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An unmasking of church "miracles".

KENNEYETEENXMEN The keen-witted and resourceful manor serf Mizgar is sent into the army for his "offences and pranks". While standing guard by the Kazan blessed virgin ikon and looking at her jeweled setting suring a regimental holiday, Mizgar thinks, "My folks' cow died and their hut burned down. They have such wa misfortune, while here there is such wealth." This thought pushes Mizgar to a desperate act; he breaks the ikon's glass and pulls a diamons out of the setting. In order to avoid the grim punishment he claims that a miracle has occurred; that the virgin herself gave him the stone. The rumor about this possesses the town, and the people thrung start to gather at the ikon for worship. The clergy is forced to recognize the miracle and czar Nicholas I immex issues an ukase which confirms that the virgin demonstrated her kindness by giving a valuable jewel to private Mizgaryxhutx Mizgar. But he continues in the ukase, that if anyone else takes advantage of the virgin's generosity, he will be sent to hard labor. The government takes the jewel from Mizgar, gives him 125 rubles and leave in return, and most important, permission to marry the serf girl Dunya who loves him.

According to N. K. Krupskaya V. I. Lenin liked the film very much.

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