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## Hungary and Its People.

### Hungarian Finance.

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THE SECOND of the taxes laid on real estate, *the house duty*, is that direct form of taxation which has undergone the fewest changes since its introduction. In virtue of the tax law of 1868 which is still valid in its main points, the net estimated value of houses forms the object of the house-tax since 1868.

With regard to the taxation of the value, the house-tax falls into the house-rent-tax and the house-class-tax. To the first belong: (a) rented buildings everywhere. (2) not rented houses and part of houses in all those towns and parishes where the number of actually rented lodgings amounts to at least half of the total number of the lodgings, i. e. where the general house-rent-tax is applied.

The basis of the house-rent-tax is formed by: the gross rent income, or in respect to the places which are liable to the general house-rent-tax the rentable value established by means of comparison of the parts not let, after deduction of the amortisation and cost of maintaining the buildings. This settlement of the gross income from the rent was com-



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Countess EUGENE KARÁTSONYI.

pleted in virtue of Act. 46 of 1883 so that the gross income of houses is formed by all the expenses paid under the title of rent, drainage, water supply, scavenging, lighting etc., further the costs paid by the tenant and to be reckoned in the rent for repairs and alterations.

The deduction permissible under the title of house maintenance and amortisation charges, was in virtue of the regulations of the law of 1883 fixed in Budapest instead of 15 per cent. at 20 per cent. of the gross rental, in the places liable to gene-

rat house-rent duty at 25 per cent. without distinction, and in the places not liable to this duty, at 30 per cent.

The rate of the house-rent-tax was fixed in 1868 in Budapest at 24 per cent, in the other places liable to general house-rent-tax at 20 per cent, and elsewhere at 16 per cent, and this figure was reduced by Act. 46 of 1883 to 22 per cent. for Budapest.

The subjects of the house-class-tax — in contradistinction to the house-rent-tax — are the parts of dwellings, taken in the narrowest, sense viz. rooms

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and shops: and instead of fixing the rentable inhabited value an increasing ratio of tax is applied according to the number of the parts of the dwelling.

(To be continued.)



### Society Gossip.

HIS MAJESTY'S regular annual sojourns at Ischl have rendered that place quite famous. The King's arrival there is always a great event, as many distinguished and wealthy people are sure to follow the track of the monarch, to the benefit of the

The sports at Tátralomnicz under the auspices of the Tátra-Club commenced with horse-races, which not so long since were the most popular event of the season.

At the beginning of last month practically the only visitors in Lomnicz were Count Dessewffy, Count Bissingen, Count Pejacevich, Dr. Ladislav Magyar, the bath physician, Dr. Árpád Hammersberg, Dr. Ladislav Lukács, Premier, and family and a few others who have villas there. A few weeks later however the hôtels began to fill, and now there is a continual round of gaiety, and «life» is in full swing. The week before last the Anna balls were held, and for these interesting



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The Budapest Zoo: Main Entrance.

hôtel-keepers and tradesmen of Ischl. The swimming-bath in the park has been enlarged and improved; and a new house with stables has also been built.

T. R. H. Archduke Francis Salvator and Archduchess Maria Valeria, accompanied by Count Bellegarde and Countess Bombelles, after spending four weeks at Ostende, have now returned to Ischl for the King's birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. Among other illustrious arrivals are Archduke Joseph, Archduchess Augusta, and their family, Princes Leopold and George of Bavaria, Archduchess Gizella, the Duke of Cumberland, and Prince and Princess Alfonso of Bourbon.

H. R. H. Prince Adalbert of Prussia, who has been staying *incog.* at Marienbad as Count Hohenstein, has now returned to Berlin. During his sojourn he was often seen in the company of Count Lónyay and his wife, Princess Stephanie of Belgium.

meetings people came in from Abauj, Sáros, Zemplén, and all parts of the country.

At the *soirée-dansante* held in the Hôtel Imperial at Carlsbad last week the principal guests were Grand-duke Paul Alexandrovich of Russia and the Grand-duchess, Countess Hohenfelsen, Countess Potocka, and Baron Frederick Harkányi.

Fenyőháza as a bathing-resort is not so well known as we could wish. Nevertheless it is progressing towards popularity. Among the more prominent visitors there at present may be mentioned Baroness Joseph Eötvös, Lieut.-Gen. Béla Balta, Barons Béla and Ignacius Csávossy, M<sup>me</sup> Louisa Blaha, and Dr. Hugó.

We cannot forbear to mention with some pride and patriotic feeling our little bathing-place, Pöstyén, which is rapidly becoming quite world-renowned. At present no less than 13,000 have honoured it

with their attention, and new arrivals are pouring in daily, among them being Countess Choloniewsky, Baron Kapri, Baron Reischach, Count O'Connell, Dr. Leo Liebermann, Court Councillor, Dr. Fuchs (Editor of the *Neue Freie Presse*), Countesses Hildgarde and Anna Sprachwitz, and ex-State Secretary Michael Zsilinszky.

The number of guests at our other resorts were, at the end of last month, as follows: Hercules Bath (8621), Bártfa (2818), Tátralomnicz (2666), Buziás (2996), Korytnica (1584), Szentiványi-Csorbató (1460), Tusnád (1259), Tarsa (1065), Margaret Island (796), Alsótátrafüred (658), Bikszád (580), Iglófüred (537), Feketehegyfürdő (409).

drawn up by Julius Végh, Technical Councillor, in accordance with the suggestions of Christian Ilsemann, Chief Gardener to the Municipality. The interior grouping of the trees and plants is the work of Louis Király, Inspector of the Zoological Gardens. These horticultural contents and their interesting accessories cost the city half a million crowns. The impression one gets on entering is that of being in a primeval forest; deep silence and cool shade prevail. At one end is a steep hill covered with dwarf palms of all kinds. From its centre falls a cascade, whose waters form a brook and meander through the whole length of the hall. In the crystal fluid we see many aquatic plants,



The Budapest Zoo : The Lake and Cascades.

