

MISERY AND DEATH IN GEM'S WAKE

Famous Orlov Diamond,
Stolen From Temple, Brings
Woe to Various Owners.

It is an admitted fact that certain world-famous gems have brought to their possessors failure, disaster and death, and one of the most famous of such gems is the great Orlov diamond.

The Orlov diamond adorned the imperial sceptre of Russia. It was stripped from the regalia by Lenin and now lies in Moscow, the ancient capital of Bolsheviki Russia.

In its rough state it was originally the eye of an idol in a temple in Tichinopol, in India. It was stolen from the temple by a Frenchman, who was an escaped convict. He fled with it to the Indian border, and lay there awaiting a chance to get into Persia. Time after time he was on the point of being captured, but after many privations he managed at last to enter Persia with his prize, and at length—at Basrah—a Jew named Stein offered the ex-convict \$5,000 for the stone, and became its owner.

The first thing the Frenchman did was to leave the country and return home. Stein, however, held on to the diamond, believing he could sell it in the bazaars or perhaps to one of the Persian princes. While he was negotiating for its sale he was seized by the discovery that he had been sold it had been stolen through from India to the shah, and that the Persian authorities were issuing a reward for the capture of the thief.

Stein broke off the negotiations he had begun and in terror of the law which then demanded the head of anyone found with stolen property, sold it secretly to an Armenian merchant named Shafraz, reputed to be one of the wealthiest diamond brokers in Persia.

For many months Shafraz remained quiet about his diamond. Finally he sold his business and started out on his long journey disguised as a merchant.

Shafraz cut a deep wound in his left calf and there he embedded the stone, afterward sewing up the cut with silver thread. He pretended that he had been wounded by falling from a horse, and he rested in an inn until the wound was so far healed that the thread could not be drawn out.

He was unaware that by this time the diamond's movements had been fairly accurately traced. The Jew Stein had been questioned under torture by the authorities, and he had told them not only that he had obtained the diamond, but also where he had sold it—namely, to an Armenian merchant whose name he did not know.

Shafraz, of course, was ignorant of this incident, and when he reached the frontier and was questioned as to who he was and whether he was bound, he boldly replied that he was an Armenian merchant, and that he was bound for Russia to meet relations.

The suspicions of the authorities were aroused. They arrested Shafraz and sent him into prison. He was searched but no diamond was found. Shafraz was released, but the money he had had in his purse was not returned.

Reduced by these straits, he at length entered the town of Orenberg, where he encountered a small colony of Armenians. To them he appealed for help, stating that he was far from his way north, and that he had been robbed. They made a collection for him, and presented him with a cut-diamond money to enable him to make his journey to St. Petersburg (as St. Petersburg was then named).

It so happened that when Shafraz arrived at Catherine the Great—that brilliant and extravagant woman—was in the capital. No time was lost by Shafraz seeking an audience with her, and though at first refused admittance, he at last gained the royal interest and confidence that he had great possessions to sell.

Shafraz then took a knife from his sash and, reopening his wound, drew out the diamond and held it up before the surprised empress and her crowd of courtiers.

"I have come," he said, "to offer you the greatest diamond in the world. No other like it. None so pure, so flawless, so magnificent. I have traveled across the world to give you the first offer of becoming its possessor."

Shafraz was asked what he wanted for it. He replied that he wanted \$200,000. She was then the equivalent of \$200,000.

"Do you know that I could keep the diamond and have you thrust into a Siberian prison?" cried Catherine.

"I know it," replied Shafraz, "but you are too good and too beautiful to take advantage of a poor man."

It must be granted that the reply proved Shafraz was something of a courtier.

He was disappointed, nevertheless, at the reception he had received, for he had counted on Catherine buying the beautiful stone. Shafraz, who well knew the value and marketable properties of the stone, began another long journey—this time to Amsterdam.

He had reached the Dutch city and was already negotiating with a firm of diamond merchants when he was stopped in the street by the servant of an important person with the request that he would accompany the servant to a certain house.

