

WINSLOW HOMER PICTURE ATTACKED

"Pront's Head, Maine" Withdrawn From Sale to Test Its Authenticity.

GENUINE, SAYS OWNER Blakelock's "Warm Summer Moonlight" Sells for \$4,500—\$3,400 for Inness.

Something of a sensation was caused last night by the withdrawal from the art sale which was being conducted in the Hotel Plaza ballroom by the American Art Association of the large marine "Pront's Head, Maine," by Winslow Homer.

"Only on Thursday," announced Mr. Kirby, who was in charge of the auction, "we received information from a reliable source to the effect that this picture was not authentic. We got in touch with the owner, who furnished us with data which if established will authenticate the picture absolutely, but up to this we have not been able to verify this statement. Consequently we withdrew the picture until its status is definitely established."

The work in question is one of the largest Winslow Homers that have appeared in the auction rooms within recent years, and considerable interest attached to it in one of the greatest figures in American art history, but none of his famous masterpieces has been sold at auction, hence this auctioneer does not take measure up to those of Inness and Blakelock.

One of the conditions of each sale at the American Art Association is the consideration that is always extended to experts, but in this case the expert who examines it exercises the right to sell the work and mention the adverse judgment; the expert in that case becoming responsible for such damage as may result.

Blakelock Picture Leads. Ralph Blakelock's "Warm Summer Moonlight" led the prices of the sale going to R. C. & N. M. Voss for \$4,500. The total for the evening was \$29,900, making a grand total for the collection of \$49,125.

The list of pictures that brought \$100 or over follows:

- 1—Jan Jacques Heener, "Ideal Head" by Heinrich Heine, 125
2—Winslow Homer, "Inviting a Ship" by David G. Reid, 220
3—Julius Dupre, "The Old Farm," 250
4—Theodore Rousseau, "A Stormy Sunset," 250
5—Charles DeWitt, "A Stormy Sunset," 250
6—Ralph Albert Blakelock, "An Indian Ambassador," 250
7—John G. Brown, "A Loyal Soldier," 250
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AMERICAN BELLY BAN LEAVES STING HERE

Many Officers Quit Theatre After Command to Doff Sam Brownes.

REGULATIONS BACK ACT Statement From General's Office Tells Why Equipment Was Removed.

"Gen. O'Ryan's right, but he's wrong," seemed to be the opinion among military men and others yesterday when discussing the action of Major-Gen. John F. O'Ryan in ordering soldiers not of his command to remove their Sam Brownes belts at the Theatre the night before. It was discussed almost everywhere, even in Gen. O'Ryan's headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel. Officers of his command, the Twenty-seventh Division, said that Gen. O'Ryan was not only justified, but that he was "doing his duty."

Humiliation Too Great. It was pointed out that some of the soldiers suffered so great an embarrassment and humiliation by being called from the audience in full view of it during the performance of "The Merry Widow" that they left the theatre after the first act rather than return to their seats.

Fluorite "Marta," which had a long record naturally, was the picture more in the Metropolitan Opera House repertoire, when the company contained not only Enrico Caruso but a soprano who sang the role of "Marta" with congeniality. The company as at present constituted has two, Frieda Hempel, who sings during the first part of the opera, and Mrs. Helen Hamilton, who is heard during the latter part.

MACY'S HONORS ITS SOLDIERS. Demobilization Exercises Are Held in Department Store.

The executives and employees of R. H. Macy & Co. held their second monthly demobilization exercises yesterday afternoon when the silver stars representing fifteen soldiers who have returned to their work at Macy's from the war were taken from the big Macy service flag.

NOTES OF THE THEATRES. "Oh Uncle," the musical comedy now being produced at the Metropolitan Theatre, is a comedy in three acts.

PAINTING TO GO FOR FUND. "Dour" Will Be Sold for Near East Relief.

The famous painting entitled "Dour," an Armenian for "olive," which was painted for Mrs. William Harriman by Mrs. Agnes H. Mayer in an exhibition in Knoedler's Art Gallery, 254 Fifth avenue, and will be sold Tuesday at a special auction in the Ritz-Carlton.

APRIL MILK PRICE DISCUSSED. Governor's Commission Meets and Will Report Monday.

The Governor's Milk Commission discussed yesterday milk prices for April at a meeting in the office of Robert E. Dowling, chairman, 165 Broadway. Mr. Dowling announced that the producer and distributor members will confer with the idea of reaching a price for milk in the country which will be satisfactory to the dairymen's league and the milk dealers.

How the Fund Stands Today. THE SUN AND THE EVENING SUN \$100,000.00. Total War Stakes here. \$1,200,000.00. Cash balance. \$1,000,000.00. Total. \$2,200,000.00. Shipped and paid for. \$1,000,000.00. Cash balance. \$1,000,000.00. Total. \$2,200,000.00.

FINN FREE RECORD MADE AT MURRAY'S

Entertainment Covers Four Hours Brimful of Sparkling Fun.

MANY GIFTS AUCTIONED. Guests Hear Soldier Thanks First Hand From Cards Praising Smokes.