### The Budapest Zoo : its Fauna and Flora.

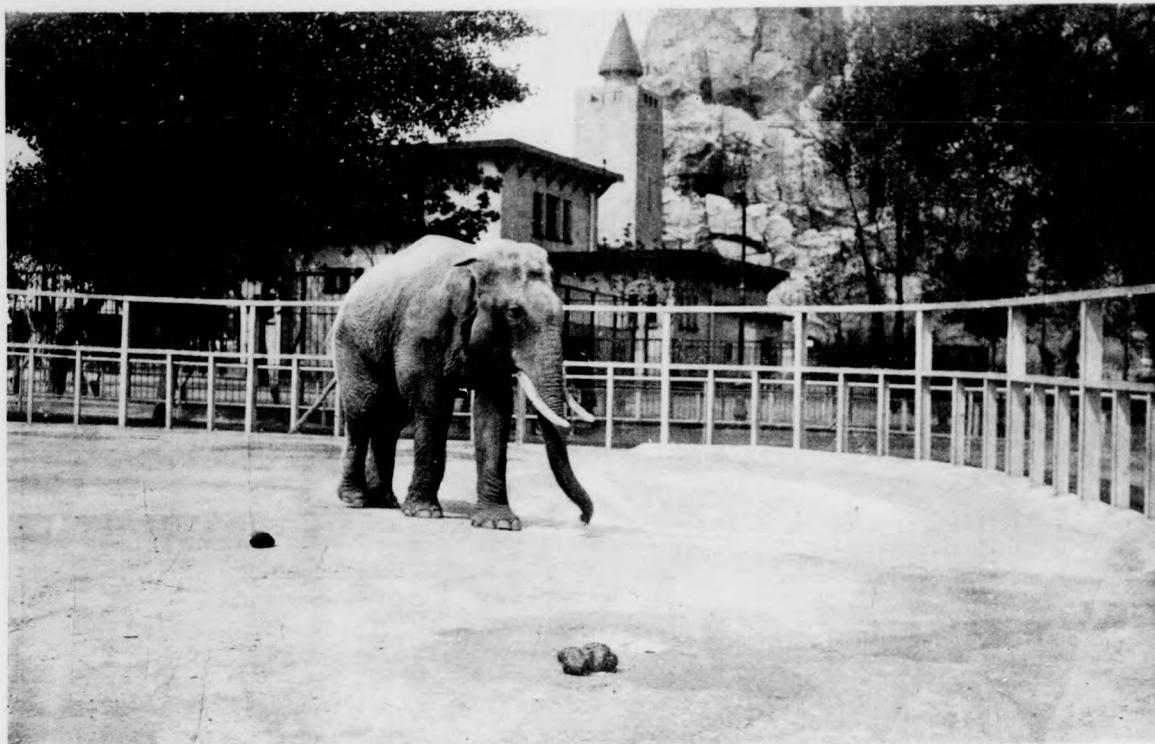
THE NEW Zoological Gardens owe their being to the public-spirit and untiring endeavours of the Burgomaster, Dr. Stephen Bárczy, some members of the Council and the Director of the institution, Dr. Adolf Lendl.

As a general account of this valuable educational adjunct appeared in our columns on the occasion of its opening in the month of May, we now intend to devote our space to a description of a certain part that has hitherto failed to receive due recognition from the press.

In the south-west portion of the extensive grounds at the Arena-út entrance is an immense construction of iron and glass which shelters many of the palms and tropical plants. This is known as the Palm House, and was built from the plans

among them water-lilies (*Nymphaea alba* and *N. glauca*), while on the pebbly sides of the stream are moss, lichen, and lycopodium. Above these tall and stately palms rear their fringed crests. Two of these trees are the gifts of His Majesty the King, the *Latania Borbonica*, from the Isle of Bourbon and the *Saribus subglobosus* from Java. There are also several fine examples of *Areca Baueri* and *A. Sapida* from New-Zealand, *Dicksonia antarctica* from Australia, and other trees from the Himalayas and the Argentine.

From each side of the main hall branch four smaller halls, giving the building the form of a cross. On the left the hot-house plants are kept, at a constant temperature of 17—22° by the central steam-heating method. On entering the nearest to us, No 1. we again experience a surprise. Here are the carnivorous plants, which catch and eat living



The Budapest Zoo: The old Elephant «Siam».

insects — the *Nepenthia*. These have vase-shaped leaves, by means of which they capture their prey. No 2. contains most beautiful and rare orchids, the *Cypripedium Curtisii*, with leaves like a lady's slipper, the *Stanhopea oculata*, and the heliotrope-hued *Cattlega Miosia*, white *Laelia purpureacea* with streaks of crimson, and the *Dendrobium Ehryioflorum*, bearing clusters of white and golden flowers. Besides these there are cocoa-trees, coffee and tea plants, and chinsona (quinine). Halls 3 and 4 are devoted to the ornamental plants.

On the right hand are the *frigidaria*, of whose contents we need only mention the phlox, campanula, petunia, tuberose, and begonia. All the ordinary garden flowers are represented here.

In the vestibule are a few *aquaria*, in which we find all the most interesting aquatic flora — *Myriophyllum*, *Ceratophyllum*, etc.

