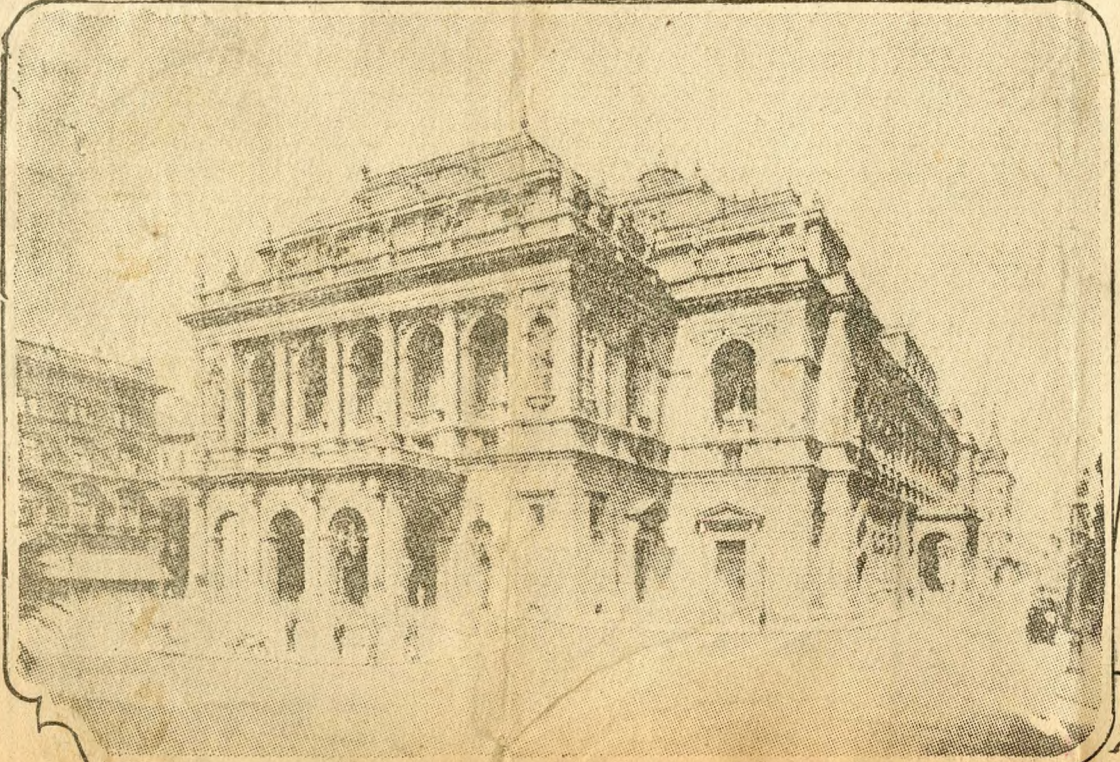
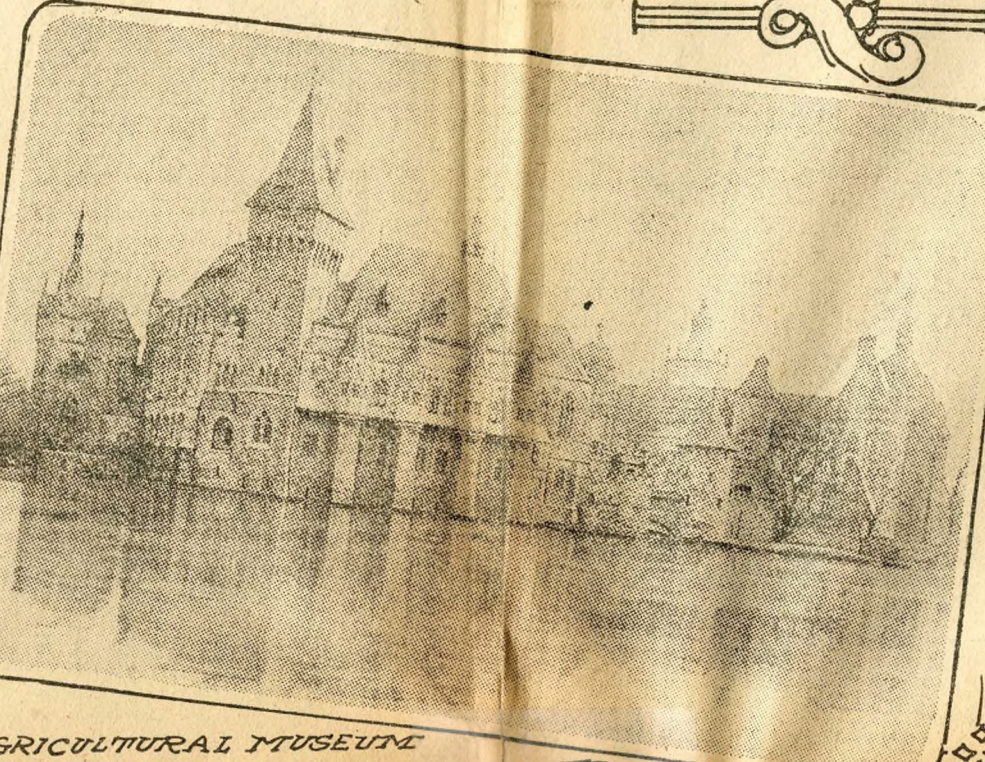


