

BIG PART OF FIUME POPULATION ITALIAN

Adriatic Port Long Subject of Controversy in Europe.

NEARBY PROVINCES SLAVIC

Colonization Oft Resorted to by Austria or Italy to Gain Their Ends Politically.

Frume, the chief subject of controversy between Italy and President Wilson, was the second largest port of Austria-Hungary, and is at the head of the gulf of Quarnero, opening from the Adriatic sea. It is on the site of a Roman town and was of small importance until the building of the railroad from Budapest and Agram, the capital of Croatia.

It was first mentioned in 1266 as a fief of the Counts of Gorizia, later was held by the Counts of Tyrol, but in 1463 passed to Frederick III of Hapsburg, and has since remained in the Hapsburg family. In 1776 Empress Marie Theresa handed it over to the Croatian government, but three years later it was transferred to Hungary and was a subject of contention between those two Hapsburg kingdoms until 1867, when it finally passed under Magyar rule with the rest of Croatia. It always remained an autonomous city, and Croats and Magyars by turns influenced settlement to suit their political ends.

Population Strangely Mixed. While it was under Hungarian rule, the Magyars favored the Italians against the Croats and made them supreme in city administration, opposing any extension of the franchise in favor of the Slavs, but a short time before the war the Magyars began to Magyarize the city, though the bulk of the shipping remained in the hands of the Croats. Hence the conflicting statistics as to the composition of the population.

An Italian writer, in a recent book entitled "Italy's Great War and Her National Aspirations," says that Fiume's citizens proved their determination to remain Italian by refusing to vote in an election of deputies to the Croatian diet in 1848, and protested against annexation to Croatia, and that between the Hungarians began to make attempts on the national character, they met with an equally sturdy resistance.

The Hungarian government tried to attain its end by colonization. They began by installing a postal and telegraph office—the postal and telegraph services, the customs and tax offices, schools, railways, public works and hospitals, were all in the hands of Hungarian officials. The government thus created an electorate which could be trusted to elect.

Italians in Majority. He says that the population in 1914 was 39,000 Italians, 15,000 Slavs and 6,000 Magyars after this process of colonization had been completed. Rev. M. D. Kropotkin of Kansas City, Kan., says in a pamphlet "On Great Serbia":

In 1910 the population of Rijeka (the Slav name for Fiume) numbered 46,896, of whom, according to the official statistics made by the Italian minister, only 19,125 were Croats or Slavians.

He then gives reasons for discrediting these figures as overstating the number of Italians and understating the number of Slavs. A nearer approach to the truth than is made by either of these writers probably is reached by the writer in the London Times, who says:

The city of Fiume itself, as distinct from its suburbs, contains, according to the latest available statistics, 24,000 Croats, 13,000 Magyars and 6,000 Italians of various nationalities. The Italian suburb of Sussak, which is separated from Fiume by a narrow stream, contains some 12,000 inhabitants, of whom nearly 12,000 are southern Slavs.

Adjoining Provinces Slav. If Sussak be included, the Slavs outnumber the Italians, but Italian writers ignore this suburb. Each of the two main races in turn seems to have colonized for its purpose and to have proselytized or coerced or fixed the census in favor of the race which it favored at the time, but there seems to be no doubt that Fiume is at most a half-Italian city on its coast of a Slav province. The Times writer is quoted as summing up the case best, and to offer the fairest solution, in these words:

The present position seems to be that though Fiume is not assigned to Italy by the secret treaty of London (April, 1915), it is now claimed by Italy by Italian political writers, because it, without Sussak, is inhabited by a majority of Italian-speaking inhabitants. The Croats and Magyars, on the other hand, claim Fiume as a southern Slav province on the ground that it is historically and juridically Croatian; that with the inseparable suburb of Sussak it is inhabited by a majority of southern Slavs, and that it is the only outlet at present available for Serbian and Slovene traffic towards the sea. In fact, the only normal gauge railways that connect the Adriatic with central and southeastern Europe run from Fiume and Trieste.

Important consideration of these rival claims would suggest that both Fiume and Trieste should be free ports, the one under southern Slav and the other under Italy.

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BRITISH PRESS RENT BY WILSON'S APPEAL

Gazette Says Italy, by Gaining Fiume, Would Lose Provinces.

SOME SEE INTERFERENCE

Globe Says President's Stand Is In-sult and Regards Position as Meddling in European Affairs.

LONDON, April 24.—All the London evening newspapers devote their leading articles to President Wilson's appeal in connection with the Italian situation at the Paris conference and to Premier Orlando's decision to withdraw from the conference. The Westminster Gazette indorses the statement of the

THE DISPUTED BOUNDARY BETWEEN ITALY AND THE JUGO-SLAVS.



The heavy black line indicates the new frontier as proposed by Italians, who go to the extreme of claiming as Italian all the territory that formerly had an Adriatic coast. Heavy arrow shows location of Fiume.

parliament, Baron Sonnino, Italian foreign minister, and the other Italian representatives will remain in Paris temporarily.

The situation as regards Italy's claim still is acute. There apparently has been no recession by the Italians from their stated terms, nor is there any indication that the British and French premiers and President Wilson have receded from their stand.

Signor Orlando has replied to the statement of President Wilson with regard to the Italian situation. The premier contends that, in addition to the safety of Italy on the front of the Alps, his country requires protection on her flank along the eastern Adriatic, and that the people along the Dalmatian coast should be permitted to have the right of self-determination in the matter of Italian sovereignty.

Mexico has announced through its foreign office that the Mexican government "has not recognized, nor will recognize the Monroe doctrine or any other which may attack the sovereignty and independence of Mexico."

