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## Hungary and Its People.

### Hungarian Finance.

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IF AMONG the variations mentioned in the total sum of the expenses we examine the nature of the individual kinds of expenses, we can follow step by step the demands which have been made by the general political condition of Europe, the liberation from a condition of inferiority, the creation of principles, finally the potentiality of economic and political advance and the continual development of the principles laid down. With regard to the first group, i. e.

the formation of the public expenses proceeding from the international position, we must remember that under the effect of this position both states of the monarchy shortly after 1867 were compelled to adopt compulsory military service. What effects this has on the state finances in connection with the raising of the peace-footing of the army can be easily computed. We live in a time of wonderful advance in technical science, we see perfected inventions rapidly following one another by which either a total or a partial change of military equipment is rendered necessary. The system of fire-arms has been four times chan-



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Baroness LOUIS SCHOSSBERGER.

ged, that of artillery twice. Works of fortification on our frontiers and coasts, the development of our fleet and its maintenance at the level of the day, require many millions. In the fundamental organization even which has divided the army into the army, the militia, and the marine, organic changes have taken place connected with considerable cost; for instance when the institution of the levy in mass was introduced. The operation of all these circumstances on the expenses of the army, the militia, and the marine we can easily follow.

Certain years in which large equipment or radical organisations have been carried out show a noticeable increase of expense. And if it is then the case that the army should go into action, it is obvious that the expenses will rise exceedingly out of all proportion. When the treaty of Berlin commissioned the monarchy to occupy Bosnia and Herzegovina, that part of the military expenses which fell on Hungary from the sum not covered by the joint customs income rose at once from 77 million crowns

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to 70 million. The case was similar in 1881, when however the expenses did not rise so high. In 1894 the expenses for the militia (the Honvéd) and that for the army and the marine falling on Hungary amounted to 93 million crowns. The ordinary expenses were on an average 60 million crowns.

Of the character of the expenses for the army and the marine from year to year we gain a true picture only when we consider the character of the income from the

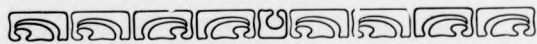
College of Pécs, he retained that position for the next twelve years. All the time he could spare from his teaching duties he devoted to the study of the history of the monastic orders and institutions; the results of his studies and investigations being given to the world in a number of learned treatises he published from time to time. His name will ever be known to archeologists and scientists generally in connection with his two-volume work on «*The History of Pilis Abbey*» (1891—92), «*The History of Czikádor Abbey*» (1894), and especially his exhaustive «*History of the Abbey of Pásztó*»



«Vasárnapi Ujság.»  
Viconte CHARLES de FONTENAY (Son of the French Consul-General) and his fiancée, Miss LOLA KRAUSZ of Megyer.

customs which are devoted first and foremost to defraying these joint charges. Since we have adopted the protective system and since the tariff on certain articles has been increased our income from customs has advanced.

(To be continued.)



### The New Abbot of Zircz.

THE NEWLY appointed abbot of Zircz, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Remig Békefi, was born on the 3rd August 1858 at Hajmáskér, in the county of Veszprém. In 1874 he entered the Cistercian Order at Zircz, where in the ancient monastery he studied theology and philosophy. In 1881 he took priest's orders, but having in the previous year been appointed professor of geography and history at the

which fills three immense tomes. All these works evince in him a remarkable genius for antiquarian research.

In 1893 the Budapest University testified to its appreciation of his literary labours and contributions to the sum of scientific knowledge by creating for him the chair of Árpadian politics and cultural history. Thus encouraged, he has proved a prolific author of invaluable works on his special theme; and his latest honour — his election as a Fellow of the Hungarian Academy of Science (of which institution he was previously a Corresponding Member) — is at once eminent testimony to his worth and to the discernment of that illustrious and erudite body among whom Dr. Békefi will henceforth appear as one of the most brilliant lights.

The abbey of Zircz dates from the thirteenth century. Leopold I made it subordinate to the abbey

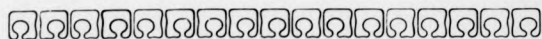
of Lilienfeld in Austria. Nine years afterwards it was bought for 30,000 florins by Frederick the Great of Prussia. An invasion of Austrian priests followed, who let out the church lands to Austrian tenants.

Joseph I got rid of the latter for us, but it is due to Anthony Dréta, Abbot of Pilis-Pásztó, that Zircz was restored to Hungary. Since that time it has flourished, four patriotic Hungarian abbots occupying it in succession.

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### Carnival Events.

