

28 Jermyn St London

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My dear friend,

When are we to see any of your party again over here in our remote Western regions? The only personal news that I have had for a good while past was that we were glad to make the acquaintance of Baron Skribomok, late of the "Novara," who has now returned again and with whose name I have carried to you my best remembrances.

Just now I wish to give you a little trouble, - to sit down and answer me a number of questions, the replies to which I want to introduce in a lecture to our artisans. I will therefore ask you to reply



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To such of them as you can, within
a day or two, as I shall need them on
the 12th April: they are as follows

No. of miners in the Schemnitz district
do. - - - - - Zalatna, Neuspatak.
proportion who work as Halbküner

Wages of diff. classes of work people in the
two districts; - average.

What is an average do the Neuspatak
workers get?

What does the Government do there now?

What is the price of bread & other provisions
in both districts?

What is the rent of a miners cottage
and of lodging for a single man?

Do the men all contribute to a club
or Verein or Bänderchaft of any kind;
and who pays their doctor & medicine?

Does the nationality of the mi-
ners remain the same as in our time,
or do any Magyars work at the
mines; - any Czechs? and what
proportion of Germans to the Slo-
vaks & Wallachs?

Now I think I have given
you trouble enough: - but of course
I shall always be glad to retort upon
you with anything I can do: and
meanwhile giving my best regards

To Mr. Haideringer, & to your brothers,
Patera, and all other allies, I am

Yours sincerely

Washington Smyth.



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