

CHANTING PRIESTS.

A SERVICE OF SONG NO HEARER CAN EVER FORGET.

An Important Part of the Greek Church of Russia—The Baying, Bull-like Voices of Monks Intoning Prayers For the Czar, A Magnificent Tomb.

The chant of the priests' voices was the most striking thing that I encountered in my travels in Russia a year ago. Never in any place have I heard music at all like it. More like the cry of some great animal or the moaning of a musical wind it seemed than human tones. Deep, strong, roaring, yet soft and melodious, it haunted me as no music had ever done. This intoning, which forms so important a part of the Greek church in Russia, is performed by men who are chosen especially for the tremendous depth of their voices, to be used in intoning alone, not singing. Trained and cultivated into still greater strength and depth, there is in the whole wide world no human sound like it.

There are only certain parts of the service that are thus intoned, such as "Hallelujah," "Lord have mercy," "Lord, we pray thee," "Grant this, O God," but above all, "Save long, O God, the life of the czar!" Over and over again are these words moaned, sighed and roared, like a varying wind, through the arches and galleries of the splendid churches of the most splendid country of the world.

There is a priest in the Church of St. Saviour in Moscow who was pardoned and brought back from Siberia solely because of the extraordinary depth of the tones of his voice.

These great baying, bull-like voices bring to their owners, it is said, a very good income. The last part of the service is always the loudest, and the last words, in a tremendous final roar, are always the petition to save long from death the czar. Unlike the Latin service of the Roman Catholic church, the common people of Russia can understand much of the service of their church, as a part of it is in modern Russian and the rest in old Slavonic. Thus that cry which rings through the churches to save the life of the czar is understood and felt by the humblest subject in Russia.

Although this intoning can be heard everywhere in the churches throughout Russia, the best example of it is perhaps in the famous Alexander Nevsky monastery in St. Petersburg. At 4 o'clock every afternoon the priests' chant can be heard there, and no traveler should miss this extraordinary spectacle. In the winter, when the higher classes are in town, there are long lines of elegant conveyances at the door, that have brought the fashionable Russian devotees to hear the monks chant. But at all times of the year it is a resort not only for Russians, but for the strangers from the hotels. The monastery is at the end of the fashionable Nevsky Prospekt, the Fifth avenue of St. Petersburg. In the green inclosure there are many buildings connected with the monastery, but it was to the chapel where the monks chant the evening service that we first directed our steps one afternoon late in June. Far back in the dimness, in a chamber behind two altars, was a collection of large, brawny men. Their long black robes, high black velvet caps and long flowing veils, all of black, magnified their height and their imposing appearance. Their beards were long, and heavy locks of hair hung like thick manes on their shoulders.

They were already chanting, when we entered, in those peculiar organic tones which I found the most impressive thing in Russia. How that strange volume of sound moaned and rose and fell throughout the structure! How it wafted in our ears, like a mighty wind, and always, whether loud or soft, in the saddest, sweetest melody! There were half recitative solos, chanted first by one voice and taken up by the others. "Lord have mercy!" "Lord grant it!" they wailed and moaned until it seemed as if the sound would never again leave my ears.

After a time it ceased, and then the procession of towering black robed monks came out into the body of the chapel, leaving but little room for us as we crowded ourselves against the wall. Placing themselves with their backs toward us and their faces toward the altar in a semicircle, they began again their chant, in a different and much louder refrain, "God save long the life of the emperor!" Never shall I forget that semicircle of black monumental figures nor the waves of sound that still vibrated on the air after their voices had ceased.

We turned away and walked across the green courtyard, where many rich Russians are buried. All Russians esteem it a sacred privilege to be buried in the soil surrounding a monastery, and among those who lie here is the novelist Turgeneff. We traversed numerous cloisters, with now and then the tall, black veiled monks passing us, until we reached the chapel of Alexander Nevsky, the czar monk who lies buried here—buried in such a tomb as no other man ever had, for it is of solid silver, weighing 3,250 pounds. Not only the sarcophagus but the altar near which it stands and also the rails which surround it are of solid silver. A likeness of the great czar, who was also a monk, lies on top under a sheet of solid gold. Diamonds and rubies gleam in the sconces that hang here and there, and the key of Asclepius, framed in jewels, hangs near the silver tomb. Strangeness tinged with mystery with splendor is this wonderful chapel! In this same monastery are the famous coffers of jewels and gold and gems untold that were brought from Persia on camels' backs during the reign of Alexander Nevsky.—Cor. New York Sun.

BIG PAY FOR TEA TASTERS.

One Expert Is Reported to Receive a Salary of \$50,000 a Year.