All who are fond of plants and flowers cannot fail to derive pleasure and instruction from a visit to the Budapest Zoological Gardens and Palm-house.

With regard to the animals, it has been the aim of the promoters of the Zoo to give each creature so far as possible the trees proper to its native haunts; and thus we find the dolomite hill with its *Gnaphalium Leontopodium* and dwarf pines devoted to the chamois and goats. In the lions' cave we see desert cactus and opuncia; while the home of the polar bear, the arctic fox and the seal is an admirable representation of snow and ice, where Alpine asters, campanulas, cetaurea, and saxifrage bloom.

## Home for Crippled Children at Budapest.

A FEW months ago the institution for the care of crippled children took up its quarters in the group of buildings standing in the shade of tall trees at the end of Mexico-út. Here the ninth annual meeting was inaugurated on June 27<sup>th</sup> last.

On that auspicious occasion representatives of the press were accorded a hearty welcome, and spent an entertaining time in interviewing some of the most noted inmates of the Home.

Altogether there are some forty boys and girls who are taught and nursed in the institution, protégés of the charitable public plus State aid. Most of the boys are in the elementary department, where they are being prepared and intellectually equipped for the battle of life. Among them are one-handed, one-legged, and some minus both members. Thanks to the Cripples' Home, these will not go forth to swell the ranks of the beggars; they are being fitted for occupations by which they will obtain their livelihood in future.

Most of the day is spent in the open air — in the garden, where each little waif has a flowerbed to tend; this affords them considerable delight and pride.

When the teacher summons them, they come limping, hobbling, creeping; and it is only then that their afflictions are fully manifest. He is the most fortunate that can get about on crutches: some must be carried. By a capricious Fate the worst cripple is often the most intelligent.

A little wreck of humanity approaches; he has neither hands nor feet — he can only kneel. But his mind is bright, his eyes shine with intelligence. «Have you parents, my boy?» With bowed head he relates his tragic history. Father a violent, idle, drunken fellow; thrashed the boy and his mother daily — the latter being the breadwinner.

Another is the child of a deceased lawyer, one of a family of eleven. He has been in the Home two years and is very clever and talkative. He is frightfully bow-legged, and will carry his malformation to the grave; earlier attention might have saved him.

The pride of the institution however is little Stephen Jennei, born without arms. But he can write well and draw clever pictures — *with his foot*, the pen or pencil held between his toes. His ambition is to be a *caricaturist*, and it would seem that he will achieve it some day. He even washes himself (including his ears) *with his feet?* «How did you learn this extraordinary accomplishment?» «Can't say; I have always washed myself ever since I can remember.» His mother taught him to write and sew, and he is even learning to play the violin — *with his foot!*

Another little boy enters. His feet and hands are twisted; besides which he has the abnormality of possessing six fingers to one hand, while the other has only three. He is a competent wood-carver.

Another was run over by an electric tram, and lost both his legs.

It was a touching sight to see a cripple of ten carrying about another whose affliction rendered

him quite unable to move. A mother could not bestow on her child more care and attention than does this little cripple on his worse-afflicted comrade.

Much loving attention is lavished by the teachers and nurses on their charges. With the instruction imparted there is no doubt they will all become useful members of the community. The institution can accommodate 100 children, but for this the more generous support of the charitable public is necessary.



### Personal Notes

T. R. H. Archduchess Clothilde and her daughter Archduchess Elizabeth are spending a few weeks at Tátrafüred. Their arrival at this beautiful bathing-resort was made the occasion for a gay display of bunting and the populace accorded the Royal ladies an enthusiastic ovation. — T. R. H. Archduke Joseph and Archduchess Augusta are after visiting the King at Ischl, at present staying at Semmering. — According to an announcement from Prague, King Alphonso will arrive at Königswarter on September 8<sup>th</sup> as the guest of Prince Metternich. Shooting parties will be arranged in his Spanish Majesty's honour. — King George of Greece has gone to Aix-les-Bains from Venice, where he passed several days. — King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has lately shown himself much in Hungary, where he is a landlord on an extensive scale. In the High-Tátra His Majesty has been seen almost daily during the last week or two. At present he occupies a

