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Hungary and Its People.

The development of the intellectual life of the Hungarians.

By Prof. Zsolt de Bróthy.

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BUT THE personal courage of individuals would not without a strong feeling of community have been sufficient to protect, aggrandize, and maintain the little nation. The circumstance that throughout the whole course of its life from the earliest beginnings downwards, always, in all complications, wars, internal disturbances supported by strangers, its national life had been threatened, this circumstance in the most remarkable degree developed in the nation the propensity for the common national interests. Its constitution, its free institutions, its diets which were developed out of the camp of the nation, its counties, all strengthened this tendency. The common interest of the nation, especially *vis-à-vis* foreigners, even in the middle ages, occupied everybody in Hungary to such an extent, that Otto of Freisingen deemed it worthy of notice. The state of penetration by the feeling of common and national interest has always given the chief direction to the outward and inward life of



Miss LILY DE IBRÁNYI.

Photo Strelisky.

garian spirit, their constant dominion, are all the more interesting because the nation was formed from the mixture of various races and constantly increased by the continual absorption of foreign elements. It pervaded with its military ideal the Ugrian fishers and hunters, the peaceful settlers who had fled hither from the war-like troubles of the West. A deep and strong feeling for the new national connection into which they had entered struck root into the hearts of the Italians and Germans, who had broken loose from their ori-

the Hungarians. Characteristically and predominantly it manifests itself throughout the whole course and every branch of the intellectual life of the nation, — in its poetry, its sciences, its arts. This national feeling suggests all its thoughts and imaginations. Whatever it took from foreigners, from the western people who had preceded it in civilization, all these ideas and forms were modified and transformed so as to render them more and more suitable to the service of the national interests of Hungary.

These millennial traits of the Hun-

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ginal national connections, the elements on the other hand that had arrived from the East, the Turks, Cumans, Bulgarians, Petshegs, these wild and centrifugal elements, it gained over to the civilization that attached itself to the West, and made use of their strength in its service and in that of the national unity. A large portion of the territory of the new fatherland resembled in soil and climate the wilderness in which they had formerly dwelt. Thus the nature of the Hungarian country, the domination and public institution of the Hungarian race, the character of Hungarian history, even in spite of strong and continuous mixture, maintained down to the present day, at any rate in its main features, the original Hungarian spirit. The absorbed foreigners, knights and warlike nomads, agricultural and industrial settlers all alike became Hungarians, not only in speech but also in soul.

(To be continued.)



Carnival

THE CALICO Picnic of the Royal Hungarian Automobile Club was discussed at a recent meeting of the Committee. It was decided to hold the function at the Ritz Hotel and to enforce upon the guests automobile costume. The rule was made to apply to men and women alike. Supper is included in the entrance fee of twenty crowns. The date of the function is Feb. 4th.

Leopold Town Social Circle.

With the co-operation of various distinguished artistes this body held, on Jan 17th a Tango evening. Amongst future events are the Soirées for various Saturday evenings; these will consist of literary evenings, dances, artistic gatherings, concerts all of which will be noted in due course.

Fehér Cabaret.

The Central Catholic Circle held, on the 18th inst. its monthly Cabaret. The tit-bit of the programme was, of course, the appearance of Mr. Julius Kőváry, well known to habitués of the Medgyaszay Cabaret.

Stenographers' Ball.

This event, which called forth much interest in stenographic circles, was duly brought off on Jan. 25th. The Cabaret was arranged by Mr. Michael Bihari.

Future events.

The February List includes the Catholic, Széchenyi Apothecaries' Polytechnic Rowing Club, University, Circle, University Choir Balls all ar-

ranged for the immediate future. These will receive attention in due time.

Protestant Ball.

This, one of the chief events of the season, was preceded by a five o'clock tea at the Bristol. The Ball itself was held at the Assembly Rooms and was, if anything a little crowded. Many features of interest distinguished it. The ladies received various souvenirs of work from the Trade School of Art whilst the «Protestant Ball News» which appeared in the evening contained the names of all the guests. The music was supplied by Mr. Béla Radon and a Band of the National Guard.



