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# Erie, the "Gem City."



RIE, Pennsylvania, with a population of 60,000, lies on the lake shore, about midway between Buffalo and Cleveland. It has the largest and best harbor on Lake Erie, which is formed by a peninsula seven miles in length jutting out into the lake. The surroundings of Erie are most beautiful, and in the summer time its shaded streets present such a lovely appearance, that an enthusiastic visitor, on beholding them, rapturously exclaimed : "You need no parks here—all Erie is a beautiful park."

The city is built upon an elevated bluff, commanding an extensive view of the lake. It is regularly laid out, with broad streets crossing each other at right angles. The climate is healthy, and free from miasma and malaria; the death rate is, therefore, one of the lowest of any town of its size, making it very desirable as a "home city."

In the way of railroad and steamer connections Erie is singularly favored, and may be reached conveniently from all points of the compass. The Lake Shore, the Nickel Flate, the Erie & Pittsburg, the Philadelphia & Erie and the Bessemer railroads have their depots and freight houses here, and do a large passenger and freight business. A large and convenient union depot receives the passengers arriving on Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroad trains, while the Nickel Plate and Bessemer roads have their own depots. A network of suburban trolley lines facilitates communication and travel with Cambridge Springs, Conneaut, Edinboro, Meadville, North East and other neighboring towns. These steam railroads and trolley lines connect Erie with all important points east and west. Large docks, provided with railroad tracks and giant hoisting machines, permit the transfer of merchandise direct from vessels to cars or warehouses. The amount of lake business transacted here is very large.

A well managed and well connected street railway system furnishes rapid transit to and from the depots and harbor with all parts of the city. The hotels of Erie are numerous, and noted for their home-like comfort and general excellence. Travelers can here obtain all desired information.

During the summer especially, Erie is an ideal resort. Waldameer, Grove House Park, Glenwood and other beautiful spots lie at its doors, while the whole town is decked with a mantle of emerald green. Other points of interest at all times of the year are the library, the post office, the Soldiers' Home, the great cathedral, the water

works, etc. Two fine theatres and many other places of amusement, as well as fishing, boating and other aquatic sports, furnish entertainment to visitors and "natives" alike.

But it is not alone as a resort for pastime and pleasure that Erie deserves praise and recognition. Its giant industries enjoy world-wide renown, and contribute largely to the prosperity of the city. Over 10,000 men and boys earn their daily bread in our big factories. Steam engines, boilers, stoves, bicycles, novelties, brass goods, castings of all kinds, wringers, woodenware and hundreds of other articles are manufactured in Erie mills. The city's industries are varied. On the great docks hundreds of thousands of tons of coal are shipped to all parts of the globe during the season of navigation, while the big elevators handle millions of bushels of grain, and hundreds of thousands tons of iron ore are received yearly at the great Hanna and Carnegie docks. In addition to the industries mentioned above we have large planing mills, paper mills, breweries, button factories, a big silk mill and other always busy manufacturing establishments, whose products find a ready sale and carry the name and fame of Erie to all parts of the civilized globe. The hundreds of well-appointed stores on our business streets do a thriving trade, and compare well and favorably with those of larger cities. Six banks facilitate financial transactions, and offer ample facilities to the business man and traveler. The telegraph and telephone service of Erie are thoroughly "up to date." We have two hustling telephone companies and two telegraph offices, besides offices for the sale of railway tickets, etc. Two building and loan associations have a large membership and are in a most flourishing condition. The different fire and life insurance companies are well represented here. Three market houses and a large number of groceries and butcher shops supply the city with food at prices far below those paid in larger cities.

The growth of Erie is not phenomenal—not an artificial "boom growth," but steady and reliable. In view of all these facts we may justly and proudly say : "As a desirable place of residence and business, Erie can't be surpassed." Business men and others wishing to locate here may obtain all desired information by addressing the secretaries of either the Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce or Business Men's Exchange.

The development of western Pennsylvania is contributing more and more, as the years go by, to the prosperity of Erie. Her exceptionally fine harbor and the excellence of her factory products are being recognized by commerce to a greater extent from day to day; and though the city may never rival Buffalo or Cleveland, the day is very near when Erie will take rank as only second to them on Lake Erie in commercial importance.

