

Major Auctions Scheduled for Fall

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WITH the summer vacation season ended, numismatists will be turning their attention to the new auction season and the resumption of club meetings and activities. The New York area will be treated to a number of inviting sales and, with a number of valuable collections already listed to go on the block, these events are certain to attract many foreign as well as domestic buyers.

Stack's will get the hammer swinging with a mail-bid and floor auction of the Art Lovi collection of paper money and other unusual lots in the Manhattan-Skyline Suites of the Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 56th Street next Friday and Saturday. Friday's session will begin at 7 P.M. and Saturday's at 12:30. Benjamin Stack, Harvey Stack and Donald D'Amato will serve as auctioneers.

Coming Up

After that weekend, Stack's will be looking ahead to next month, when it will auction the R. L. Miles Jr. collection (Part I-gold) of United States monies. This event will take place in the Park Sheraton on Oct. 25-26. They plan to auction Part II, which consists of United States copper, nickel and silver, in April of 1969.

Not since the Wolfson sales more than six years ago has a collection of such magnitude been offered for public bidding. The Miles catalogues are now available at Stack's, 123 West 57th Street, New York, 10019. The price of \$2



FOR SALE—This 1765 Prussian banco-thaler, above, has been catalogued for coming auction. Rare 1893 Morgan silver dollar, at right, is also listed for the sale.

includes a list of prices realized after sale.

Lester Merkin has scheduled an auction of much-desired coins for Sept. 18-19 at the Devon A Room of the Drake Hotel, Park Avenue and 56th Street. The first session will be devoted mostly to United States items, including a rare 1880 gold piece, and the Ostheimer collection of Gobrecht gold coins.

The rarest of the Morgan silver dollars, the 1893-S, is listed to go under the hammer. The second session of the sale, also starting at 7 P.M., will be of gold, silver, and copper coins of the world. Among the foreign items catalogued is a 1765 banco-thaler of Prussia in brilliant, proof-like condition. It bears the bust of Frederick the Great on the obverse side and an eagle on the reverse. The Morgan dollar and Thaler are pictured above.

The Augustus Krite collec-



tion is included in the list of items that will be put up for sale by Henry Christensen, Inc., Hoboken, N. J., on the evenings of Sept. 25-26. The sales will be held in the gallery of Harmer, Rooke & Co., 604 Fifth Avenue, this city. Each session will start at 7 P.M., with Donald D'Amato serving as the auctioneer.

Among the pieces up for sale is the 1935 Silver Jubilee commemorative of George V, struck in gold. This coin (pictured below) bears the heads of the King and Queen on the face side and an engraving of a castle on the reverse. Among the miscellaneous lots is a St. Gaudens \$20 gold piece of 1907.

The next monthly sale of the Tru-Value Coin Company will be conducted on Sept. 19 at the Americana Hotel, 52d Street and Seventh Avenue. Free catalogues can be obtained by writing Tru-Value, 205 West 57th Street, New York 10019.

CONAN-DOYLE

More than 500 items are in the collection of the late Sir

Arthur Conan-Doyle, author of the Sherlock Holmes stories, which has been acquired by Manfra, Tordella & Brookes, Inc., of this city.

Among these ancients is a huge half-pound bronze Roman—made between 222 and 205 B.C. This money is engraved with the head of Janus, the two-faced god, on the obverse side and the prow of an old war galley on the reverse. Another interesting rarity is a denarius from the time of Mark Antony and Cleopatra.

Practically every coin in the collection is ticketed in Sir Conan-Doyle's own writing. The items have been catalogued and will be offered in the company's new fall price list. This list can be obtained free by sending a self-addressed envelope to Manfra, Tordella & Brookes, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, 10020.