"Since the Canadian Pacific railroad was completed and a line of steamers established from the orient," said a tea taster to a reporter, "immense cargoes of tea have been going there from China, Japan and other countries. It has been my business to examine and taste various samples from these cargoes. I have also visited Ceylon and nearly all of the tea growing countries of the orient to observe the mode of putting up the tea. It is astonishing the way they manage it adulterate it over there. The packers are so skillful that they slip in a great deal of inferior tea and work it off under good brands. This makes the merchants who afterward handle it complain. Packages of tea of a certain brand will be found all that could be desired, while other packages bearing the same brand and in the same cargo will be highly adulterated. As this tea is very costly, there is need of experts to examine it. They must be good ones, for everything depends for the time being on their judgment. A taster can only taste a few hours at a time, when he is weakened and has to take a rest. Besides this, when he begins a job of tasting, he must take special pains to get himself in shape for it. I was about six weeks getting myself ready for examining some cargoes in the warehouses here for the government. Before I began, I did not taste intoxicants in any form and did not even smoke. At the same time I was careful not to eat strong peppers or spices, or, in fact, anything that could distort the taste. One must be in as perfect condition, in order to properly judge of the tea he tastes, as a horse is when prepared for the Derby. He must be at his best and must feel that he is. The best tea tasters of the country make enormous sums, considering the time employed; \$10,000 a year is a low sum, and oftentimes from \$20,000 to \$50,000 is made, and even more. I know a man in the business who made \$50,000. It all depends on his standing, the number of times he is called as a taster and what he can endure."—San Francisco Examiner.

HIS COLLATERAL KID.

How Tom Fitch of Nevada Used to "Raise the Wind."

Tom Fitch of Nevada was a bright fellow and one of the best writers and stump speakers of the west, but he was thrifty, and when he got hard up would resort to almost any means to get a stake.

One day he wrote a scathing speech denouncing Sharon, then president of the Bank of California and afterward United States senator from Nevada. In it he charged Sharon with almost every crime known to the decaologue or the statutes. He put the manuscript in a large envelope and walked into the Bank of California.

"Here," he said to the cashier, handing the package through the window, "here are some securities which I offer as collateral on a loan. Please hand them to Mr. Sharon in person, and I will wait for his answer."

Mr. Sharon was in his private office. Breaking the seal of the envelope, he found the speech and read it through, together with a note from Fitch, informing him that unless he was paid \$5,000 he would deliver that speech in every town in the state. In a few minutes the cashier, on Mr. Sharon's order, reported that the collateral was all right and paid the happy Fitch the desired amount.

Three days afterward, having gone through the money in speculation and dissipation, Mr. Fitch made his appearance with another speech, this time of a very complimentary character, which he promised to deliver at ever convenient opportunity, for the same amount. That, too, proved good collateral, and the story would have never come to light if Fitch had not, in a moment of drunken frankness, told it himself.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

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Dated, October fifteenth, 1894. First publication Oct. 18.

Consolidated Notice for Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE. Miles City, Mont., Oct. 31, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, on Monday, Dec. 3, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m. viz:

JAMES P. LOWE.

Who made H. E. 637 for the NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 28, T. 28 N., R. 30 W., SW 1/4, Sec. 21, T. 28 N., R. 30 W.

Also, JAMES T. LOWE.

Who made H. E. 649 for the SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 28, T. 28 N., R. 30 W., SW 1/4, Sec. 21, T. 28 N., R. 30 W.

They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

William Harmon of Ekalaka; George Schetz, H. M. Moran, and T. J. Thompson of Miles City, Montana.

CHAS. S. WRIGHT, Register.

First publication, Oct. 31, 1894.

Notice for Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE. Miles City, Mont., October 13, 1894.

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Lincoln Robinson, Herman Wohler, Joseph T. Brown and Nat J. Humphreys, all of Birney, Mont.

CHAS. S. WRIGHT, Register.

First Publication Oct. 13, 1894.

SUMMONS.

In the District Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Custer.

Nina Turner, plaintiff vs. Willis Turner, defendant.

The state of Montana sends greeting to the above named defendant:

You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the District Court of the seventh judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Custer, to answer the complaint filed therein, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons, if served within this county, or, if served out of this county, but within this district, within twenty days; otherwise within forty days, or judgment by default will be taken against you, according to the prayer of said complaint. The said action is brought to obtain a decree of divorce from the said defendant, and for the care and custody of said child, a minor child of said plaintiff and defendant; in that the said defendant has been guilty of extreme cruelty, and drunkenness and that on or about September 1st, 1893, the defendant, without any just cause, deserted and abandoned said plaintiff and minor child, said Turner, and has since that time demanded costs of suit, all of which is more fully set out in plaintiff's verified complaint on file herein. Said Turner refuses to answer the said complaint, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, as above required, the said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint and for costs of suit.

Given under my hand and the seal of the district court of the seventh judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Custer, this twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

W. J. ZIMMERMAN, Clerk.

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