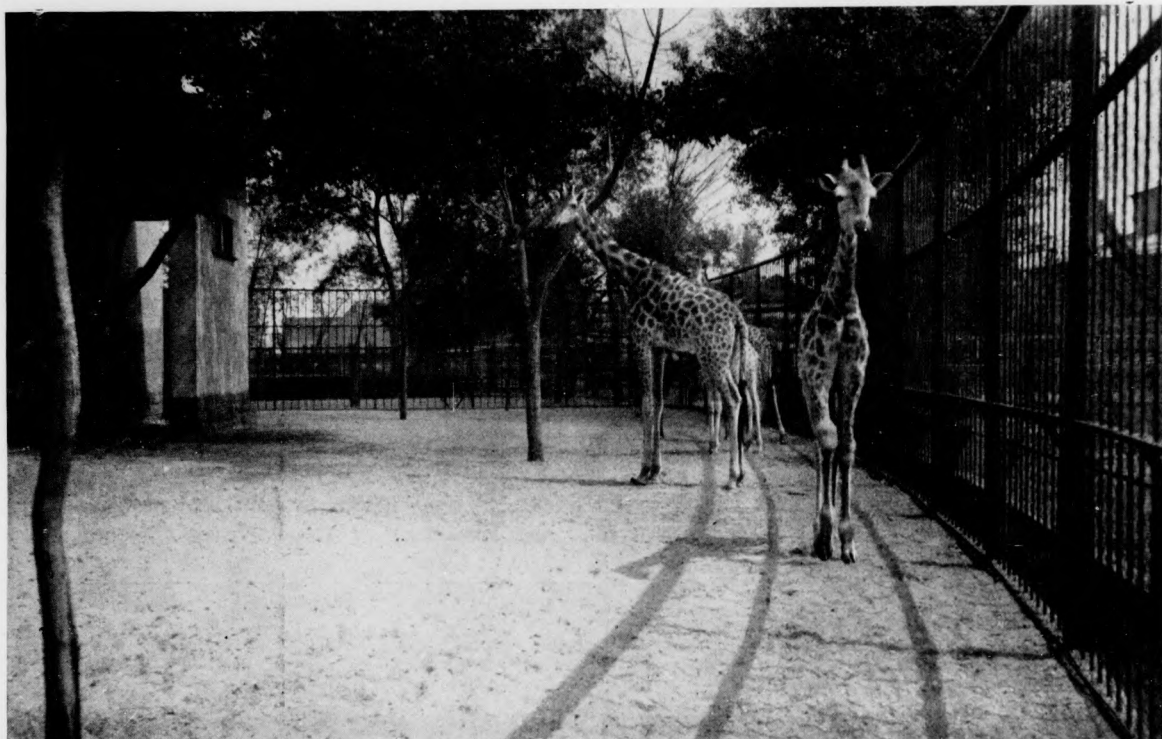


The Budapest Zoo: Seals and Polar Bears.

villa at Püspökháza though last week end was spent at Siófok. At Poprád railway-station His Majesty was seen to greet a strange lady, whom it afterwards transpired was Countess von Berchtold, wife of the Austrian and Hungarian foreign minister, both of whom are spending the summer at Tátrafüred. — Dr. Ladislav Lukács, the Premier, will go to Ischl at this month-end for an audience with His Majesty the King, to report on the political situation. — Dr. Chas. Némethy, State Secretary Ministry of the Interior, is abroad for four weeks. — Ministerial Councillor Garibaldi Pulszky, General-Manager of the Kassa-Oderberg Railway, is spending his official leave in Switzerland.

one's shoulder or arm as though inviting attention; indeed it is almost difficult to drive them off, and yet there seemed not the slightest trace of vice amongst them.

Doubtless this extreme docility of temper is derived from their gentle and humane treatment, and it was not a matter for wonder that they are well treated when it was ascertained that the Stud is managed by a Syrian Arab, to whom these beautiful horses are as children. His history is interesting: Colonel Fadlallah el Hedad was, 40 years ago, a young and poor lad who came from Syria as a «cowboy» with the first lot of pure-breed Arab horses which came direct from Arabia to the land



The Budapest Zoo: Giraffes.

### A Famous Arab Stud. in Hungary.

**I**N HUNGARY the British thoroughbred is not the only source of excellence in horses, for much improvement has resulted from the admixture of Arab blood. The famous stud farm at Bábolna, not many miles from Kiszér, is the home of the pure-bred and half-bred Arabs, and here they are accommodated in beautifully appointed stables, in which the brood mares and foals run loose (although tied up for an hour on the date of our visit), similarly to the method adopted at Kiszér. Here the stables are almost 100 yards long by about 12 yards wide, and are lofty, well ventilated, and littered down with straw. The docility of these beautiful animals is remarkable: when turned out and allowed to move about freely they come readily forward to the visitor to be patted, rubbing their noses against

of the Magyars. Observing that the youth had considerable force of character, the Hungarians trained him, and he rose step by step until, a selfmade man (and all honour to him for it), he is now Colonel-Commandant of the military staff which is responsible for the well-being of his beloved Arabs. That he has done his work well is seen on all hands, and he certainly seems to know every horse on the estate. To see them searching the Colonel's pockets for the sugar which they seem to know he always has ready for them was indeed a pleasant sight.

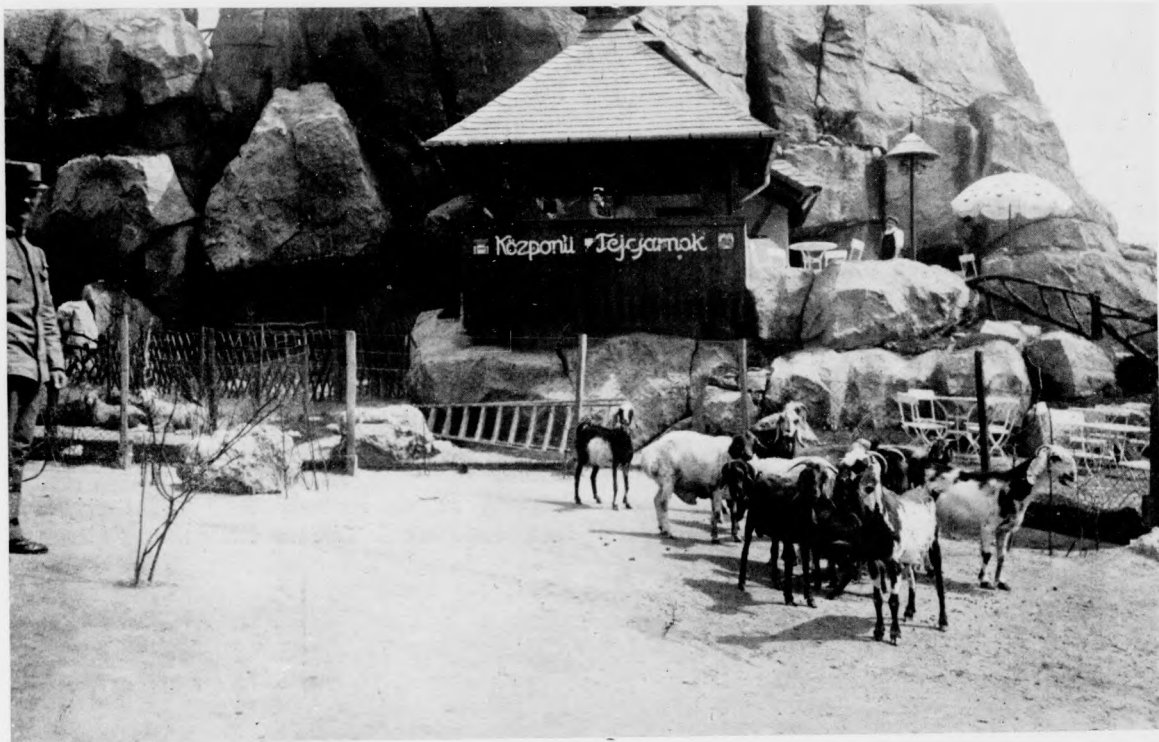
The colonel explained that amongst Arab horses there are only five aristocratic families, and there in Bábolna each stallion bears the mark of one of these. It is related that when on his 250 mile flight from Mecca to Medina, Mohammed the Prophet was accompanied by only five Arab mares, and the

