

CZESTOCHOWA IS PILGRIM'S MECCA

More Than 400,000 Visit the Shrine Every Year in This Russian-Poland City of Pilgrims.

"THE BLACK MADONNA"

Sacred Mystery Picture, Source of Worship Among the Poles and Russians—Has Interesting History.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The National Geographic society gives the following description of Czestochowa, which has figured during the past few days in the campaign in Poland:

"Czestochowa, called by the Germans Czestochau, a city in Russian Poland, is one of the foremost meccas of the pilgrim-going Slavonians. More than western christians of whatever creed go to Jerusalem, more than Roman Catholics go to Rome or protestants to Eisenach and Geneva, do the Slavonians in particular, the Russians take up the pilgrim's staff and wander to their holy places. These people of the north are akin to the people of India in that force of their religion which drives them from their homes on religious pilgrimages.

"Famed throughout Russia, Poland, and among the southern Slavonians, is the little city of Czestochowa, where in is the shrine of the wonder-working Black Madonna. Many a son and daughter of the dreary, government-ridden steppes and of bond-held Poland feels that he or she left a torn and harried spirit or some physical infirmity before the magic of this painting.

"Czestochowa is gray in age and gray in stirring history. It is a city on the southwestern Polish plateau, some 800 feet above sea level, of 72,600 inhabitants, capital of a county of the same name in the Russian-Polish government of Piotrkow, and it is situated about twelve miles from the German frontier at lower Silesia. Czestochowa lies on the left bank of the Warta, northwest of Cracow, and is an important station on the Warsaw-Cracow railway. It is 143 miles southwest of Warsaw.

"Commercially, the city is of no importance. Its business is mostly with the pilgrims, of whom more than 400,000 come to its shrine every year. There are a dozen or more factories in the place, manufacturing cotton and woolen stuffs, paper, leather and beer. More important is a publishing house which does a brisk business with the visitors in religious writings and sacred pictures. The sale of amulets, warding charms against each particular evil and against all evil in general, is a significant part of the city's trade.

"The Black Madonna, sacred mystery picture, the source of 'Black Madonna worship' among the Poles and Russians, is, in itself and in its history, one of the most absorbing of paintings. It hangs in a chapel over the altar, veiled, except at the chief service twice each day, when it is shown. It is a picture of the Virgin and child on cypress wood, black-brown with age, crowned with purest gold and lavishly adorned with a fortune of costly jewels. According to tradition, it was painted by St. Luke; came into the possession of St. Helena; passed an adventuresome, beneficent time until brought by Prince Leo to Galicia; and was finally placed in the Pauline monastery at Czestochowa to protect it from the Tartars in 1382. "The Pauline monastery, home of the wonderful painting, has been the center of Czestochowa's history. It stands, surrounded by a pentagonal wall, on the rugged Jasna Gora promontory, which dominates the city. All through the middle ages, the fortifications of the monastery were added to; and every time hostile armies came that way, it was besieged. At one time it was so wealthy, that it is said to have owned or held in pledge one-fifteenth of all estates in Poland."

CALIFORNIA FANS SEE LAST FIGHT

Law Forbidding Boxing Matches Went into Effect Last Night—Old Announcer Retires.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Simultaneously with the ending of the boxing game in California, Bill Jordan, the veteran announcer today announced his retirement.

The law forbidding boxing bouts, passed at the last general election, went into effect at midnight. The final fight in this state was a 20 round draw battle between Eddie May and Red Watson, staged here last night. It was a hard fought bout, thorough-out and Watson really had an edge on points, but because of Moy's wonderful exhibition of gameness, Referee Graffia called it a draw.

Announcing his retirement, Jordan said: "I came in with the game in San Francisco sixty years ago, and I will go out with it."

HANDS WOULD CRACK OPEN

Hurt and Were Sore, Face Broke Out in Pimples, Skin Thick and Feverish, Would Itch, Cuticura Soap and Ointment Healed.

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"My face would break out in red pimples and skin seemed thick and feverish. The pimples would itch. I used remedies but they would only help for a short time. I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment and was cured." (Signed) Mrs. B. A. Milleson, Mar. 6, 1914.

ECZEMA ITCHED AND BURNED
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Y. M. C. A. ITEMS

Sunday Afternoon Meeting.

The meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian association will be interesting and an occasion attractive in all its features. The meeting will be addressed by Prof. W. I. Kelsey of Penn college, which will be, as its title indicates, "A Christmas Message." Professor Kelsey is a man of ability and culture and will give a talk that will not only be entertaining, but inspiring and instructive.

The music for the occasion will be furnished by the choir of Trinity M. E. church of a large number of voices, who will sing their specially prepared Christmas music.

It is desired and expected that a large number will be present to enjoy this attractive event, as everything will be in unison with the holiday times which is uppermost in the minds of the people just now.

Boys' Banquet.

About ninety members sat down at the banquet given by the boys' department Friday evening at 6:30. A very tasty dinner was served by the girls' auxiliary and appreciation by the boys was very evident in the jovious spirit that prevailed throughout the evening.

A very interesting program followed the dinner and a number of the boys responded to toasts. Jewett Fulton acted as toastmaster. Jot Elder responded to a toast on "gym" and in his talk he outlined the plan of the physical department in the "Y."