The party given last night in Murray's Roman Gardens for THE SUN Tobacco Fund for American soldiers in the army of occupation held up the record for success which has attended numerous like affairs as well as the record which Murray's has for previous performances. It was a joyous occasion for all that went to the celebrated restaurant, and the host of the boys who are still over here.

Returned by Major Appleton. When the platoons drew up in front of the club, with their band and the regiment's officers at the head, Major Appleton, who was in command of the club, was the first to speak.

Cards Receive Applause. Close attention was paid by the guests of the party to the reading of a few post cards and letters sent over by the boys during their stay in the front.

Military Need Shown. In complying with the regulations prohibiting the use of this belt the officers of the Twenty-seventh Division are doing no more than subordinate, and the regulations are not to be disobeyed.

DANCE AIDS VIRGINIA SCHOOL. Many Attend Benefit Affair for Industrial Institution.

A dance for the benefit of the Blue Ridge Industrial School of Green county, Virginia, was held last night in the Delta Robbia room of the Vanderbilt, bringing in a fine sum for the school.

Real Joy of Giving. B. B. Cahill of Company D, 504th Engineers, was convalescing in a camp hospital when he wrote this: "To-day I received your donation of cigarettes. I am glad to thank you in behalf of the other fellows in this room who also received allotments. These smokes came in a good time, as we were out of cigarettes and I was feeling pretty bad."

Experts Divided on Sleeping Sickness. Influenza, Says One; Germ, Another Insists.

Dr. Roy C. Copeland, Health Commissioner, declared yesterday that there was no indication of a spread of the newly discovered infectious disease, epidemic typhus, which is first reported in New York in the case of a man in the city of New York.

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TROOPSHIPS DUE TO-DAY

HOLLANDIA from Brest March 3, with 1024 Field Battalion, Signal Corps, New York, eleven officers and 477 men; Mobile Hospital 101, eight officers and forty-three men; Casual Company 991, New York, one officer and 147 men; Casual Company 992, Illinois, one officer and 147 men; and twenty-four casual officers.

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SEES IMMIGRATION PERIL. Failure of Wilson to Visit Battlefields Deplored in City Club Speech.

It is the opinion of Major Frederick Palmer, who as war correspondent and soldier was present at the fighting on all the European fronts as well as the peace making now under way, that:

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13 VESSELS COMING WITH 17,000 SOLDIERS

Some N. Y. Troops on Ships Sailing From France.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Departure from French ports of eight transports and five warships with more than 17,000 officers and men of the Thirty-seventh (Ohio National Infantry) and Sixty-second (New York) Divisions are aboard. The remainder consist largely of casual companies and convalescent detachments.

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FORMER WAR HONORS GO TO NEW YORKERS

Corporal T. J. De Carl and Private Thomas Carroll Win Service Crosses.

FORMER BADLY WOUNDED. Newark Soldier, Edward Rischmann, Alone Captured 45 Germans in Dugout.

Dististinguished Service Crosses were awarded yesterday to Corporal Edward Rischmann, 112th Infantry, who, while accompanying a patrol he voluntarily attacked a machine gun nest that was holding his position. He forced the enemy to retreat and captured the gun.

Private Carroll is cited for extraordinary heroism in action near Grand France, France, on October 12, 1918, voluntarily crossed an open area under fire to attack a machine gun nest that was holding his position. He forced the enemy to retreat and captured the gun.

Captured Forty-Five Germans. During the storming and capture of the city of Grand France, Edward Rischmann, 112th Infantry, alone captured 45 Germans and alone entered a dugout, where he captured forty-five Germans and guarded them until assistance arrived.

Private James P. McCrudden, 312th Infantry, acting entirely on his own initiative, captured a machine gun, a light machine gun and a heavy machine gun, and killed three Germans and wounded two others.

Private Jesse Baker, 312th Infantry, delivered a message in the face of severe fire and received a back wound while waiting for a reply. He insisted on returning with his message and remained on duty until ordered evacuated by his commanding officer. He lives in Philadelphia.

Others Receiving Crosses. Other recipients of the Cross are: Capt. Felix H. Holmes, 112th Infantry; Capt. Joseph H. ...

WOUNDED TO SEE 27TH FROM BUSES. Business Houses and Others Along Parade Route Also Volunteer Space.

Indications are that all the wounded soldiers who are able to be moved from the hospitals will have places of vantage to see the Twenty-seventh Division parade March 25. This is not a certainty, but every effort is being made by the Mayor's Committee of Welcome to get places for them.

Members of veteran associations will be called for with stenciled tickets to the west side of the avenue. The interest in the parade is so great that the Mayor's committee is requesting all business houses, residences and studios along the parade route to volunteer space for the soldiers.

Tickets for the grand stand will not be distributed until the latter part of next week, the committee announced yesterday. Because tickets are already being held among the soldiers for the parade, the tickets will first be allotted to the soldiers and then to the representatives of the National State and Government.

The chorus ladies and gentlemen who are rehearsing the musical comedy, "Let's Get It Right," will give the musical entertainment last night and the next at the Metropolitan Theatre. It admits in a piece of glowing copy that "Let's Get It Right" was written by members of the division who were in the trenches.

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