WITH SHROVE TUESDAY (20<sup>th</sup> ult.) the Carnival season closed. The concluding events are recorded below:

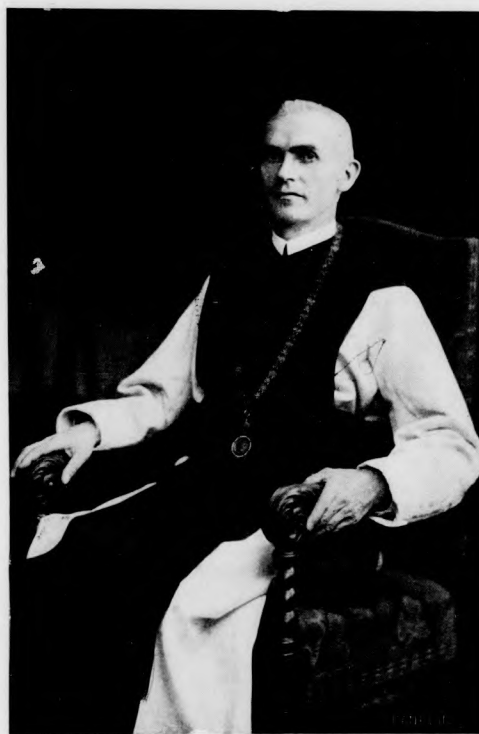
**The Jurists' Ball** on the 10<sup>th</sup>, under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Albert Berzeviczy and Mesdames Alexander Jeszenszky and Palóczy-Horváth, was a brilliant success. A distinguished company was present, which included Count Albin Csáky, Count Leopold Edelsheim-Gyulai, Louis Návay, speaker of the House of Commons, Count Gedeon Ráday, Lord Lieutenant of Pest Country, Count Stephen Széchenyi, Count Stephen Tisza, General Róbert Lórenz, Baron Béla Szentkereszthy, and Count Francis Teleki.

**The Free Citizens' Club (1<sup>st</sup> Ward)** gave an interesting dance-concert on the same evening. Among the artistes who contributed to the vocal and instrumental harmony on the occasion were Elza Fillinger, of the Opera House, who sang selections from *Carmen*; Csiky Bánkódás a piece from *Brahms*; Dr. Aladár Schuller a Magyar rhapsody and several popular pianoforte pieces; Eugene Seyfert a violin solo; while Endre Palócz sang selections from the *Magic Flute* and *Mignon*. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

**The Jewish Ladies' Union (V<sup>th</sup> Ward)** Soiree in the *Pester Lloyd* Assembly Rooms on the 12<sup>th</sup> was also one of the most looked-forward-to events of the Carnival season. Dancing was preceded by a concert, which opened with a pianoforte solo by Oszkár Dienzl; afterwards Madame Egry sang several admirable pieces from *Brahms*, *Mascagni*, and *Puccini*. Other singers who lent their valuable services were Ildika Gedeon, Stephen Gedeon,

Julius Németh, Oszkár Beregi, and Elza Oppler. The proceeds, which represented a considerable sum, were devoted to charity.

**The Technicians' Ball** took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hôtel Royal, under the high patronage of T. R. H. Archduke Joseph and Archduchess Augusta. The attendance was eminently aristocratic, among the distinguished ladies present being noticed Countess Alexander Apponyi, Countess Julius Attems, Countess Louis Batthyány, Mesdames Béla Forster, Samuel Gencsy, Antal Heinrich, Paul Holitscher,



Rt. Rev. REMIG BÉKEFI, D. D., Abbot of Zircz.

Louis Ilosvay, Iván Ivánovits, John Marks, and Charles Zipernewszky.

Besides the above, the *Luther Home* ball on the 16<sup>th</sup> was a great attraction, the gathering not dispersing till daybreak. On the same evening the *Lipótváros Social Club* gave a Children's Ball, which afforded much enjoyment to the young people. The *Hungarian Teachers' Home* fancy-dress ball on the 17<sup>th</sup> was a well-attended affair. Other events were the *National Central Catholic Legényegyesület* (a kind of Band of Hope) on the 18<sup>th</sup>; and the *Blind Asylum* concert on the same date, to which all the harmony was contributed by the inmates of the institution. A very interesting programme consisted of songs, monologues, and pianoforte pieces.

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### Death of Count Aehrenthal.

COUNT Aloysius Aehrenthal-Lexa, Common Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria-Hungary, passed away on the 17th ult. at Vienna after a prolonged and painful illness. When told there was no hope of his recovery, he accepted the ver-

cent diamond Cross of the Order of St. Stephen. The receipt of these by the Count afforded him great joy. Hardly had he finished reading the King's letter than he sank back with a spasm of agony and shortly afterwards expired, having received the last sacrament at the hands of Monsignor Rossi. The departed Statesman is regretted by all true

Hungarians in this country and throughout the world, the King's sympathy with the bereaved Countess Aehrenthal being appreciated as a representative act of His Majesty with which they completely identify themselves.

The new Minister for Foreign Affairs is Count Leopold Berchtold, whom the deceased himself warmly recommended to the King as his successor.



### Árpád Berczik.

FOR FIFTY YEARS Árpád Berczik, as man and dramatist, has been a prominent figure in the life of Budapest. During my own youth, forty years ago, his name was quite well known from the play-bills of the National Theatre, and was on the lips of every school-boy. Since then I have met him on various occasions, and been charmed with the reading of his works. I remember when I first met him, how different was his actual personality from what my childish imagination had pictured him. Not, however, that my respect for him diminished on personal acquaintance, but rather that it has grown and strengthened since that first meeting many years ago.