Mr. Shrubsole.

THE STATUES of many people who have done less for Hungary than the subject of this note now adorn the public squares and thoroughfares of the Capital. We have before us, at a moderate computation, fifteen columns of newspaper cuttings, and a sheaf of letters representing the diverse activities of this protagonist during one short month. The mere physical exertion thus entailed upon a man who has long since passed the limit of three score years and ten allotted by the Psalmist must have been enormous. Add to that the wear and tear of mental faculties and one may get some remote idea of what the friends, or one friend, of Hungary is doing in that cause wherein we ourselves labour. We cannot possibly reproduce this work here but take an excerpt here and there.

Of the Westminster Gazette controversy nothing need now be said. We treated it in our last issue. It may however be worthy of mention in regard to the same journal to recall that Count Vécsey bore testimony to the efforts of Mr. Shrubsole on the side of religious equality. On another question the letter here reproduced tells its own story. It is addressed to a local newspaper in England.

«Budapest and the Great Hungarian Plain.»

Sir,—With reference to a recent notice in your paper that the slides used at my lecture on «Budapest and the Grand Hungarian Plain,» were supplied by the Austrian Government, may I be allowed to state that I have no connection with the Austrian Government, which is quite distinct from that of Hungary?

It appears to be not generally known in this country that the Empire of Austria and the much more ancient kingdom of Hungary are independent Sovereign States of equal political rank, which, for the purpose of mutual defence, have agreed to unite their naval and military forces, and to be represented in other lands by the same diplomatic agents; and that in making this agreement, neither State gave up any of its independence, nor the

right to make its own laws, and to manage its own internal affairs, without outside interference. Yours, etc.

W. H. Shrubsole.

Follows copy of a note which appeared in the London Daily News and Star of January 13th.

«Nobles' Race for a Smile.»

A Budapest reader of the «Daily News» sends us the story of a thrilling race for a woman's favour in which two young Hungarian nobles recently figured.

The lady is a popular actress, who was recently playing at Mezőtúr, where the rival nobles paid her attention and loaded her with gifts. When the day came for her departure with the theatrical company for Arad the rivals drove to the station to bid her farewell.

Each drove a magnificent pair of horses in a light trap, and they had vied with each other in the splendor of their appointments.

The carelessly-spoken words of the actress, «I'll see you again in Arad,» had a startling sequel. The words were uttered as the train moved off. Instantly the nobles rushed to their horses and, fired by a common impulse, lashed them to furious speed. They had determined to race to Arad.

For three and a half hours the horses were urged along the *mountain* road at the top speed. One of the nobles completed the journey safely. The second was not so fortunate, for less than a mile from the station one of his over-driven horses fell dead, and, maddened with rage at his rival's success, he drew his revolver and shot its exhausted companion.

«All this to win a woman's favour,» comments our correspondent. «What do you think of the Hungarian noble race? And what do you think of the Hungarian railways when horses can beat the trains?» Mr. Shrubsole replied in terms which covered most of the points at issue but we wish he had turned his attention to the last paragraph.

«Dear Sir,—

Whoever wrote the sensational report on this subject must, to some extent, have drawn on his imagination.

Mezőtúr is near the centre of the Great Plain of Hungary, and Arad also lies within that Plain

not far from its eastern border; yet we are told that in going from one of these places to the other, «for three and a half hours the horses were urged along the *mountain* road.»

Express trains between the towns mentioned are timed to do the journey in a few minutes over two hours, and it is seldom that they are more than a few minutes late.»

Our own observations may be a little more caustic. If the freak of two young nobles is to be taken as representing the customary pursuits of the Magyar nobility we may infer that the doings of one Whittaker Wright faithfully represent the activities of British Members of Parliament and that the judg-

ments of Grantham portray the wisdom of the Bench.

As to «horses beating the Hungarian railways» the adjective is misplaced. It should read «Hungarian horses beating railways.»

We will make a sporting offer. We will pick a couple of dozen Hungarian horses and back *each* to beat *any* Southern Railway train in England. In any other land but this Hungarian cab hacks would be entered for the Ascot Gold Cup.