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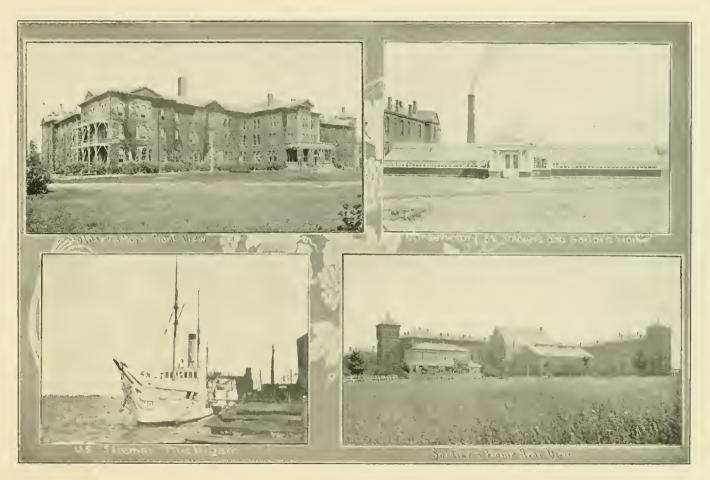
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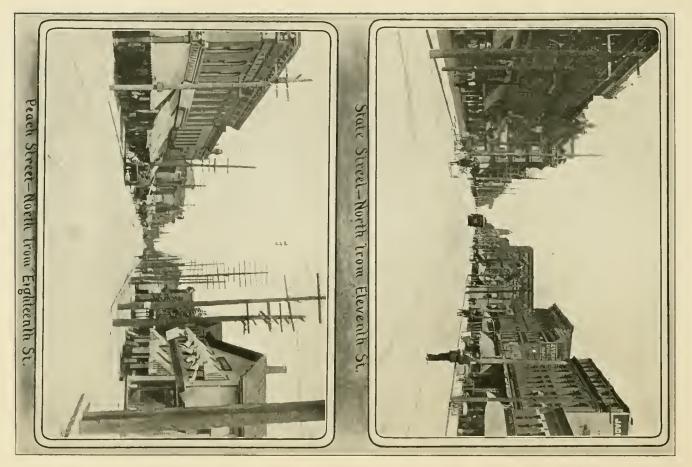
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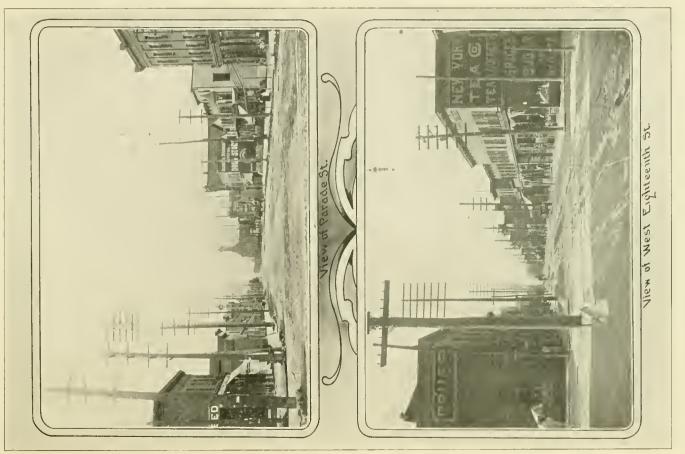


