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## Hungary and Its People.

The development of the intellectual life of the Hungarians.

By Prof. Zsolt de Beóthy.

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ország . . .

THE earliest poetical manifestations of the Hungarian spirit of which traces, subjects, general ideas remain with us, manifest the characteristic predominance of the national interest, the direction of national politics. Those who occupied the fatherland under the leadership of Árpád at the end of the IX century might have learnt, partly from people who had lived under the rule of the Huns and had afterwards retired eastwards, partly from the peoples who were still living in this land, the traditions of the most powerful of its rulers, of King Attila, those legends out of which was woven the latter part of the *Nibelungenlied*. These legends the Magyars accepted as their own and declared the Huns and the Magyars to be two brother nations, the descendants of Hunor and Magyar. The world-ruling Attila they accepted and proclaimed as their own ancestor, his glory and power as their own proud memory, and his land as their former kingdom and rightful inheritance. Who



Photo by Prof. Koller successr.

The Countess HADIK and her brother.

alone have preserved the memory of Prince Csaba, another hero of these traditions, and it is characteristic that just from him who wandered away into exile, because he could not do homage to the stranger and live at peace with him, just from him they deduce the descent of Árpád, the founder of the country.

The form of the fabulous Álmos, the father of Árpád, appears in connection with the Hun legends; his mission, that he should lead the Magyars into their present fatherland, is announced by a

does not feel that the national imagination was led in this combination, as it were instinctively, by the national interest and sentiment? Of all the stories the different nations made about Attila, those of the Hungarians surround the form of the king of the Huns with the greater splendour, they alone invest the «scourge of God» with the attractive features of a hero after «the people's own heart». Some of the legends of the Hungarian occupation of the fatherland are interwoven with the tradition of the Huns; the Hungarian traditions

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strange bird, The wanderings; the treaty sealed by the blood of the chiefs; the elevation of Árpád to sovereignty, his successful battles and those of the seven leaders, with which they took possession of the country from its previous possessors; all these form the subjects of the second great circle of the primaeval Hungarian legendary poetry, *the legend of the occupation of the fatherland*. To these the last legends of the heathen world, join on as it were a conclusion; the adventures in foreign lands under the successors of Árpád, their plundering expeditions, of which the principal heroes are Lehel with his horn, and Botond with his battle axe. All these were kept alive by the minstrels as they sang to the sound of their harps in the tents and camps, and later on in the newly formed villages; as they spoke to the crowds there assembled of the deeds of their forefathers, embellished by the imagination, the last «tenders and nurses» of the heathen traditions already growing pale in the distance and already subjected to persecution.

(To be continued.)



### Society Notes

**L**A TANGO EST MORTE. Banned by the Church, frowned down by moralists, expressly prohibited by Queens and Courts, this, absolutely the most idiotic of all social crazes since that of New-York for giving monkey-dinners, quietly expired. Nobody has yet had the courage to write its *Hic Jacet* perhaps because, though dead to decent Society, it has naturally made a descent to the chantants and dancing classes for nurse maids where it will no doubt flourish till it is bidden to depart to the soldier's go-as-you-please all-night pandemonium. Now that it is beyond the reach of insult and criticism it will do no harm to say that it never *was* the Tango and never had the remotest resemblance to it.

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There is little real salon life in Budapest. Of course I do not refer to the rigours of the old French mansions nor to Holland House or that



Ancient Pillory at Nagy-Tapolcsány.

grand Society to which Lady Blessington presented him who, though an exile, was soon to be hailed as Napoleon III. Simply to the idea of collecting under one hospitable roof all that is socially good, interesting and amusing in art, literature, politics and science. By amusing I do not mean frivolous. No one in these days could of course hope to emulate the *salon* of Lady Holland. Firstly the constituents are not at hand. The outstanding personalities of English Society, from the days of Walpole to those of D'Orsay and Disraeli, could never again exist in the profusion and blaze of genius which characterised those times. It is an age of little men — a truth one cannot too often emphasise.

That, of course, does not prevent the institution, by some well-known and popular hostess, of a salon which could make the most of the materials at hand. But if one barred the erotic and the idiotic the choice would be wonderfully confined. Still ten great men and women would be better than fifty mediocrities.

Of course your true salon is democratic. It must be. One does not look to the ranks of Society—the Society of birth—for genius, say in literature and science. For Budapest the idea should present no difficulties. Every Magyar is a noble. Amongst nobles one should seek the true home and atmosphere of democracy.

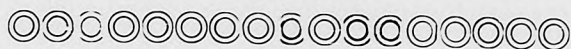
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The New-York Palace was recently the scene of a highly successful social gathering, when Dr. Albert Berzeviczy and his charming wife entertained, exactly some such Society as has been outlined. The guests included, the Counts Alex. Apponyi, Paul Festetich, Alex Teleki, with their Countesses: Barons Fred. Harkányi, John Harkányi and wife, Baron Imre Ghillány and family, Countesses George Haller and Arminius Mikes, Baron Imre Szalay; Messrs Béla Balás and wife, Ödön Miklós, Nicholas Szmrecsányi, Leo Lánzy and wife, Nicholas Ghiczy and wife and Miss Ghiczy, F. Kabós, G. Térey, P. Kuzmik, G. Heinrich, F. Bolgár, J. Pekár, Ö. Wagner, D. Navratil with their wives. There were also present amongst others whom we could not at the moment identify, the Barons G. Szvetenay and G. Szvetenay and G. Szalay with his wife and the Russian Consul-General Priklonsky and his wife.