Shafraz was led to a large house of palatial aspect and was there ushered into a room where sat Count Orlov, the lover of Catherine, and one of the most powerful men in Europe.

Shafraz had raised his price, but he got terms from the count which he would have obtained from nobody else.

He received on the spot the sum of \$250,000 down, and it was arranged that he should travel back to Russia with the count. He was to receive an annuity of 2,000 roubles and a patent of nobility.

It was in this way that the famous diamond received its name—Orlov.

When the pair arrived back in Russia, the count made no attempt to retreat from his bargain. He assisted Shafraz to take out his patent of nobility and advised him to change his name to that of Lazarus.

After this had been satisfactorily arranged there came from India a prince, who, thus traveling through Russia, happened to be shown the diamond. He at once identified the stone and related the strange story that there was a curse on it, and that it had been stolen from a royal dynasty which accepted it as a royal decoration would fall in blood and treachery.

JAPANESE SHUN SOLDIER CASTE

Military in Great Disfavor in
Newest Swing of Popular
Opinion.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—The popular swing in Japan against militarism is going to the extreme, so much so that the army is put on the defensive. The minister of war has had to issue a general order to all army officers exhorting them to so regulate their conduct that there can be no complaint on the part of the civilian public over swarming sabre carriers or swanking uniform wearers.

Gen. Yamashita also urges these officers to conduct a sort of a mild propaganda with the public, to lessen the many criticisms leveled against those who bear arms.

Is Great Comedown.
This is a decided reversal of what was the case a very few years ago, when the Japanese army officer not only regarded himself as infinitely better than any civilian, but had that honor conceded by the average civilian. Today many of those young men who have chosen the army as their profession find it difficult to win wives, the girls, aided and abetted by their mothers, spurning the army.

The fact that the average officer is not well paid may have something to do with this, however. Another feature of the anti-militaristic spirit being fostered throughout the land is the fact that objections are being voiced to some of the more prominent military monuments commemorating Japanese victories on land and sea, with requests that these tributes to militarism be removed or less conspicuous.

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Criticize Ear Tomb.
This was Japan's second invasion of Korea, and practically the serious setback the arms of Japan have ever received, the Japanese have been twice defeated and wiped out by the Korean navy, when the latter produced a turtle-shaped ironclad, the first ever afloat, and did to the Japanese ships what the Merrimac first did to the wooden frigates of the north in the American civil war, and what the little Monitor very quickly afterwards did to the Merrimac. However, when the Japanese came home they brought a few tons of human ears, cropped from the heads of the Korean soldiers, and these were triumphantly buried at Kyoto.

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in conducting services before empty pews in the ancient and almost deserted sanctuaries.

But, in plain fact, the expense of keeping many of these churches open has long been a burden on the treasury. It is a tradition of one of them that during one whole summer it had not a single attendant at services and was visited on week days only by American tourists interested in it because it plays a part in one of Dickens' novels. Yet it always has been fully staffed.

And another curious detail has come out with regard to these churches, deserted by all save those paid to attend on them. This is the fact that up till now they have had their full and generous allowance of communion bread and wine. The query, hinted at by the bishop, but not followed up by definite statements, is as to just what has become of these delectable substances. Surely they cannot have been consumed for sacramental purposes—yet they are gone.

Five Pins

FOREST CITY LEAGUE.