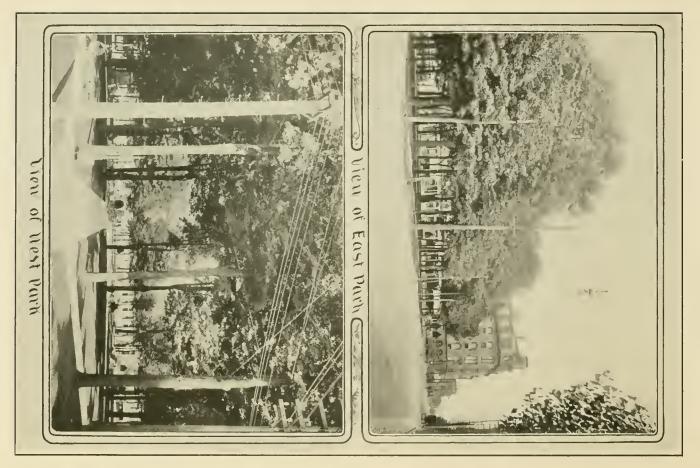


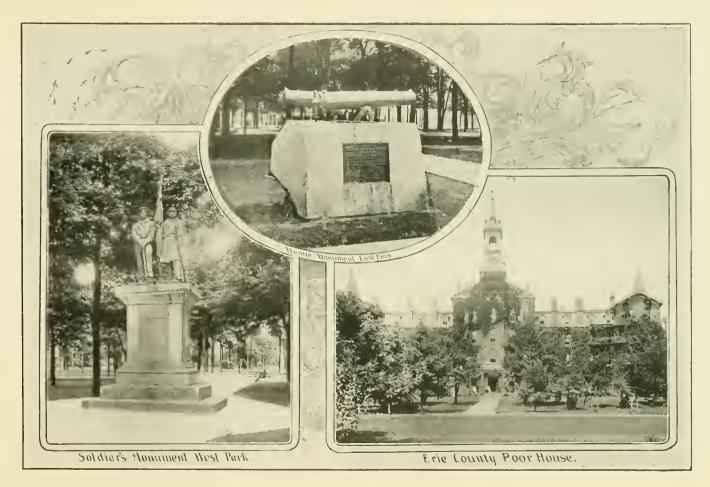


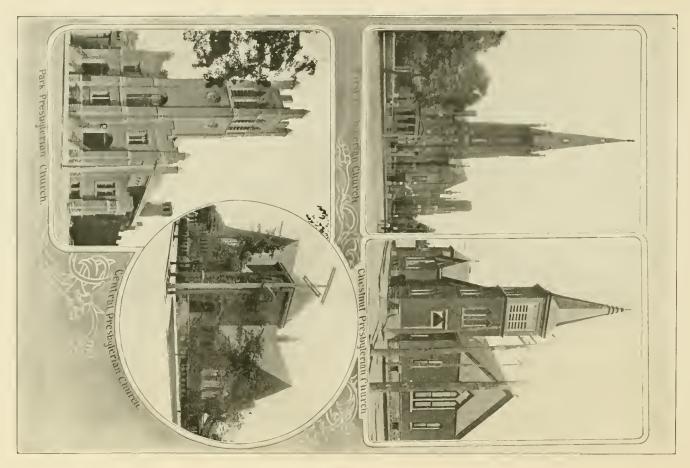


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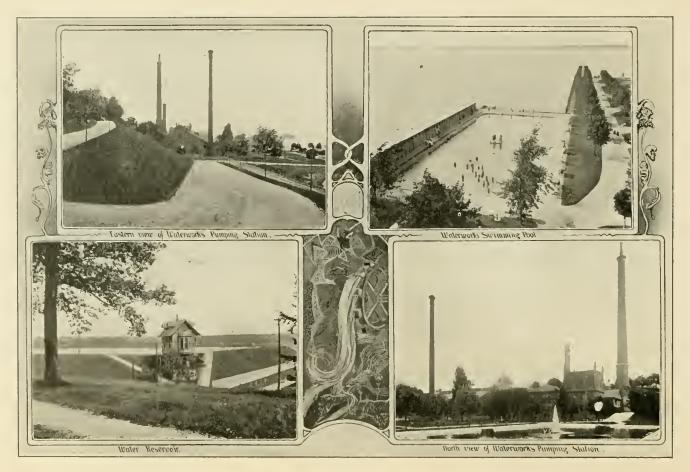


