

**VAR ARTIST TELLS
AMUSING STORIES
OF EXPERIENCES**

—Sir William Open's Book of Sketches Published in London—Marshal Haig's Modesty.

London, March 22.—"An Onlooker in France," by Sir William Open, which was published last week, gives, besides a large number of war sketches and portraits of famous warriors, a breezy and unconventional account of his experiences as a war artist. When Sir William was painting Marshal Haig the latter 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."

In August, 1914, Sir William went south to paint Marshal Foch.

"He would certainly sit; how long did I want him? For an hour and a half each day for four or five days? Certainly. When did I wish to start, the next day? Certainly, he would sit from 7 a. m. to 8.30 a. m. for as many mornings as I wished. Might he smoke while he sat? Yes, don't."

During all the time Foch 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 would make a strange noise by forcing the air out through his lips."

Painting of General Plumer's portrait was enticed by the fears of his batman, that the artist would not do "the governor" justice. Sir William writes:

"When I got the general the way I wanted him, the batman leaned over my shoulder and said: 'Is the governor right now?'"

"Perfectly," I replied.

"No, he ain't," said he, "not by a long chalk," and he went over to the general.

and started pulling out the crosses in his tunic and said: 'Ere, you just sit up proper, not all 'unched up the way you are. What would her ladyship say if I let you be painted that way?'"

After the armistice Sir William was summoned to Paris to paint the Peace Conference. This is his impression of the scene at the Quai d'Orsay.

"For a seat I was usually perched up on a window sill. It was amusing to sit there and listen to Clemenceau, Le Tigre, putting the fear of death into the delegates of the smaller nations if they talked too long. President Wilson occasionally rose and spoke of love and forgiveness. Lloyd George just went on working, his secretaries constantly rushing up to him, whispering and departing only to return for more whispers."

Mr. Balfour, whose personality made all the other delegates look common, "would quietly sleep."

How other sitters impressed the artist is related with candor. Balfour came for a sitting at about 12.15 p. m.

"He was sound asleep by 12.35 p. m. but woke up sharp at 1 p. m., and left for lunch."

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."

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The income and assets increased proportionately, the income for the year being \$268,519,770, and the assets making a gain of \$116,010,262 for a total of \$890,915,087. Dividends have been declared, payable to policy-holders in 1921, amounting to \$10,819,869, of which \$6,961,261 is to holders of industrial policies.

The number of policies outstanding at the end of the year was 23,999,987. The number increased in 1920 by 2,159,293. Claims were paid on 312,689 policies, an average of one every twenty-eight seconds for each business day of eight hours. The amount paid to policy-holders in claims, matured endowments, dividends, etc., was \$31,387,393, or an average of \$536.88 a minute for every business day of eight hours. Group insurance amounted to \$214,547,572.

The company placed new business in Canada during 1920 amounting to \$123,016,745, of which \$48,484,114 was industrial. This is the largest amount ever placed in Canada by any company in any one year. The company closed the year 1920 with a total of \$467,997,217 in force in Canada.

In 1920 the Metropolitan paid Canadian policy-holders \$4,800,646.12. The work for improved health among Canadians was continued. Metropolitan nurses, in co-operation with The Victorian Order of Nurses, made 187,845 free visits to sick industrial policy-holders in Canada during the year and distributed 2,680,000 pieces of health literature. The confidence of the people of the dominion in the financial strength of the company and in the desirability of its policies is indicated by the fact that the number of policies in force in the dominion is 1,874,478. The company's investments in Canada are over \$62,000,000.

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FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, March 21.—Arvd, strmr. Old North State, London.

Naples, March 12.—Arvd, strmr. Poca-hontas, New York; R. Di' Italia, New York.

Hamburg, March 18.—Arvd, strmr. Mancharia, New York.

Marseilles, March 17.—Arvd, strmr. Providence, New York.

MARINE NOTES.

The C. G. M. M. steamer Canadian Pioneer has arrived in port after being absent from Canadian shores on a voyage for more than six months. The steamer has been in charge of Captain M. H. Robertson for the entire trip. His descriptions of conditions in the far east, throw a great deal of light on the new trade route that the C. G. M. M. has inaugurated to India, as this is the first steamer to complete the round trip thus far.

Fast Express Hits 30 Boys

(Canadian Press Dispatch)

Syracuse, N. Y., March 21.—One boy was killed and six others injured tonight when the second Empire State express on the New York Central lines crashed into a truck carrying thirty boys at Kirkville, 12 miles east of Syracuse.

The boys were all from Marcellus and were on their way to Kirkville for a basketball game. The truck was hurled into a ditch. Farmers rushed to the aid of the victims. Harold Wilson was found dead and six of his companions in serious condition were rushed to Syracuse hospitals.

SENTENCED TO READ

Judge Orders Accused To Study English

To a man charged at Thames Police Court, London, England, with using bad language in the street, Mr. Root, the magistrate, said:—

"We are trying to educate this neighborhood up to use better language. I am constantly recommending men to read the British classics. Have you ever read them?"

The Prisoner: No.

Will you take a course of them?—Yes, sir.

That is a promise.—Yes.

I think that is as heavy a punishment as I can inflict in the circumstances. You can go.

WONT LEAVE HOUSE

Old Couple Defy Confict in Housing Shortage

Two old people have installed themselves in a wooden hut at Crays-hill, Essex, and the Billericay Rural Council, being of the opinion that the building is not a habitable one, they have decided that the couple must go, says an English dispatch.

The old man, who walks 12 miles



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each day to and from work, is indignant, and in a letter read at the council meeting asks: "Am I living under Magna Charta or in a reign of terror?"

"I have been forced to lie under my present conditions," he says, "because of the council's neglect to carry out their duties under the Housing Act, and I object to interference with people doing their best to provide their own accommodation."

The surveyor said when the old people got their bed in there was not much room left. They brought the hut down on a wagon, and slept in it the same night.

They have been given a month to find another home, but they say they will not leave without a fight.

SPAIN MAKING OWN CARS.

Madrid, Spain, March 21.—The Spanish state railway administration invited bids some months ago for 3,500 railroad cars and several hundred locomotives. Spanish firms submitted the lowest bids and it is the first time such large orders have been placed with native companies.

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QUEBEC SERVICES ON THE PRESENT TIME

Quebec, March 22.—His Eminence Cardinal Bevin has written to Mayor Samson, stating that whatever the decision of the city council is regarding daylight saving it was the intention of the authorities of the Catholic church here not to change the time of the services and masses in the churches of the diocese.

FULL MEALS.

Paris, March 21.—Paris hotels and restaurants are now officially allowed to serve meals of more than two courses, the last of the war restrictions have been thus removed.

REFORESTATION.

The comparative rapidity with which nature will restore timber growth is shown by experience of Wm. Keppy of Magnetawan, Ontario.

"Spruce trees planted on my place thirty years ago," Mr. Keppy said, "have since reached a height of forty feet and a diameter of a foot to sixteen inches. This was the result of artificial planting. It is surprising, though, what nature will do if left alone. A portion of our farm, unsuited to agricultural purposes, burned over twenty-eight years ago, is now thickly covered with spruce, balsam and pine, many of the trees twenty-five feet high."

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