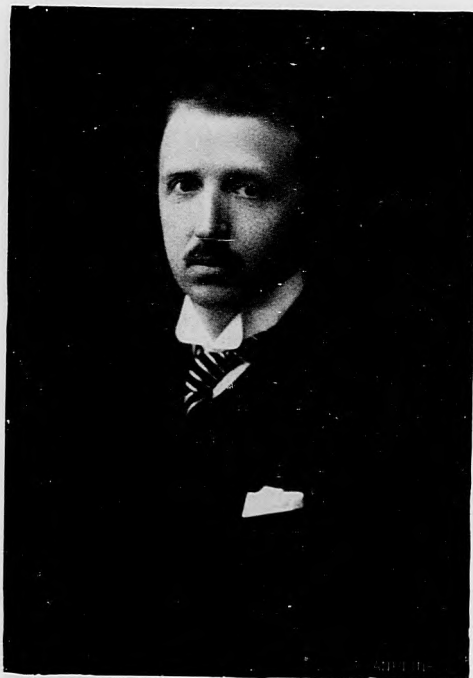
Mortality in Partridges.

A RECENT ARTICLE of Dr. Hammond Smith in the «*Field*», on this subject, has brought forth the subjoined note from a gentleman who has had much experience of Hungarian partridges. We quote from the «*Field*».

«My experience of the result obtainable by importing Hungarians is that when imported early and freshly caught the result is good. Late birds, which have stood the hard weather in Hungary, are not fit to stand our February weather, and though possibly in fair condition on arrival, before settling on their new ground they have become low in condition and unsuitable to pair with the stock left on the ground. The large majority of buyers now import birds late in the season, as they will not run the risk of their neighbours possibly shooting any that might stray over the boundary. Again, many men pride themselves on the fact that they have bought their birds 2s. or 3s. per brace less



Marquis ED. PALLAVICINI †.



Baron IVÁN SKERLECZ, the new Ban of Croatia-Slavonia.

than their neighbours, not realising that many of the dealers in Hungary catch up a large number of birds, and keep them in enclosures, waiting for orders. It is while penned up in this crowded state that they contract the diseases spoken of in Dr. Hammond Smith's article, and, though the birds they despatch may apparently be healthy, the germs of the disease are already in them. There are certain dealers who only import birds as caught up. Their charges are slightly higher, and often a customer

as possible, and should not be cheap and nasty.» Unfortunately a large number of «cheap and nasty» Hungarian partridges have, as a matter of fact, been imported from time to time, and it is surely arguable, if it is not unquestionable, that they have had their effect in reducing the general vitality of the stock with which they have been mingled.



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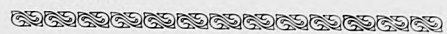
Photo by Székely.

is kept waiting a week or ten days for his birds, but a man who takes the trouble to really study the question will realise that this is the only way in which stock, fit to pair with the stock they have left on the ground, should be imported.»

This point of view will be particularly appreciated by those who hold that in certain places the importation of Hungarian birds has weakened the stamina of the stock, and that this weakening has gone on through succeeding generations. No doubt this has not happened everywhere, and there are many who hold, with the writer of the letter referred to by Dr. Hammond Smith, that Hungarians can always be depended upon to do good, but that they «should be turned down in small lots as early in the season

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B. K. E. in St. Moritz.

THE ICE-HOCKEY team of the Budapest Skating Club won the hockey-match arranged for this Swiss resort. It beat the celebrated Leipzig Hockey Club by 4 goals to nil.

SPORT ...

The International Amateur skating Championship was won by Miss M. Horváth, while in the man's junior class Paul Jaross was first, both of Budapest.

Skating Match.

The Budapest Skating Club arranged a very delightful programme for last Sunday. The events included a 1500 meter handicap, a 500 m. children's race and a dancing competition for ladies and gentlemen.

International Skating.