Long ago I discovered that he is not only a professional humourist, but a humourist in his daily life also. Árpád Berczik is a wise man that laughs — or rather a man that laughs wisely; who

not only writes humourous plays, but who is witty and sparkling on all occasions. He belongs to those who seem to be gifted with eternal youth. Such have apparently laid by a store of youthful buoyancy of spirits to be drawn upon in old age — when they reach their jubilee, for instance.

He is one of the very few *méltóságos* gentlemen who are always gay. The rest are either extremely dignified, hypocritical, or unnecessarily humble; some of them as though the King, in conferring



Count NICOLAS BÁNFFY, M. P.  
(Appointed Governor of the Royal Hungarian Opera House.)

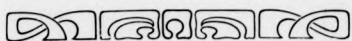
Photo Strelisky.

dict of his physicians, and resigned himself to the inevitable, as a brave man should, great in his last moments as he had been in his official life.

His Majesty the King evinced the deepest sympathy and the keenest grief at parting with his old and faithful servant. Knowing that the end was near, the Monarch wrote to his minister a touching letter eulogising his services, accompanying the Royal epistle with one of the greatest honours the Sovereign can confer upon a subject — the magnifi-

the dignity upon them, had planted a thorn in their side. Árpád Berczik is like unto none of these, though he has been an eminent *litterateur* for half a century and a *méltóságos* for thirty years. The more distinguished he became, the more amiable he also became; and decorations and honours have not aged him, but actually made him younger — in mind at least.

He is at home anywhere and everywhere. Among the weary, the sad, and the gloomy he is as a ray of sunshine. And there is one spot which, if touched, transforms the man into an apostle. This is his love of country; while the respect and esteem his compatriots bear him are like sweet-smelling flowers perfuming his path.



### The Landing of Hungarian Refugees in Liverpool on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1851.

By William,  
... Brunner

I DOUBT if there are many inhabitants of Liverpool now living who have a distinct recollection of an Italian barque named *Arpia*, lying in the Mersey on the above date, just where the steamers were plying between Liverpool and Birkenhead.

It was early morning on a cold raw day. There was nothing stirring in the harbour. One small rowing boat shot out from somewhere; the rowers hailed the barque. «Ay, ay, who are you?» «Officers from the Custom House.» «Right you are.» A rope ladder was let down, and up they scrambled on deck. Bad omen. I thought to myself, the first people to greet you on your arrival on the shore of the Land of Liberty to be Custom House officers, the representatives of a system that I detested. They were the bogeys of my boyhood, when my father and I used to drive across the frontier into Austria, which we often did, living so near it. You could not even take a basket of choice fruit or a cigar to your Austrian friends but they must stop you, poke about everything with their sharp spikes and sharper eyes, and demand «import duty.» One day we had a fine melon at our feet in the bottom of the phaeton; father allowed me to drive that day. They spotted the melon at once. «Stop, this is excisable.» «Is it?» said my father, putting his hand

into his pocket as if to hand out the money. But it was a large pocket knife. This he opened, and with one vigorous stroke he cut the thing in two. «It's not excisable now,» he said. «Drive on, Vilmos boy.»

Of course, the first thing the excisemen asked



ÁRPÁD BERCIK, whose Literary Jubilee has just been celebrated in Budapest.

for was «Wine and tobacco,» the only things on board at all worth anything to us. They might have had the pickled bones termed «beef,» not nearly so tender as our worn-out old boots: or the salted, dried cod, with a strong flavour, so that the very sharks sniffed at it when it was thrown to them; or the thin, round platters misnamed biscuits, weevily when they were not all sawdust. But, no;

they cared not a rap for them, no more than we did. While this search was going on, a little inquisitive weasel, with bright eyes, in the shape of a steamer, came along puffing, blowing, and foaming in its conscious importance to see what was going on. There were passengers on board, human, of course. They raised a shout, «Welcome to England, the leal and the free; welcome to the brave companions of Louis Kossuth; three cheers, and once more, hurrah!»

The secret was out. The cheer brought along another weasel, as sharp as the other. «Welcome to England, boys.» This coming and going and hearty «Welcome» went on for some time, and made us quite forget the men of Excise import and export duty.

The ship, barque, or cockle-boat had for cargo 260 ex-soldiers, remnants of the army that in the years 1848-49 fought in the Hungarian War of Independence. If ever ship, barque, or cockle-boat had a full cargo that Arpia had; in fact, it ought to have been twice as large to accommodate us properly. It was chartered and victualled by order of the Sultan of Turkey; the people who really paid the mone<sup>y</sup> were his sub-

jects, from whom the piastres were got by hook or by crook, as is the usual way of collecting taxes in that country.

It must have cost a pretty large sum, the greater part of which, from the specimen I have given you of the victualling part, went into the pockets of Greek, Armenian, or Albanian contractors.

The original number of those who sought protection on Turkish territory on the invitation of the Ottoman Porte was between 3000 and 4000. Austria and Russia, of course, vigorously protested

against this; but the Sultan, «infidel» as he was termed, faithful to his promise, did not yield an inch. «I have given my word and, war or no war, I shall keep it.» He declared us to be his personal guests; and who dared to touch us after that? The number of these «guests» rapidly decreased. Some voluntarily returned home, accepting the free pardon

offered them by Austria. Those who did not succumb to malaria, dysentery, cholera, and many other «evils flesh is heir to,» especially in an open, marshy camp like that around Widdin, on the lower Danube, were, after a long, weary journey into the interior, interned for eighteen months in Shumla. The 260 in the Italian barque were the only ones that managed to reach England.

