. Another result of the shortness in cash is that new contracts, except for absolutely necessary work, are held up pending an easement in the situation. Unless the bonds find a market, however, there can be no relief until October, when the year's taxes are due.

CHINA'S GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Celestial Empire Badly in Need of a Strong Ruler.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—Private dispatches from Peking forecast a gloomy future, owing to the unsettled state of politics there, three out of the public, and the financial institutions failed to absorb the issue.

As much as the Empress is incapacitated by an incurable disease, and as the historical animosity of the Manchus and mandarins is increasing, the prevailing state of affairs in the Peking Government constitutes a baffling problem.

Whatever compromise may be affected between the progressive Yuan Shikaa and the conservative Chiang Tu Tung, there appears little hope of realizing the complete stability of Peking authority so imperatively necessary to the integrity of the empire and the peace of the far east in general.

While a fresh guarantee of peace has appeared in the form of the Russian-Japanese entente, peace will be constantly subject to disturbance until some decided measures are taken to re-establish order in Peking politics. This, however, is deemed impossible of accomplishment so long as a Manchu and a mandarin survive.

BATHER PICKED UP AT SEA

Carried Off to Ship's Destination Sends Message by Wireless.

New York, Aug. 18.—Edward Hugh Colell, a Brooklyn musician, is on his way by steamship to Charleston, S. C., his only object being a bathing suit. At least, that is all he wore when he left his home in Rockaway Park about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. Colell is 52 years old, but an enthusiastic swimmer. He prefers to take his dips at a time when the beach isn't crowded. Accordingly on Wednesday he left his residence 2 miles before 1 a.m., clad in his bathing suit and a bath robe.

A general alarm was sent out by the police for the man, and each day since his disappearance the beach has been patrolled and men in boats have dragged for his body. Tonight Mrs. Colell received a telegram, sent from Atlantic City, saying that the wireless station there had been notified by a passing ship out at sea that Colell had been picked up by them and was on board. The message also said that this ship was bound for Charleston and other southern ports.

The message from Atlantic City was very brief. It did not explain how Colell got out in the path of the ship; it did not even give the name of the vessel. From Rockaway Beach to the lane of the southbound ship is something of a swim, ten or twelve miles at least. All Rockaway expects to hear an interesting story from Colell when he lands in South Carolina and returns to his home.

LOSES THE BRIDE HE WED BY PROXY

Penniless Jap's Pretty Little
Wife Is Ordered Deported
to Orient.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 17.—Poor little Yashio Kaguda came across the Pacific Ocean from his sunny home in Japan only to be debarred and ordered deported on the next steamship leaving for Japan, just because her spouse has no visible means of supporting her.

Leishichi Kakuta, a Japanese laborer, has a fancy that he would like a wife. He sent his picture home and his parents in Japan hunted up a girl who was willing to marry him. It did not take long, and the two were married by proxy.

Through efforts of her friends, the girl scraped up money and took passage on the Aki Maru. Upon the vessel's arrival the girl's spouse was not at the dock to meet her.

Through the efforts of the immigration officers the husband-to-be was located in California. After scraping up all the money he had coming to him, he reached Seattle several days behind his fiancée.

Had it not been for the immigration officers all would have gone well. They could not see why the girl should be admitted and had to be shown before they would acquiesce in her landing. A special board of inquiry decided that the girl is not qualified for admission.

The investigation brought out the fact that the girl's spouse is practically "broke" and has no means to support a wife. He said he intended that she should work in a laundry for a living.

WEALTH OF THE WORLD'S RICH MAN

John D. Rockefeller the Only
Billionaire—18,000 Million-
aires in U. S.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—A recent conservative estimate indicates that there are 18,000 millionaires in the United States, but there is only one billionaire—John D. Rockefeller—in the world. The following table, according to all available information, gives a fair estimate of some of the largest fortunes in the world today:

John D. Rockefeller	\$1,000,000,000
Rothschilds	800,000,000
Andrew Carnegie	500,000,000
Duke of Westminster	350,000,000
William W. Astor	250,000,000
Frederick Weyerhaeuser	200,000,000
J. P. Morgan	150,000,000
Gould family	150,000,000
William A. Clark	150,000,000
John Jacob Astor	100,000,000
Thomas F. Ryan	100,000,000
E. H. Harriman	100,000,000
James J. Hill	100,000,000
Wm. K. Vanderbilt	100,000,000
William Rockefeller	100,000,000
Henry C. Frick	100,000,000
Henry H. Rogers	100,000,000
Clarence H. Mackay	100,000,000
Mary W. Walker	100,000,000
Bertha Krupp von Bohlen	100,000,000
Mrs. Russell Sage	80,000,000
D. O. Mills	75,000,000
Henry M. Flagler	60,000,000
Henry Philipps	60,000,000
John D. Archbold	60,000,000
Alfred G. Vanderbilt	50,000,000
James B. Higgins	40,000,000
James Stillman	25,000,000

The late Marshall Field was much the stamper of successful investors. John D. Rockefeller. Had he lived to witness the development of his tremendous investments, Mr. Field might have acquired the ambition to become the rival of Mr. Rockefeller. As it is, the \$100,000,000 which Mr. Field left on his death, less than two years ago, had grown to over \$125,000,000, and doubtless will leap if kept intact, in the course of a few years, to the proportions of a billion.