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It is refreshing to hear that something, however little, is being done for the unemployed and for

those who are suffering from the effects of the inundations. Lectures were delivered in behalf of a Fund for this purpose, and these, attractive to lovers of art were fairly well patronised. The good genius of this, as of very many similar humanitarian movements was the Baroness Ilona Barkóczy who called for assistance upon Mesdames G. Kálmán, A. Steller, and J. Zemplény, and that *preux chevalier* and true knight errant, Mr. Aladár Haasz.



## Commander Evans.

Lectures in Budapest.

THE GRAND HALL of the National Museum was filled with a large and distinguished audience on Thursday last week in the evening under the auspices of the Geographical Society to hear Commander Evans, R.N., C.B., lecture on the thrilling story of the Scott expedition.

Commander Evans, who narrated his own share in the expedition, and its various incidents as they came before his eyes, told his story as a sailor should, in short, sharp phrases which in their very terseness were often full of eloquence; and to hear him give the history of his own troubles and those of his brave companions is a precious psychological lesson even when one has read the now well-known record of heroism. These brave fellows took it all rather as a joke; and grim and even tragic as it often was, the lecturer gave his audience a vivid impression of how coolly and undauntedly, often with a bluff humour, these men marched out to do what they considered their simple duty, which in so many cases meant going to their death. Commander Evans, in the «tightest» places, often relieved his story by a little joke, and he rarely missed an opportunity to pay testimony to the qualities of a comrade.

The lecture was illustrated by most interesting photographs, as well as kinematograph views, showing how much the world owes to the indefatigable photographer, who was such a joke among his fellow-travellers.

The gallant officer was loudly cheered at

the end of his lecture, almost every point of which had been marked by signs of approval or interest.

The President of the Geographical Society, Mr. Louis Lóczy, afterwards, in well-chosen language presented to Commander Evans, on behalf of the Society, its highest award — the Gold Medal. The Commander made a warm and suitable response.

In the evening the National Casino was the scene of another gathering when Commander Evans and Mr. Madham were banquetted by the Society. Amongst the guests, in addition to the guests of honour and the President were the Archduchess Augusta and Archduke Joseph Francis, Dr. Béla Jankovich, Minister for Public Instruction, the Vice-President Rudolf Havass, the Chief Secretary Count Paul Teleki Secretary, Dr. Stephen Bárczy, Baron Loránd Eötvös, Julius Halász, Dr. Louis Ilosvay, State-Secretary, Messrs Dr. B. Erődy, E. Kammerer, Z. Jekelfalussy, A. Wodianer, J. Ruszt, J. Piukovits G. Thirring, C. Gubányi, Elemér László, B. Inkey Dr. A. Paikert, Alex. Hegedüs, jnr., P. Meszlény Lord Lieutenant, etc.

Dr. Jankovich conveyed the greetings of the Government and the President Mr. Louis Lóczy, in his speech, recalled the fact that the late Capt. Sir Robert Scott had promised to lecture upon the result of his expedition in Budapest but circumstances had absolved the martyr to science from his promise.

Commander Evans replied in a very beautiful speech.

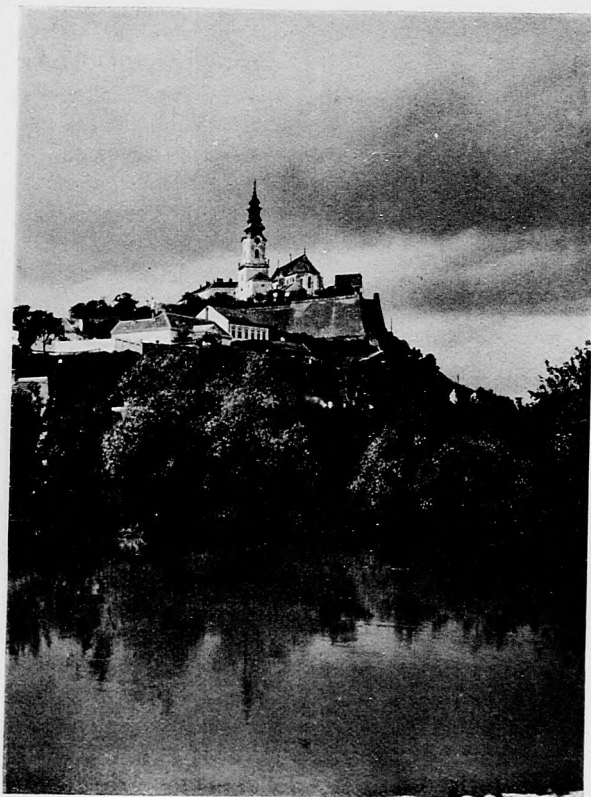
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## Carnival.

THE JURISTS BALL, arranged by the Hungarian Law Students' Sport Club, in aid of charities was successfully brought off in the Royal Hotel. T.R.H. the Archduke Joseph and Archduchess Augusta were received by Count Ladislaus Wenckheim. For once overcrowding was avoided, that is to say in a comparative sense, and all



Cathedral in Nyitra.

passed off well. A feature of the occasion was the number of foreign notabilities.