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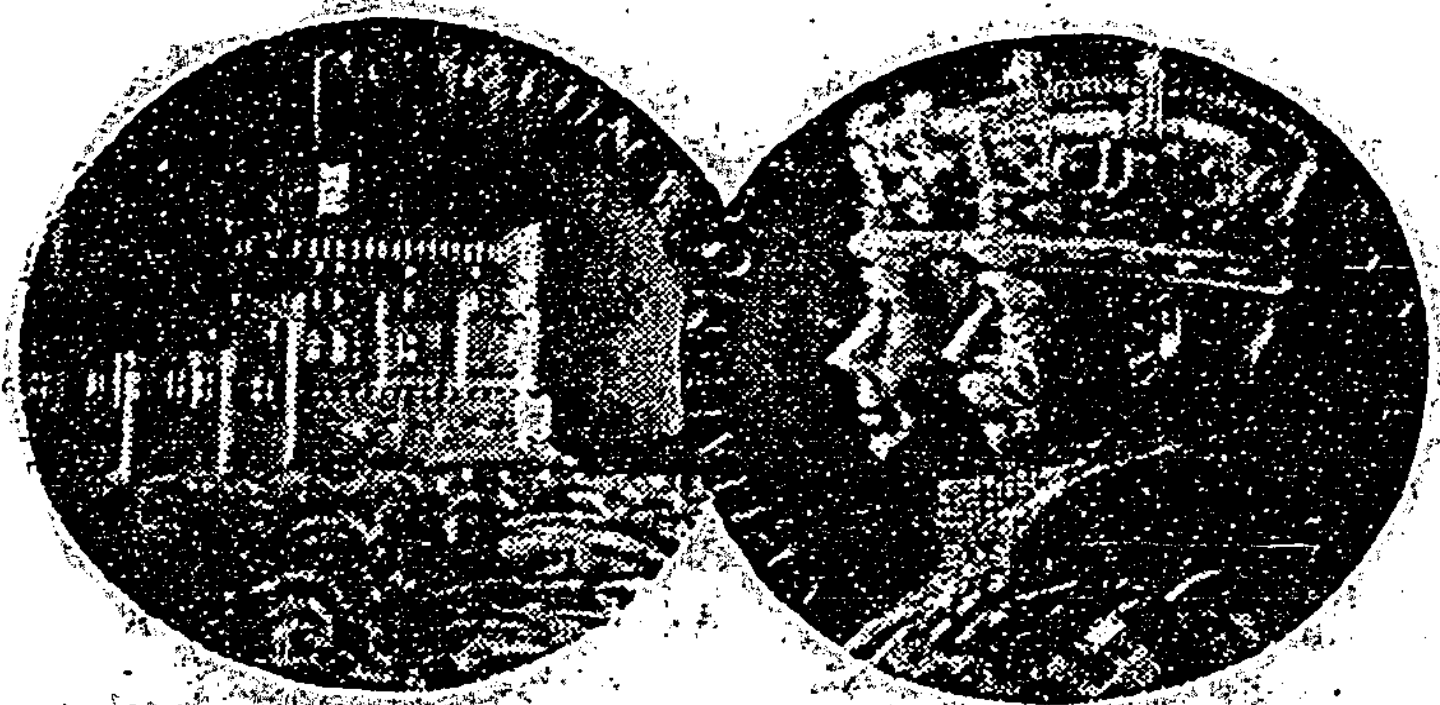
John Calabro of Northvale, N. J., noted for his sculpture of famous Americans, has been commissioned by the National Commemorative Society to design a medal of Babe Ruth. The medallion will be the 54th of a series produced by the society, and will be struck at the Franklin Mint in Yeadon, Pa.

CHAIRMAN NAMED

Morris Gieger of 47 West 47th Street, New York 10036, has been named chairman for the first open coin convention to be held by the Yorkville Coin Club on Sept. 29. The event will take place in the American Legion Hall, 155 East 88th Street, between Lexington and Third Avenues.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

The 16th annual convention of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association has been scheduled for Oct. 24-27. The Hunting Park Coin Club will be host for the four-day event, which will be held in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Broad and Walnut Streets, in Philadelphia. Rose Hines of 814 West Tioga Street, Philadelphia, 19140, is in charge of arrangements.



ANNIVERSARY—This gold piece marked the 1935 Silver Jubilee of George V. It is listed for auction this fall.