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THE ROYAL PALACE

## Budapest, Isolated From Beaten Path of Tourists, a Beautiful, Cultured City, Liberally Endowed by Nature.

IT WOULD be a great exaggeration to say the Seventh International Woman Suffrage Congress will discover Budapest, the capital city of Hungary, where the congress will be held in the week beginning June 15. Such a claim would do injustice to a city whose fame as the "city beautiful" has extended to all parts of the world. It would also do injustice to the Americans who will be there in such large numbers and will play such an important part in the deliberations and decisions of the convention.

And yet, it will be a discovery in a certain respect. To have heard and read about some city or country, and to have visited it, are two quite different matters. Budapest will be entirely new to most of the American visitors, even though they feel quite at home in other European countries. Their journeys usually ended at Vienna. Their itineraries did not include the capital city of Hungary. They will now discover that it takes only a few hours' travel on well equipped railways or on a comfortable Danube steamer to get to Budapest. Furthermore, they will not have missed that trip before. In fact, their stay in Budapest will be a continuous series of most pleasant discoveries and they will return to their homes with the satisfaction of having made the acquaintance of a great center of culture of which they only had a vague idea or no idea at all before.

**What Nature Did for Budapest.**  
The visitors are first struck by the wonderfully liberal endowments of Budapest by nature. Located on both shores of the Danube, the majestic river, with picturesque hills and mountains on the right shore, most of the great Hungarian Plain on the left shore, Budapest can boast of nature's staging, the romantic beauty of which is hardly surpassed even by Constantinople, recognized as the city of the most picturesque location.

Nature's liberality is also manifested by the abundance of all kinds of mineral springs, hot springs, sulphuric springs, bitter water springs, and others which make Budapest the greatest "City of Baths," with a chain of watering resorts of the greatest medicinal value, not to speak of the Turkish baths, several of them, that are not equaled anywhere in the world.

**What Can Be Found in Budapest.**  
No wonder such natural advantages and gifts have attracted human activity from the earliest times. Today, Budapest looks a modern and a model city in all respects, satisfying the demands of the most fastidious visitors for study and enjoyment. Students of archeology, lovers of antiquities, will be surprised to find the fairly well preserved ruins of a Roman amphitheater, a temple of Mithras, aqueducts, and other structures reminding of the times when the Romans held forth in Aquincum, the forerunner of Buda. The Mathias Church tells of the time when the Royal Court of King Mathias Corvinus was the most magnificent in all Europe, the gathering place of the most learned men of that age. A picturesque little Mosque, on Rose Hill, containing the grave of Gul Baba, the "Father of Roses," reminds of the Turkish rule. All these memories of olden times can be

found on the right shore, in old Buda, which, until 1873, was a separate municipality, isolated by the rapid progress of Pest, across the river, and which, too, became a modern city since then, without losing her historical characteristics.

