ACHIEVEMENT OF ARTIST BENJAMIN WEST

New York, Dec. 21.—Benjamin West, obscure pioneer in American art, though he later became painter to the king of England, at last has come into his own in his native land.

For the first time in the century and more since he was laid to rest in St. Paul's cathedral, London, alongside Barry, Reynolds and Van Dyke, a comprehensive public exhibit of West's work is being held in Philadelphia near the place of his birth, by the Philadelphia Art Alliance.

The exhibit comprises twenty-eight selections, paintings and drawings, according to Albert Rosenthal, secretary of the committee in charge, presents a full view of West's power and versatility.

"From painting portraits in Philadelphia for a mere subsistence, to become the painter to the king of England, standing with Reynolds and Lawrence in his profession, one of the founders of the Royal Academy and its second president succeeding Reynolds, seems a bit of romance rather than a statement of fact," Mr. Rosenthal said. "But such are the facts."

West was born in the Quaker community of Springfield, now Swarthmore, Pa., October 10, 1738.

He began his career as an artist at seven, with a pencil drawing of his sister's baby, inspired when he saw the infant smile in its sleep. At eighteen he set up in Philadelphia as a portrait painter, moving on two years later to New York and again, two years later, to Italy, where he worked for three years.

Next he invaded London, with a series of historic and religious paintings appearing as one of the leaders of the revolt against the current imitation of classic art. King George III quickly became interested in West and took him under his special patronage, appointing him in 1772 historic painter to the king.

He was one of four artists who presented to King George the plan for a royal academy; was one of its founders and, at the death of Sir Joshua Reynolds, became its second president.

When he died, in March, 1820, he was given sepulture in St. Paul's as an academician. "The pall," says a contemporary historian, "was borne by a nobleman, ambassadors and academicians, and sixty coaches brought up the splendid procession."

The onward sweep of art soon relegated his works to the background, ranking them as "formal, tame and wanting that wanting that freedom of nature and that life which genius alone can breathe on the canvas."

But the recently developed interest in early American art increased the attention given his work, and American artists and collectors at least, are coming more and more to the conviction that contemporary judgment which ranked him with the old masters was justified.

His better known historical and religious paintings include The Death of Wolfe, Christ Healing the Sick, Peter Rejecting Ill's Master and Death on the Pale Horse.

The Art Alliance exhibition will continue until January 2.

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REED SEES DECEPTION IN FOUR POWER TREATY

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By the A. P.)—The difference in opinion over the interpretation of the four-power Pacific treaty in its application to the islands of Japan disclosed in the White House statement last night was only further proof that the Japanese statesmen again had got "the long end of the diplomatic negotiations," Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, declared in a brief speech in the senate late today. "The truth is" he added, "the men who drafted the four-power treaty did it so as to deceive."

"The way things are moving," Mr. Reed continued, "we may wake up tomorrow and find out that we have agreed to protect the entire British Empire. That may well be included in insular possessions and dominions.' It looks now looks like the president has said 'whatever construction you want to put on it is all right with me.' "

NAVAL REGULATIONS VIOLATED ON THE DESTROYER GRAHAM

New York, Dec. 21.—Speed and running lights on the same mast of the Destroyer Graham, the latter burning contrary to naval regulations, were today declared by counsel to be responsible for the collision last week between that vessel and the Steamship Panama.

In summing up evidence presented to a navy board of inquiry as to responsibility for the collision, counsel for both ships agreed that the lights served to confuse the navigator of the merchant ship. The collision, it was testified, damaged the destroyer to the extent of $135,000 and the Panama $15,000.

ALIENISTS DECLARE MRS. LILLIAN RAIZEN INSANE

New York, Dec. 21.—A committee of four alienists, employed by counsel for the defense, today diagnosed as insanity the mental afflictions of Mrs. Lillian S. Raizen for months before and at the time when she shot and killed Dr. Abraham Lickstein of Brooklyn.

In her confession to the prosecuting attorney last week Mrs. Raizen declared she had been tortured for years by remorse over her relations with the physician, which she said he forced upon her by an "hypnotic" power.

BREAKING UP BOOTLEGGER RING IN HARTFORD

Hartford, Dec. 21.—With the arrest of two alleged bootleggers early this morning and two others a few minutes after the opening of police court the liquor enforcement squad says that it has broken up the worst bootlegging ring in the city. The operations of the local bootleggers have been far-reaching, it is declared by the police, and the work has extended to many cities in Connecticut, Massachusetts and other states. The capture of the quartet was made as a result of information obtained by the liquor squad in a raid on a private residence on Capen street late Tuesday night to which, it is alleged, liquor had been transported by the "ring."

