

ABDUL BAHA HERE.

Leader of the Bahai Movement Comes to Present Peace Message.

Abdul Baha, a distinguished Persian, who is at the head of the Bahai movement for the unification of religions, arrived in New York on the White Star liner Cedric yesterday. It is his first visit to the United States, and with the single exception of a short visit to Paris and London last Summer, this is the first time in more than forty years he has left the "prison city" of Acre, in Syria, to which he and his father, Ben Ullah, the founder of the Bahai movement, were exiled by the Turkish Government fifty years ago.

Abdul Baha comes to us on a mission of peace and will deliver one of his principle addresses before the Peace Conference at Lake Mohonk the latter part of this month, after which he will deliver addresses before various peace societies, religious organizations, and educational bodies. As he puts it, he is ready to speak "wherever an audience can be found to welcome peace and promote the realization of the brotherhood of man."

When the Cedric was opposite the Statue of Liberty Abdul Baha extended his arms in a salute and referred to his own long exile in Syria. Then, he talked of world-wide peace, which he termed the greatest of all causes. The diversity of faiths and the lack of universal auxiliary languages he mentioned as the obstacles that are to be surmounted in the attainment of the peace program.

Here a reporter interrupted to ask what "Bahai" means.

"It means," answered Abdul Baha, "to love all the world, to love humanity, to serve it, to work for universal peace and universal brotherhood."

The skyline of New York greatly interested Abdul Baha. He called the big skyscrapers "the minarets of Western world's commerce and industry."

On the pier a thousand people, most of them followers of Abdul Baha, were there to greet him and the welcome pleased him immensely.

Fellow-passengers of Abdul Baha were Senator Pasquale Fiore of the Italian Senate in Rome, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Barber, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark, Tomaso D'Armato, Chancellor of of Italian Embassy in Washington; Dr. J. M. Knott, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Millar, who have been on a tour of the Nile country; Mr. and Mrs. John Paret, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tyler.

ART MUSEUM'S PICTURES.

A New Whistler and Portraits by Two Noted Artists on View.

The Recent Accessions Room at the Metropolitan Art Museum has new pictures to show its visitors to-day, two portraits of dignified looking gentlemen—"John Julius Angerstein," by Sir Thomas Lawrence, and "Portrait of Dr. Black," by Sir Henry Raeburn, both gifts of Victor C. Fischer. Every one admitted to the room yesterday gazed admiringly at the new Whistler, "Cremorne Gardens No. 2," a purchase of the museum, with its soft green tones, Japanese-like touches of red, and graceful figures. Then there is another very nice picture by F. C. Friescke, "The Toilet," a gift of Rodman Wanamaker. It is not an unusual subject, a lady with her toilet not yet completed regarding herself in the glass, but the colors, and there are so many of them, evidently put in just for fun, but so nice and gay and altogether attractive.

In the centre of the room, in a case, is a more serious treasure—an early Attic vase, of a between period in which few examples are to be found, after the geometric designs of the tenth and eighth centuries before Christ and a little before the black-figured style of 600 B. C. It is a large vase—too large, it is thought, to have been placed inside a tomb, but probably used in the nature of a tombstone on the outside, with its figure decoration on the front, where it will be seen, and the simpler decorations for the back. The story represented is that of the Centaur Nessos, who is being savagely attacked by Herakles, whose figure shows vigorous action and his face a pleased and happy smile. There is an interesting four-horse chariot.

The Assyrian art collection of the museum is increased by a valuable loan by J. Pierpont Morgan of three bas-reliefs, large alabaster slabs belonging to the palace of Ashurnasirpal, a King of Assyria in the ninth century B. C. Another Morgan loan is a collection of 363 objects in gold, silver, and bronze, found in ten ancient cemeteries in France in the Marne and Aube Valleys. Most of the pieces belong to the days of the Franks, Goths, and Longobards.

FLOWER PICTURES SOLD.

Winslow Homer's "Watching the Breakers" Brings \$10,300.

The pictures at the residence of Mrs. Anson R. Flower, sold with the furnishings of her residence at 601 Fifth Avenue, were disposed of under the auspices of the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries, James P. Silo, auctioneer, last evening, bringing a total of \$24,305. A Winslow Homer brought the highest price of the evening and one of the highest prices brought by an American artist in this country, \$10,300, going to Knoedler & Co. The picture, "Watching the Breakers," showed a rocky beach with two women gazing at the breaking waves.

An Inness landscape went to R. C. & W. M. Vose of Boston, and Knoedler & Co. paid \$3,750 for a Wyant landscape, "The Plow Horses Resting," by Mauve, one of the Joseph Jefferson pictures, bought at the American Art Galleries, brought \$1,500, and "Evening on the Oise," by Daubigny, also one of the Jefferson pictures, \$2,700. Capt. J. R. De Lamar paid \$360 for Vestier's "Portrait of the Countess d'Estrades."

A Louis XV. Aubusson tapestry salon suite, five pieces, sold in the afternoon for \$1,050; a rose color Savonnerie carpet, matching the suite, brought \$460, and a Flemish verdure tapestry covered Henry VIII. sofa \$400. An Aubusson panel, a hunting scene, went to Mrs. Scoville for \$1,500, and a royal Siberian sable carriage robe brought \$405.

Indicted Charcoal Men Surrender.

Joseph M. Sullivan, President of the Standard Charcoal Company of 29 Ferris Street, Brooklyn, one of three men in the charcoal business in Brooklyn indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of combining to restrain trade, surrendered himself yesterday to the Federal authorities. Judge Veeder, sitting in the United States District Court in Brooklyn, released him in \$5,000 bail for appearance before him in the May term of the court. The other two indicted men are expected to give themselves up to the Federal authorities to-day.

Ward Line Employees' Dinner.

The annual dinner of the employes of the Ward Line was held on board the steamship Havana last night. Alfred Gilbert Smith, Vice President of the line, was presented with a loving cup by the employes. The speakers were Mr. Smith, Capt. S. L. Crossing, Capt. C. C. Oakes, J. Kruger, one of the oldest employes of the company, and W. D. Carter, the auditor.