One of the nearest rivals of John D. Rockefeller is a man whose wealth is growing rapidly, is the Duke of England, an English gentleman, born wealthy, and with the gift of accumulating money. Another fortune that is growing apace, despite the expenses and the obstruction of expensive legislation, is that of the late William Weightman, of Philadelphia, inherited by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Weightman Walker. Other women who are sufficiently wealthy that they may be considered capable of traveling in the Rockefeller class are Bertha Krupp von Bohlen, daughter of the German gunmaker, whose estate is estimated as being worth well over \$100,000,000, and Louise, Queen of Denmark, who is one of the richest women rulers in the world, her wealth being estimated at close to \$50,000,000, and growing rapidly.

But practically all the fortunes mentioned have been the result of generations of luck, saving, shrewd investments, or of martial wringing from the pockets of unwilling subjects. The wealth of John D. Rockefeller, while many may declare it has been wrung from an obnoxious public, is none the less a monument to the energy, the farseeing, the frugality and the industry of a master mind, a general in the wars of finance, who, like Napoleon, is born, probably once in a thousand years.

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THE BENEFITS OF ESPERANTO

Will Not Supplant Other Lan-
guages But Simply Furnishes
Key to Them All.

London, Aug. 17.—"Politics, commerce and social progress will all benefit through the spread of Esperanto," said Dr. Ludwig L. Zamenhof, the inventor of the language, speaking with animation to a group of newspaper men at Cambridge yesterday. The Esperanto congress there is drawing to a close after a remarkable meeting.

"Everybody understands the evils that spring from the unacquaintance of peoples using different languages," continued the doctor. "These different languages perpetuate international ignorance, which is the source of nearly all serious difficulties among the nations. Esperanto, instead of aspiring to supplant or reduce the scope of any other language, is based on the idea of the permanence of linguistic lines. It seeks only to furnish a key whereby the users of all tongues may attain a common fellowship."

"I have said that the great material interests of man will benefit from the spread of Esperanto. I also say that other interests, lying deeper and meaning more for the future of the world, will be equally advanced. Literature, science, art, love, romance, and whatever is worth while in human life will float on the bosom of this universal tongue into the hearts and minds of all humanity."

"Today an Englishman striving to translate Russian into English, or a Russian striving to translate English into Russian, or any man endeavoring to put what has been spoken or written in one highly idiomatic language into another language is confronted with an impossible task in some respects."

"English Esperanto or Russian Esperantoized or any other great language subjected to the same process will lose little or none of the meaning or the force of the original."

"Twenty years ago I was wholly unknown outside my immediate circle. At this congress I can scarcely get in or out of the meetings. Surely this fervor on the part of the coldest and most classic savants is impressive evidence of the need of a truly universal medium of communication."

THE WAYS OF WINGHAM

Dry Weather Tells on Grain and Potatoes—Sad Bereavement.

Wingham, Aug. 17.—On Wednesday at the home of Mr. Peter Pinklater, his daughter, Jeanette, was united in marriage to Mr. Leslie Young, both residents of Wingham. After their honeymoon the young couple will start home-life here.

Not only will oats and hay be a slim crop in this neighborhood this year, but also the potatoes. The hot, dry weather is telling on crops, and also the bottoms to a certain extent. Mr. James Stewart, head clerk in Young's hardware store, is away to "The Big West." It may be that Mr. Stewart will locate in that wonderful country.

On Monday of this week Isabella Pailly, eldest daughter of Mrs. James Pailly, passed away. She was only 14 years of age, but for the past few months had been a great sufferer from dropsy. The bereaved mother has the sympathy of the community in this her great affliction; bereaved first of husband, now of daughter, just budding into womanhood.

Dr. and Mrs. Redmond have returned from touring the West. Thursday evening the Salvation Army had a great time in the park. For the past few weeks these busy bees have not been making money, but garments which they sell, the proceeds going towards beautifying their quarters.

The town band had a lawn social Friday, the proceeds going towards buying new instruments. W. G. Hannah expects to move into his handsome new store "The Little Eaton" next month.

A little child of Mr. A. Red Mes in a very critical state, suffering from inflammation. It is only a few months ago that he buried an infant child. Mrs. A. Red Mes's husband, is also lying at the point of death suffering from cancer.