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The Catholic Ball was a brilliant affair. T.R.H. the Archduke Joseph and Archduchess Augusta, the latter attended by her Lady-in-Waiting, Miss Anna Maj-



King Matthias «Calvary» in the Esztergom Cathedral.

thényi, were received by Counts Géza Andrássy and John Zichy the joint-Presidents, and the party was afterwards reinforced by H.R.H. the Archduke Frederick. When the circle was formed various ladies and gentlemen were introduced and were distinguished by the various royalties who left about midnight. It would be impossible to give, in detail, the names of those attending, suffice it that those names were thoroughly representative of Hungarian Catholicism.

The Lipót Town Social Circle, following a somewhat new idea, arranged a family Musical Evening and Concert combined. Mrs Joseph Csillag, the very popular and distinguished artiste quite charmed the audience with her renderings of the songs of Liszt, Grieg, and Káldy. We understand that Mrs. Csillag shortly intends to give a concert herself and have no doubt whatever that the success she commands in these smaller circles will follow her before a larger and more mixed public.

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The Black and White evening of the Fészek club was notable for one characteristic which is, of course, inherent in the very idea of the Club. The company was of all sorts; social lions were, in view of the great Catholic ball, at first relatively few, but few or many, lions or mice the whole gathering shewed the democracy of sport, in a Bohemian sense. It was one flushed and happy family and no one there regretted for a moment that certain absurd physical laws presented man from being in two places at once. The whole was, as the name implied, a study in Black and White, but few paused to study the study. People had come to be amused and to amuse each other. If everybody were so successful there would be less wasted effort to mourn.



## Art, Science, and Literature.

### Jubilee of Julius Benczur.

QUITE a series of events have been arranged and carried through in honour of this anniversary. First there was the sitting of the Society of Fine Arts which, in a decorated hall received the Archduke Joseph who was attended by Count Julius Andrássy, President. The speech was delivered by the latter. The National Salon put off its formal appreciation till the next meeting but, in the meantime forwarded a suitably worded document recording its appreciation. The Fine Art Committee of the Lipót Town Casino, properly authorised by the Committee of the Club, offered, as a body, its congratulations and good wishes.

### Shakespeare Matinee.

The Shakespearian Committee of the Kisfaludy Society arranged their third matinee of the year in the National Museum. The members of the Society attended in great number under the Presidency of Dr. Albert Berzeviczy.

Dr. Bernát Alexander, the most popular commentator of Shakespeare read his study of the drama *Henry IV*. Afterwards Mr. Julius Gál read two scenes from the same play, turning upon Falstaff, and these were much appreciated.

### The Greek Catholic Bishopric.

Mr. John Szabó, President of the National Committee of the Greek Catholic Hungarians, member of the House of Lords has made an earnest study of the new Greek Catholic Bishopric Question. He

explains that the new Bishopric is not the creation of Magyar Chauvinism. The protection of the Magyartom is also a German interest, vis-a-vis, the Slav danger threatening on all sides and thus it would be advisable for Magyars and Roumanians to understand one another. = It is good for everybody to understand one another, if they will take the trouble.

#### Ethnographical Society.

This Society recently held, under the Chairmanship of its President, Baron Imre Szalay, its first meeting of the year. Mr. Julius Sebestyén delivered a memorial speech for Vámbéry, the recently deceased scientist, who had long been an honorary member of the Society. It attracted a very numerous and appreciative audience. The lecturer considered Vámbéry under three aspects: as a philologist, an ethnographer, as international politician. He recognised that the Finn-Ugor comparative philologists with their scientific system can vitiate the opinions of Vámbéry, but that was not of much account. As an international politician he was well and widely known.

At the close Tibolt Schmidt delivered an address, with illustrations, on the «Roumanian Village». Both contributions were well received.

#### The Academy.

Mr. Julius Haraszti, at a February sitting of the first Section of the Academy of Science, delivered an address on Molière. He was followed by Mr Géza Vojnovich who spoke of the literary activities of General Görgei.

#### Memorial to Baron Frederick Korányi.

An American engineer, some years ago fell ill during his travels in Europe, and passed under the hands of Baron Korányi for treatment. Learning from the newspapers of the death of the saviour of his life, the erstwhile patient forwarded five hundred crowns from America as a contribution towards the cost of the statue which it is proposed to erect in memory of the Professor.

#### Fine Art.

The Sixth Exhibition of the Society of Fine Arts is due to be opened in March next. The gold and silver medals, the Metropolitan prize, that of Mrs. George Ráth and the Society's own foundation award will be distributed on this occasion.

#### Further honour for a Hungarian.

It will be recollected that only a month ago we had occasion to refer to the extraordinary honour

conferred by the University of Freiburg upon one of the youngest approved scientists of this generation — Dr. Aurél Szily. This young gentleman was allowed to enjoy his titular distinction of Professor for exactly two months when the University of Düsseldorf offered him a chair. To the honour of Professor Szily he declined, preferring rather to remain some little time longer at Freiburg, the University which first gave recognition to his academic claims. We congratulate both him and his father, Professor Adolf Szily upon this early but deserved triumph.