The great Skating Meeting was opened at Davos in the middle of January. Amongst the competitors were Oscar Mathiesen, Dr. Konning and the Englishman Dix. On the Sunday following, the Vienna Skating Club arranged an international match which, however, had to be postponed as, by reason of the Davos attraction the Club could not be sure of attracting an International entry.

Hungarian Bobsleigh Championship.

The highwater mark of the Tátralomnicz Winter Sport Programme will be reached on Feb. 8th when the Tátra Club will arrange the National Championship for Double and Five-rider Bobsleighs. The Skeleton Championship will also be decided at this meeting.

Baron Kornfeld and the M. T. K.

Baron Paul Kornfeld, director of the Hungarian General Credit Bank, has been invited to share the Presidency of the M. T. K. with Mr. Alfréd Brüll. This means a great impetus and positive gain to sport.

Hunting.

The Duke Christian Hohenlohe has invited several distinguished foreign sportsmen to take part in the great hunt arranged upon his Somogy estates.



Tangoism.

TIME: Five o'clock. The Society beauty, in ravishing afternoon toilette is driving to the Ritz whose great salon is full of white-covered tables. Many of the tables display a card «Sacred to the presence of Mr. D. and Divinity» or «Mrs. C and Circle» This *legenda* is in much better taste than the vulgar word «Engaged» which, in certain circumstances, can be most embarrassing, as for instance when a young lady finds herself fortuitously at the side of Captain Sabretache whom she had the exciting honour of refusing in Gerbeaud's little room no longer ago than yesterday.

Well dressed pages convey cream and tea and all the light gifts of the gods which support ethereal existence in the half-death before dinner. To be in keeping with their situation these pages should be Ganymedes, Ariels, floating hither and thither in the rhythmic poetry of motion. They should be «in the air» where the Tango is, — but they are not. Nor are they «pages of fiction» but mere adjuncts and adjunctants of this same Baal-Tango!

On this subject, — God forgive our fellow creatures, — books have been written, even poems, of course by people who never saw the Tango in its mestizzan home and never will.

Those who can remember the craze for spelling bees, of the seventies will not be surprised at any other craze. In those days Spelling Bees invaded every home like Monkey-Brand and the man who came to look at the gas meter. Wearied fathers of families fresh — or jaded — from the City, instead of sitting down to the fiction of the evening journals were dragged into a ring and forced to make exhibitions of themselves for the edification of their gleeful children, «Pterodactyl» — the word was fired at poor unfortunates who did not know whether this were the writing on the wall or only a cheese, perhaps a wine.

It was severe mental exercise but useful. It was followed in succession by various other mad amusements such as slumming, getting divorced, the giving of dinners to monkeys and dogs by less intelligent ladies of the «400» — 399 of whom are now being treated in sanatoria.

Then came Bridge. Bridge by the side of other crazes was delirious, but in the true spirit of a rationalist age, a something which paid. There are people who cross the Atlantic 52 times a year for



Mme FRANCIS DE KOSSUTH, née MARY KVASSAY.

Photo by Goszleth.

the mere pleasure of never leaving the card-room. Then came the craze for telling the truth. It did not last long, but it re-organised Society: it gave us a new definition of the word friend and it broke for ever those elements constitutionally unable to tell the truth, even the unpleasant truth. This craze never got a footing in Hungary.

Now comes Tango. Well, as I said before, «God forgive us.» It might have been bloomers or high bodices or necklaces and a postage stamp. We have still something to be thankful for.

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Years ago a beauty who was rather thin and rather anaemic danced in the celebrated Winter garden of Berlin. Her name was Leona and she

was scarcely noticed. Some months later she woke to find herself famous as Leona the wonder dancer of New York. Now she has a long engagement in London and in the most fashionable restaurant of Piccadilly, at suppers, at all times and seasons she dances the Tango with the charming Miss Florence Walton.

«Everybody's doing it now.»

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Hear a parable.

Ages and ages ago when St. Michael was *locum tenens* at the Gate, there came, halting and lame to Heavens Gate a stranger. He acknowledged everything -- that he was a miserable sinner that

The Jubilee of the Stock Exchange.

