

Restored Document Shows Old Plan for Italy's Unification

ROME (AP).—A document found recently among those restored by Austria to the Venetian state archives has revealed that the first plan for the unification of Italy was drawn up by Neapolitan patriots who revolted against the Austrian domination in 1820 and that the plan provided for a federal government comprising six states.

The plan was found by Dr. Amilcare Alberti, head of the secretarial office of the chamber of deputies, in a letter sent to Count Carl Fitzthum, Austrian governor of Venice, by Count Appiani, Austrian ambassador to the Holy See, in Rome on February 15, 1821. Dr. Alberti presented this letter and other interesting results of his researches in the recent congress of scientists at the University of Pavia.

Under the Neapolitan scheme, Italy was to have been divided into six governments—Papal State, the two Sicilies, Tuscany, Venetia, Lombardy, and Piedmont—in a constitutional federated state to be known as the United States of Italy. Provision was made for a diet or general assembly of 200 members, elected by representation proportional to population, to govern the federation, meeting for

one month each year and changing its seat of meeting each year. Members of the assembly from the states were to have been elected by the national parliaments of those states and were to have been paid by them.

Control of making alliances and declaring peace or war; activities concerning the customs of Italy, such as education, decisions of controversies between the states was to have been vested in the assembly.

Elaborate provisions were made to guarantee "state rights" of the component states such of which were to have been governed by the old Spanish constitution and by other political instruments, modified to meet special needs.

Except for the Papal State, each of the states was to have an hereditary monarchy with provisions for regencies in the event of the absence in a throne of a minor. The two Sicilies were to be governed by Ferdinand I and his descendants, Tuscany by the Prince of Capua, Venetia by the Count of Lacer, or the Prince of Salerno, Lombardy by the Duke of Noto and Piedmont by the House of Savoy.

Workers Benefit by Drive Against Liquor

LONDON (AP).—Prohibition measures in India have greatly improved the condition of the working classes, in the opinion of C. V. Mehta, a member of the executive council of Bombay, who arrived in England recently on a visit. Mr. Mehta, who was formerly minister in charge of education, estimated that in Bombay the drinking was about a third less than before the dry campaign began.

During strikes of any serious trouble, Mr. Mehta said, all liquor shops in Bombay are closed. Three years ago during the non-cooperation movement, when volunteers picketed liquor shops in Bombay and Poona, there was practically no consumption of alcohol for five months, and the authorities found that the condition of the workers had distinctly improved.

"The majority of Indians have virtually been abstainers for centuries, so it was easy for us to work toward prohibition at a quicker rate," said Mrs. Mehta, "and in two and a half years we were able to reduce consumption from 2,500,000 gallons to 1,300,000 and there has been a relative improvement in the condition of the masses as a result."

If you could touch gold fish to sing they would be fine canary birds.

"Squatter" Claims \$3,000,000 Bit of Chicago Land



Frank Hopkins is claiming the rights of the "squatter" within a short distance of the heart of the second largest city in America. He claims possession of a tract of land on the Chicago lake front because of his father's "discovery" of it in 1892, when a storm blew his boat ashore there. He is fought by railroads and industries, but courts twice have upheld him. The land's worth is estimated at from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000.

Salts of Dead Sea Arouse Hopes for Gainful Industry

JERUSALEM (AP).—Efforts soon will be made to exploit the vast mineral wealth of the Dead Sea, and Palestine, the richest country in the world for potash resources, may begin to yield up some of its riches.

A government announcement says that in view of the existence in the waters of the Dead Sea of certain minerals, the winning and marketing of which for commercial purposes is believed to be practicable, the crown agents for the government of Palestine, are prepared to receive applications for the grant of rights to under-

take operations.

The volume of the Dead Sea is somewhere in the neighborhood of 120,000,000,000 cubic metres. Hence the area, containing roughly 20,000,000,000 tons of mixed salts of which possibly 1,500,000,000 tons are potassium chlorides. The salts occur as a strong brine, immediately read for evaporation and crystallization for the production of pure salts by the natural heat of the sun. The average percentage of salts in the brine is 25 per cent, of which 24 per cent is sodium chloride, four to seven percent potassium chloride, and up to one percent or more of magnesium bromide.

The surface of the Dead Sea lies 1292 feet below the sea level. It is 48 miles long and 19 miles wide, as big as the Lake of Geneva. It is estimated that 6,500,000 tons of water fall into it daily. Because of the extraordinary evaporation caused by the intense heat, the water is impregnated with mineral substances, of which common salt constitutes seven percent. Fish cannot live in the Dead Sea, which destroys nearly all organic life.

The official announcement that the government is prepared to grant a concession for the exploration of the mineral resources of the Dead Sea follows several years prospecting by a group of Jewish financiers of Palestine and England. However, an American oil company which has been prospecting for petroleum in the southern part of the Dead Sea region, has displayed keen interest in the bromide deposits. Other American companies have sent out engineers to examine the brine.

It is understood that, because of the competition, the government decided to invite tenders from all interested parties before granting a concession.

British Anxious to Make Another Climb Up Everest

LONDON (AP).—Advancing the Royal Geographical Society's anniversary meeting, the president, the Earl of Ronaldshay, said neither the members of the late Mount Everest expedition, nor of the

Mount Everest committee were prepared to admit defeat with regard to the conquest of Everest.

The prospect of putting the matter to the final test, he said, depended upon the willingness, or otherwise, of the Tibetan government to grant permission to another expedition, rather than upon the readiness and ability of the committee to organize and dispatch it.

Traffic Fine to Be Doubled

PORTLAND, Ore.—A new policy adopted by Police Judge Gilmore in regard to traffic law violators who are slow in appearing in court after their automobiles have been tagged was announced. The judge said it would be his policy hereafter to assess such violators a double fine.



CIRCUS DAYS ARE coming, and this tiger's keeper says he does not know whether the animal is laughing or crying at the thoughts of hitting the sawdust trail again. The Bengal tiger is known as the most ferocious of the tiger family. Picture from Hagenback-Wal-lace, Peru, Ind.



WHY A RAM'S HORN? Well, when a wild ram needs a wild ram the first thing they do is to back off about 30 paces and come together, head on, and each tries to get his horns low enough to strike the other low down on the face. Picture of two Big Horn rams fighting for supremacy of the flock in the Glacier National Park.

INSECTS SOLD IN TOKYO FOR MEDICAL QUALITIES

TOKYO (AP).—Singing insects are now on sale by street vendors along the Ginza, the gay "Main Street" of Tokyo. The principal warblers of the insect variety are crickets and long-horned grasshoppers. To the Japanese the "song" of the cricket and the grasshopper lends a peculiar charm to the summer evening.

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