Lovers of beautiful architecture will find a large number of magnificent public buildings, imposing and palatial residences and apartment houses. It has been said all these buildings were erected in great haste, resulting in rather queer mixture of architectural styles, but such criticism is unfair and is refuted by the many classic examples of pure styles and best architecture.

There is the Parliament building, undoubtedly the most beautiful and imposing parliament house except Westminster. There is the Royal Palace, overlooking the Danube from the top of a hill, with its 330 rooms, two of which, the ballroom, unparalleled in the world, and the dining room are worth climbing the hill or going there on the mountain trolley railway, to see. There is on the territory where a big, ugly-looking armory stood till about fifteen years ago, the Szabadsag-ter (Liberty Square), with the monumental statue of the hero of the Hungarian Bank, Adria Navigation building and other noble structures.

Students of educational and civic institutions will find well equipped schools, great hospitals, all kinds of model institutions to take care of the unfortunate of all ages. Students and lovers of art will find in Budapest the National Museum, Academy of Art, and many interesting statues and monuments, among them the Washington statue in the town park (Varosliget), erected by the Hungarians in America, the movement for the statue having been started in the city of Cleveland, ten years ago.

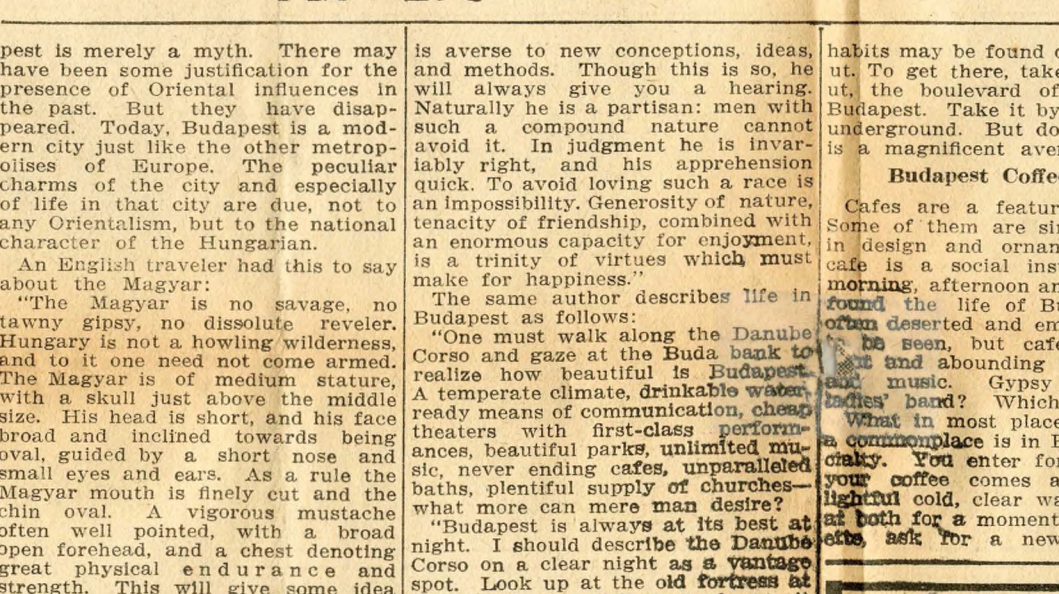
The visitor, pleased by all these things, may be disappointed or still more pleased by not finding certain things he thought to be inseparable from metropolitan cities or which he read about Budapest.

There are no skyscrapers in the capital of Hungary. The uniform regulation plan, mentioned before, limits buildings to six stories, but, on the other hand, does not allow, on certain avenues, any buildings of less than three or four stories. Thus a very pleasing skyline is secured and too glaring contrasts are avoided.