After these «Welcomes» from passing steamers had subsided, we were invited to have a look at the inside of the Custom House, to give up any superfluity of Turkish or other tobacco we might be possessed of. When it came to «Luggage, gentlemen», there came the tug of war. There was uncomfortable shuffling of feet, a humming and hawing, thrusting hands deep into empty pockets; look here, there, everywhere but into the

searcher's face, out of window. «Oh, look; finest gull ever seen.» No mere gull; more like a «lark,» if not a «robbin.»

Luggage, gentlemen! says the exciseman. «Luggage?» asks the swell of this mob. «Ha, ha; just so! I think my valet must have forgotten to put it into the baggage waggon in Constantinople, or hung it on the Golden Horn. Perhaps it may be at No. 1 round the corner with my avuncular relative. I'll write about it, and let you know next week. But here is something: a small-tooth comb,



Statue of Count Stephen Széchenyi - Budapest.

a toothbrush, the dickey I wore at the last Court reception. These are not excisable, I know.» «Luggage?» says the incorrigible Bohemian of the crowd; «what should I do with a lot of trumpery carpet-bags or trunks? When my shirt wants washing I take it off, wash it at the waterside, hang it on the nearest blackberry bush to dry, and disport myself in the water. After my bath I put the thing on again, if it holds together. What do I care for such vanities?»

I was disgusted with the proceedings, because my ideas of liberty were based on the same lines as those of the simple Magyar Huszar, who, when he was asked what was meant by «Republic,» said innocently, «No king, no taxes, free rations, and double pay all round.»

We were to have a procession to the «Emigrants' Home», in Moorfields, to partake of the committee that had arranged this reception a sort of «high» or «meat tea.» Whether it included the fatted calf, I did not know—hardly appropriate, as we were not «prodigal sons'» returning to their disconsolate parent's roof-tree. Before I describe the proposed procession let me tell my kind readers that we had a preliminary rehearsal of the affair, as it is done on occasions when Royalty is about to attend at a public ceremonial. This was done in plain clothes—very plain clothes indeed, I can assure you. This took place in Kinsale, on the coast of Ireland.

One night some passing Dutch lugger collided with our barge, and did some damage; not sufficient, though, to drown us—a great blessing, or rather, what a pity! We had to hire a pilot to take us to the nearest port for repairs. Where from or how he came to us was matter of conjecture. He rose, however, out of the vasty deep as I got on deck. We thought he was old Neptune himself, though he had no web-footed horses, only a shillelagh instead of a trident, and no crown, except an old hat with the rim gone. He was drawn on board by a rope passed under the arms, and as wet and dripping as any Neptune. The skipper had to lend him an oilskin suit two sizes too big, and fitting him accordingly. He was to take us to Kinsale, which, to our non-professional eyes, was

invisible, for the same reason that the heroine in Sheridan's «Rehearsal of a Tragedy» did not see the Spanish fleet—because it was not in sight. He turned our barque straight to the rocks to give us the treat of a miniature shipwreck, which would have been very melodramatic, but it was only to enter a narrow passage, reminding us of the one that separates Europe from Asia. It widened out gradually, and brought us into a wide open bay surrounded by fields and meadows, fresh and green, perfectly typical of the Emerald Isle.

The anchor had scarcely been let go, when two girls ran out of a small public on shore, being chased by sailor lads. One caught one of the girls,



Central Market Hall, Budapest.

and gave her such a kiss that we heard the smack of it on board. Now we knew that we were in a western part of Europe at last. What a shout there went up from the 260 young ragamuffins eighteen months confined in a Turkish fortress and forty days in an Italian sailing vessel, is difficult to describe. We at once rushed on shore to enjoy walking on firm ground once more, and stretched our legs to our heart's content. The Irish boys were very friendly, making no personal remarks regarding our uncouth appearance. They came readily on board, and after a good glass of wine—the only thing we could offer them—spent a few hours happily with dance and music.

Our disembarkation on the Liverpool quay was not a counterpart of the going on shore at Kinsale, from a lack of appearing in «grandetenu», I suppose. Our short campaign was an arduous

one, especially at the beginning. We had no time to pay attention to gold lace, tinsel, or pipe-clay; and for our most indispensable requirements we had to depend on what we captured from our enemies till our newly-created Government, with superhuman efforts, managed to provide ample war

## Topical Notes

### His Majesty the King.

After the Easter holidays the King will come to Budapest and spend a few weeks at the Castle of



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material and assume an offensive warfare. Then victory followed victory until there was scarcely an enemy left to be conquered. Had Russia not interfered in what was no business of hers, there would have been no disaster such as occurred in August, 1849.

The world knows it, and does us justice in giving us such receptions as we had in Liverpool in March, 1851, in spite of tattered garments.

The working men's committee kept on busily arranging public meetings, in which politicians of eminence spoke in our favour. Money was collected for our immediate wants, though some of us were not entirely without means, having been paid by the Ottomann Port the stipulated indemnity for the horses, arms, and private property taken from us before entering Turkey proper. The working men also organised committees in the large industrial centres to provide us with work.

