



COUNT STEPHEN BETHLEN, PRIME MINISTER OF HUNGARY

Europe's oldest state is the thousand years old Hungary which was the most complete geographical unit, but through the peace treaty was confined within narrow bounds. The Hungarian national genius bade defiance to the storm of fate,

and their strength broke the power of the Turks and Tatars. The Hungarians have bought the peace of Europe with their own blood.

The dismembered country has lost its economic sources, forests, mines. Budapest, on account

of its powerful position in the old monarchy, was a central town for the commercial trade with the Balcan.

This serious economic crisis could not be gone through without a shock which in the beginning consisted of many government crisis. Then *Count Stephen Bethlen's* ministry came, ten years ago, and took the affairs of the country into his hands. *Count Bethlen* created the basis of a permanent ministry. The Prime Ministry of *Count Bethlen* is the oldest in the whole of Europe. He has accomplished masterful work which could only be done by such a grand political genius as he is.

It cannot be the aim of our paper to form a judgement as regards politics but the statesman like qualities of the Hungarian Prime Minister we can put quite impartially before our readers.

*Count Stephen Bethlen* has proved to be great in directing the nation's affairs. The most powerful political creation was the forming of the so-called "Government Party", this being the basis of the

continuity and steadfastness of the ministry which cannot be appreciated sufficiently even to-day. England must have floated before the eyes of *Count Bethlen* where the real force is the conservative party.

Mussolini's government's greatest power in the parliamentary system is also the government party.

The Hungarian Prime Minister's most powerful and wisest political foundation is the formation of the "Government Party" who succeeded in the consolidating which was attained so quickly during his time of ministry in Hungary. The nation cannot thank him enough for getting over the most difficult part so quickly. *Count Bethlen* was the man who founded sound politics.

Everybody should show his gratitude to and appreciation of *Count Stephen Bethlen* who celebrates his 10 years of service as Prime Minister of Hungary.

*Count Bethlen* is doubtless one of the greatest statesman, — he is a great man.

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