C. Blake 172 122 338-382
G. George 173 168 226-567
A. Tisdale 172 160 212-577
C. Campbell 211 217 221-649
A. Blake 238 234 215-737

Totals.....1065 1011 995-3071
Empire Brass defaulted.
Canaan O. 127 154 203-484
Woodhill 135 216 235-691
Kern 132 150 197-456
Turbo 132 150 197-456
Row 135 165 165-488
Gray 143 151 175-469

Totals.....779 849 960-2538
Dowling 132 156 165-454
Ed. Harley 138 174 135-477
W. Groom 132 160 212-577
Curran 132 160 212-577
H. Ball 132 160 212-577
G. Rush 163 124 165-457

Totals.....769 796 784-2349
J. A. Wilson 134 135 194-423
W. Rath 171 186 177-523
L. Schelling 171 182 182-523
C. K. Buett 134 197 234-565

Totals.....784 930 952-2666
Civil Service 187 192 164-543
W. Waugh 129 245 88-462
J. Warner 129 245 88-462
H. Downs 189 113 238-540
S. Marley 211 105 132-539
Low Score 134 135 165-434

Totals.....850 916 752-2545
Rolling Mills 232 221 188-651
Gardner 170 173 167-509
Fletcher 170 173 167-509
Laney 170 173 167-509
Low Score 201 105 132-539
Phillips 210 139 209-526

Totals.....919 943 803-2665
Rawleigh 147 156 133-436
J. McDougall 147 156 133-436
J. Kanagan 129 165 150-384
J. McDougall 101 182 151-434
B. Bennett 139 144 179-501

Totals.....732 788-2262
Free Press 110 124 113-347
Quick 136 153 84-419
Steln 147 162 153-416
Turn 171 191 150-512
Crosby 133 156 192-481
Nash 133 156 192-481

Totals.....793 690-2745
George Whites 171 157 180-508
Rockwood 244 174 157-576
Foxton 130 183 182-604
Cochren 183 233 182-604
Cushman 132 214 218-564

Totals.....890 936 928-2754
Alerts 227 236 230-696
B. Baker 187 187 174-548
W. Richardson 199 160 249-608
S. Carier 199 160 249-608
P. Baker 189 212 189-526
H. Smith 185 194 184-563

Totals.....1092 966 1106-3074
C. P. R. 245 151 116-542
F. Jones 138 204 225-567
H. Hodgson 175 180 213-567
P. Mitchell 132 132 132-567
D. Hodgson 191 178 200-597

Totals.....902 845 936-2786
McCLARY GIRLS.
Miss Cornwell's crew of flunkies took three games from the Flappers. Miss P. Walton was high with 173, and a total of 409. The flunkies won three from the flunkies, and are now well up in first place.

Standing. Won. Lost.
Elms 12 7
Flappers 12 12
Lightweights 10 14
Hunkies 9 15
Elms 12 7
Miss Colquhoun 134 116 97-347
Miss Morris 123 100 124-357
Miss McLeish 168 142 84-234
Miss Dunlop 95 95 130-348

Totals.....460 461 445-1356
Lightweights 132 129 114-366
Miss Santo 110 126 129-365
Miss Groom 114 105 50-309

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Family Roast, per pound 15c
Rump Roast, per pound 18c

Beef Pot Roast, per lb. 10c
Shoulder Roast, per lb. 12 1/2c
Little Pig Sausage, 27c
Oxford Sausage, per lb. 15c

Point Brisket, per pound 8c
Rib Stew, 10c
Creamery Stilton Butter 42c
Cheese 38c

Prime Ribs, Rolled, per lb. 25c
Lamb Roast, 20c
Shoulder, 20c

177 DUNDAS. PHONE 48.
654 DUNDAS. PHONE 705.

It was an immense shock to British tradition and a greater one to the small army of clergy and attendants, who for years have been busily

Miss A. Groom..... 94 89 106-289
Miss Harris..... 114 118 119-251
Miss Caldwell..... 95 114 89-298
Totals..... 415 389 493-1297

TEN PINS
CITY LEAGUE.
Moore, No. 1..... 114 132 162-458
Moore, No. 2..... 238 214 170-62
Crawford..... 224 180 174-57

Totals..... 885 576 910-2671
Moore, No. 1..... 201 149 164-514
Adams..... 165 187 194-526
Lumb..... 168 177 224-561
Hunter..... 114 126 165-401
Wilson..... 221 194 213-628

Totals..... 869 812 957-2638

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