descendants of each of these bear the highest rank. On one farm we observed 143 pure-bred Arab mares — two and three year olds — which were trotted and galloped round to show their peculiarly easy and graceful Arab movement. In another set of stables there were 200 of these beautiful brood mares.

The feeding which is given to mares in foal is oats, and barley straw mixed with hay: thus, 9 lbs. of hay are mixed with 4½ lbs. of barley straw, and fed along with 4½ lbs. of oats, and then the animals are turned out to pasture. The foals get daily 2 lbs. of oats from ten days old, and this is given for six months. Afterwards the

colour with white on his near fore and of hind feet. Here also were Scheham Shammar and Koheilan Raschid, a bay, twelve years old, the three being imported direct from Arabia.

Later in the evening, when we were seated under the trees fringing a fine avenue close to the stables, a number of beautiful Arab stallions were brought out and put through their paces. With coats gleaming like satin and beautifully free action, their graceful movements evoked unfeigned admiration. Here were Schagya a light grey; his brother, another Schagya, a dappled grey, yet almost golden red round the girths, and still another bearing the same name, and with a magnificent stride. Next



The Budapest Zoo: The Dairy.

allowance is increased. Those seen on the date of our visit were getting 6½ lbs. daily. The mares are fed three times a day, and, with the exception of the in-foal mares, they get no oats.

Covering occurs in October, and the age of the foals dates from that month, just as the first of January commences the year for English thoroughbreds. The mares are ready for service at six years of age for it takes six years for them to develop, but they are used up to 25 years. The stallions are used for breeding when four years old, and each serves 19 mares.

In a paddock adjoining the spacious yard was O Bajan, the oldest stallion in the Stud, foaled in 1881, and thus 27 years old. He is of pure Arab descent, his sire bred by the Bedouin tribe Anaze el Sbaa, and his dam Meneghie. He was purchased in Arabia in 1885, and still serves. He is black in

came Mersuch, bought from the brother-in-law of the Sultan, in Bagdad, Cazzim Pasha; then others bearing the same name; Saklavy Jedran, bred by the Bedouin tribe Anaze-el-Ruela; and then a number bearing the name Gazal. One after another passed at trot and gallop full of fire, yet at a word standing quietly while being caressed by their master. Altogether at Bábolna there are 15 mature Arab stallions in service, and 61 three-year-olds, and their appearance when displayed on that quiet July evening was one which shall not readily be forgotten.

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## Our Reading-Table.

AN INTERESTING volume has just been published by the German Agricultural Union descriptive of its members' recent tour through Hungary. The value of this work consists not only in the experiences of those who took part in the tour, but also — and much more — in the innumerable data relative to this country's agricultural importance. According to the preface our German friends regard their tour as of immense utility. They compare Magyar hospitality with the German, and yield us the merit. They do not hesitate to say that the Hungarians were so wholeheartedly generous that they felt ashamed to accept so many obligations; they were, however, correspondingly grateful. Herr Vielhaack, the editor of the book, opines that their excursions cost their hosts much money; that he may be sure Hungarians do not mind in the least if their guests were pleased with their visit.

The Magyar system of farming is described; their visits to the races; opinion of Hungarian ladies; Bábolna, Kisbér, and other stud-farms are admired; much is said about Tokaj and its vineyards; and to crown all there is a useful map of the Hortobágy.

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## Topical Notes

### Countess Karátsonyi's Foundation.

For the assistance of promising young medical students whose means are insufficient to launch them on their career, Countess Eugene Karátsonyi (nee Countess Caroline Andrassy), whose portrait appears on our front page' Court Dame and member of the Star-Cross Order, presidente of the Ladies' Committee of the Budapest Volunteer First-Aid Society, has set aside the sum of 10,000 crowns, the interest on which will be awarded annually to the most deserving case. The principal conditions are that the beneficiary shall have been at least two years in the service of the Volunteer First-Aid Society and that he shall have successfully passed his final examination.