These four men, according to the police, have been chiefly engaged in supplying liquor to resident merchants on the east side and other sections of Hartford. They are charged with having carried on the illicit business for a long time. The men concerned in the liquor deals are said by the police to have "cleaned up many thousands of dollars."

Abraham Rechtshaefer, a merchant of No. 25 Windsor street, Benjamin Adler, who, the police said was in the cattle business and is said to have transported most of the liquor in automobiles, Morris Persky, Bethel street junk dealer, and John Koretzky, Village street fruit dealers, were arraigned in police court today. On motion of counsel a continuance in the case was taken to Saturday morning.

NEW STATE HIGHWAY FROM NORTH CANAAN TO NEW MILFORD

Canaan, Dec. 21.—Construction of the new state highway from North Canaan to New Milford by the state highway department is to be started at once. Bids were opened yesterday and out of fourteen contractors who gave figures on the first section of ten miles from New Milford north to Kent, C. W. Blakeslee & Sons of New Haven were the lowest. The bidders were from this state, Rhode Island and New York.

In this first section the first two miles will be of trap rock and the remainder of concrete. The price bid was $6.70 per cubic yard, the state to furnish cement, for 37,900 linear feet.

The cost per mile of highway will be approximately $35,500 and the cost per mile without grading will be about $22,700. The excavation will be about 62,350 cubic yards.

It is said that the first sectio nof this highway will cost, on figures submitted, about $5,000 less per mile than the Hartford-New London turnpike.

This new highway will open up to automobilists the Housatonic Valley and the predictions have been that it will prove one of the great scenic routes of Connecticut.

LAYOS NAGY HELD FOR MURDER OF HIS WIFE

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 21.—Layos Nagy of Norwalk who shot and killed his wife and then shot himself, on December 14, is held for murder by Coroner John J. Phelan in an opinion filed today based upon the inquest. The coroner says that he finds no other way open than to hold Nagy on the murder charge. The man has been in a critical condition in the Norwalk hospital. Question had arisen as to the man's mentality but this could not be passed upon by the coroner.

Hartford.—Ernest Galusha, for many years well known in building trades circles, was elected president of the Painters' and Decorators' union, local No. 481, at the annual election.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION THE SOLE DEFENDANT

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 21.—The Central Labor Union was eliminated as a party restrained under the temporary injunction granted the Post Publishing Company against International Typographical Union Local 252 last month, at a conference of counsel for the company and for the respondents, today. The agreement reached was satisfactory to Judge John P. Kellegg before whom yesterday the motion came to dismiss the injunction made by counsel for Local 252.

The case remains in court for the present as the Post Publishing Company has a suit alleging $25,000 damages by reason of the action of the local and such of its members who, it is claimed, went out of the composing room of the company on a strike.

The action today is a modification of the injunction. The original order prohibited the strikers from picketing the plant, interference with employes, the circulating of literature or the holding of strike meetings. The Central Labor Union was made a party to it.

The Post printers on August 12, left their work alleging a brach of contract in that they would have been required to set copy for a job printing plant belonging to the publishing company in which, it was further alleged, the employes were not union members.

PONZI'S DUPES TO RECEIVE 10 PER CENT. DIVIDEND

Boston, Dec. 21.—More than ten thousand persons who invested money with Charles Ponzi last year upon his promise of fifty per cent. returns in 45 days will receive ten per cent. of their original investment in time for Christmas. The trustees, appointed after Ponzi's postal scheme collapsed and he was sent to jail for five years, mailed checks for $344,244 to the investors tonight.

This is the first dividend distributed by the trustees, who said others would follow as soon as legal difficulties surrounding the collection of assets were cleared up. The largest check mailed was for $2,035 and the smallest for twenty-nine cents.

AVIS GUN BARREL CO. PETITIONER IN BANKRUPTCY

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21.—Bankruptcy petitions filed in the United States court today embraced that of the Avis Gun Barrel Company of this city, with debts of $56,834 and assets of $97,070. The unsecured claims are $52,098, and the machinery is valued at $80,299.

The Ginzberg Confectionery Company owes $21,649 and has assets of $21,117. Fred W. Hoxie of Lebanon, a cattle dealer, has debts of $11,867 and assets of $38,100, the latter being in real estate and insurance. He owes $9,000 for cattle.

Lester J. Myers, automobile dealer, Bridgeport, owes $5,968 and has $3,644. Louis Matzkin of Waterbury owes $5,135 and has $384.