Esztergom Cathedral. The Bakócz Chapel.

#### Journalists' Pension Found.

This Fund has been enriched by the following contributions:— Metropolitan Millers' Association; 300 crowns. *Budapesti Hirlap* Collection; 107 crowns. National League of Anti-Alcohol Associations; 50 crowns. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fleischmann (through the Pester Lloyd); 20 crowns. The Balassagyarmat Savings' Bank and Credit Co.; 30 crowns, — for all and each of which the Trustees are exceedingly grateful.

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The Church at Bény. Restored in the XIIIth Century.

### Winter Life in the High-Tátra.

TO THOSE who have experienced the delights of winter sports in the High Tátra there is nothing surprising in the great increase in popularity of this form of holiday in recent years. Choose whatever Tátra resort one will, and given a certain minimum altitude, one can be sure of hard frost, snow in abundance, dry, clear atmosphere, and, above all, daily sunshine. This combination of conditions, unbelievable to those who have not known the Tátra regions in winter, makes a first holiday of this kind an amazing revelation, and the call of the ice becomes more insistent every succeeding year.

To-day winter sports have reached a pitch of development never dreamed of by the pioneers of the late 'seventies. The devotees of ski-ing, skating, tobogganing, bobsleighting, curling, and shooting

for every other sport. With the extraordinary increase of winter sport visitors in the last five years, hotel accommodation may now be found throughout the High-Tátra resorts in winter which can hardly be improved upon in the English, French or German capitals.

The health value of winter sports in the Tátra highlands can scarcely be exaggerated. The pure, rarefied atmosphere, the grateful sunshine and the strenuous exercise induce a glow and sting of living such as nothing else can. At all the centres the season has already commenced since Dec. 15th, the first snows having fallen, before Christmas and the clubs at Tátralomnicz the three Tátrafüreds, Matlárháza and Lake Csorba are in constant harness and from now onward a full programme of sport will be provided until the month of March.

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number thousands where before they were solitary apostles, and the sports are organised with remarkable thoroughness. The highly organised centres have clubs to control every section of every sport, and many of the toboggan runs and bobsleigh runs, for instance, are managed with the smoothness and care of a railway and heated electric cars, the latter communicates from Tátralomnicz to Lake Csorba a distance of 25 kilometres. Various centres have become specially indentified with particular sports; but while one may be well known as a curling centre, a second as affording excellent ski-ing facilities and a third as providing a famous bobsleigh run, they also all cater fully

## Sport and Pastime.

THE BUDAPEST Skating Club's renowned hockey team recently played a match with the M.A.C. on the ground of the latter, Margaret Island. The result—16:5 in favour of the former—shews evidence of good form.

Sixteen more Clubs have terminated their interest in the English Cup, but those that remain include all of the favourites.

Our own football clubs are not hibernating. Last week, indeed the previous week saw them out for preliminary canters, but as long as the frost holds no serious football can be undertaken.

For the second year in succession the *Coupe de Fontenoy*, the French equivalent for the Waterloo Cup, has been won by an Englishman. According to the Times report the «Hungarian hares ran splendidly».

The Hungarian Skating Championships, have been lost and won, for this year at any rate. The fast skating has gone to Dr. Dezső Gyurmán and the fancy skating to Andor Szende.

There were eight competitors, three from Kolozsvár a number which gives «furiously to think». Such a poor entry argues little interest in the sport and the form of the aspirants was very disappointing. One member of the Club had even gone the length of training in Christiania but on an off day he failed to

come up to expectations. — Dr. Gyurmán won the 500 meters race, the favourite, Voith, not being in it. The 1500 meters went to the same competitor.

Some small attention is devoted by the «Sportsman», the English racing paper and official authority, to the contemplated changes in the rules relating to bookmakers on the Courses, by the Hungarian Jockey Club. The paper merely records the fact without committing itself to any particular expression of opinion.

The Francis Town Club fencing team arranged



The Town-Hall at Nagyszombat.

a match with the representatives of the Hungarian Athletic Club which was decided on the Üllői Street ground. The winners of a good series of games were the Athletic Club team, the result being 22 points to 14 in their favour.

The International Bob-sleigh Meeting of the Tátra Club was held very successfully before a magnificent assemblage at Tátra-Lomnic. The chief prize was the Tátra Cup for the winners of the five rider sleigh race. The results are appended

*Five-riders.* (Tátra Cup) 1. L. Grundl's team. 2. W. Rác's team. 3. L. Kovács's team.

*Ladies Sleigh.* 1. K. Kállay. 2. Mrs. Kovács, 3. Dodo Cséry.

*Men's Sleigh.* 1. S. Zlinszky. 2. W. Rác. 3. J. Urchström.

A Handicap match for swordsmen, initiated by the Polytechnic Athletic Club was successfully brought off before a large and appreciative concourse of spectators on Feb. 1st and 2nd. All metropolitan, together with the Debreczen and Székesfehérvár Clubs were represented. Baron S. Hazai, Minister for Home Defence and Dr. Jankovics, Minister for Public Instruction, together with Messrs P. Beóthy, Albert Berzeviczy and G. Rados were present. The prizes were offered by the Minister, Baron Hazai. Louis Werkner and the Committee of the Club.