### Archduke Joseph and Archduchess Augusta at the Ludoviceum.

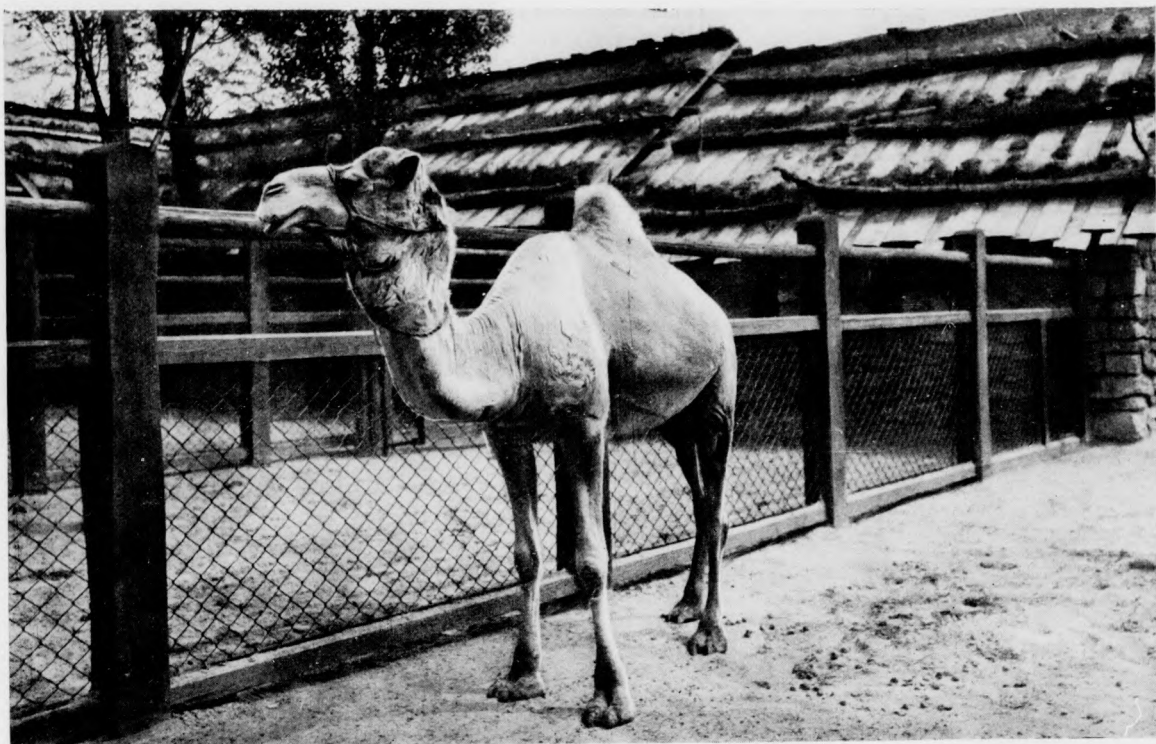
On the occasion of Their Royal Highnesses visit to the Ludovica Military Academy last week, Archduchess Augusta was presented with her life-size portrait, the work of Irene Rosty, a lady artist of great promise.

### Vicomte de Fontenay transferred.

The French Consul-General, Vicomte de Fontenay, leaves at this month-end for his new post at Bogota, the capital of the Republic of Columbia. Previous to his coming here he filled various consular offices at Rome, Lisbon, Vienna, and Belgrade. M. de Fontenay came to Budapest in 1904, since which time he has rendered himself



The Budapest Zoo : Aurochs.



The Budapest Zoo. Dromedary.

extremely popular by the whole-hearted interest and support he has given to institutions for the benefit of his compatriots here, especially in connection with the French Home.

#### Miss Cicely Corbett on the Hungarians.

Lecturing at the Grand Hotel, Tátrafüred, the other day, Miss Cicely Corbett, the well known English Suffragette, related her amusing experience when about to make her first journey to Hungary.

In taking leave of her friends they assured her she was coming among wild, uncivilized people and urged her to be prepared for unpleasant emergencies. She was glad to say, however, that none of her friends' fears for her safety had proved to have the slightest foundation. At the close of the lecture Countess Alexander Teleki thanked the audience for their attendance on the occasion.

#### Great Britain and Hungary.

The Hungarian semi-official journal «Pester Lloyd» invites Great Britain to come to an understanding with Austria and Hungary regarding the abandonment of a portion of the latter's naval programme, which is now regarded as unnecessarily extravagant.

The journal says: «For our part we desire an agreement by which Great Britain would promise not to attack our ships or coast, should war with Germany break out. If such an understanding could be attained, we could considerably slacken the pace of our shipbuilding».

#### Hungarian Horses for Japan.

A few days ago representatives of the Japanese Government, Colonel Jun-Ho-Ika, Veterinary Surgeon Nakahishi, and Mr. Hajashi, banker, paid a visit to the Cistercian stud establishment near Székesfehérvár for the purpose of buying horses for breeding purposes in Japan. Dr. Leo Davida was deputed by the Agricultural Ministry to accompany the party.

#### Fine Art.

The new Artesian Bath in the City Park is now sufficiently near completion for the interior embellishment to be taken in hand. The statuary decorations etc. have been entrusted to Messrs. Géza Maróthi, Edward Telcs, Julius Bezerédy, Dezső Lányi, Géza Vastagh, Stephen Szentgyörgyi, and Béla Markup, and the whole of this work is to be finished by the end of the present year.

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An attractive list of prizes is held out as an inducement to our artists to compete in the Képzőművészeti Társulat's next winter exhibition: 1. Two large gold medals, offered by the State. 2. About 2000 crowns, being the interest from the Röck Szilárd Fund. 3. Nearly 7000 crowns, being the interest from the Baron Joseph Rudics Fund. 4. About 2000 crowns, being the interest from the George Ráth Fund. 5. 600 crowns prize, offered by Count Nicolas Maurice Esterházy. 6. 1000 crowns prize, offered by the Lipótváros Casino, and 7. 500 crowns prize, offered by the Erzsébetváros Casino.