OF JUBILEES in general we have our opinion. A street-sweeper who has managed to hold his position for three consecutive days usually celebrates the «Jubilee» of his services by getting gloriously drunk on the fourth. In effect the «Jubilee» business is a little overdone here. Why should anybody want an excuse to be convivial? A dozen men of kindred tastes come together, make a night of it, speak, smoke, if in the humour sing, even dance. Why must they go through their records to find in the musty past some event which might be pleaded before their countrymen as justification? Why



The Stock Exchange, Budapest.

he had robbed and burnt like a good Churchman, that he had killed his man and begotten his man and wanted mercy rather than justice. Michael who was an angel not a Churchman shook his head. «Have you anything to set off against this?» «A little. I never went back on a friend, always shot straight and danced the tango neat» (unabridged).

«Did you?» said Michael. «Let's see it.»

The stranger forthwith went through the unholy mazes of this classic accomplishment. But halfway through he found himself alone. Michael had gone back to earth! And the gates of heaven were open wide.

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People are now asking each other if Tango is a disease or a religion.

«Hungary» is the best medium for advertising.

prostitute to such ignoble use one of the finest religious conceptions of two of the greatest Churches which have ever been?

The Jubilee of the Bourse is in quite a different category. To begin with the Bourse is a very important national and international institution and its activities reflect the material well-being of the nation. Secondly the Jubilee is a Jubilee. It represents the fifty years of the Bibel.

The development (of the Bourse) is best reflected by the individuality of the President. From the generation of Hungarian-German commercial giants came Frederick Kochmeister whilst the Presidency of the late Baron Sigismund Kornfeld signified the connection of a Magyarised Budapest with modern economic life. In the spirit of that great man the Exchange is now being directed by Mr. Elemér Horváth Ministerial Councillor, President, who is assisted by Messrs Jacob Simon and Charles Véghe and the efforts of these gentlemen, making due allowance for the work

of their illustrious predecessors, may be gauged by the position which commercial Hungary holds in the world now, as contrasted with that of thirty years ago.

The Jubilee of such a worthy institution should be worthily celebrated. Among the guests present were:—Baron John Harkányi, Minister of Commerce, Dr. John Teleszky, Minister of Finance, Baron Emerich Ghillány, Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Eugene Balogh, Minister of Justice, Madarassy, Dr. Lers, Kálmán, Bartóky and Pap State-Secretaries. Széll, Lánczy, Tolnay, Vörös, Wekerle, Matlekovits and Alex. Popovich Privy Councillors.

Dr. Alex. Hollán, Dr. Alex. Halász, Joseph Vészi, and Géza Baross Ministerial Councillors and many other Austrian and foreign distinguished representatives of all industrial and commercial branches.

In the course of the meeting Elemér Horváth the President of the Stock Ex-

Hot Bath Slaves.

THE VEXED question of the hot bath, which was condemned by Dr. Fortescue Fox at the International Congress of Medicine, was discussed recently by a much-travelled balneologist, who has inquired into the bathing habits of many peoples in the course of his wanderings.

This is the most bath-ridden country in the world since the days of ancient Rome," he said. «Undoubtedly we have too many hot baths. Too much hot bath lounging and washing are bad for the skin and for the general constitution, and are generally a sign of laziness, self-indulgence, and effeminacy. The modern, easily tired man is becoming a slave of his hot bath, where, with the aid of an adjustable electric light, a book rest, and a box of cigarettes he evaporates his strength.



ELEMÉR DE HORVÁTH, Ministerial Councillor, President.



DR. CHARLES VÉGH.



JACOB SIMON

Court Councillors. Vice-Presidents of the Stock Exchange.

change announced that the Council of the Royal Exchange voted a sum of 83,000 crowns to be distributed among the unemployed and the poor of the city of Budapest and other charitable institutions. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Stock Exchange several members of the Council were distinguished and decorated by His Majesty the King, while Mr. Elemér de Horváth received the Second Class of the Order of the Iron Crown.

