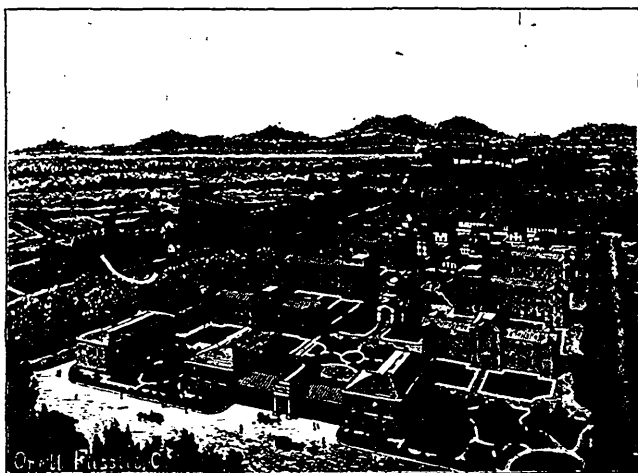


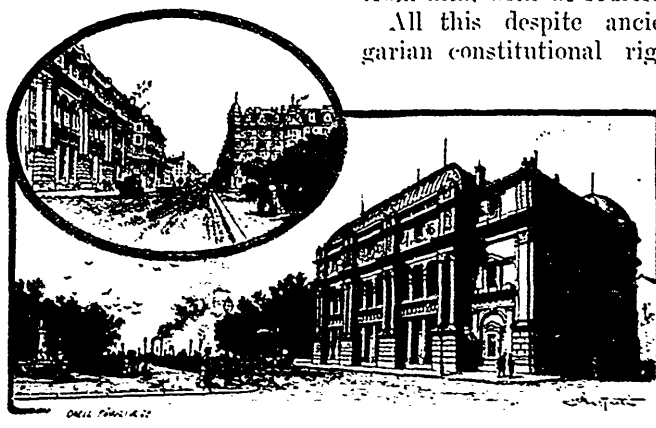


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breathe, rather than a land ruled by Christian and beneficent influences. This was in a measure quite apart from the direct results of Austrian misrule and indifference. It was the old order unchanged, the privileged classes holding to their theories. Justice for the poor man did not exist as any living actuality. Popular education was a vague intellectual fabric. There was no press which exercised any popular influence, gave the citizens adequate, common information as

to the course of things in Hungary or out of it; for a free press would have been silenced at once, as were Kossuth's first efforts for it. Religion was in lamentable plight. Great landholders were petty tyrants. The peasant held his land, so far as he held it, on a veritably feudal system, giving forced labour in the week to his lord, subject to the nobility in the matter of life and death; his property, when he had managed to acquire something like a title to it, readily stripped from him, without redress.

All this despite ancient Hungarian constitutional rights. The



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