DANIELS' GLASS WATCHED

AMERICAN SECRETARY OF NAVY IN LONDON.

After-Dinner Toasts Will Bring About Interesting Situation for U. S. Official.

BY CYRIL BROWN. (Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.) LONDON, April 24.—(Special.)—The extensive program which has been arranged for the visit of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who arrives in London this evening, does not include any dry banquets as far as can be ascertained. The British know that he is coming to see the big ships, the big guns and also the German high-seas fleet, but they are wondering whether he still is strongly committed to prohibition.

After-dinner toasts aboard British ships are consummated in port wine, and from all indications the visit of Secretary Daniels will not produce any change in this programme.

There has been some good-natured conjecturing about what drinkables to provide at the banquets in his honor, and so far grape juice is conspicuous by its absence. In fact, the secretary's visit comes at a time when Britain is trying to get as far away from the waterwagon as possible. There are now 800 casks of port lying on the docks of London, and new cargoes are arriving at frequent intervals from Portugal.

DISPATCHERS TO COMPLAIN

Regional Directors Refuse Recognition of Association Is Claim.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 24.—J. G. Luhrsen, president of the American Train Dispatchers' association, and L. C. Darling, secretary-treasurer, will leave Saturday for Washington to lay before Director-General Hines complaints that recognition of the association, granted last September by the director-general, is not being observed by regional directors and railway management. Mr. Luhrsen announced today.

Mr. Luhrsen recently returned from an inspection trip through the central and southern regions, he declared, and the results of his investigations are to be placed before the director-general. Paderewski Again in Paris. PARIS, April 24.—(French wireless service.)—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish pianist, and Madame Paderewski have returned to Paris from their trip to Switzerland.

that he had never threatened to begin prosecutions under the emergency prohibition act. He added that he did not propose any action along this line until the court had been given time to consider the litigation in progress.

The litigation was discontinued as affecting threats of the internal revenue department to prosecute manufacturers of a 2 1/2 per cent beer up to April 30, when the government counsel admitted that Commissioner Roper had erred in ruling under the conservation laws that beer of 1 1/2 per cent or greater alcoholic content was intoxicating and so could not be manufactured under the president's proclamation permitting production of "near beer."

None but a court had authority to pronounce a beverage intoxicating, or the opposite, Mr. Pittis said. Stating his desire to give an early decision in the case, Judge Hand arranged for submission of briefs before the end of next week. Former Senator Root announced that, whatever the determination, the issue "should be carried" to the supreme court.

TRADE CHANCES ARE SEEN

Charter to Private Firms of Government Ships Advocated.

NEW YORK, April 24.—America can afford to charge up to wastage the cost of her war-born mercantile marine, but she cannot afford to neglect the

trade opportunities it offers, declared George W. Norris of Philadelphia in an address today at the annual convention of the National Cotton Manufacturers' association.

Mr. Norris said it might be better for private capital to charter government boats manned by naval reservists created to buy the craft outright. This course, he said, would reduce demands on capital, facilitate enrollment of the necessary personnel and avoid injury to the shipbuilding industry by throwing so much tonnage on the market.

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American executive, noting that Italy went beyond the treaty of London in claiming Fiume as well as the Trentino and other territory assigned her by the London pact.

"We are obliged to point out," says the newspaper, "that in this very treaty Fiume was assigned to the Croats, and, if then, the appeal is to the treaty, we are as much bound not to give Fiume to Italy as we are bound to give her the other territories."

Italy said to Apply Both Ways. If the Italians claim Fiume under the principle of self-determination, adds the Gazette, that principle also applies to the Slav regions which were assigned to Italy under the treaty.

The evening Standard says it cannot pretend to be convinced by President Wilson's argument, while the Pall Mall Gazette says that Italy is claiming the fulfillment of the treaty where she is the gainer by its terms and its abrogation where she stands in the way of her full demands.

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America's Friendliness Valued. The Guardian analyzes the Italian proposition in a sympathetic vein, but it warns Italy against pressing historic claims too hard.

"After all," concludes the Guardian, "the support of America for a world peace is worth a good deal more than the security which any particular state could hope to derive from adding a strip to its own frontier."

The Liverpool Post, which fully indorses President Wilson's statement, thinks that his appeal was made "with the full privity and consent of Mr. Lloyd-George," and adds: "For, not less than America, England lies under moral obligation to squander every decision she takes in re-mapping the world with the axioms of peace in the 14 points."

PARIS, April 24.—Writing in the Echo de Paris, "Pertinax" launches a fierce diatribe against President Wilson.

"We have already sacrificed too much to the Wilsonian doctrine, solemnly condemned by the American voters last November," he says. "The international regime we have accepted for the Saar marks an act of weakness which will cost our country dear. Are we going still farther, today, in our enthusiasm for the new order? Are we going to tear up all existing treaties? Is nothing to remain of our alliance?"

Mr. Wilson Applauded. L'Ouvre represents the opposite extreme among the commentators. "We do not disguise the fact that in such a moment we heard with genuine emotion the voice of President Wilson rise above the mutterings of these international confabulations," it says. "President Wilson, tired of the confidential wrangling of secret diplomacy, has finally rent the veil and appealed to public opinion."

BONE-DRY-NATION PROMISE (Continued From First Page.) his opinion that the war "was still in progress," which upset one of the complainant's contentions. Following Elihu Root, who argued that the prohibition law did not apply to beer which was not intoxicating (in which class the brewers rate the two and three-fourths per cent product), and that the act having been passed after the signing of the armistice and the expiration of the war emergency, was unconstitutional.

Roper Held in Error. District Attorney Caffey announced

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