

PAINTER OF FAMOUS MEN DESCRIBES THEM

SIR W. ORPEN, OFFICIAL MILITARY ARTIST.

Marshal Foch Mapped Out Battles for Months Ahead While Sitting for Portrait.

Sir William Orpen, who, during the war was official military artist for the British government and painted the portraits of most of the leaders of the Allied forces, has proved that he can paint with words as well as colors. He has just published a volume, "An On-looker in France," that gives delightfully intimate pen pictures of the many world famous men who sat for him, including Marshal Foch, Woodrow Wilson, Clemenceau, Balfour, Earl Haig and General Smuts. He was present at the peace conference, and gives an amusing description of his impressions at the Quai d'Orsay.

Schedule of War Operations.

In August, 1918, he went south to Bon Bon to paint a portrait of Marshal Foch. Sir William said:

"There was the great little man, deep in the study of his maps, very calm, very quiet. . . he 'sat' like a lamb, except that his pipe upset him. It seems that some of his English friends thought that he was smoking too many cigars and they had given him a pipe and tobacco and asked him to smoke it instead.

"But up to that date the Marshal was not a star at pipe smoking. He could light it all right, but after about two minutes it would begin to make strange gurgling noises, which grew louder and louder until it went out.

"The next day I brought some feathers and cotton wool, and the Marshal looked on me as a sort of a hero because each time we rested I used to clean out the pipe and dry it.

"During the time he was sitting great battles were going on and the Germans were being driven back. News was brought to him about every ten minutes. If it was good he would say 'Bon.' If it was bad he just made a strange noise by forcing air out through his lips.

"I remember one morning (the Marshal did not know that I understood any French at all) a general came in and sat with him, and the Marshal quietly gave him times, dates and places where battles would be fought up to the end of December, 1918 (this was in August of that year) and named the French, British and Ameri-

can divisions, and so forth, that would be used in each.

"When I got back to the mission I wrote down the dates and places I remembered and as far as I could judge everything went exactly as he said it would until about the middle of October, when the Germans really got on the run. Then things went more quickly than he had expected.

"What must the little man have felt? The responsibility of it all—hidden in the brain behind those kind, thoughtful eyes. Apparently his only worry was 'my pipe.'

A Fidgety Batman.

An amusing story in the book is that of the sitting of General Plumer, of the British army, whose batman, of soldier servant, was much worried for fear the artist would do justice to "the governor." Sir William says:

"When I got the General the way I wanted him the batman leaned over my shoulder and asked: 'Is the governor all right now?' 'Perfectly,' I replied. 'No, he ain't,' he said, 'not by a long chalk.' And he went over to the General and started pulling the creases out of his tunic and said, 'Ere, you just sit up proper—not all unched up the way you are. What would 'er ladyship say if I let you be painted that way?'

"The next morning the batman was on hand bright and early to see that the General did the right thing, but left after he had got him adjusted to his fancy.

As soon as he had gone the General said: 'We've got him on toast—he's worried to death because you haven't painted the gold leaves on my red tab. Don't do it until the very last thing.'

"It worked splendidly. The old chap was really upset. Every hour he used to come in and tap me on the shoulder, point to the red tab and say: 'What about it? If you don't get them gold leaves proper I'll get it from her ladyship.'

Sir William speaks with great candor of the way the various sitters impressed him. He says: "General Botha was big, large and great in body and brain—elephantine.

"President Wilson was very genial and sat well, but even then he was very nervous and twitchy. He told endless stories, mostly harmless and some witty.

"Why Paint Me?" Asked Haig.

"General Smuts sat, a strong personality, with great love for his own country and a fearless blue eye. I would not like to be up against him, yet in certain ways he was a dreamer and a poet in thought.

"Balfour came in for a sitting at about 12.15. He was sound asleep by 12.35, but woke up sharp at 1 o'clock and went out for lunch."

General Douglas Haig impressed Sir William as one of the strongest personalities he painted. He says:

Sir Douglas was a strong man, a true Northerner, and well inside himself—no pose. . . . When I started painting him he said: "Why waste your time painting me? Go and paint the men. They're the fellows who are saving the world and they're getting killed every day."