### Balaton in Winter.

AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, or ought to know Balaton is the name of the beautiful goatherd, who fell a victim to the jealousy of a Queen whose Castle stood on the peak of Tihany. And she was destroyed in the fertile valley which thenceforth became a lake and shelters her and her silver-haired goats for ever. The children still pick up the hooves of these beautiful creatures on the shores of the lake.

But now it is winter. The hooves are still there but the children cannot linger on the shore to play with these traces of poor Balaton and her herds. Rather will they choose to run upon the ice, to peep down the ice-holes and see if they can catch the great *fogas* who, poor soul was never a fairy but always a fish; a patriot who loves his home so well that he has never, even, in the worst of times, emigrated, and so he is not to be found anywhere but as company for the spectre goats in waters which now cover the spacious valleys where once they fed.

It is winter. There are no waves nor no storms to disturb the great smooth surface. White, white as an angel's hood is that vast perspective. But white tinged with many colours, the moving figures of children and grown-up children, come to run and skate and sleigh where once they ducked and dived and swam.

Balaton is now cold as the heart of a miser, but lovely and magnetic. The joyous bands which roam over her white front would not be anywhere else.



Lake Balaton in Winter.

Only in such a scene, or perhaps in the ice-caverns of Dobsina, should Father Christmas appear. And even here he could not stay for this is, as all children hope, his busy season. He must put on his seven-leagued boots, — how else can he be here just now and in two minutes on the far-off Yukon?

Look at the pictures; look enviously and regretfully. Balaton is not for us grown up folk. It is sacred to the fairies and the friends of fairies, children from whose recollection has not yet faded thoughts of

«That Imperial Palace whence we came».

Reports from Balatonfüred should make good reading for our sporting friends. The weather is glorious skating good, company likewise. Sleighing is in full blast. The Elizabeth Court is open. There are warm rooms, every convenience for sportsmen, including pension and other necessary ministrations for the tired and happy. Moreover the place is filling. Given stability in conditions and those for whom the Tátra is too far away will find their Mecca and general consolation on the shores of the lake.

none with such power to stir the spirit as the Rákóczi March stirs it.» Baron Hengelmüller's page of Hungarian history should make Rákóczi more informedly known than has the March which bears his name.

If Francis Rákóczi had been as good a general as he was a patriot, if the insurrection which he led had had a little more money behind it, there might to-day have been no Dual Monarchy in South-eastern Europe. That the patriot failed, that the

Emperor of Austria is also King of Hungary, is a fact that exists in spite of one of the most heroic efforts ever put forth by a people struggling for national liberty. That the struggle has left no illfeeling behind it is shown by the fact that only seven years ago Rákóczi's remains, with the consent and approval of the Emperor Francis Joseph, were brought from exile in Turkey and laid in hallowed ground in his native land in the antient Cathedral of Kassa.

Baron Hengelmüller is perhaps better known as Austrian and Hungarian Ex-Ambassador to Washington than as an historian, but he has written a careful piece of history which was needed to fill a gap in European records. It did not need forewords by two such eminent Anglo-Saxons as Mr. Bryce and Mr. Roosevelt to recommend the work to English-speaking folk. We can read the story of Rákóczi's rising—so nearly successful in achieving Hungary's independence, and potentially successful in preserving Hungary's liberties and national spirit—with more sympathy than our own rulers would have read it at the time, for Austria was then our ally against Louis XVI, and we rather looked askance at national movements which crippled the Hapsburg power in the first dozen years of last century but one. In fact, as Mr. Bryce points out, the Grand Monarch aided Rákóczi with money, though insufficiently, while England sent envoys to the Hungarian leader to persuade him to make peace

with the Emperor. «Had Serbia been a little more energetic,» writes Mr. Bryce, «or the Hapsburgs a little more accommodating, the English efforts would have succeeded.»

As to the effect of Rákóczi's rebellion, it is well summed up by Mr. Bryce. His war «was of great and permanent significance. For himself, indeed, it ended sadly, and it obtained for the Magyars, at the Peace of Szatmár, in 1711, less than they had fought for. Yet it saved the national liberties from the extinction which had threatened them, it secured a large measure of religious freedom, it kept alive that flame of patriotism which rose into a stronger

### Our Reading Table.

#### Hungary's Fight for Freedom.

LOUIS KOSSUTH was but one of the patriots who secured to the Magyars their liberties under the House of Hapsburg. He had a forerunner about whom the history books as known to Englishmen have little or nothing to say. He was Francis Rákóczi, a well-known name only to lovers of national hymns. «Of all the strains that have led men into battle,» writes Mr. Bryce in a preface to «Hungary's Fight for National Existence,» by Baron Hengelmüller (London: Macmillan and Co., 10s. 6d.), «there is

flame in the first half of the nineteenth century.» Baron Hengelmüller's work is conceived in the true historical spirit, and renders justice to both sides.

#### Honour for Count Tisza.

It is reported that, at the sitting of the Dunavecse Parish Council, held on January 31st the



Parish Church at Szakoleza.

### Current News

#### Statue of the King.

Mr. Nicholas Ligeti, in response to an invitation from the Royal Cabinet, proceeded to Vienna to take a model of the King's Statue for Fehértemplom. The King received him in Schönbrunn and accorded him three sittings.

