

CROWN FOR SALE

Emblem of Hungarian Monarchy Said to Be on Market.

By Far the Oldest of Existing Regalia in Europe, and is Said on Good Authority to Date Back 1,000 Years.

According to a recent dispatch from Budapest, the government has offered to sell for the sum of 100,000 Swiss francs, normally about \$10,000, the famous crown of Hungary known as the crown of St. Stephen. It is a strange fate which has picked this, the most ancient and revered crown in all Europe, for a possible object of a commercial transaction, and if the offer is really a bona fide one, there are doubtless a good many collectors of ancient and curious relics, both in the United States and Europe, not to mention many famous museums, who would gladly pay the price asked, and much more, for that matter, for the pleasure of owning this almost priceless historic relic.

To those who know something of the history of this famous crown, it seems almost impossible to believe, even if the reported dream of the monarchist group now rampant in Hungary who would put this crown on the job again should not materialize according to schedule, that the people would ever permit this crown to go out of possession of the state, as during the course of centuries a veritable legal and sentimental idolatry, unequalled in any other country, has developed in Hungary for the crown of St. Stephen.

With the sole exception of the so-called iron crown of Lombardy, this Hungarian crown is by far the oldest of all existing regalia in Europe. Legend traces back its origin to about the year 1000. It is certain that it existed in the first year of the thirteenth century, and a section of it is probably much older than that.

According to the Hungarian conception, an uncrowned king was no king at all; his decrees had no legal force and assistance to them was constitutional. And, in fact, during the last 300 years there was only one ruler who defied the ancient Magyar traditions centering around the crown of St. Stephen—Joseph II, the enlightened but arbitrary son of Maria Theresa.

The career of the crown of St. Stephen has been distinguished by more romance than any other crown in Europe.

As the story goes, in the year 1000 Pope Sylvester II finished the god-sized task of converting the fierce Magyar horsemen to Christianity.

The crown, it is said, was not originally intended for Stephen, but was made on the pope's order for the Polish prince Bolesvar, and his holiness was just about dispatching it to him by courier, when one night an angel appeared to the pope in a dream and enjoined him to give the crown to Stephen. Awakening, the holy father gave the crown to the Abbot Asztrik with the words:

"Tell the duke of the Hungarians that while I am merely a successor of the apostles, he is a real apostle himself.

Thereupon Asztrik delivered the crown to Stephen, who soon afterward was crowned first king of Hungary at Alba Regia. Ever after the rulers of Hungary bore the title "Apostolic King," just as the epithet "Most Christian" was bestowed by the popes on the kings of France and the attribute "Most Catholic" on the kings of Spain.

After the death of Stephen, the crown was used at the successive coronation of 20 kings of the Aspad dynasty, and altogether it has been employed at the coronation of 50 kings during 500 years, being regarded during this entire period as the source and depository of all power in the realm and the supreme symbol of law and constitution.

It is a broad flat band of gold, whence springs an arch supporting a cross, and is, or was, set with 55 sapphires, 50 rubies, 1 emerald and 123 pearls. Exchange.

Improved Giant Incubator.

Holding 10,500 eggs and hatching 3,500 each week, in a space of 8½ feet square is the feat performed by an improved incubator with a growing record of success, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine. The big hatching machine resembles a retailer's refrigerator and is complete in itself.

Two large oil heaters are installed at the rear and a partitioned cross chamber is lined with hot water pipes, with electric fans at the top. The air is forced down around the pipes and up through the egg chambers, adjusted ventilators at the top keeping evaporation at a minimum. By a special arrangement all the eggs can be turned in five minutes. A model of 2,440 egg capacity is also made in similar form.

Glad to.

"Aren't the mails dreadfully slow?" "Yes, but that's an advantage sometimes."

"Why, this morning I received the Dulmores' card for yesterday's reception."

"So did I. It gave me a really decent excuse for not going."

Overheard.

Mrs. Green (relating experience)—"It hurt something awful. The dentist wanted to give me gas, but my husband wouldn't hear of it. You see, he'd been gassed himself in France."

LIKE THE ANGEL OF DEATH

No "Bolt or Bar or Brand" Can Shut Out Nerve Reporter Bent on an Interview

The Hon. James Henry Smith, trust magnate and proficuer, sat in the mahogany and plush drawing-room of his mansion at Stingen-by-the-Sea and smiled. For days the federal grand jury had tried unsuccessfully to arrest him for raising the price of red flannel underwear. For weeks his wife had tried to serve a summons on him to appear and pay back alimony. For months a stenographer had been trying to collect a judgment for breach of promise.

Hon. James Henry Smith was entitled to smile. At Stingen-by-the-Sea he was safe. Armed guards patrolled his grounds. Charged wires protected the entrances. Bloodhounds sniffed the pathways. There was a bronze padlock to the front door to which the Hon. James Henry held the key. A detective sat in the hallway with a shotgun in his lap. Just outside the drawing-room door a burglar alarm was concealed under a rug. Yes, take it all in all, it seemed safe.

As the Hon. James Henry mused, a little, smiling individual appeared at the front entrance. He jumped nimbly over the charged wire, slapped the captain of the guards on the back, patted the bloodhound on the head, fitted a duplicate key in the padlock, shoved a cigar in the detective's face, skipped nimbly over the burglar-alarm rug, and, pushing open the door to the drawing-room, stepped inside.

