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- face value
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- inscription: Rzeczpospolita Polska
- year of issue



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150th Anniversary of the Birth of Kazimierz Przerwa-Tetmajer



Collector coins

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The year 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of one of Poland's greatest poets of the late 19th and early 20th century – Kazimierz Przerwa-Tetmajer. He came from a family of landowners and convinced patriots. He was a member of the intellectual elite of his time - his half-brother was the painter Włodzimierz Tetmajer and his cousin was Tadeusz Boy-Żeleński. Tetmajer was recognized as the voice of the Young Poland generation, which found in his poetry a reflection of the fears and anxieties of the end of the century (*Koniec wieku XIX*). The loss of faith in progress and in power of the man of the “age of steam and electricity” led him to seek refuge in art and subsequently in the wild nature of the Tatra Mountains. And he found it in the nature and culture of the Podhale region. This led to the creation of the unique Tatra series, in which the verses of poems (*Widok ze Świnicy...*, *Melodia mgieł nocnych*) are masterful descriptions of the mountains and the human soul.

Tetmajer was also a prose writer. He became famous after the publication of the national epic *Na Skalnych Podhalu*, which is a series of short stories - flavored with down-to-earth folk humor and stylized dialect - about the people of this region, from mythical times to the present. The measure of Tetmajer's talent is the fact that the Polish Highlanders recognized this collection as their own and passed the stories contained therein in their oral storytelling. This work has played an important role in the awakening of their national consciousness.

During World War I, the poet was involved in patriotic efforts, siding with Piłsudski's Legions (*O żołnierzu polskim*). During the struggle over the Polish borders, he participated in the creation of the Committee for the defense of Spisz, Orawa and Podhale, which worked towards uniting these territories with Poland. After 1918, Tetmajer moved to Warsaw, but the interwar period marked the decline of his activity.



Face value 200 zł

Metal: Au 900/1000

Finish: proof

Diameter: 27.00 mm

Weight: 15.50 g

Mintage: up to 2,500 pcs

Coin designer: Robert Kotowicz

Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



Face value 10 zł

Metal: Ag 925/1000

Finish: proof

Diameter: 32.00 mm

Weight: 14.14 g

Mintage: up to 30,000 pcs

Coin designer: Robert Kotowicz

Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



In 1921 he was elected as the president of the Society of Writers and Journalists and in 1934 he was awarded the honorary membership of the Polish Academy of Literature. Ailing and depressed after the loss of his son, he retired from public life. He lived in the Europejski Hotel in Warsaw until the outbreak of the war and died in a hospital in the first months of the Second World War (18 January 1940).

The reverse of the gold coin depicts a portrait of Kazimierz Przerwa-Tetmajer. On the right side of the portrait there is an outline of the *parzenica*, a heart-shaped pattern characteristic of Podhale's folk art. In the background there is a stemless carline thistle. The obverse of the coin depicts the outline of the Giewont peak, with the Gerlach peak - where the Tetmajer's Pass is located - in the back.

The reverse of the silver coin shows the image of Kazimierz Przerwa-Tetmajer against the background of a rock on which his name and dates of birth and death were carved. On the left side of the portrait there is an edelweiss - a flower characteristic of the Podhale region and art. The obverse of the coin depicts the Morskie Oko lake in the Tatra Mountains, with reflections of Swiss pines and mountaintops on the water.

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On 12 February 2015 Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation collector coins “150th Anniversary of the Birth of Kazimierz Przerwa-Tetmajer”, with the face values of 200 zł and 10 zł.