There are no slums, either in Budapest and "slumming" is an unknown amusement. Of course, there is poverty in all forms in the Hungarian capital as in all other large cities, but the most disreputable looking street is safe at any time, day or night, and the characteristics of "slums" are missing.



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pest is merely a myth. There may have been some justification for the presence of Oriental influences in the past. But they have disappeared. Today, Budapest is a modern city just like the other metropolises of Europe. The peculiar charms of the city and especially of life in that city are due, not to any Orientalism, but to the national character of the Hungarian.

An English traveler had this to say about the Magyar: "The Magyar is no savage, no ravening gipsy, no dissolute reveler, Hungary is not a howling wilderness, and to it one need not come armed. The Magyar is of medium stature, with a skull just above the middle size. His head is short, and his face broad and inclined towards being oval, guided by a short nose and small eyes and ears. As a rule the Magyar mouth is finely cut and the chin oval. A vigorous, mustache often well pointed, with a broad open forehead, and a chest denoting great physical endurance and strength. This will give some idea of the Magyar."

"Look at his broad palms and the short thumb; watch him move. Never but elegantly, activity and strength harmonizing grandly. But he rarely moves when he is able to sit, or walks when a ride is possible. In a measure he does lack energy, and this denotes little perseverance. He is easily discouraged. The Magyar character is a strange compound of habitual passivity and melancholy, and great susceptibility to excitement. His step is slow, countenance pensive, address dignified and imposing—all qualities which suddenly change and give place to an excited precipitation. The magnetism of his character results from the fact that he is a bundle of extremes. But these noble souls of the plain, these peasant farmers, are a perfect compendium of self-respect. It is true the Magyar is hot tempered and when he roars it is in no uncertain tones. Fundamentally he is serious, and to weep is to capture joy. There is also a measure of conservatism about him. He dislikes change, and

is averse to new conceptions, ideas, and methods. Though this is so, he will always give you a hearing. Naturally he is a partisan: men with such a compound nature cannot avoid it. In judgment he is invariably right, and his apprehension quick. To avoid loving such a race is an impossibility. Generosity of nature, tenacity of friendship, combined with an enormous capacity for enjoyment, is a trinity of virtues which must make for happiness."

The same author describes life in Budapest as follows: "One must walk along the Danube Corso and gaze at the Buda bank to realize how beautiful is Budapest. A temperate climate, drinkable water, ready means of communication, cheap theaters with first-class performances, beautiful parks, unlimited baths, never ending cafes, unparalleled supply of churches, and what more can mere man desire?"

"Budapest is always at its best at night. I should describe the Danube Corso on a clear night as a vastage spot. There is at the old fortress at the top of the Gellert peak as it stands out cold and white in the night. There is a Venetian look about the Buda bank, with the royal palace, cathedral, and the ministerial offices all silhouetted out unmistakably. And if you need a touch of romance, just gaze at the million twinkling lights which look like stars curiously wandering from their courses. Then the Danube. Lean a few moments on the rail placed to prevent you from disturbing the serenity of the many trams that pass to and from and simply gaze at the pictures unfolded, and don't try to think. The whole spirit of the nation will come stealing over you. Those tumultuous silences and the incomparable pomp of eve will invest you with just that wonderful something which Hungary possesses, and yet which is nearly undecipherable. There are, it is true, very slight. On a bright day of summer or autumn elegant Budapest will appear at the Danube Corso in costliest of raiment. Hungarian ladies know how to dress well. The Corso is obviously the place to study costume and life.

**Budapest Coffee Houses.**  
Cafes are a feature of Budapest. Some of them are simply wonderful in design and ornamentation. The cafe is a social institution. Here, in the morning, afternoon and night may be found the life of Budapest. Streets often deserted and empty, not a soul to be seen, but cafes ablaze with life and abounding in conversation and music. Gypsy music or a ladies' band? Which you like?

