

# MONK STOLE JEWELS FROM FAMOUS SHRINE

## WASTED MONEY OF MONASTERY IN CAROUSELS AND MURDERED HIS COUSIN BEFORE CARTING AWAY ITS PRECIOUS STONES.

The criminal court at Petrikau, in Russian Poland, is occupied with a most sensational trial. It will reveal the life led by some dissolute monks of the Polish monastery at Czestochaw. Father Demary Maczoch is accused of having murdered his cousin, Wenzel Maczoch, and plundered the shrine and treasure house of the monastery while the monks, Basil Olesinski and Isidor Starczewski, as well as Maczoch's cousin, Helen Maczoch, are charged with complicity.

The monastery of the order of St. Paul the Hermit, at Czestochaw, possesses a famous picture painted on cypress wood, and is visited every year by several hundred thousands of Polish pilgrims from Russia, Austria and Germany. Polish kings and well to do pilgrims in the course of centuries have decorated this picture with diadems and precious stones, so that a couple of years ago the total value of the jewels in the shrine was estimated at nearly \$5,000,000.

In September, 1909, an enormous sensation was caused in Poland, as well as abroad, by the report that the gold crowns, richly decorated with big diamonds and valued at several hundred thousands of dollars, had been stolen from the picture. A short time later a small portion of the stolen diamonds was found in the vicinity of the Austrian frontier near Proshowitz, and certain marks led to the conclusion that there was a woman in the case.

While the Russian and Austrian police searched for the unknown lover a ghastly find was made in the River Warthe at Klemnitz in the neighborhood of Czestochaw, a sofa containing the mutilated body of a man.

All endeavors of the police to unravel the mystery of the find were in vain for several months, until in October, 1910, a cabman at Czestochaw, while intoxicated, told his colleagues that one night in June he had driven with a heavy sofa on the roof of his cab and two monks inside it from the monastery to Klemnitz, where the monks threw the sofa into the river. Then they caused him to take an oath that he would on no account divulge what he had

seen. They gave him 30 roubles and walked away.

The close connection between the murder and the robbery of the shrine was soon established after the police had ascertained that the dead body on the sofa was that of a postal employee named Wenzel Maczoch, a cousin of the monk Demary Maczoch. The latter, hearing of the cabman's tale telling, took flight, but was arrested at Cracow by the Austrian police, and soon made a full confession, admitting that he had plundered the shrine and murdered his cousin.

The judicial inquiry has shown that for many years the monastery of Czestochaw was the scene of carousals and crimes, and that a great part of the treasures had been squandered in revelry and gambling.

Instead of sending part of the abundant offerings of the pilgrims to mission houses or charitable institutions, Maczoch and his friends wasted the money, and whenever these large funds were exhausted it was Maczoch who opened the shrine with a skeleton key and gradually broke out many precious stones and pearls from the shrine, replacing them by imitations. The jewels were sold to German, Austrian and Russian jewelers by Helena, the wife of his cousin Wenzel, and also by the latter himself. Finally he robbed the gold studs of the picture, which, as mentioned above, were studded with very valuable diamonds and again entrusted with the sale.

It appears that her husband, when hearing of the robbery of the diadems, either out of jealousy or remorse, threatened to inform the police of his cousin's crimes. Thereupon the latter invited him to visit him in his cell in June, 1910, made him drunk and when he had fallen asleep belabored him with a hatchet. Before throttling him to death the monk gave his dying cousin the priestly absolution of his sins, and with the assistance of a lay brother named Zalora, who subsequently fled to America, wrapped the body in a straw mat and hid it in the sofa in place of the horse hair and finally threw it into the river.

### JUST A LITTLE

Just a little courage,  
Just a little grit,  
Just a little patience;  
You will conquer it.  
Rough the path your treading,  
Face it with a smile,  
Life is sad and stormy  
Just a little while.

Just a little sunshine,  
Just a little cheer,  
Just a little meekness  
Work such wonders here.  
Heavy as our burden,  
Bear it, best you can;  
Just a little spirit  
Smooths the way of man.