«Other countries are much more moderate in their bathing habits, but in England, unlimited baths are the rule—daily or twice daily without fail, and at other times when there is nothing else to do. In German middle-class houses the bath is regulated to a nicety, conformable with health and cleanliness. Not only the frequency but also the temperature of the bath is studied. A thermometer is found in most bathrooms.



Launch of the Dreadnought «St. Stephen» in Fiume.

«In Italy the hot bath is regarded as even less of a necessity. A girl friend was going to an Italian school in Naples, and found on the hall notice board on the first day of the term the following order:—

All girls wishing to have a bath this term are requested to write their names here.

«America is a good second to England in the bath obsession, and probably beats us for the variety of the fancy baths indulged in.

«The ideal is probably a weekly hot bath soak of ten minutes at an atmosphere of 98deg. to 101deg. Fahrenheit, and a daily cold or tepid splash bath after a previous wash.»



Launch of the St. Stephen.

WE ARE NOT a maritime nation. Our satisfaction, then, at the launch of the first Hungarian Dreadnought built at a Hungarian port Fiume and named after our first and greatest King «Szent István» (St. Stephen) will not appear out of place to the English or Americans with whom such an event is, as one might say, of every-day occurrence.

The brilliant ceremony was performed by the Archduchess Maria Theresa on behalf of His Majesty the King who pressed the button which set the machinery in motion. She took the water beautifully as a duck. For the ceremony thousands of tickets had been distributed, the authorities wisely considering the occasion one for widespread national rejoicing. As indeed it was. This is the fourth ship of the new Toint Programme.

After the ceremony the Governor of Fiume, Count Stephen Wickenburg, and his lady, the Countess gave a soirée which was attended by, amongst others, Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian, Austrian and Common Ministers, Counts Joseph Zichy, A. Cziráky, J. Cziráky, H. Apponyi, G. Szapáry, S. Széchenyi, P. Széchenyi, and A. Teleki, Dr. Alex. Hollán, Ministerian Councilor, Dr. W. Lers, State Secretary, S. Lázár, Barons L. Hengelmüller, F. Gerliczy and various members of Parliament, Military and public bodies.



Art, Science, and Literature.

State Purchase from the Art Gallery.

THE MINISTER of Public Instruction, Dr. Béla Jankovics has approved of the recommendation of the National Hungarian Fine Art Council, to purchase various pictures from the collection which formed this season's great Winter Exhibition. The purchase price of the ten canvases selected is 26,400 crowns. The new home of these works will be the Museum of Fine Arts. The artists represented include Ödön Szamovolszky, John Pásztor, Julius Eder, and the sculptor John Horvay. Various other works have been acquired, including specimens of Alex. Endrey, Julius Rudnay, Mrs. Oscar Glatz, Imre Csikász, Sigfried Pongrácz, Louis Pick and Julius Tury.

Hungarian Geographical Society.

Before a meeting of this Society, under the Presidency of Dr. Louis Lóczy, a lecture was delivered

by Dr. George Vargha. «Geography and the Middle Schools.» The speaker recognised the developments which geography had undergone during the last decades and showed the peculiar material and system of the present-day scientific geography. He referred to the common work of teacher and pupil and urged the introduction of a geographical «Slöyd» system, the arrangement of excursions and the creation of special Museums. He also showed that no results can be obtained under the present system of educating teachers and thus reform is both necessary and inevitable.

Munkácsy Exhibition.

The Ernst Museum is busy preparing for this Exhibition which is intended to mark the Jubilee of the great master. Works of art are being solicited even from private collections. Mr. Louis Ernst will travel abroad, doubtless for the purpose of making the Exhibition complete. We shall have further occasion to deal with the subject next month, upon the opening.

Kisfaludy Society.

The National Museum was the scene of the third of this season's Shakespearean lecture on Jan. 25th. Mr. Bernard Alexander lectured upon Henry IV whilst Mr. Julius Gál reserved his appreciation for «Scenes from Henry IV.»

The Mikszáth Room.