PAPER MAKING INDUSTRY ASKS TARIFF PROTECTION

Washington, Dec. 21.—Additional protection for America's billion dollar paper making industry against competition from Germany and the Scandinavian countries was asked of the senate finance committee today by the American Paper and Pulp Association. Producers of paper wall board alone urged that their products be put on the free list.

Spokesmen for the publishers, educational organizations and libraries wanted low rates on books in the English language with foreign language books, books in English over 20 years old and text books admitted free.

Representatives of the International Brotherhood of Book Binders, the American Federation of Labor and the United Typothetae of America urged that the 20 per cent. rate in the Fordney bill be increased to fifty per cent. based on foreign valuation. They declared that many book publishers in this country sent the book plates abroad to have the books published and bound in order to get the benefit of the cheaper foreign labor and that congress should protect the American workmen in these lines.

Spokesmen for the American Lithographers and for the Lithographic Employes Association asked that the committee double the rates in the Fordney bill on lithographed calendars, pictures, cards, labels, flags, and all cigar bands and the like. They declared that Germany was threatening the American industry, adding that because of the low value of the mark, German lithographing firms paid only the equivalent of 2 1-2 cents American money for the same amount of labor that cost 45 cents in this country.

The committee also was asked to protect from German competition a new American industry which grew up during the war—that of making stereotype matrix mats and boards. Benjamin Wood of New York asked for a rate of 26 cents a pound on this product which he said would be equivalent to 48 per cent. ad valorem. The rate proposed in the Fordney bill is 28 per cent. ad valorem.

In presenting the case for the American Paper and Pulp Association, Henry W. Stokes, of Philadelphia, informed the committee that no small part of the difficulties of the manufacturers was the competition from manufacturers in Germany and Scandinavia who, because of low wages and depreciated currency were able to make paper at a price which American producers could not approach.

Speaking for the American Photo Paper Company, Nelson Curtis of Boston, asked that the specific rate on photographic paper be five cents a pound instead of three cents a ound in the Fordney bill with the additional 20 per cent ad valorem rate unchanged.

Charles E. Graham of Newark, N. J., representing publishers of toy books asked for a 20 per cent. ad valorem duty on these books, asserting that the industry was threatened by German competition.

Samuel Kraut, a fancy bag importer of New York, argued against high rates on this product, suggesting that it should not exceed 3 cents a pound.

ALLEGES BREACH OF CONTRACT BY EMPLOYES

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 21.—A civil action entered today by Louis Greenberg & Brothers Incorporated, of Norwalk sets up in the complaint that on Nov. 23 seve nemployes who had a two years working agreement walked out of the plant of the concern. Alleging a breach of contract damages of $1500 are claimed of each defendant.

Collinsville.—The Collins company received by express shipment Monday a consignment of steel bars from Johnstown, Pa.

Will Sue Representative Herrick

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Miss Anna Elizabeth Niebel, of the Follies, formerly lived in Washington, D. C., and was one of the winners in a beauty contest conducted by a newspaper upon whom Representative Herrick, of Oklahoma, called at the time he introduced a bill to make beauty contests illegal. Now, according to reports, Miss Niebel will sue the Oklahoman for $50,000, alleging breach of promise, and from the fastnesses of his home in Perry, Okla., Mr. Herrick avers that the suit, if it is filed, will be just another one of his political enemies trying to drive him out of public life.

POETRY

WANDERLUST.

I think I shall go searching soon
(When Night-in-the-Woods lets down
her hair)
Upon impassioned peaks that rear
Their bosoms to the proffered moon;

Ere pressing through the morning light,
Unwavering winds reach far and wide
Like fingers on the stars, to hide
Their restless beauty out of sight.

I shall go searching star to star
Beyond the far horizon—O
I shall go searching 'til I know
Who is it calls me from afar.

Though beauty break along the heart
And brim the reargent of the soul;
And lightning hurl its burning dart
Beyond the sunset's aureole;

And wonder move within the brain
In little waves of growing fears;
And thunder moan among the rain,
And roll the music of the spheres—

I shall go searching Something Far;
I shall not rest nor be content
With Sorrow in her battlement—
I am the night. I am the star.
—Hardwicke Nevin, in Scribner's Magazine.

RELIABLE PREDICTIONS.

I pays no 'tention when de robins sing
A song dat say you kin look for spring,
But I listen close when across de marsh
Comes a voice dat's mixin' we sweet with harsh,
I looks foh de sun an' I waits foh de breeze
Dat'll join de chorus as it touches de trees;
De sunshine's due, an' dar ain't no doubt,
'Cause de frog knows what he's talkin' about.