Just a little kindness,  
Just a little truth,  
Just a little gladness  
Prove what you are worth.  
Dark the day and troubled,  
Face it with a smile,  
Life is only gloomy  
Just a little while.

### CANIS INVICTUS.

When from the night that covers me,  
Out of the deep Ozarkian fog,  
I come to town the boys in glee  
Begin to kick my faithful dog.  
In the full clutch of circumstance  
He has not wined or jugged  
aloud.  
Although beneath the boots of chance  
He necessarily is cowed,  
It matters not how ill removed,  
How charged with spite and slur,  
I am the master of my hound,  
I am the captain of my cur.  
—Chicago Tribune.

## SONG THAT MAY LIVE FOREVER

### Woman from Arkansas Claims That a Slave Belonging to Her Father Years Ago Wrote the Hour's Dawg Ditty.

The hour's dawg song may turn a serious campaign on behalf of Chang Clark into a burlesque. Missouri is in a state of alarm because Mrs. Clara of Arkadelphia declares that the song was written by a slave years ago on an Arkansas plantation. She says: "The much discussed 'dawg song' is among my earliest recollections of 50 years ago. It was 'composed' by one of my father's slaves—a tall, gaunt Hercules whom we knew as 'Uncle Dave.' This negro owned and cherished a gaunt, yellow hound named 'Moreover.' I remember that he was a 'cow dog' and was an unusually intelligent animal, and owned no living dog. Being a 'scripter pup' was a little seven leaver the whole dog. 'Uncle Dave's' voice had often exhorted him to strict attention to duty. Being a 'scripter' pup had been impressed upon him—sometimes with a board, oftener with a stick, from his tender puppyhood.

"These 'made-up' songs of the negroes somehow had a lilt and rattle that we hear seldom enough now; the wild, freshness of melody lingers like 'A glimpse from a burnt out cinder Recalls a regret of the sun.'"

The Song as Old Dave Sang It.  
You jes' quit kickin' my dawg aroun',  
I don't give a damn ef he is a brum'  
You quit a kickin' my dawg aroun'  
Every time I come 't town.

Sif de meal an' give him de bus',  
Eat de brade an' give him de crus';  
He know he's yaller 'n' all covered wif feas,  
But his hide, thank de Lawd, don't lug at de knees.  
You quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.

Be's de Scripter pup dat licked dat so,  
On dat Lazarus man at de rich man's do';  
His name's Moreover, an' he sho is a pup  
What's heavy f' his weight an' big 'way up.  
Jes' you quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.

I ain't skeered t' tell you an' I don't keer a damn,  
He jes' what he are an' jes' what he am,  
Moreover's a dawg what ketches de coon  
An' 'f it's up his jaw an' hollers at the moon.  
Jes' you quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.

Casey—Now, phwat wu'd ye do in a case loike that?  
Clancy—Loike phwat?  
Casey—Th' walkin' diligit t'ills me to stroke, an' me ould woman orders me to ke-ape on wurkin'—  
Western Christian Advocate.

## CARPET BAGGERS ARE MUCH TOO NUMEROUS IN ENGLAND

### LONDON TRUTH DECLARES THAT WESTERN CANADIANS HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST QUESTIONABLE POLITICIANS GOING TO ENGLAND AND GETTING NOMINATIONS.

London, April 10.—Truth, the well known weekly paper, says: "For some time past there has been irritation in Canada, to which expression has been given in the more independent newspapers, at the ready acceptance of political headquarters in London of Canadians who have domiciled themselves in England after doing little to make themselves beloved in their native land. Several of these men offered themselves at the headquarters of the Unionist party as parliamentary candidates. Maybe now that we have payment of members more local candidates will offer themselves for the next general election. The headquarters organization, therefore, will not be able to avail itself of the offers of these Canadian carpet baggers.