With quiet but fitting ceremony the Mikszáth Room was opened in the Academy. Amongst those present were:— The President, Albert Berzeviczy, Mr. Gustave Heinrich, Chief Secretary, Messrs Győző Concha, Ignatius Goldzieher, Géza Entz, Section Chairmen, Messrs Joseph Szinnyei and Isidore Fröhlich, Section

Secretaries, various members of the family and representatives of the Press.

A laurel wreath with the inscription,
TO THE MEMORY OF KÁLMÁN MIKSZÁTH
THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY.

was placed under the portrait of the author.

English Recitative.

Miss Evelyn Heepe, whose phenomenal success in all the greater cities of the Continent set our Society agog, gave an exhibition of her powers before a highly influential and distinguished gathering on Jan. 22nd. The reciter gave various renderings from Dickens, Kipling, Tennyson, Poe, Shelley, and other celebrated British and American authors.

Lectures on Hungary.

It seems that our interests are not uncared for in the New World, outside the diplomatic and Consular Services. We have received news of the doings of Mr. A. S. Roberts of Newport who has delivered many lectures on the social and economic sides of Hungarian life to very appreciative audiences. Wisely he does not touch politics which are really not for Anglo-Saxon consumption.



Current News

Concert before the Archduke.

Last week T. R. H., the Archduke Joseph and Archduchess Augusta commanded the services of the great violinist, Dezső Szigeti, Mr. Thcmán the brilliant pianist and Henry Son, the 'cellist. Amongst the audience were the Duke and Duchess Albert



Count Michael Eszterházy's Palace at Cseklész.



The Seat of H. R. H. Archduke Joseph at Kistapolesány.

Thurn-Taxis and the Archduchess Margaret in whose honour the concert had been arranged.

The Banus of Croatia.

Baron Stephen Skerlecz, paid a visit to the Austrian Capital to express to the Sovereign and Members of the Ruling House his personal congratulations. He presented, at the same time, the customary report upon current affairs, and departed for Zagreb to resume his duties.

Mr. Kossuth's Romance.

Francis Kossuth, leader of the Independence Party in the Hungarian Parliament, was married on his sick bed at Budapest on the 12th ult. to Countess Benyovszky née Mary Kvassay. Mr. Kossuth, who is aged seventy-three, is the son of the late Louis Kossuth, the great Hungarian patriot, who led the rising against Austria in 1848. He was a close friend of Count Benyovszky, and the latter, when on his death-bed, less than a year ago, begged Mr. Kossuth to marry his widow. Both Mr. Kossuth and Countess Benyovszky had nursed the sick man, and when Mr. Kossuth fell ill the Countess nursed him too.

They were to have been married in March, when the Countess's period of mourning for her husband ends, but suddenly Mr. Kossuth became worse, and the marriage was celebrated at one o'clock. There was a double ceremony, as Mr. Kossuth is a Protestant, while Countess Benyovszky, who is aged fifty-nine, is a Roman Catholic.

Oaths of Office.

The Minister of Commerce, Baron John Harkányi, the Minister of Justice, Dr. Eugene Balogh and the Minister of the Interior, Mr. John de Sándor took the customary oaths to His Majesty on the occasion of being advanced to the rank of Privy

Councillor. They were followed by Mr. John Marx, ex-President of the Royal Hungarian State Railways who enjoys a like honour.

Marquis Edward Pallavicini.

The sudden death of the Marquis Edward Pallavicini has called forth general grief and sympathy for the bereaved relatives. Politics, Society, Diplomacy, Commerce all suffer by a withdrawal of activities which have been directed for the general good of the country during many years of an eventful and distinguished career. Many charitable institutions will also feel the loss of a friend and supporter. Public bodies and private individuals have anticipated where they have not followed the Royal House in offering condolence.

New State Secretaries.

Mr. Alexander Benedek has taken his leave of the Ministry of Public Instruction and Dr. Louis Hosvay and Count Kunó Klebelsberg are now installed as State-Secretaries. The Minister, Dr. Béla Jankovich, introduced his new adjuncts at a special gathering in the great Hall of the Ministerium. In response, the former, the political aide, foreshadowed many improvements in the methods as well as the details of public instruction.

British Journalists' Association.