#### Donation to the Journalists' Superannuation Fund.

One of the latest donations to the Hungarian Journalists' Superannuation Fund is that of 4000 crowns from Baron Adolf Kohner.

#### Hungarian Swimmers in England.

For the first time Hungarian exponents of the art of natation have met their English colleagues at Weston-super-mare, the result being in favour of the former, to the enhanced honour of the Hungarian flag. The Hungarian team was composed of members of the Polytechnic Athletic and Football Club. First in the 100 yds. fast swimming competition was Ladislav Beleznay, who accomplished

Miss Dora Keen, a mountain climber well known in Philadelphian society. She crossed Skelai Pass on foot as well as the famous White Pass and Russell Glacier, and traversed thousands of miles of wilderness never before seen by a white woman and rarely by a white man.

This journey followed her successful ascent of Mount Blackburn in May last, an ascent which had been declared impossible by old mountaineers.

#### Hungarian Artists and the Uffici.

The success achieved by Hungarian artists at the last Universal Exhibition at Rome has had a positive result in the acquisition of the portraits of two of our most distinguished painters for the



The Elizabeth Ring, Budapest.

the feat in 59 seconds, second the Englishman Kimber. Again in the 100 yds. back-swimming, the victor was Ladislav Szentgróthy, in 1 min. 16 secs. In the quintuple diving match the Hungarian competitors were Beleznay, Kenyery, Rimanóczy, Szentgróthy, and Zachár.

#### Pulpit Gesticulation.

Mr. Elek Solymosi, a superannuated actor, an ex-member of the Budapest People's Theatre, has published a little work on pulpit gesticulation (*«Az Egyházi Szónoklat Gesztuselmélete»*). The brochure has already been well spoken of in the Hungarian press, and we hope the author may find a wide circle of readers.

#### Lady Explorer's Journey.

One of the most difficult journeys ever attempted by a woman has been accomplished in Alaska by

famous Uffici galleries. The gentlemen thus honoured are Paul Szinnyei-Merse and Stephen Csók, the portraits in both cases having been painted by the artists themselves. Before being despatched to Florence, the works will be on view in the Ernst Museum here.

#### How many Newspapers in the World?

An Antwerp contemporary has compiled some interesting statistics as to the world's press. From this we find that the German Empire boasts more than 10,000 newspapers. After Germany comes France with 9000. Austria-Hungary ranks third with 5600. Then England with 4400. (It would appear that, *England only* is meant and not the British Empire; which renders the comparison unfair). Italy has 3000; Spain 2000. Russia's hundred and thirty millions of inhabitants have only 2000 newspapers — the same number as the small country

of Holland. Belgium is about equal with her sister state. In Switzerland there are 1200, of which 830 are in the German tongue, 350 in French, and

each. Outside Europe the United States has 21,435 newspapers, Canada 1200, South and Central America somewhat fewer, Mexico, Brazil, and Chili



Kossuth Mausoleum, Budapest.

50 in Italian. Other countries are as follows: Denmark 1450, Sweden 1000, Norway, Turkey, and Roumania 600 each, Greece 150, Bulgaria, Servia, Portugal, and the Luxembourg less than a hundred

300 each Venezuela 170, Ecuador only 40. In Asia, Japan ranks first with 2000 newspapers, the countless millions of China having to be content with some 200.

#### **New Tramway in the High-Tátra.**

Last week was opened the new electric tramway extension to Lake Csorba, 4500 feet above the sea-level. The old part of the line, beginning at Poprádfelka, carries the excursionist as far as Tátrafüred, and thanks to the extension he can now ascend to the beautiful lake, passing en route the Tátratak waterfalls and other scenery unequalled for loveliness in the world. The whole length of the line is now 25 miles.

#### **The Scientific World.**

The Hungarian Geographical Society will hold its itinerary session this year at Debreczen. The prefect Domahidy with the leading citizens are arranging a suitable reception for the *savants*, Count Paul Teleki, chief secretary of the Society having intimated their arrival on the 21st prox. under the leadership of Professor Louis Lóczy. A gala session will take place in the town hall, followed by lectures on the *agogeological features of the Hortobágy* by Dr. Peter Treitz, *the Hortobágy from a utilitarian standpoint* by Dr. Stephen Ecsedy, and by Dr. Wm Pröle on *his travels in the Orient*. An excursion to the Hortobágy is also on the programme.

#### **Mr. Shrubsole in Hungary.**

Mr. W. H. Shrubsole F. G. S. our English friend, is spending a couple of months or thereabouts in Hungary. He is making a study of the curative properties of the Hungarian baths and health-resorts, at the request of the Bradshaw Publishing Co. who desire to embody reliable information on the subject in their well-known international guides.

Mr. Shrubsole's itinerary also includes visits to the Saxon villages around Brassó, with a view to refuting the accusations of the Nationalities. He is at present the guest of Count Arvéd Teleki at Orlát. On returning to England Mr. Shrubsole has to fulfil about sixty lecturing engagements.

#### **Amundsen and Budapest.**

Captain Amundsen, the distinguished South Pole discoverer, who is now in London, has promised to accept the invitation of the Hungarian Geographical Society to visit Budapest in the autumn. Professor Louis Lóczy, President of the Society, is taking the necessary steps to ensure the famous navigator a hearty reception. The captain is no stranger to the Hungarian capital, having spent a brief stay here some years ago.

#### **School of Journalism.**

Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, widow of Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, who endowed Columbia University with \$2,000,000 for its School of Journalism, was the central figure at the corner-stone laying of the Journalism Building, of the south-east corner of Broadway and one Hundred and Sixteenth-street. In pronouncing the corner-stone «well and truly laid», Mrs. Pulitzer wielded a silver trowel which

has served the same function at several other similar ceremonies on the Columbia campus.