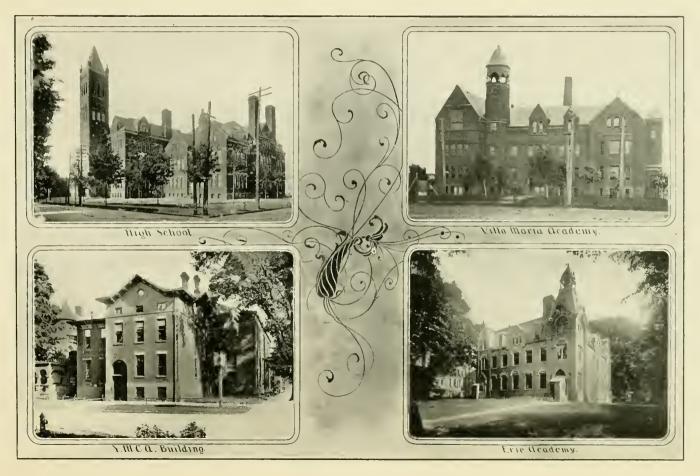




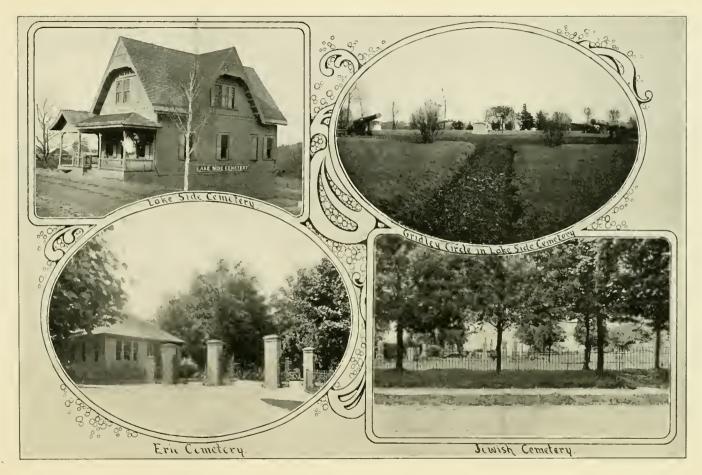




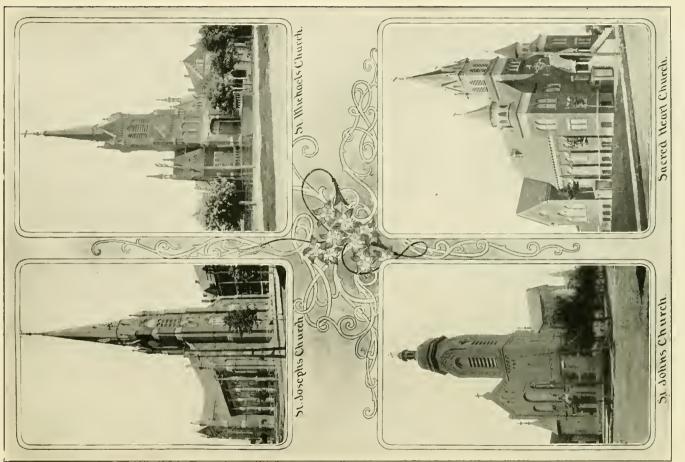


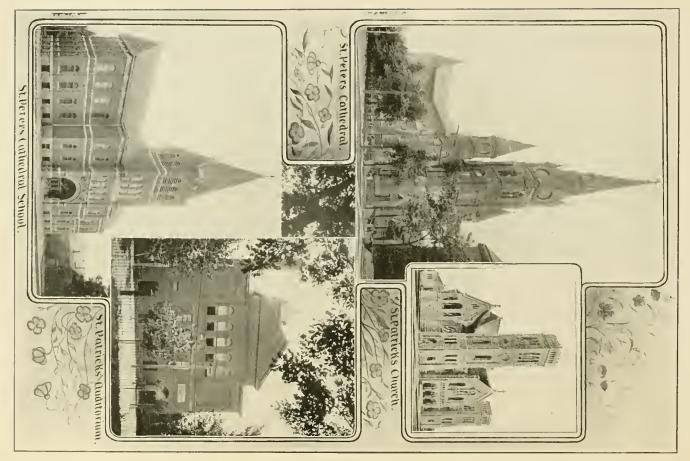








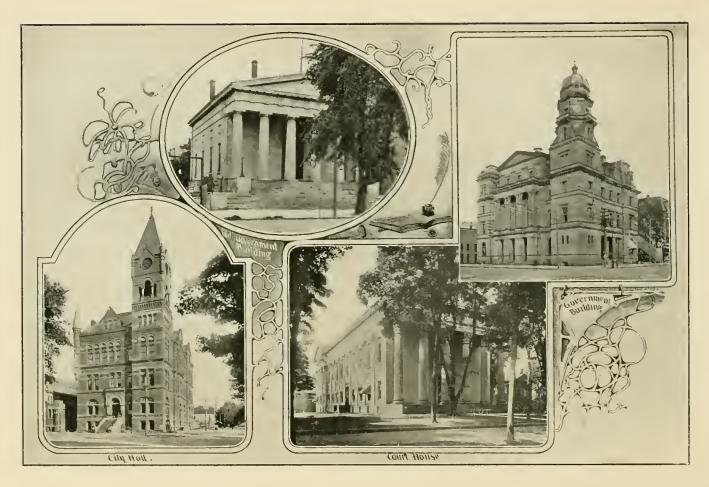