Mr. Robert Donald, the President of this Association, and Editor-in-chief of the Daily Chronicle paid a visit to the City and visited Count Tisza and Dr. Teleszky, the Minister of Finance.

Hungarian State Railways.

Changes in Management. We are upon the eve of great changes in the higher ranks of the Railway Service Ladder. Mr. John Marx retires on a

well-earned pension and is to be succeeded as General Managing Director by Mr. Corneille Tolnay.

The retiring Director has had a distinguished career. Beginning at the bottom he worked his way step by step by energy and ability to the crown of the edifice. During the last eight years he has had much to do with traffic policy and for his services in this direction he has been made a Privy Councillor. Mr. Tolnay, after strenuous work in the lower departments has now reached the position which his father before him held so many years with advantage to the service and the public. Both his predecessors have set him good models. In the knowledge that he will follow in their footsteps we offer him our hearty congratulations.



George Borrow. A Link with Hungary.

There are some curious facts in Borrow's letters to his wife, «My Dearest Carreta». Writing from Hungary he says:—

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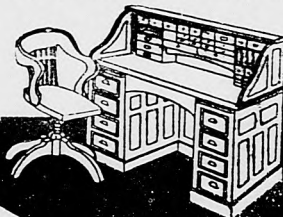
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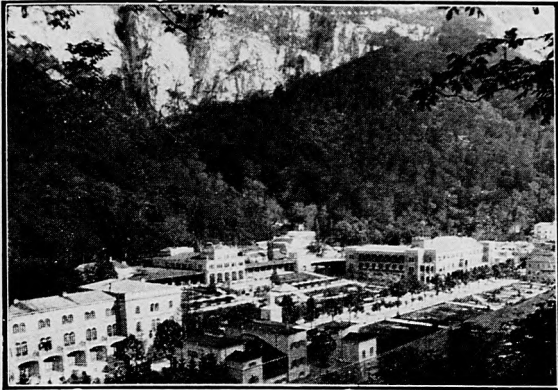
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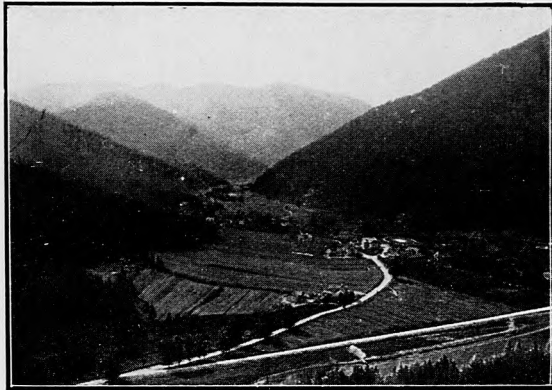
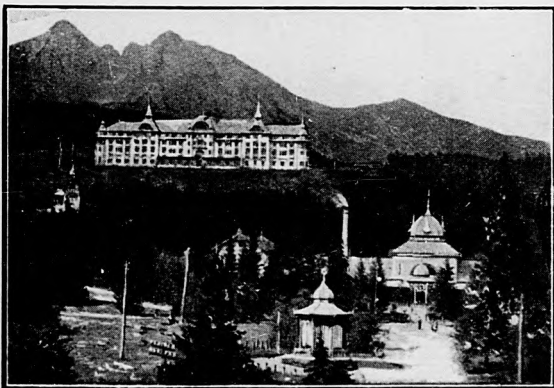


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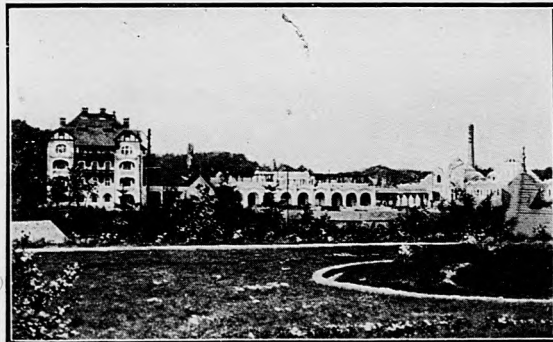


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