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The health of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the heir to the Austrian and Hungarian throne, is causing some anxiety. It is reported that he will shortly be obliged to leave for a long stay in a warmer climate. It is contemplated that H.R.H. will go to Brioni Island early in the Spring.

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Count Mensdorff the Austrian and Hungarian Ambassador in London was last week-end the guest of the King and Queen at Windsor Castle. Count Mensdorff, who is related to His Majesty, is a great favourite with the King and Queen, and is usually to be found among the guests when their Majesties entertain.

#### Meeting of the Delegations.

The next sittings of the Delegations are due, according to latest reports, about the latter part of April. There does not seem to be much to do but to vote the credits and quotas required and this will doubtless be a matter of short discussion.

Prime Minister, Count Stephen Tisza, was selected to be honoured with the freedom of the town. The voting was not unanimous, — 30 against 10. The minority received the result in silence and their leaders very properly let it be known that their action was not directed against the Premier in his own person but only as a matter of principle.

The document was presented by a Commission consisting of 30 members. The decision of the Council is highly significant as hitherto this district was in sympathy with the Opposition and an Independent candidate won the seat against Alex. Benedek the ex-State-Secretary.

The same occasion was utilised to present to the Premier, by various deputations representing Udvarhelymegye, Ujvidék and Karánsebes, the freedom of the towns and districts named. This was followed by a banquet at which Count Tisza replied and returned his thanks in a speech of considerable political import.

#### Dr. Popovich Again Bank Governor.

The King has once again nominated Dr. Alex. Popovich, P.C. as Governor of the Note Bank. The Royal rescript runs somewhat as follows:—

Pursuant to the recommendation of the various financial authorities represented in the Financial Council, I again nominate Dr. Alex. Popovich, P.C. hitherto Governor of the Austro-Hungarian Bank to be governor for the prescribed period and order

that my special recognition of his excellent and successful services may be conveyed to him.

The *Fremdenblatt* notes the new nomination and observes that it marks a period of successful activity. The first period of service of Dr. Popovich lasted five years and expired on the 3rd inst. The new nomination is dated the 4th inst. In his inaugural speech the Governor foreshadowed his policy in these words «Conservative in principle: Liberal in realisation».

His personality is a guarantee for the hope that the high level which the Institution under his charge has reached will be maintained in future.

#### Ambassadorial Soirée.

We hear from Paris that our Ambassador, Count Nicholas Szécsen and his wife née Countess Janka Mikes arranged a brilliant soirée. Messrs Waldbauer Temesváry, Kornstein and Kerpely worthily upheld the reputation of the Hungarian for performing musical numbers.

Among the gathering might have been seen representatives of the La Rochefoucauld, D'Harcourt, Brissac, Grammont, Bissaccia, Vogué, Castellane and D'Aramont families, together with many other

#### Austrian and Hungarian Antarctic Expedition.

An Austrian and Hungarian Antarctic expedition proposes to leave Trieste early in June in the steamer Oesterreich. After touching Buenos Ayres the party will proceed to South Georgia, where an intermediate wireless telegraphy station will be installed which will enable the ship to keep in communication with the outer world.

The chief purpose of the expedition is stated to be the exploration of the hitherto unknown Weddell and Enderby regions. The explorers propose to send three sleighing parties towards the Queen Maud Mountains, Graham Land, and the Enderby region. The Oesterreich will remain in the bay found by the German expedition in the Ice Barrier, but the headquarters will be established some six miles inland, and will serve as the main base of the expedition, which expects to stay at least two years.

#### White Cross Society's Ball in London.

After the very pronounced success of last year's ball, it is not to be wondered at that the committee of the Austrian and Hungarian Reserve Officers' Club should repeat the experiment. Under their



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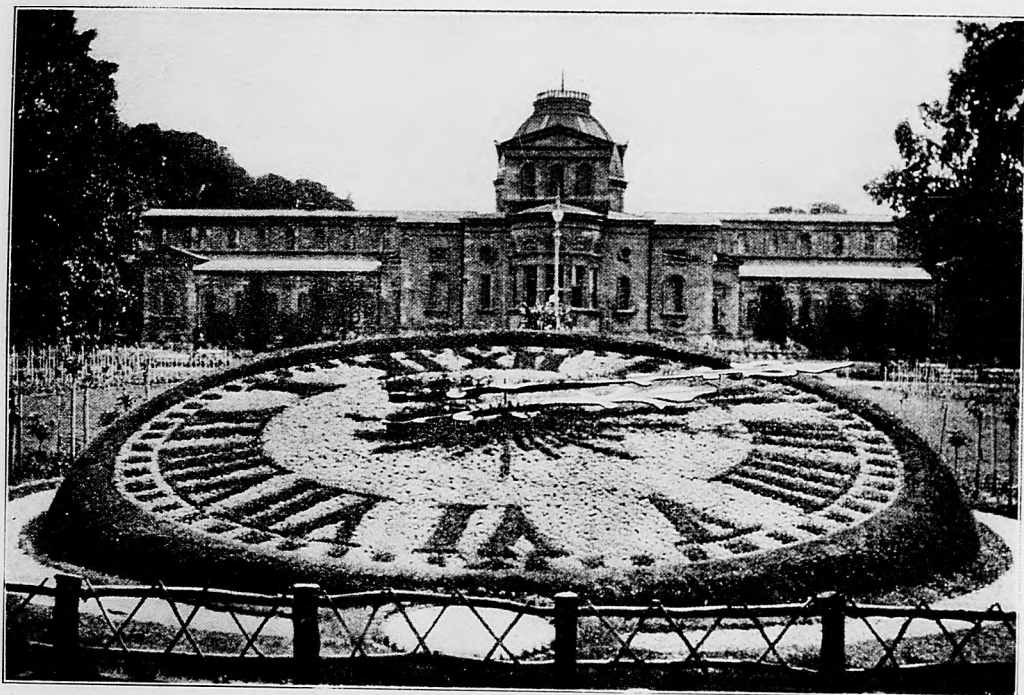
The Hungarian Royal Automobile Club is reported to have decided on the organisation in Budapest of a competition for engine starting devices.