I regret the names of this Central Committee have escaped my memory, but I am quite certain that the headquarters were in the house of a watch-dial maker a few doors from the Theatre Royal, Liverpool. Should this meet the eyes of the chairman, or any of his descendants, I should be glad to hear of their names to put them into the hands of a compatriot in New York, who is about to publish a bibliography on English works relating to Hungary.

Gödöllő. Thence His Majesty will proceed to the Villa Hermes at Lainz near Ischl for the summer.

### Archduke Joseph's Recovery.

After four weeks' illness following an operation for appendicitis, His Royal Highness is now completely recovered and bade good bye to the Sanatorium last week. For the past month or more the prince's condition has been the subject of sympathetic interest among all classes. His first visit was with his consort to Vienna, where at the Hofburg the Royal pair were received in private audience by His Majesty, who warmly congratulated his nephew on his restoration to health. They were also present at the festivities in connection with the «diamond wedding» of H. I. R. Archduke Rainer; afterwards returning to Budapest.

### Royal Marriage. Some of the Bride's Gifts.

The Emperor-King Francis Joseph, who was present at the recent wedding of the Archduchess Isabella Maria with his grandson, Prince George of Bavaria, at Schönbrunn, gave the bride a diamond knot with a large solitaire in the centre. The knot is so designed that its several parts are detachable and can be worn separately. The parents of the bride, the Archduke and Archduchess Frederick, have given their daughter two diadems; the King of Spain a bracelet with 12 large brilliants

flanked by pearls; the Prince Regent of Bavaria a diadem designed in squares of nine brilliants each, with a huge pearl in the centre; and the Princess Olga of Great Britain, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, a monumental Copenhagen vase.

#### Árpád Berczik's Literary Jubilee.

In celebration of Árpád Berczik's half-century of literary labour, his comedy «The Songs of Himfy» (*Himfi dalai*) was given on the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. at the old National Theatre before a full house comprising many of the élite of Budapest. Among the eminent artistes who lent their services on the occasion were Sidi Rákosi, Julia Ligeti, Violet Nagy, Nellie Aczél, Rose Molnár, Marie Demjén, Charles Mihályfi, Árpád Gabányi, Kálmán Rózsahegy, Joseph Dezső, Béla Náday, Julius Bartos, Eugene Horváth, and Louis Bónis.

#### The Rhédey Family.

The statement recently published in certain newspapers to the effect that the Rhédey family, to which Her Majesty the Queen of England is related, is now extinct is quite erroneous. It is true that the Transylvanian branch became extinct with the death of Count Gabriel Rhédey in 1897, but there are living today a brother and sister of that noble-

the altar by Viscount Charles de Fontenay, son of the French Consul-General at Budapest, who claims descent from the Royal House of Bourbon. The prospective bridegroom is not himself over-endowed with this world's goods, but his bride is said to bring him a fortune of five million crowns. She is only eighteen years of age, and nice-looking. Though at present a Protestant, it is understood that she will join her fiancé's church before the wedding takes place.

#### William Brunner †.

Our readers will no doubt remember the interesting reminiscences of W<sup>m</sup> Brunner, an old *honvéd* of the War of Freedom, published in our pages a few months ago. In this issue will be found another article dealing with his exile after the war. We regret to have to chronicle his death, which took place at Bristol last month. Mr. Shrubsole, a gentleman well known to many of our readers, was at the bedside of the deceased during his last hours.

#### General Meeting of the Kisfaludy Society.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> ult. the Kisfaludy Society held a General meeting to unveil the bust of the late Paul Gyulai, the eminent Hungarian novelist and



The Eastern Railway Terminus, Budapest.

man as well as an untitled member of the family, Mr. Stephen Rhédey of Kis-Rhédey.

#### An Interesting Engagement.

Miss Lola Krausz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Krausz of Megyer, will shortly be led to

academician. The élite of the scientific and literary world assembled, prominent among whom may be mentioned Count Albert Apponyi, Dr. Albert Berzeviczy, Professor Zsolt Beöthy, Count Stephen Tisza, Baron Lóránd Eötvös, Julius Wlassics, Marquis Edward Pallavicini, Count Béla Széchenyi, Dr-

Stephen Bárczy (Burgomaster), Canon Giesswein, Professors Lóczy and Yolland. After the unveiling ceremony the company repaired to the Hôtel Continental, where the auspicious occasion was further celebrated by a banquet.

**A new American-Hungarian Financial Enterprise.**

Baron Paul Kornfeld and Julius Pirnitzer have founded a new enterprise which is rather of the character of a Trust Company than a bank. Its exact designation has not yet been decided upon, its promoters halting between «*The Transatlantic Trust Company*» and «*The Adria Trust Company*».

the system of dry-farming in regions where drought prevails, the speaker proceeded to state that in America even boys and girls of from 10 to 14 years receive at school the rudiments of instruction in the new system, which makes possible the previously impossible. Mr. Leidenfrost's concluding advice to his hearers was: «Let us cultivate smaller tracts, but better».