Dat frog ain't pertendin' to know a lot,
But de little knowledge he's somehow got is of de mos' reliable kind,
An' he ain't a-skeart foh to speak his mind.
So go way, folks, with yoh weather ways;
My heart is set on dem sunshine days
Dat I know will soon come a-gleamin' out,
'Cause dem frogs knows what dey's talkin' about.
—Philander Johnson, in Washington Star

HUMOR OF THE DAY

"Ever gone chestnutting?"

"No; what do you do, follow a the worm?"—Boston Transcript.

"What's his present salary?"

"He says it's never present long enough to know!"—Wayside Tales.

"I took my wife to the opera last night."

"Did she enjoy it?"

"She wanter me to demand my money back. Half the people whose names were on the program as box holders were not there at all."—Exchange.

Flubdub: "I suppose he became a cynic through having been disappointed in love."

Henpecked: "On the contrary, I rather thing it's because he wasn't."—New York Sun.

Gothamite: "I understand the town you come from figures in a recent novel. Was the author born there?"—

Visitor: "Yes, and if he ever shows up again he'll die there."—Exchange.

"You know so much," she cooed. "You seem to know everything." She considered the weighty thought for a moment. "I'll bet you even know what kind of a pearl necklace I want for Christmas," she said—Buffalo Commercial.

"Do you believe in heredity, Nupop?"

"I certainly do. Why, for instance, is my six-months-old always trying to get his toes in his mouth if it isn't because of his dad's constant struggle to make both ends meet?"—New York Sun.

English Tourist: "A one-horse town, as I understand it, is a place where the tram cars are drawn by a single horse."

Native: "That description doesn't go any more. It means a place where there's no moving picture show."—Exchange.

A little girl's report card read, "Whispers too much." "You shouldn't whisper in school, honey," said her father.

"Well, daddy, what can I do?" she replied. "They won't let us talk out loud."—Boston Transcript.

"Did you ask your girl's father for her hand in marriage?"

"I did."

"And he refused you. I can tell by the way you look."

"No, he didn't. He gave his consent."

"Then why the peculiar look you are wearing?"

"He was so darned willing."—Houston Post.

KALEIDOSCOPE

The Arabs of southern Egypt traded with India 1000 B. C.

The potato bug originated near the eastern foothills of the Rockies.

The prick of certain fresh water catfish stinks like that of a wasp.

The Chinese and New Zealanders believe that red frightens evil spirits.

The family Bible of William Burns, father of Robert Burns, has been sold for $2,250.

The British Museum, in London, contains 2,700 complete Bibles written in all languages.

A method of stilling waves in front of breakwaters by an infusion of air bubbles has been perfected.

Of the 287,000 women who become brides in England in a year nearly 240 were more than seventy years of age.

More than 60 per cent. of the men students earn at least part of their expenses at the University of Wisconsin.

The maximum fine in England for being intoxicated on licensed premises is $2.50, and for permitting a dog in the street without a collar, $500.

The penguins of the antarctic regions are the most human of all the bird family, walking upright and living in communites, quite unafraid of man.

In India certain species of fish can live out of water a day or two, and on a hot summer's day they may be seen making their way rather clumsily across fields.

A young wife complained to a London magistrate the other day that her husband had reserved the right to the duty of housekeeping, and that she couldn't eat the food he bought. The lawyer for the defense argued that the husband has the right to do the housekeeping if he chooses, but the magistrate didn't agree.

A writer has just issued a list of girls' names and what they stand for in most people's minds. Lucy, he says suggests to most people a girl who is tender and clinging. Margaret and Elizabeth carry a cross, but bear it with patience and courage. Olive is successful and hard. Susan and Sally are bewitching. Ethel has no imagination. Madge has a brilliant wit, but for a truly womanly woman, says the writer choose Anne.

There is a figure which may be brought out prominently in certain kinds of woods, mostly those of tropical origin, says the American Forestry Magazine. This is variously known as roe, ribbon grain, feather grain, etc., and appears as narrow to broad longitudinal stripes, alternating light and dark. This is due, not to actual differences in color, but to the way in which the light is reflected by the different layers.

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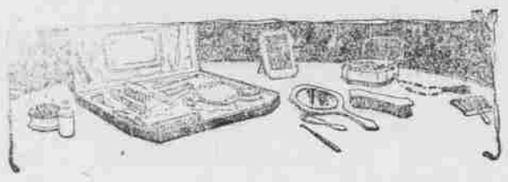

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