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The Noon Bell in Hungary and the World - A déli harangszó

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Zrinyi Budapest, 2011. Condition: New. new, ships from London next day Regularly and naturally, events of bygone centuries vanish into the mist of the past. Some of them, however, are so formative and decisive that posterity recalls them readily. In most Christian churches, one of these events is recalled by the ringing of the bell each day at noon, and although many people know that the advance of the conquering Ottoman army was successfully halted at the castle of Nandorfehervar/Belgrade in 1456, there are less and less who are aware that the noon bell is a reminder of this event. Yet this is the case indeed. To counter the Ottoman threat, Pope Callixtus III proclaimed a crusade, then in June 1456 issued a famous decree on ringing the bells. Originally a signal for mobilization, in less than a month, by 22 July the noon bell became the signal of the victory around the world. By that day, John Hunyadi, the leader of the Hungarian army and John of Capistrano, a preacher who fired the crusaders with enthusiasm through his fanatic zeal, were able to secure the great victory. On hearing about it, the Pope ordered the custom of the noon...



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