He said it is not a place where a fellow should expect to come for fun only, but when he came to a gym class it meant business and he was expected to get down to good hard work. If a fellow really entered a gym class in earnest he would get a great deal out of it. First, he would be building up his health and keeping his brain clear through the vigorous exercising of his muscles. Second, he would be building up the weak places in his body, developing each muscle so it would be strong enough to do the work it would be compelled to do in life. And third, but just as important as the other two is the chance a fellow has of making new friends and learning how to mix with the other fellows.

John McManus spoke on "Brains" and told the fellows that if they would just open their eyes they would see some of the many opportunities for a fellow to develop the mental side of his life in the association. The numerous clubs, study classes, lectures, etc., are all conducted so the fellows may become broader minded and a fellow should investigate these things and take an active interest in at least one club.

Christmas Feast.

Cards have been sent out announcing a Christmas feast for all the boys in Keokuk. This is another open house night for boys at the Y. M. C. A. Every boy in town who is over ten years of age is invited to come. Quite an interesting program has been planned for the boys and everything is free. The fellows who wish to, may go in the gym for a short period of fun there, and then a chance for a swim follows. All the boys who wish to go swimming are asked to bring towels because the association will not be able to furnish them. A corps of older members in the association will act as swimming leaders and take care of the boys while they are in the tank. Some instruction will be given to fellows who do not know how to swim. A program consisting of music, motion pictures, cowboy stunts and a real whistler will be given for the boys as soon as they come up from the gym, and before going home every

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Commercial League Games.

The Commercial league games Friday resulted as follows: Purty Oats won from the Mississippi River Power Co. in a fast game, the score standing 16 to 9.

In the second game, Huiskamps won from the Kellogg-Birge Co., 24 to 12. In both these games long shots predominated, scarcely any being shot from close positions. The sensation of the evening was three long, underhanded scoops by Captain Board of the Purty Oats squad.

Field goals—McGraw, Ackerson 2; Board, 3; Harrington, Wykoff, Alex Brienstein 5, Hassett 3, Smith, Cronin 2, Sheldon 2. Free throws—4-13; 5-11; Brienstein 9-9; Sheldon, 4-6. No games of the Commercial league will be played Xmas week.

State Boxing Commission Will Allow Langford and McVey to Fight There.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.—Sam Langford and Sam McVey will not fight in Wisconsin, nor will any other negroes. This announcement was made today by Manning Vaughn, secretary of the state boxing commission. "There is a clause in the state box-

ing law which absolutely prohibits any negro boxer appearing in a ring in Wisconsin," said Vaughn. "This is not generally known, because the commission has never had the occasion to make use of this clause. I understand that a local promoter is trying to sign Langford and McVey for a bout, and that a Kenosha club also is after Langford. The commission will take no action in the matter until the promoters ask for sanction; then they will be turned down."

The commission in clearing Bob Moha from a charge of deliberately fouling Mike Gibbons in their recent bout at Hudson, Wis., failed to order the club to turn over to Moha his share of the receipts. Moha has filed notice that if this is not done, at once, he will start suit.

Tommy Gahy of Chicago, is under two months suspension today, because he kept the crowd waiting thirty minutes in wrangling over the matter of weight, before going on with Willie Beecher of New York here November 30.

The Busybodies.

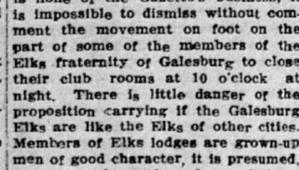
Burlington Gazette: While it really is none of the Gazette's business, it is impossible to dismiss without comment the movement on foot on the part of some of the members of the Elks fraternity of Galesburg to close their club rooms at 10 o'clock at night. There is little danger of the proposition carrying if the Galesburg Elks are like the Elks of other cities. Members of Elks lodges are grown-up men of good character, it is presumed, or they would not have been admitted to the organization. They are amply capable of handling their own affairs and it is not necessary, or should not be necessary, for any busybody to tell them what time to go to their homes at night. If some member or two or any number of members of the club in Galesburg see fit to remain at the club house, after 10 o'clock, he pays his good money for the privilege. If some other member feels like going home at that hour or before, or if he does not care to visit the club house, it is his privilege to act accordingly. The early to bed and early to rise rule is a good one, but many have

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the Keokuk postoffice, unclaimed for, for week ending December 19, 1914:

- Ladies. Mrs. M. J. Davis, Mrs. Mat Ellenburg, Miss Sadee Griffith, Sara Jester, Miss Hazel LeDuke, Miss Rosa Pain, Mrs. Alma Shaw, Mrs. Willie Tyler, Mrs. Traxler, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Yocum.
- Gentlemen. Mr. Leo Alton, Elmer Baines, J. F. Bland, Lee Bolton, C. Cortney, William Deckerson, Bob Flanders, A. Fader, Wm. E. James, Walter Laws, W. A. Marlon, M. Morgan Meyers, N. P. Newton, Robenelle Photo. Jtry. Co, Schneeder Bros, J. D. Yocum.

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No Advancement. Louisville Courier-Journal: For paying the prostrate cities of Belgium to pay tribute, called "indemnity," the Germans prove that the ethics of modern warfare are no better than those of the wars of the middle ages.

The Journal and the War. Carroll Herald: The Sioux City Journal is the only daily in the country that has not used "scare heads" during the present war excitement. It is not the custom of the Journal to

Persons calling for letters in above list will please say they are advertised. E. P. McMANUS, Postmaster.

—Read The Gate City want columns