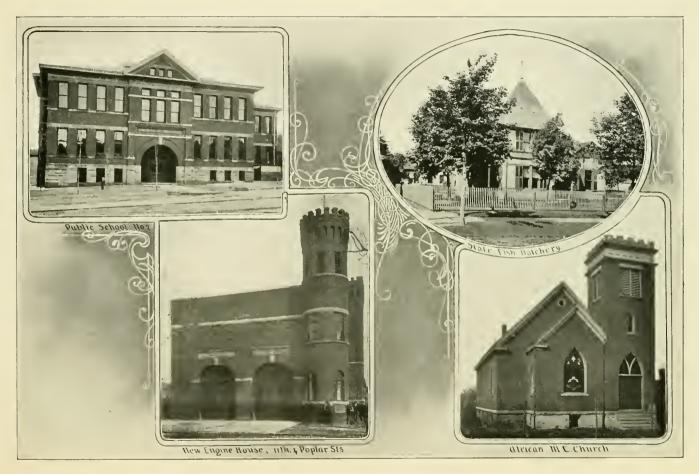


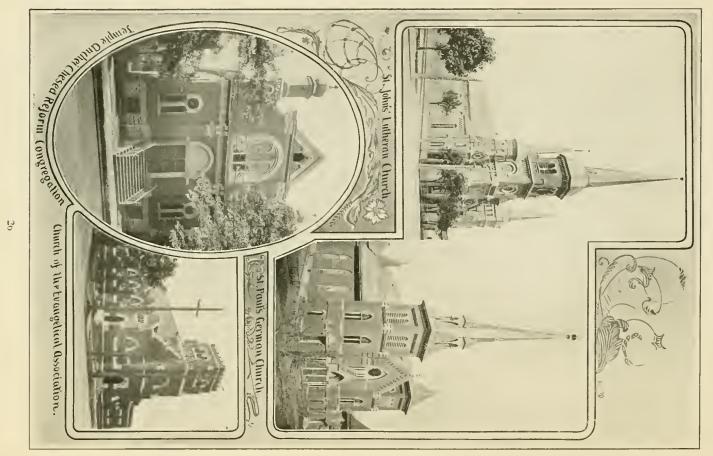


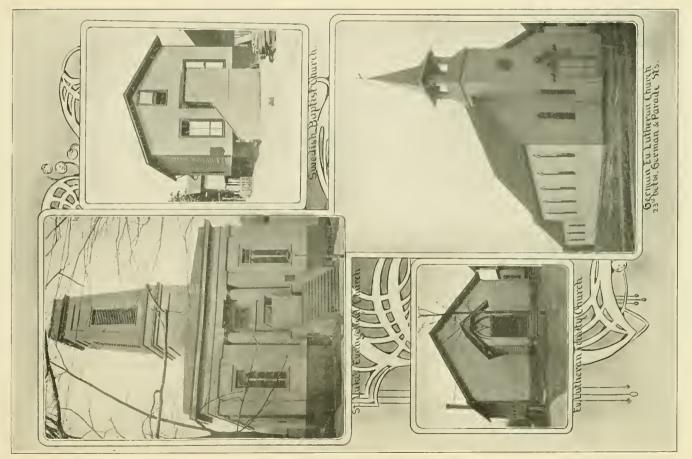


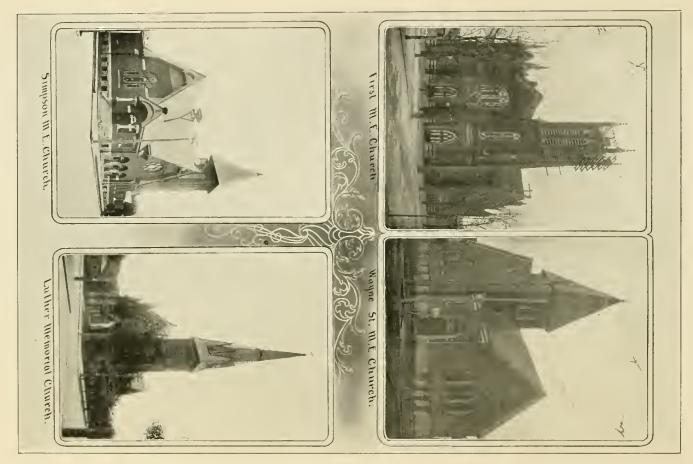