**Lecture on English Commerce.**

Dr. Ákos Molnár, ex M. P., lectured at the Eagle Club (*Sas-kör*) one evening last week on *English Commerce*, the chair being taken by Alexander Brachfeld, Commercial Councillor. The Min-



The Exchange, Budapest.

Its headquarters will be at New York, the following well known American financial firms being among its shareholders: August Belmont & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., J. W. Seligman & Co., Speyer & Co., and others. The foundation capital of 1,000,000 dollars has been provided in equal parts by 1. the above named financiers, 2. American private citizens, and 3. by Government loan. The director of the new Trust is H. Riewan, of the American Beet Sugar Company. Messrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Stuyvesant Fish, and Arnold Somlyó are also considerable shareholders.

**The International Dry-Farming Congress.**

At the recent session of the National Hungarian Agricultural Society (*Országos Magyar Gazdasági Egyesület*) Mr. Charles Leidenfrost delivered an address on the sixth Dry-Farming Congress at Colorado Springs last year, at which he was present as the Hungarian delegate. Having sketched

ister of Commerce (H. E. Ladislas Beöthy), who was unfortunately unable to be present, was represented by Dr. John Szűry, Ministerial Councillor. In the course of a highly instructive address Dr. Molnár observed that the British Government derives a revenue of 200 million crowns annually from its fisheries alone — a sum equal to the saleable value of a million cows, or ten million sheep! In London docks could be seen merchandise from every country under the sun — *except Hungary!*

**The Magic Wand.**

We suppose many sceptics still exist to deny the possibility of discovering the proximity of hidden water by aid of the willow branch. The latest case of the kind has just come to light in this country. Madame Tüköry announced the presence of a spring at a depth of 15 yards in the neighbourhood of the family hunting-lodge. Boring took

place, confirming the lady's assertion. The spring is indeed so extensive that it is proposed to utilise it for feeding the local waterworks.

#### Motor-car Service between Poprád and Dobsina.

From the 1st May there will be a Post-Office Motor-car service for tourists between Virágos-völgy, Poprád, and Dobsina; this will facilitate visits to the famous ice-cave at the last-named place.

#### The British-American Literary Society.

At the usual weekly Social Evening of the B.-A. L. S., held at the Hôtel Bristol on Thursday last (22nd ult.), Dr. Hugó Latzkó, professor at the Oriental Academy, delivered a most interesting lecture

Rules modified, Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports read, and various interesting announcements made, including the presentation of volumes of the works of British and American authors.

#### Flaubert.

An excellent study of the great French novelist and his works has just appeared from the pen of Dr. George König. It is an instructive essay, combining conciseness with elegance of diction; published in the *Olcsó Könyvtár* series by the Franklin-Társulat, Budapest, price 40 fillér.

#### A Forbidden Map of Hungary.

A short time ago a Berlin firm of booksellers introduced a wall-map of Austria-Hungary showing



Western Railway Terminus, Budapest.

on *Carlyle*. The address was remarkable in a double respect: for the lecturer's excellent grasp of the English language no less than for the profound study of the life of the famous Sage of Chelsea which he presented to his audience. The quality and number of the latter afforded abundant testimony to the growth of the young society since its inauguration in October last. Among those present, besides the Chairman (Dr. A. B. Yolland) and the Secretary (Mr. A. L. Delisle), were the Revs. Canon Giesswein, D. D., J. T. Webster and, J. A. Campbell, General Palkovics, E. Golonya and other well known persons.

The Society's General Meeting took place on the 28th ult. and was attended in force by the members, as well as by the Presidents (Messrs. Grant-Duff and Paul C. Nash), and Honorary Presidents (Count Albert Apponyi, H. E. Francis Kossuth, Professor Arminius Vámbéry, and Dr. Bárczy). The Committee was increased, several

the names of the towns and villages of Hungary in the Magyar language — the names by which they are naturally known in this country. A violent agitation arose against the map, the German Minister for Public Instruction was memorialised on the subject, and as a result the map has been refused admittance into the educational establishments of the Fatherland.

#### The First Hungarian Sky-Pilot.

Guido Prodám has the distinction of being the first Hungarian to pass the severe test required for an aviation pilot. The interesting event took place on the 30th ult. in the presence of an important gathering of members of the Aero Club and foreign aviators. A Hungarian «*Horváth III*», was used, which had already flown over Budapest and the Golf of Quarnero. Prodám made two successful ascents, on each occasion coming down exactly at the point agreed upon.

### Hungarian Journalists' Pension Fund.

In several recent issues we have recorded donations to the Journalists' Pension Fund. We have now to supplement our previous reports with the following: Hungarian Petroleum Co. 100 crowns, Elek and Co. 50 crowns, Baranya County Court (collected) 500 crowns, Cinematograph Mfg. Co. 100 crowns, Szeged Rope Mfg. Co. 200 crowns, Nobels Ld. (Pozsony) 100 crowns, and many other smaller sums.



### Közgazdaság. — Financial News.

**A Magyar Általános takarékpénztár mérlege és tőkeemelése.** A Magyar Általános takarékpénztár most teszi közzé mérlegét, a mely a fejlődő intézet újabb jelentékeny haladásáról tesz tanúságot.