auspices and the distinguished patronage and presence of their Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Teck, His Excellency the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, the Lord and Lady Mayoress of London and many other well-known society names, a grand ball was given on February 10th, at the

Princes' Galleries, Piccadilly, London, in aid of the funds of the Imperial and Royal White Cross Society.

This society, although bearing the Austrian and Hungarian title, is thoroughly international in respect of its operations. It works in close connection with the Red Cross Society, its chief feature being the provision through various Kurhauses, watering-places, and other health resorts in Austria and Hungary for the offer of hospitality and medical treatment to officers of the Army and Navy recovering from wounds or sickness, such hospitality being extended alike to officers of all nations in need of treatment.

directions. The City temperature has varied from 2° below zero to 14° and there is no present sign of relief. In the country it is nearer 30°, on the little spaces in the lower reaches of the river there may be seen sea-birds, gulls, ducks and all manner of poor outcasts from Valence and Fertő. There is nothing to eat; here very little but they dive in the free spaces and catch what they can. All is indeed fish that comes to their nets. Sometimes they come into the City and take their share of the fare provided for the pigeons that live about the precincts of the University and the Franciscan Chapel. These are the bravest. The others remain



Margaret Baths and Floral Clock.

#### General Görgei.

General Görgei has now completed his 96th year. The vitality and mental agility of this leader in the Revolution is really astounding. He is in full possession of his physical faculties nor is there any sign that age has made any considerable inroad upon the freshness of his memory. And what memories? There is only one man, happily still with us, who can carry back his memory to times which are almost legendary, and that is the King. All are gone. These two alone carry into new generations figures that belong to history, to history of another age. May both these great ones continue to flourish.

#### An exemplary legacy.

For the erection of a Home for brokendown Horses a landowner named Bizony, of Miskolcz, has left his entire estate of £12,000.

#### The Frost.

Reports from all over the country tend to shew that the severity of the winter is pressing in all

where the warm springs flow into the river. Nobody disturbs them: they are under police protection, like other law-abiding animals. But unless there comes a change few will survive the rigours of a very bad time.

#### Közgazdaság. — Financial Notes.

**Hungary and the Investment Registry.** We are informed that the agreement entered into between the Investment Registry and the Hungarian Government has been carried into effect, and the new State-secured bonds thereby arranged to be exchanged for the Preference shares of two Hungarian local railways have been delivered. The bonds have been granted an official quotation on the Budapest Stock Exchange.

**A Salgótarjáni Kőszénbánya Részvénytársulat igazgatósága** mult héten tartott ülésében megvizsgálta és megállapította az 1913. évi zárószámadást és elhatározta, hogy a február 21-ére egybehivandó köz-

gyűlés elé azt az indítványt terjeszti, hogy a tiszta nyereségből bőséges leírás után az értéksökkenő tartalékalap javára 1,200.000 koronát, a rendes tartalékalap gyarapítására 400.000, a tisztviselői nyugdíjalap céljára 50.000, a társpezntár javára 150.000, a Chorin Ferenc dr. munkásgyermekeket segítő alap javára 20.000 koronát fordítson és részvényenként 38 korona osztalékot állapítson meg.

**A Leszámitoló Bank belvárosi fiókja.** A Magyar Leszámitoló- és Pénzváltó Bank belvárosi fiókja, mely ideiglenesen Károly-körút 8. alatt volt elhelyezve, folyó hó elsején ismét visszaköltözött IV., Múzeum-körút 1. alá, a Kossuth Lajos-utca sarkán épült As'oria-szálló épületébe, ugyanazon helyre, melyen alapításától, 1890-től kezdve működött.

**Huszonegy millió nyereség.** A Kereskedelmi Bank mérlege a múlt héten jelent meg. A 62½ millió koronás alaptőke 24.05%-ot gyümölcsözött, azaz pontosan 20,511.780 koronát. Részvényenként 170 koronát (17%) kapnak a részvényesek. A tartalékokat hatalmas összegekkel gyarapítják. A közgyűlés február 14-én volt.