Prince Will Entertain Crown Prince of Japan.

The Prince of Wales will be the constant companion of the Japanese Crown Prince during the early part of the latter's visit, says a London despatch. The British Prince will meet him at Portsmouth on his arrival and will "take him under his wing" for a week. They will visit Aldershot and Sandhurst, where the Japanese Prince will be shown how both British soldiers and officers are made.

Following this the Prince of Wales will go on a long planned tour of the west of England, including his Duchy of Cornwall and his seldom visited property on the Scilly Islands, where he is deeply interested in early fruit, flower and vegetable growing in the mild air of the Gulf Stream.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Somers Gough-Calthorpe, who is commander in chief at Portsmouth, will have charge of the first reception to the Japanese Crown Prince. He is one of the few British naval officers who have actually commanded a Japanese naval unit, having had a division of Japanese destroyers under him when he was in command in the Mediterranean during the latter part of the world war. He paid a warm tribute to the keenness of the Nippon seamen and was decorated by the Mikado.

The visit of the Japanese Crown Prince is counted as the star feature of the London season, which is promising now, for the first time, to reach pre-war levels of gaiety—if the coal strike is settled. That already has caused the cancellation of many pre-season festivities, but if it is settled there will be three courts at St. James's during May. The first will be on May 4, which will be largely official and diplomatic. There are a large number of debutantes waiting for presentation at the court.

Fashionable shopkeepers of London accordingly are counting on a revival of trade as soon as the industrial crisis is settled.

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Of joys; redeem them ere they go.
The after-life is but the blooming
Of flowers that budded here below.

The fleeting moments bind together;
The days of life are all too brief;
In sunshine and in stormy weather,
Go seek and give some heart relief.

Do good; all thought of self forsaking,
Some benison life will afford,
And watchful spirits now are making
In Heaven for you a rich reward.
—Alleen Ward.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Distempers

Women in Scotland Yard.

Conservative Scotland Yard is finding women of decided value on its detective force, especially in ferreting out the intricacies of certain sorts of crime, says a London despatch. The talent of these feminine sleuths, it is said, is due largely because of their greater success at practicing deception. And it has been found that they can keep a secret.

Many of the women detectives cover assignments at social events where it is necessary for them to wear evening gowns and jewels and to display the social graces. Women detectives were employed first in London, but now their activities have extended to the provinces.

Practise Keyboard.

Depressions in the centres of the keys of a new practice keyboard for piano students are intended to guide the fingers into the right position for the best work with a real instrument.

Hearths in the centre of the room were built as late as the 16th century. The Desert de Carillette, in the Pyrenees, nearly 10,000 feet above the sea, contains as many as sixty lakes of varying sizes. According to local tradition, these were left at the time of the flood. When the waters subsided, it is said, Noah and his family landed on the Bay of Prigue, one of the highest peaks in the district. To prove the truth of this tradition travellers are shown an iron ring to which, the peasants declare, the ark was moored when the landing was effected.

THE FATEFUL YEARS FOR EVERY WOMAN

How to Overcome Troubles That Afflict Women Only.

So far as a woman's health is concerned, probably the most fateful years in her life are those between 45 and 50. Many women enter this period under depressing conditions, through overstrain in household cares, or a neglected condition of the blood, and so they suffer heavily.

Among the commonest symptoms at this time are headaches, pains in the back and sides, fever flushes, palpitation, dizziness and depression. It is well to know that these variations of health can be relieved by home treatment. What women stand in need of all their life, but never more so than in middle age, is rich, red blood. As a tonic for the blood and nerves, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are always useful, but especially will they help women at this time. Among those who have found benefit through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is Mrs. J. A. McDougall, Rhodena, N.S., who says: "I was greatly troubled with nervousness, palpitation of the heart, dizziness, and a generally run down condition. It was only with difficulty that I could do my work, and although I had been taking medicine for some time I did not improve. Finally a friend advised Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I got a supply and began taking them. The result more than met my expectations, and I am feeling better than I have done for years, sleep well, eat well, and do my household work much more easily. In my case the pills certainly did what you claim for them."

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The Tree.