Mr. H. Wightman goes to the Soo in the interest of Messrs. Clegg & Walker, and then on to the "Great West."

NEWS FROM OLD LAND

Engineering Students to Visit the Canadian Universities.

London, Aug. 17.—It is expected that a party of engineering and science students from various universities will visit Canada next year.

A Melbourne dispatch says the bill for increasing the salaries of senators and members of the federal parliament has passed.

At Brussels the Societe Generale D'Enterprises au Canada has been floated with a capital of 3,500,000 francs.

A large proportion of the delegates to the Unitarian biennial meeting at Boston will travel via Canada. The Gazette publishes an order-in-council, adding certain offenses to the extradition treaty with Sweden and giving the text of the treaty with Panama. There is a provision suspending operations in each case in Canada so long as the Canadian extradition act, of 1906, is enforced by the Dominion.

RICH OLD WOMAN LIVES IN SQUALOR

Neighbours of Montreal Recluse
Fear Filthy Hovel Will
Spread Disease.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 17.—Probably one of the strangest conceptions of how life should be lived is contained in the soul of an old shriveled woman, who passes her days in a wooded shack, a mere hovel, which leans against the side wall of one of the most respectable houses on Dufferin street.

This old woman was summoned by the health department to appear in the recorder's court to answer to a charge of keeping her house in a filthy state.

The name of the accused is Adeline Morrisseau. Her residence stands well back off the street, and that is the only good thing that can be said of it. In height it is about 15 feet, in breadth 10, and in length 12. The boards of which it is composed are discolored and ugly, and give one the impression that they may at any moment fall asunder. But the remarkable feature of this structure is that its three apertures for windows are boarded up and covered with wire netting. When the door is shut, it is impossible for light to penetrate the interior, and there is no attempt at ventilation.

In its immediate vicinity is a huge heterogeneous mass of what may best be described as garbage. Here are to be found old cans, old rags, old bones and practically everything. The pile rests against one corner of the feeble wooden structure, and threatens by its weight to demolish and overwhelm it.

An atmosphere pervades the precincts of the house that does not in the slightest degree resemble the odor of attar of roses.

People and beast with the weight of years, her voice shrill and piercing, the tenant of this repellant habitation declares that the health officers have been cruel to her, and that they had no cause to summon her, as her house is always clean. She screamed that at the top of her voice.

One of the neighbors says that Mrs. Morrisseau is regarded by the residents in the district as a curiosity. So far as they were aware her grocery bill amounted to nothing, and she lived on the leavings of others.

Yet the old lady, compared with the majority of her neighbors who dwell in fine houses, is wealthy. She owns land and houses, which, at the lowest computation, must be worth \$3,000 or \$4,000. The neighbors had been forced to complain about her to the health officers, as the smells which have of late been wafted from her residence had, in their opinion, been sufficient to start a plague.

CRIMEAN NURSE IN ENGLISH ALMSHOUSE

One of Florence Nightingale's
Brave Followers Now Living
on Public Charity.

London, Aug. 17.—The most interesting personality in the workhouse at Minster, in Kent, is Miss Emma Fagg, who is in her 81st year, and who half a century ago was one of the devoted band of nurses who, under the banner of Florence Nightingale, tended our wounded soldiers in the Crimea.

The daughter of a builder at Bridge, near Canterbury, she determined to adopt nursing as a profession, and went to London to be trained. When the Crimean war broke she and five other nurses from her hospital joined the staff at the hospital at Scutari just before the battle of Inkerman, and went through the terrible time of tending thousands of wounded soldiers until peace came and she returned home.

Miss Fagg earned her living by nursing in various parts of East Kent, but a time came when her health broke down. She had to give up nursing, and spent some years as an indefatigable seamstress. Age crept on her, however, and work became infrequent, so, twenty-two years ago, she gave up the struggle and sought the shelter of the Minster poorhouse.

There, to this day, she is in charge of the making of flannels for the infirm, for vigor has not entirely left this slight woman with the snow-white hair, the undimmed blue eyes and the touch of color in her cheeks.

She talks of her terrible experiences during the war as though they were affairs of yesterday, and she has one great longing—to see Florence Nightingale again.

Lady Rose Weigall and several other women are trying to raise a little fund to enable Miss Fagg to spend the days that she left her outside the workhouse walls.

Rev. James Boulton, of Northwich, aged 92, lost his sight five years ago. He recently consulted an eminent eye specialist, and after submitting to an operation recovered his sight. He is the oldest Primitive Methodist minister in England, and is now superannuated. He has been in the ministry for 65 years.

By means of marking a number of each species, the wanderings of food fishes in the North Sea are traced. It is estimated that about 50 per cent of these are recovered by travelers and brought to the laboratory, where a record is kept.

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