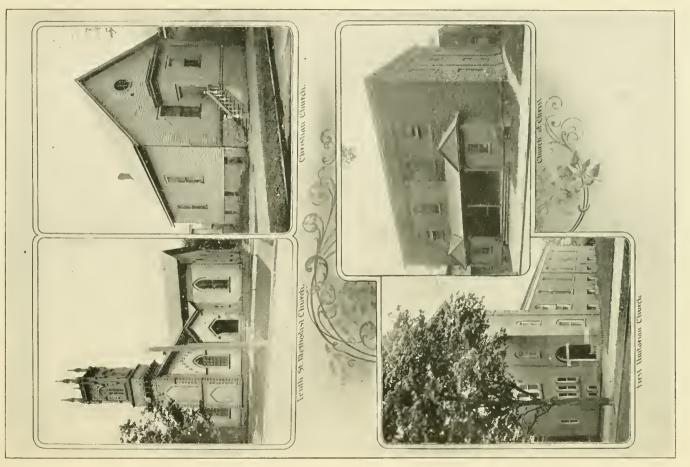




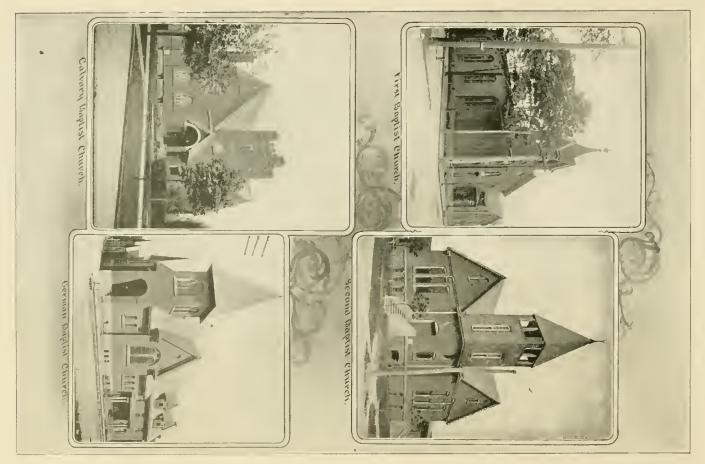


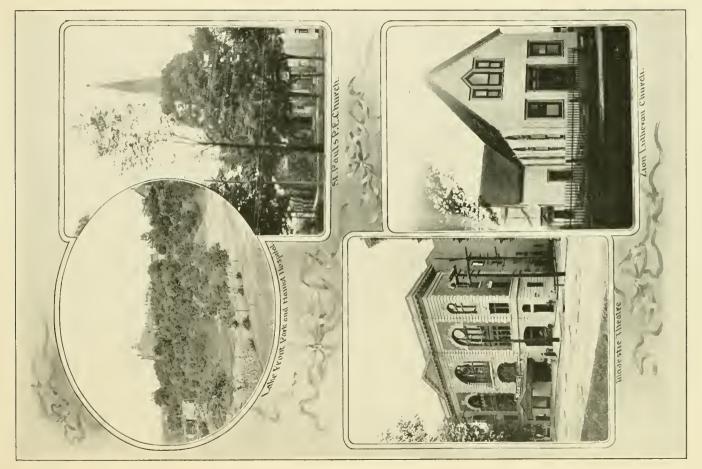




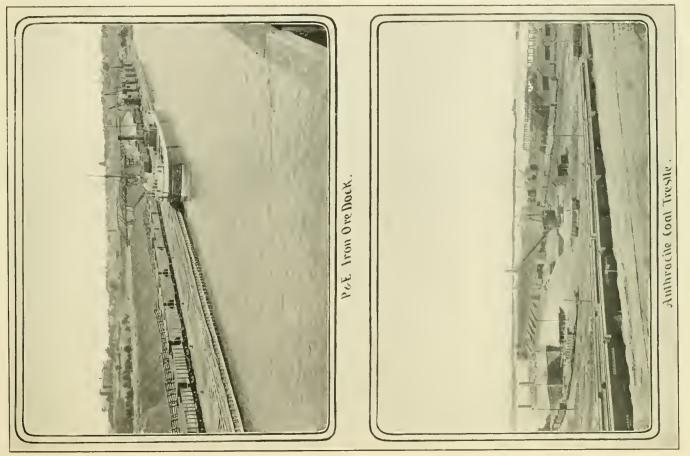


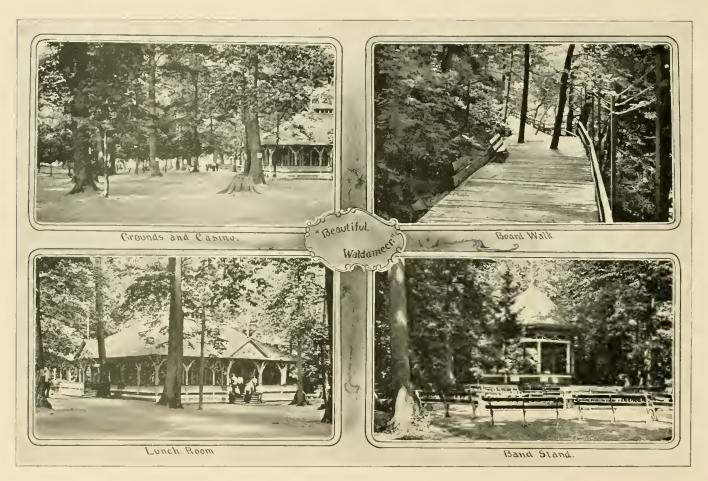