What in most places in Europe is a commonplace is in Budapest a spectacle. You enter for coffee. With your coffee comes a glass of delightful cold, clear water. You gaze at both for a moment, light a cigarette, ask for a newspaper—if you

care—then settle down for the evening. Then the music begins. A new spirit passes through the room as the orchestra strikes decisively the opening note. It is a long note and you wait breathlessly for its companions. The gipsy band knows but one cue, its conductor, who stands, or rather waves, drawing from his violin a wealth of lullaby, legend and history. The effect of all this is marvelous. It is psychic now become agitated, whilst the fingers take on an elasticity undreamed of. History makes its appeal on strings impregnated and pulsating with human feeling. What the leader thinks, you are made to think. He touches the entire keyboard of human thought and feeling, from passion to irony, sarcasm to the sob.

**Three Excursions.**  
A great deal more could be said about the capital of Hungary, about

the magnificent bridges, the theaters, which are among the best in Europe; about the Agricultural and Ethnographic Museums, which offer admirable reviews of the products and producing conditions of the land and of the different nationalities that occupy it. A great deal more could also be said about life in Budapest, its growing industries and commerce, but mention must be made of the three excursions arranged for the members of the Seventh International Woman's Suffrage Congress so they could see not only Budapest but Hungary itself. These excursions include the High Tatra in the Carpathian mountains, the Balaton Lake and the Lower Danube. Nature is lavish with her gifts in the Carpathian mountains, and especially in the High Tatra. The virtues of the Carpathian mountains are inexhaustible from nature's point of view, but the value of these is enhanced by man in his mystifying moods and costumes. It is the home of the Slovaks. Taking the road which leads away from the High Tatra, we strike the beautiful valley of the Vag River, where every step resounds with some old story of chivalry.

The Balaton lake is the largest fresh water inland sea of Europe, surrounded by bizza domes of volcanic origin, perpetuated in song by some of Hungary's greatest poets. The Balaton lake, with Balaton Fured, the Atlantic City of Hungary, and other favorite rendezvous place of a myth and legend of Hungary. It also plays an important part in Maurus Jokai's "A Modern Midas," known in the English translation to most readers of good literature. The trip to the lower Danube takes the visitors to the famous Iron Gate, to Trajan's road, used by the Roman emperor's warriors, and to many other reminders of the Roman rule. It also introduces the successful regulation of the lower Danube that has made navigation possible. Herkulesfurd, a famous watering resort and favorite rendezvous place of the rich Rumanians, will be one of the important stops on this trip.

Each of these excursions will take the visitor to a different part of Hungary, with different natural beauties, different people, different customs and costumes. These excursions are always enjoyable and profitable. To make them as the guests of Hungary means a pleasant experience, never to be forgotten by the women and men who enjoy the privilege to take part in them.

**Hungarian Hospitality.**  
The feeling of satisfaction the visitors will take home with them from their stay in Budapest and in other parts in Hungary will be due not only to what they see, but also, in a large measure, to the way they will be received and treated during their visit. They will be the beneficiaries of Hungarian hospitality that is in a class by itself. The moment a Hungarian begins to entertain a guest in his home, the host steps into the background and the guest becomes the boss, whose comfort and pleasant feeling seem to be the sole concern of the entire household for the time being. The same rule applies when a Hungarian city or the Hungarian nation act as hosts. All the Hungarians expect in return from their guests is that they take with them a knowledge of Hungary's status as an independent country and nation so as to avoid, in the future, the frequent mistake of considering Hungary a part of Austria. It sounds funny that this mistake is still so often made, and that it is so extremely difficult to have it eliminated once forever. But "mistakes govern the world." The delegates to the Budapest convention may consider the effect on the spreading of the dogma of equal suffrage the chief result to be expected from the convention. The Hungarians—the Hungarian suffragists included—welcome the convention primarily as a splendid opportunity to set right all kinds of misunderstandings and false ideas about Hungary and the Hungarians. The Seventh International Woman's Suffrage Congress promises to make history, both for the cause of equal suffrage and for Hungary.

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