A mérleg szerint a tavalyi üzletév 565 millió korona bruttó hasznot hozott, a mi a tavalyihoz képest 142 millió korona emelkedést jelent és levonva a szabályszerű tételeket, az alaptőkének 106 százalékos kamatozását mutatja. Ez a kedvező körülmény arra indítja az igazgatóságot, hogy a közgyűlésnek az *alaptőke fölemelését* hozza javaslatba olyformán, hogy a jelenlegi 25 millió koronás alaptőke 32 millió koronára emeltessék föl. Az osztalék a tavalyi 36 koronával szemben 37 korona lesz. Az igazgatóság azt is javasolja, hogy Kronberger Lipót udv. tanácsos, vezérigazgató huszonöt éves jubileuma alkalmából 50.000 koronás segélyalap létesíttessék. A kibocsátandó új részvények egy részét (minden két részvény után egy) a régi részvényesek rendelkezésére bocsátják, a többit pedig egy szindikátus veszi át.

**A Magyar Leszámitoló- és Pénzváltó-bank** igazgatósága *Madarassy-Beck Miksa* báró elnöklésével a napokban tartott ülésében megállapította a bank 1911. évi zárószámadását. A megállapított mérleg-, nyereség- és veszteségszámla az 1910. évről áthozott 365.631 korona 25 fillér betudásával **7,426.872 korona 21 fillér bruttó-nyereséget** és az összes költségek, adók és leírások levonása után **4,710.850 korona 32 fillér tiszta nyereséget** mutat az előző évi 3,704.534 korona 47 fillérről szemben, a mi 1,006.315 korona 85 fillér nyereségtöbbletet jelent.

Az igazgatóság elhatározta, hogy a márczius 11-én tartandó közgyűlésnek javasolni fogja, hogy minden 400 korona névértékű részvény után ép úgy, mint tavaly, **30 korona**, azaz 7 és fél százaléki osztalékot fizessen. Azonfölül a tartalékalapot a külön tartalék mérlegszerű 71.996 korona 27 fillérről való gyarapításán fölül 250.000 koronával és a nyugdíjalapot 50.000 koronával emelje. Ezeknek az előterjesztéseknek elfogadása esetén az igazgatósági tantiémek levonása után a folyó üzletévre elővitelként 476.328 korona 41 fillér marad a tavalyi 365.631 korona 25 fillérről szemben.

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**Az Agrárbank alaptőkeemelése.** Már régóta beszéltek arról, hogy a Magyar Agrár- és Járadékbank Részvénytársaság föl fogja emelni alaptőkét, a mi azonban mindeddig nem következett be. A bank üzleteinek nagyarányú fejlődése, különösen pedig vasúthálózatának rohamos terjeszkedése immár elodázhatatlanná teszik az alaptőkeemelést, miért is — mint pénzügyi körökben hire jár — a bank igazgatósága a közel jövőben megteszi a szükséges lépéseket a jelenleg 24 millió korona alaptőke megfelelő fölemelése czéljából.

**Az Első Magyar Általános Biztosító-Társaság** igazgatósága a napokban tartott igazgatósági ülésében, *Ormody Vilmos* főrendiházi tag, vezérigazgató javaslatára, *Balabán Adolf* igazgatót vezérigazgató-helyettesé, *Gergely Tódor* aligazgatót pedig igazgatóvá nevezte ki. Mind a két kinevezést, a biztosítók körén kívül is, mindenfelé nagy örömmel és meglepéssel fogadták, mert két igazán érdemes embernek kitűnő szolgálatait honorálta vele az Első Magyar vezetősége. Balabán Adolf, a kit az igazgatóságba is beválasztottak, 30 esztendő óta szolgálja a vállalatot, melynek nagyarányú fejlődésében az ő kiváló munkásságának is sok része van. Gergely Tódor aránylag gyorsan csinálta meg karrierjét és fiatalon jutott be a legnagyobb magyar biztosító-társaság vezetőségébe. Nagy tehetsége és rendkívül szimpatikus egyénisége sok tisztelőt és barátot szerzett neki, a kik mind örömmel látják, hogy Gergely Tódor értékes tulajdonságait intézetének vezetői is fölsimerték és méltányolták.

**A postatakarékpénztár januári forgalma.** A takaréközletben 140.752 tételben elhelyeztetett 8,558.297 korona 33 fillér, 62.541 tételben visszafizettetett 7,578.764 korona 21 fillér. A betétek állománya ez üzletágban 1912 január hó végén 114,545.814 korona 88 fillér. A csek- és clearing-üzletben 1,312.636 tételben elhelyeztetett 414,637.317 korona 74 fillér és 276.598 tételben visszafizettetett 434,582.006 korona 45 fillér. A betétek állománya ez üzletágban 1912 január hó végén 96,957.805 korona 80 fillér. A postatakarékpénztár havi összforgalma a két üzletágban 1,792.527 tétel s 865,356.385 korona 73 fillér; teljes betétálladéka pedig e hó végén 211,503.620 korona 68 fillér.