In his short introductory address, President Nicholas Murray Butler said: «For the first time in the history of universities either in this country or in Europe, the Fourth Estate is to come into its own as part of the world's higher education».

The Journalism Building is not expected to be completed till the autumn of 1913, but the school will open with a full four-year course next September, classes being conducted temporarily in some of the other campus buildings.

#### **National Vinery Exhibition at Budapest.**

The metropolitan market being supplied with grapes from the neighbouring villages, it is no wonder the dessert grape traffic lasts only a few weeks in the year, and that in November we see Turkish, Italian, and Spanish fruit exposed for sale here. Though the quality is not so good as the home product, yet its appearance is sufficiently attractive to ensure a ready sale; and this state of things the National Hungarian Vine Cultivators' Union desires to alter. As a means thereto it is proposed to arrange a grape market in connection with a vinery exhibition, to take place in the autumn, if the best fruits are then ripe and have not suffered from the depredations of moth and blight. No exhibition of the kind has been held in this country since 1902.

#### **Hungarians at the Boston Congress.**

The Fifth International Congress of Chambers of Commerce, to be held this September at Boston (U. S.), will be well attended by representatives of the Hungarian Chambers and other industrial and commercial societies, the Kassa Chamber alone sending five delegates. After the Congress a couple of weeks will be devoted to touring the principal American industrial centres, special trains being placed at the disposal of the delegates.

#### **Hungarian Crop Report.**

The crop estimate of the Ministry of Agriculture, dated the 28th ult. gives the following figures: Wheat, 47,280,000 meterzentner; rye, 14,120,000 meterzentner; barley, 14,500,000 meterzentner; oats, 11,700,000 meterzentner, as compared with the following estimate of the 23rd ult. Wheat, 47,000,000 meterzentner; rye, 14,100,000 meterzentner. Potatoes and maize are very good in most districts while sugar, beets, roots and wide-drilled and hoed plants are satisfactory.

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«I will», replied Mercy, «on condition that you promise to let it remain there till I take it off».

«I promise», said Justice.

Then Mercy tied the bandage over her eyes, as requested, and Justice lay down and went to sleep.

The next day she awoke and said:

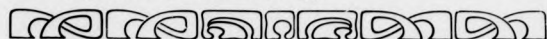
«Sister, I have finished my nap. I think I will take off this bandage».

«Nay», said Mercy, «did you not promise to let it stay until I took it off?»

«I did».

«Well, you wait awhile».

And Justice is still waiting.



### Közgazdaság. — Financial News.

**A Kereskedelmi Bank mérlege.** A múlt héten tette közzé félévi mérlegét a Pesti Magyar Kereskedelmi Bank. A mérleg számtételei tömör összefoglalásban mutatják be az intézet nagyszabású és egyuttal egyenletes, egészséges fejlődését s tervszerű üzletpolitikájának jelentős eredményeit. A közreadott veszteség- és nyereségszámlán az első félév *tiszta nyeresége egy millió hétszázkilencvenegyezer kilencszázötvenhét koronával nagyobb a tavalyinál.* A jövedelememelkedés legnagyobb a kamatszámán, a melynek bevétele 17 millió koronával haladja meg a tavalyi összeget. A bank jövedelmei ebben a félévben kerek 105 millió koronával növekedtek s a bank tavalyi 2252%-kal szemben 23750%-kal kamatoztatta alaptőkét, daczára annak, hogy ez év folyamán az alaptőkét ötven millióról hatvankét és fél millióra emelték. Az év első hónapjában az összeforgalom két és fél milliárddal nőtt, a bankban elhelyezett betétek összege pedig elérte a kétszázhetvenhárom millió kétszáz ezer koronát, a mi különösen figyelemreméltó tünet a mai megfeszült pénzviszonyok mellett. A jelzálogüzlet ebben a félévben a czimletek elhelyezése körül beállt pangás daczára is haladást mutat. A nagyszabású fejlődéssel velejár a költségek emelkedése is, a melyben a tisztviselők fizetése százegyezer korona emelkedéssel szerepel.

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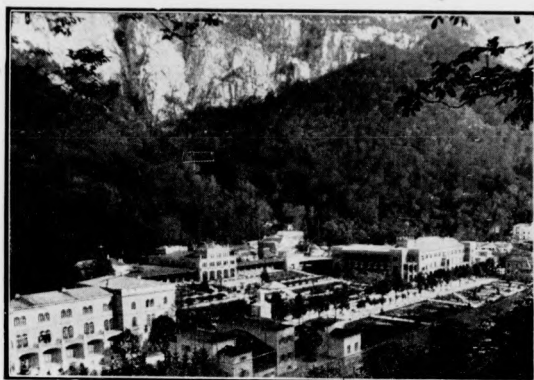
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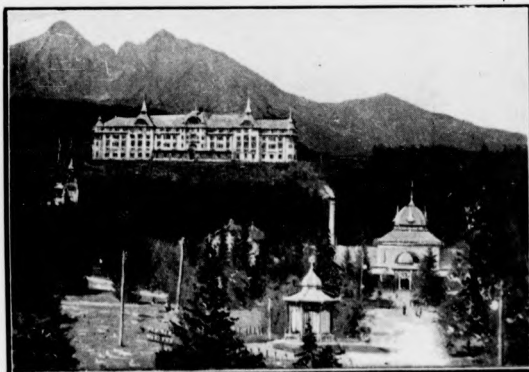
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