"Hello Jimmy!" he said affably.

The banker rose heavily.

"Who in h— are you?" he asked in a hoarse voice.

The blithe, smiling individual chucked his hat on a table and pulled out a wad of copy-paper and a pencil.

"Who, me?" he chuckled. "I'm a reporter. Nice place you have."

And the interview was on. . . . Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Illica a Creative Genius.

Luigi Illica, the famous poet and librettist who recently died at his villa, Castel Aquatto, at Milan, created the plots for more operas than any other writer for the last quarter century in Italy. His most famous operas were written in collaboration with Giuseppe Giacosa, and are "Boheme," "Fedora," "Manon" and "Adriana." He wrote "Iris" and "Maschere" with collaboration, and has at least forty less famous operas to his credit. Many composers drew upon him for plot and lines, says the Detroit News.

Although he was fifty-eight years old when Italy entered the world war, Illica volunteered for service and was with the artillery for one year. He suffered a fall from which he did not fully recover, and was forced to give up military duty.

His latest important opera score was that of "Isabella," for which Mascagni supplied the music. The opera was received with indifference, which discouraged Illica. There was considerable discussion about alterations made in the libretto by the composer and director, and Illica said the production gave an entirely wrong interpretation of his work.

Better Postage Stamps.

Whether or not one is interested in postage stamps, except as a very temporary possession, a lick and a promise, one might say, that the post office will deliver the letter, it is pleasant to know, on the word of a writer on philately, that the new stamps that come after the war are much finer artistically than those which formerly circulated. The subject offers itself to an essayist; and his study would perhaps show a steady improvement during the last few decades in the artistic quality of many everyday things, coins, banknotes and advertisements, for example, that prepared the way for the artistry of the posters that played so large a part in the war, and now expresses itself in the design of the new postage stamps. Artists of distinction, in fact, have been called upon to design many of the new stamps, as during the war they designed many of the posters.—Christian Science Monitor.

Made Study of Ocean Currents.

Admiral Pillsbury, who has just died at the aged of seventy-three, never shirked a fight, yet in the development of his career he came to be known more as a scientist than as a fighter. He had made a more careful study of the Gulf stream and of ocean currents generally than any other naval officer; and in this field of research he had few rivals. Among those rivals was the prince of Monaco, who has also made a specialty of currents. Admiral Pillsbury's monographs contribute very largely to the world's stock of information. The ultimate destination of drifting mines gave particular value to this phase of oceanography, after the armistice.

He Didn't Care.

Pupils from Technical high school were making the usual afternoon trip to town on an overcrowded East Michigan street car. Mr. Flirt was also making the trip to town on this particular afternoon, and from an advantageous position was making eyes at the girls.

"That fellow doesn't seem to care who he winks at," suggested one of the feminine members of the crowd. Then five seconds later: "Oh, heavens—he winked at me."—Indianapolis News.

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GOOD WORD FOR JUDGE

Greenville Yeggman is a Philosophical and Kindly Disposed Chap.

Counting the days until he will be taken to Atlanta to begin the serving of his sentence of one year and a day, as the result of his pleading guilty to the safe cracking, Charlie Howard is one of the most unusual figures that has been in the county jail, relates the Greenville Piedmont.

"What could I tell you that would be of interest?" Howard asked the Piedmont reporter after being told that a story was wanted. "I couldn't tell you anything personal, for that wouldn't matter if you cared to hear it. I once worked on a paper myself but it has been so long ago that I have almost forgotten it.

"But there is one thing that you can say," he continued, "and that is a good word for the judge, Mr. Watkins, and also for Mr. Knight, Mr. Wyche and Mr. Christopher. It is seldom that a chap runs up against so good a bunch as they are. A fellow can't help but appreciate the fair deal that they give him. During the six months that I have been here Mr. Christopher has been swell to me and has never refus-

ed to do me a favor if it were possible.

"As to my past, that is a closed book. I have knocked about quite a bit during my life, beginning up in New York about 45 years ago. I came down to your Dixie just after the Charleston exposition in 1902. I was in Columbia for a time, engaging in business there. I have been here six months now, and all told it has been about three years and eight months since I have been a free man. I don't know when I am going back to Atlanta, but I want to go as the time I am serving here does not count to my credit."

All told, Howard has served thirteen years behind prison bars. He was first convicted when about 27 years of age. Those years of close confinement, deprived of the sunshine which puts vitality into a man's being, have told on him. His face is thin and pale. His hair is slightly grey, but withal he smiled as he talked to the reporter.

"I would like to accommodate you, but I suspect what I have had to say will not make much of a story," he concluded. "But don't forget what I said about the good treatment I have received here. Not soon will I forget it."

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Howard will be taken back to Atlanta at once to begin the serving of another year behind the prison bars. When he leaves, Mr. Christopher says he will carry with him the distinction of being one of the best prisoners that has been confined in the Greenville county jail. During the six months that he has been here, he has made a model prisoner in every way. Mr. Christopher declared.

Howard, Alias "Texas Dutch," "Tennessee Dutch," and "Charles Horn," yesterday in the United States court for the western district of South Carolina, entered a plea of guilty to break-

ing into and robbing postoffices at Fort Mill, Clemson College and Prosperity, and was sentenced by the court to serve one year and one day in the Atlanta penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1,000 in each case, the sentences to run concurrently. The sentences, therefore, are equivalent to one year and one day in the aggregate.

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