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MOST PRINCELY GIFT

Lady Wallace's Bequest of Art to the British Nation.

MANY OF THE PICTURES BEYOND PRICE

Six Hundred, Everyone a Masterpiece, Included in the List.

STORY OF THE GREAT COLLECTION

Its Accumulation Begun by Beaky Sharp's Lord Steyne.

HISTORY OF THE HOUSE OF HERTFORD

Devotion of the Third and Fourth of the Line to the Gathering of Art Treasures and Its Result.

(Copyright, 1897, by Press Publishing Company.) LONDON, Feb. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Some details have been made public of the splendid bequest of her magnificent gallery to the British nation by the widow of Sir Richard Wallace, but many of the following facts have not been in print before, I think. The collection—pictures and articles of vertu—is unequaled in any private gallery in the world. Its sale value is estimated at \$7,500,000, though from an artistic point of view, many of the pictures, notably those of the Dutch masters, are practically priceless. It comprises the best part of a famous collection begun by the third marquis of Hertford, the original of Thackeray's Lord Steyne. He had wealth at his command at a time when, after the last French revolution and the upheaval caused by the Napoleonic wars, collections were dispersed wholesale, and being endowed with unerring taste, he accumulated a collection of pictures, of Louis XVI furniture and of china which in the opinion of successive generations of experts, does not include a single second-rate article. There are 600 pictures, including all schools. One of the most notable English collectors said to me yesterday: "Every one of the 600 is a veritable masterpiece of its kind." Sir Richard Wallace was offered \$100,000 a few years ago for two Boucquers which Lord Hertford had purchased for \$750. This is merely an example of the way in which a majority of the pictures have grown in value.

GERMANY AND CRETE

Emperor William Needless Entangles His Nation in the Matter.

KAISER'S COURSE SHARPLY CRITICISED

No Friends to Be Gained by the Stand the Ministry Has Taken.

BISMARCK'S POLICY IS MORE POPULAR

New Departure in Foreign Policy Does Not Suit the Masses.

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE ARMY

Government Desires to Add 25,000 Men to the Already Large Military Land Force on a Peace Footing.

(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Feb. 27.—It is the opinion in German political circles that the emperor and the government have needlessly entangled Germany in the Cretan question and its embarrassing developments. A Reichstag conservative leader, referring to the subject, said today: "The admission of Baron Marschal von Bismarck (the minister for foreign affairs) to the government was a radical and open rupture with the old Bismarckian policy. The emperor's friends, and only enemies, which will make it entail considerable expense to us, it leads to nothing worse." This opinion is shared by nine out of ten men one meets privately, irrespective of party. It is generally said that the new departure in foreign policy is radically opposed to the conservative ideas. Even the liberal press, although anti-Bismarckian, recalls the sounder policies of the Bismarck regime. The Hamburger Nachrichten strongly protests against the government's policy in articles evidently from Prince Bismarck's pen, and the only class which approves of the emperor's policy is the extreme right. The Emperor's visit to the United States will be purely private. He will be back in London in about six weeks, leaving his family in America for a year.

CRETE MUST SUBMIT

Ultimatum of the Great Powers Must Be Respected by Greece.

SALISBURY'S PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT

It Will Probably Be Approved by Other Interested Nations.

ALL DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON GREECE

Athens Government Wants to Administer Crete as Austria Does Bosnia.

NEWS FROM TRANSVAAL CAUSES A STIR

Action of the Volksraad Renders All Contracts and Concessions Unsafe—Heavy Declines on Stock Exchange Follow.

(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 27.—The news from the Cretan game is anxiously awaited. According to the news of the continent, the marquis of Salisbury's proposal for a settlement of the difficulties is not yet formally endorsed by the powers, but it is believed it will be approved, or the premier would not have made the public announcement on the subject which he did in the House of Lords on Thursday last. Active communications are still proceeding between the different European cabinets. The marquis of Salisbury presided today at a special meeting of the cabinet at the foreign office. Whether the solution of the imbroglio is peaceful or not depends entirely upon Greece, and the dispatch from Athens indicates that resistance to the powers is still strong among all classes throughout Greece and that a declaration of war with Turkey would be received with great enthusiasm. The latest Greek proposal is said to be that Greece should administer Crete as Austria administers Bosnia. But it seems to be agreed on all sides that peace can only be maintained by leaving Crete part of the Turkish empire. The marquis of Salisbury's proposals have been received with favor, not only by the British, but by most of the continental newspapers. However, in the meanwhile, military preparations are proceeding apace in Turkey and Greece, while everything is prepared in south Russia for the transport of a big Russian army to the Balkans whenever this step may be deemed necessary. Telegrams from Vienna also declare that Emperor Francis Joseph has had repeated conferences with the Austrian minister of war, that plans for the mobilization of Austrian forces on the Balkan frontier have been drawn up, and that horses are already being purchased for military uses. According to advices from the small Balkan states, war preparations are proceeding there secretly; in short, all the parties concerned are quite prepared for an explosion any moment.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

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BARTLEY IS TAKEN

Criminal Proceedings Commenced Against Ex-State Treasurer.

UNDER ARREST FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Charged with Taking the State Money for His Own Uses.

AMOUNT IS OVER HALF A MILLION

Fourteen Counts in the Information Filed Yesterday at Lincoln.

SURRENDERS HIMSELF TO THE SHERIFF

Formality of Arrest Dispensed with by the Authorities and Bail Fixed and Furnished by the Prisoner.

LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Ex-State Treasurer Joseph S. Bartley was this afternoon placed under arrest, formally charged with the embezzlement of state funds to the amount of \$337,762.93. No formal arrest was made necessary, as Mr. Bartley, shortly after being notified by Sheriff Trompen that the warrant had been issued, walked to the sheriff's office at the court house and surrendered himself. Later in the day he gave bond and his case was continued. The arrest of the ex-treasurer created no surprise. It had been expected for some days past that prosecution would ensue. Some delay was occasioned by the exigencies of the case, but yesterday the attorney general announced his determination to take action today. The complaint prepared by Attorney General Smyth was filed with the judge of the county court, and Lancaster county a few moments before noon today and the warrant issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff. Mr. Bartley had been notified and sent word that he would be at the court house to accept service at about 2 o'clock. At that hour he had not arrived, but no anxiety as to his whereabouts was felt, as it was known that he was busily engaged in conference with his bondsmen. A few moments after 3 o'clock he arrived at the court house and accepted service on the warrant.

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