

### Hard Times Bring British Treasures To Auction Rooms.

London, June 27. (A.P.)—Sir Richard Hoggard writes to The Times that the roofs of old English country mansions are rotting and falling in because the owners cannot afford to keep them up and there is no one to buy them, and that with them disappears the old English country life of which they were the centre. The contents of these old houses are pouring onto the market as they have never done before, and popular belief is that most of these valuables are bought in by London art dealers for their American customers.

Even some of the old families which are known to be immensely rich, according to English values, are taking advantage of the high tide of art prices. For example, for sale soon at the famous Christie auction rooms is a group of old masters of world reputation, put up by the Duke of Westminster, which includes three pictures by Rubens forming part of a series said to have been painted by order of Philip IV. to decorate a Carmelite convent, also a Virgin and Child by Vandyke.

Other lots offered at Christie's, which combine the value of patrician associations with art, are: "Old English Furniture and Needlework the property of her Grace the Duchess of Wellington," and carved oak furniture "The Property of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough," and removed from a farmhouse on the Wiltshire Estate." Also porcelains belonging to the Right Hon. Earl Howe, G.C.V.O.; the Sneyd heirlooms from Keele Hall, Staffordshire, which have a romantic flavor and consist mostly of old silver, furniture and porcelains; a valuable collection of pictures left by the late Earl of Hardwicke; furniture belonging to the Earl of Sandwich; and a few old masters put up by the Right Hon. The Earl of Clarendon, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O.

Among the offerings at Sotheby's within the next month are valuable pictures the property of Lady Edward Grosvenor, Sir John Hippisley, and other articles belonging to the Countess of Grafton and the Countess of Strathford.

It is many years since any of the Duke of Westminster's collection of old masters have appeared in the auction rooms, although some star pictures have occasionally been sold by private bargain, and treasures from the Duke have rarely been obtainable in the life-time of the present Duke of Marlborough.

The belief that nearly everything sold goes to America is not entirely true. The good old reliable, but unimpaired British landscape artists of 40 years ago, whose works harmonized perfectly with the old country houses, are enjoying a boom in prices such as they have never before been honored with. The majority of them are practically unknown in America, and are not in demand here, yet the eagerness with which \$2,000 or \$3,000 are bid for pictures that went begging on the painters' hands, shows that there is yet money in England for art.

### An Imperial League.

Since I referred to it on February 6 the Imperial Settlement League has continued its curious quest for Directors of Organization for countries who as a qualification for appointment are required to advance a sum of £100 to the Central Executive. The repayment of the loan is still to be by means of a percentage deduction from the subscriptions the director obtains in his area. He is, however, no longer promised a salary of £4 per week payable from headquarters, plus a commission of 10 per cent. on the money he collects. The latter is now to be the source of both salary and commission, so that if the local public are unresponsive the outlook for the director is rather dismal. For an Imperial League to raise the wind by borrowing from employees is to my mind the reverse of creditable.

The League does not appear to have yet equipped itself with a president, but as vice-presidents it names Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., Major-General Sir Harry Proctor, Viscount Chaplin, Viscount Curzon, M.P., the Earl of Denbigh, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, and Lord Morris of Newfoundland. Lieut.-Colonel G. Matland, Edwards is chairman of the Council. I wonder whether these noblemen and gentlemen have consulted authorities who are perhaps better qualified than themselves to judge whether this addition to existing overseas settlement agencies is really needed. I doubt it because I am practically certain they would be told that the League is an entirely superfluous organization. In its very long-winded statement of its aims and objects it asserts that it can rely upon the co-operation and sympathy of the Home Administration, presumably meaning the Colonial Office. This is a delusion. The Colonial Office does not extend its co-operation and sympathy to the League, and in my opinion the public will be well advised to stand aloof.—Truth.

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