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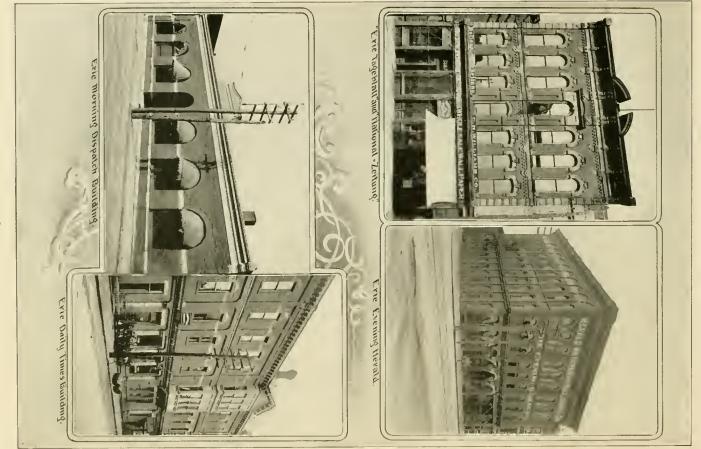








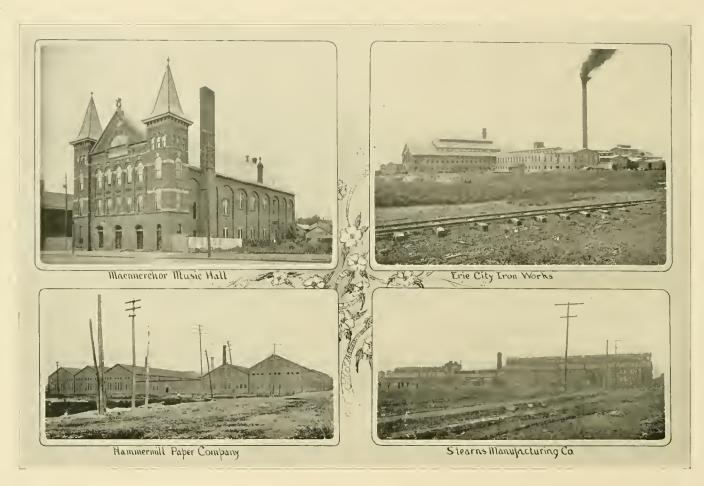














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