In the great woods, one tree
Was by the cunning seasons bulled
Fair,
With the rain's masonry
And delicate craft of air.

Unknown of anyone
She was the wind's green daughter.
Her dove
Made, between leaf and sun,
His murmuring house of love.

Quiet as a seemly thought
Her infinite strength of shade she
spread around,
Peace as a spell she wrought
For that enclosed ground.

Bred of such lowly stuff—
Blown seed, a sheltering day, a tender
night—
Now stars seem kin enough
To company her height.

She knows not whence she grew,
So in my heart, from some forgotten
seed,
The lover thought of you
Towered to the lover's need.
—M. L. C. Pickhall.

Foch's Religious Side is Revealed.

Two new stories of Marshal Foch illumine a side of his character which adds to his influence and charm. At a crisis in the war Clemenceau went to see him at the front. When the premier arrived he was told by an officer at headquarters that the marshal was at mass, "but," he added, "if it is a matter of special importance I will call him out."

"No, no," was the quick response, "leave him alone. It has carried him through very well so far."

In March, 1918—such a month as France and Britain may well hope never to see again—a Methodist Council in London adopted a resolution to send a telegram to Marshal Foch with the words:

"We are praying for you."
The telegram was sent but no reply was received. After the armistice, Foch, in conversation with an English statesman, confided to him that one of the things which had moved him most in the war was the receipt of an extraordinary telegram stating that the Methodists of England were praying for him.

Towns Topped by Mines.

There are a million and a half tons of coal of very valuable quality under the Glasgow, it was stated recently at a meeting of the city corporation. And there, it may be added, it is likely to remain, since the inhabitants of Scotland's premier city—premier that is in point of population—are hardly likely to consent to disfigure it to the extent of starting a coal mine in their midst.

Beside, experience has shown that there is real danger in carrying out mining operations in the vicinity of human habitations.

Some years back, for example, extensive phosphorite deposits were discovered beneath Logrosan, in Spain, once one of the most substantially built towns in Estremadura province. To-day there are less than a score of houses left standing. The rest have disappeared bodily into the cavities in the ground created by the withdrawal of the deposits in question.

In the manner Northwich, in the salt-mining district of Cheshire, bid fair to be completely swallowed up by the city owing to a series of subsidences due to a similar cause.

BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Mistake Somewhere.

"Ma, did you ever hear a rabbit bark?"
"Rabbits don't bark, dear."
"That's funny. My story-book says that rabbits eat cabbage and bark!"

Feminine Accounting.

"My wife made out an itemized expense account for last month," said Mr. Dubwaite.
"Could you learn from the statement just what she bought?"
"No. Most of her purchases were listed as 'Etc.'"

His Gain.

"She declined to marry him after all."
"I suppose he's heart-broken?"
"I don't think so. He says things worked out all right. He asked for a raise in pay, thinking he was about to get married, and received it, and so he's that much ahead of the game."

He Should Worry.

The other day Theodore, aged five, had to visit the dentist, and when he came back his father said:
"Well, old chap, how's the tooth-ache now?"
"Dunno," was the reply.
"But you must know whether the ache's gone!"
"Dunno," was the matter of fact answer. "The dentist kept the tooth."

Doing Business.

Mr. Multirox—"Want to marry my daughter! What nerve! Why, do you think any jury would convict me if I'd knock your block off and kick you out to the street?"
Counselor Everbroke—"The verdict would doubtless be 'guilty with extenuating circumstances.' The fee for my opinion will be ten dollars. Come across."

Not Seen.

A tight-fisted old gentleman, who recently recovered from a severe attack of fever, called up his physician on the phone and made complaint with reference to the total of the bill rendered by him on this occasion.

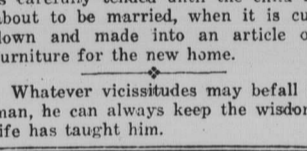
"See here!" shouted the old gentleman, "you have me charged for five weeks' calls. I will pay for four weeks only."
"But, my dear sir," expostulated the doctor. "I visited you each day for five weeks."
"Perhaps you did. I don't know," replied the tight tone, "but for one week I was delirious, and I didn't see you come in."

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