"Steel Maitland, chief Unionist whip, is known to have recently received a protest from Englishmen at Winnipeg against Canadians of this type being recommended as candidates. He has been told, moreover, that if these newcomers are adopted manifestos of protest signed by representative Britishers in the country west of the Great Lakes with some biographical details will be soon broadcast in the constituencies for which these candidates are anxious to be elected."

Truth also says: "Protectionists argue that the foreigner pays the duty. Premier Borden is now aware it isn't so. He has just imported a Windsor uniform also a cocked hat and sword, and before he could get them through the customs house at Ottawa he had to pay nearly £80 in duty—a duty enacted to protect Canadian manufacturers of Windsor uniforms and cocked hats against the pauper labor of London. The Dominion statesman naturally likes to have his photograph taken in a Windsor uniform. It is first wearing after the preliminary trying on for the edification of the family circle is invariably when the proud possessor goes to the photographers. To some minds the picture when completed may appear an imposing symbol of imperial unity, but such minds are more common in England than in the colonies, where during the last thirty years there have been at least four public subscriptions to relieve impecunious statesmen, including two premiers, and where the feeling is likely to be that ministers might expend their salaries on a better object than swords, cocked hats and gold lace."

## MOVING PICTURES IN YOUR OWN HOME IS THE LATEST

### EDISON CLAIMS TO HAVE MARKED A NEW ERA IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF FILMS AS AN AID TO EDUCATIONAL WORK.

New York, April 11.—The home kinetoscope has been perfected by Thomas A. Edison after two years of experimenting and money outlay estimated at \$500,000. For the first time in New York City a private demonstration of the machine was given in one of the parlors of the Astor House in the presence of several prominent educators and manufacturers. Owing to press of other business the great inventor was unable to be present, but sent his representatives.

It was an instructive exhibition and made a deep impression upon those who were fortunate enough to witness the practical working of the little machine. That this latest creation of the inventive brain of Edison is destined to mark a new era in the field of cinematograph may be gleaned from the statement that it does the work of the larger machines used in the motion picture theatres at one-fifth the cost of the latter. Furthermore, it is exactly one-fifth the size of the standard film machine.

The home kinetoscope is toy-like in appearance, but has been constructed to conform to the Edison laboratory standards and specifications and is so simple of operation that a child, after a short course of instruction, will find no difficulty in projecting the pictures without any possible danger of accident.

Wherever electric lighting is used, an ordinary connection with the fixture will supply sufficient of "the juice" to permit of the operating of the baby are light which Mr. Edison has perfected especially for the miniature kinetoscope.

Mr. Edison is contenting himself for the present with reducing copies from his standard films for use on the home kinetoscope, and these are chosen with a view to their educational value. Later he will devote his energies to the perfecting of a

machine, on which he is at work for the taking of pictures directly on the home kinetoscope films.

### CANADIAN HONORED

#### Gets Highest Distinction That Sweden Can Give.

Canada's famous scientist, Sir John Murray, K. C. B., F. R. S., has been awarded by the Swedish Anthropological and Geographical Society of Stockholm the highest distinction the society has to bestow, the Vega medal, founded in 1881, as a memorial of Nordenskiöld's circumnavigation of Europe and Asia on board the Vega. It will be personally handed to the Canadian scientist by the King of Sweden on the anniversary of the return of the vessel to Stockholm on April 24.

This honor has been conferred on Sir John Murray as a "token of the homage and veneration that Swedish natural scientists pay to the epoch making contributions to ocean research that he has made in the course of his long life, so enthusiastically dedicated to the pursuit of scientific investigations."

Sir John, who is now in his 71st year, was born at Columbus, Ontario, and was a naturalist on board Her Majesty's ship Challenger during her navigation cruise, 1872-76. Since then he has written a great deal on scientific subjects, and his works are quoted as authoritative by scientists all over the world.

### BUILDERS DOOMED, TOO

#### Director of Firm Which Built Ship Was a Passenger.

Belfast, April 16.—Thomas Andrews Jr., a director of the ship building firm of Harland & Wolff, was among the passengers on the Titanic. He was accompanied by mechanics who were watching the working of the latest product of the firm's yards,



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