**Az ötszáz milliós államkölcsön.** A Rothschild-csoport múlt szombati ülése, melyet Bécsben tartottak, elfogadta Ullmann Adolfnak, a konzorcium magyar megbízottjának Teleszky János pénzügyminiszterrel történt előzetes megállapodásait az ötszázmillió járadékkölcsönre vonatkozólag. A megállapodások értelmében a magyar kormány ötszáz milliós járadékkölcsönt bocsát ki négy és fél perccenttel és hatvanéves amortizációval. A kölcsönösszegeből 375 milliót fix és 125 milliót opcióra vesz át a konzorcium. Különösen figyelemreméltó jelenség, hogy 1881. óta az első eset, hogy a Rothschildok londoni háza részt vesz a magyar emisszióban. Hogy ez most megtörtént, ebből kétségtelenül a magyar pénzügyviszonyok kedvező jövőbeli alakulására lehet következtetni s hogy Londonban kedvezően ítélik meg financiaális ügyeinket.

**Austro-Hungarian Bank.** Return for week ended the 31st ult.: Gold reserve, 1,244,930,000 kr.; increase, 292,000 kronen. Silver reserve, 278,709,000 kr.; increase, 1,457,000 kr. Gold bills, 60,000,000 kr.; unchanged. Advances, 215,974,000 kr.; increase 6,096,000 kr. Notes in circulation, 2,356,226,000 kr.; increase, 252,462,000 kr. Other securities, 807,578,000 kr.; increase, 159,351,000 kr. Note circulation, 172,590,000 krown above the tax-free maximum, against 78,130,000 kr. below the tax-free maximum last week.

**A Belvárosi Takarékpénztár közgyűlése.** A Belvárosi Takarékpénztár Részvénytársaság a napokban tartotta XXI. rendes közgyűlését Székely Ferenc udvari tanácsos elnöklete alatt. A zárszámadások kellő leírások után 1,826.047.91 korona tiszta nyereséget eredményeznek, mely összegeből 227.720.22 korona az igazgatóság és a tisztviselők jutalékára fordítandó. Az igazgatóság 10%-nak, vagyis 17.516.94 koronának levonása után fenmaradó 1,580.810.75 koronából 325.000 korona a tartalékalaphoz csatoltassék, az 1913. évi szelvény részvényenként 36 koronával való beváltására 1,152.000— korona, köz-

és jótékony célra 15.000— korona fordítottassék, míg a fenmaradó 88.810.75 korona új számlára vitessék át. A közgyűlés az igazgatóság jelentését és az abban foglalt javaslatokat elfogadta és úgy az igazgatóságnak, mint a felügyelőbizottságnak a felmentvényt megadta.

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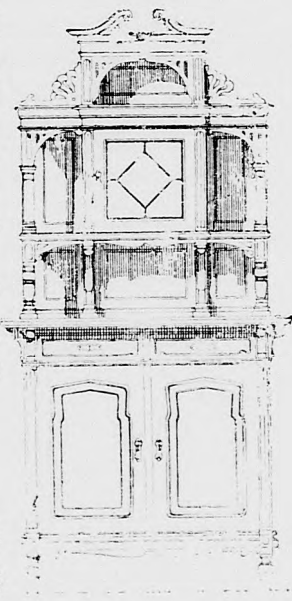
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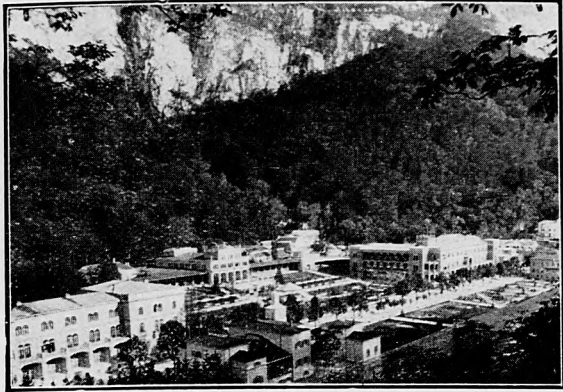
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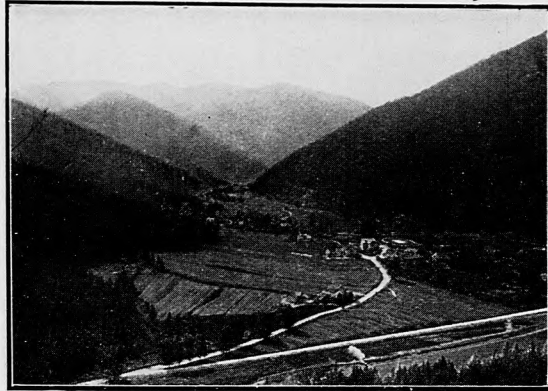
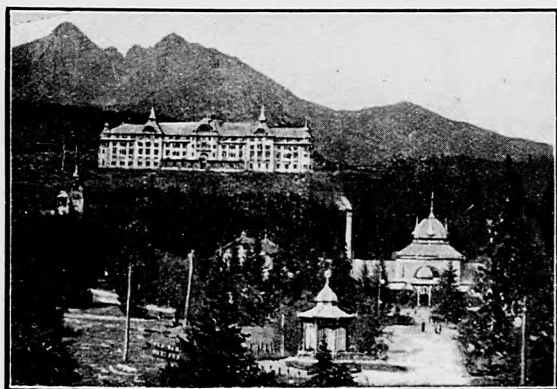


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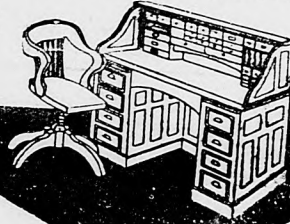
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