**A m. kir. Curia újabb ítélete az osztrák «állomási illeték» iránti perekben.** Az osztrák államvasutak állomásain beszédre kerülő állomási illeték (Stationsgebühr) visszafizetése iránt a magyar királyi államvasutak ellen nagyszámú per indítatott.

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**Magyar Általános Hitelbank.** Közgyűlési meghívó. A Magyar Általános Hitelbank szavazatra jogosult t. cz. részvényesei az 1912. évi márczius 19-én, kedden délelőtti 10 órakor, Budapesten, a bank helyiségében (V., Nádor-utca 12. szám) tartandó negyvennegyedik rendes közgyűlésre meghivatnak. *A tanácskozás tárgyai:*

1. Az igazgatóság jelentése a társaság 1911. évi üzleteiről, az igazgatóság számadása az 1911. üzletévről és indítványa az évi nyereség megállapítása és hováfordítása iránt, a felügyelő-bizottság jelentése,

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3. Választás az igazgatóságba.

4. A felügyelő-bizottság választása és tiszteletdíjának megállapítása.

Budapesten, 1912. évi február 18-án.

*Az igazgatóság.*

**Az Agrárbank mérlege és alaptőkeemelése.** Harmincz korona osztalék, nyolcz millió koronás tőke-szaporítás. *A Magyar Agrár- és Járadékbank Részvénytársaság* igazgatósága megállapította az intézet 1911. évi mérlegét a következőkben:

A *nyereség- és veszteségszámla* az 1911. év végével 2,584.639 korona 29 fillér tiszta nyereséggel zárul, szemben a mult évi 2,406.097 korona 36 fillér tiszta nyereséggel. Az elért tiszta nyereség a mult évről áthozott nyereségi egyenleg tekintetbe vétele nélkül, az alaptőke 9.38 százalékos kamatozásának felel meg, a mult évi 8.67 százalékkal szemben. E tiszta nyereségből az igazgatóságnak a közgyűlés elé terjesztendő javaslata szerint kifizetendő osztalék fejében a mult évi 28 koronával szemben — részvényenként 30 korona, azaz összegben 1,800.000 korona, a mi a részvénytőke 7½ százalékos kamatozásának felel meg.

**A Magyar Jelzálog-Hitelbank mérlege.** Ötszáz ezer koronával nagyobb nyereség; 27 frank osztalék. A ki ismeri hazánk pénzügyi történetét, az tisztá-



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**Akkordutazás a Rivierára.** A *Világjárás r. t. menetjegyirodája* ellátási szelvényei a *rivierai* utazások alkalmából óriási kelendőségnek örvendenek. Az a tény, hogy a *nizzai Grand Hotel des Palmiersben*, vagy a *Hotel Splendid* és a többi *rivierai* városok hasonló előkelő szállóiban napi 13—18 koronáért elsőrangú elhelyezést és ellátást biztosít, már maga is eléggé igazolja az érdeklődést, mely eddig megnyilvánult. Az utazási jegyeket tetszés szerinti összeállításban eredeti áron szolgáltatja ki és díjmentesen nyújt fölvilágosítást Fürdő-utca 1. sz. irodahelyiségeiben, 152—52. sz. telefonján, illetve költségvetést és prospektust küld posta útján.

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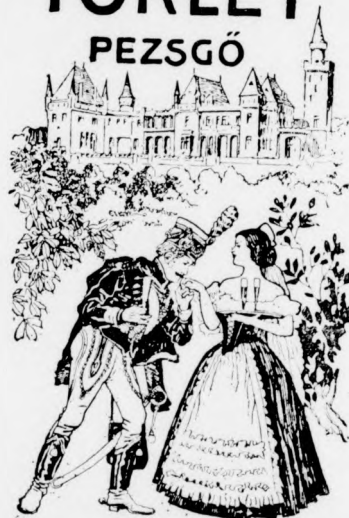
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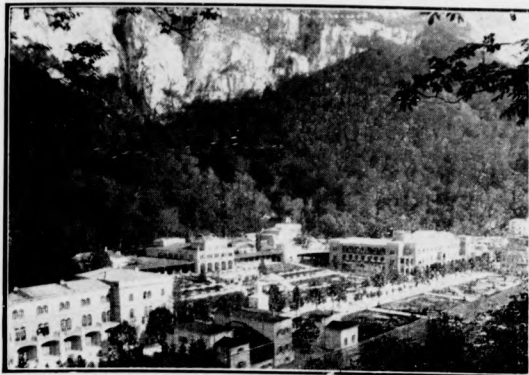


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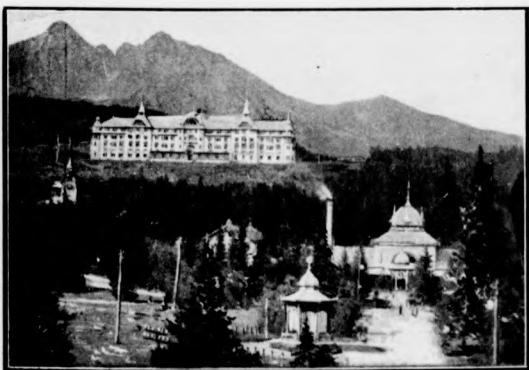
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