

ITALIANS DEMAND RICH AUSTRIAN PROVINCE OF ISTRIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 27.—Today's statement of the National Geographic society concerning the geography of the war in Europe deals with the Austrian province of Istria, which the Italians desire to secure, and which is said to be one of the considerations that Germany offers for a continuation of Italian neutrality. The statement says:

"Across the Gulf of Venice from Italy lies the rich Austrian province of Istria, formerly Venetian. The Istrian peninsula, a thick, irregular triangle wedged into the North Adriatic, with its mainland base defined by a line from Trieste in the north to Fiume in the south, and with Pola at its apex—three principal Austrian ports—is first among all the dual monarchy's maritime provinces. It is an outlet necessary to the empire's trade, and would, indeed, be a bright prize for the Italians.

In Austrian Crownland

"Istria, the ancient Histria, containing, with its neighboring islands, 1912 square miles, is an Austrian crownland, and forms part of the modern territorial division known as the coast districts. Its coast line is well indented, but the shores in much of their extent are steep and forbidding. Mountainous rock masses cross the land from north to south, culminating in Monte Maggiore, about 4600 feet high.

"Olives and figs are cultivated in the region, and Istria's grapes and wine are famous. There is little garden, though considerable rich pasture land, and the forests of the peninsula supply the material for a large native shipbuilding industry. Its fisheries are very valuable, and it has a small mineral yield, coal, alum and salt. There is little or no local manufacturing, except the building of ships.

Great Shipping Point

"It is as a shipping point, as a land of ports and strategic commercial and military naval bases, however, that Istria is most desirable. The shipping of its harbors amounts to more than 7,000,000 tons annually. Pola, at the apex, the chief naval base of the dual monarchy, is one of the most important sea-power stations in southern Europe.

"The population of Istria is about 350,000, 40 per cent of whom are Serbo-Croats, and 34 per cent Italians. In its early history Istria was a famous pirate land. The Romans subjugated the freebooters here. From the late middle ages until the extinction of the Venetian empire in 1797, Venice ruled the greater part of the peninsula, while only the northeastern portion belonged to Austria. Venetian possession is the history of Italy's present claim. The loss of this province would be a severe one to the dual monarchy's commercial ambitions and ambitions for Mediterranean power."

NEW STEAMER LINE TO ICELAND

NEW YORK, April 27.—Geir Thorsteinsson of Reykjavik, Iceland, a passenger aboard the steamer Bergensfjord, from Scandinavian ports, upon his arrival here today, asserted that a new steamship line has been established between Iceland and New York, under the Norwegian flag, to divert to America the trade of the island that has been Europe's ever since Iceland was settled.

The first ship of the new line, the Gullfuss, Mr. Thorsteinsson said, has probably sailed already from Reykjavik with a cargo of dried herring, wool and mutton and will take back a cargo of wheat and meat.

Ever since Iceland has engaged in trade its products, Mr. Thorsteinsson asserted, had gone to Norway and its supplies had been brought there. What Iceland intends to do, he said, is to transfer its entire foreign commercial relations to the United States.

PEARS ARE RECEIVED FROM NEW ZEALAND

The Rogue River Fruit & Produce association received a box of Bose pears from New Zealand the last of the week, as a sample of the fruit that they raised. The pears are much smaller than our local product and are not of as fine a quality, and not so much care seems to have been taken in the sorting and packing of them as we give our fruit in this valley. Their pear season is just over in that section of the world. The pears were obtained through the Northwestern Fruit Exchange.

"Bet My Dad Can Lick Your Dad"



Jess Willard, Jr., infant son of the new champion of the world. Young Jess is the only boy of the Willard family of four. He is 16 months old and, judging by the sturdy build of him now, will uphold the fistie prowess of his daddy when he grows big enough to wield a pair of gloves. He's practicing on his sisters now—without gloves.

RAISE \$10,000,000 FOR PENSIONS FOR RETIRED MINISTERS

CHICAGO, April 27.—Plans to raise a \$10,000,000 fund to provide pensions for retired Methodist ministers, their widows and orphans were outlined at a national convention of bishops and conference representatives of the Methodist Episcopal church, which opened here today. In an address of welcome George W. Dixon, president of the Chicago Home Missionary and Church Extension society, said that provision for old age was a great, modern, humanitarian movement and that the church owed to its retired ministers a debt it

could never repay. The pension plan includes the establishment of a retiring annuity based on years of service.

Rev. Joseph B. Hingeley, corresponding secretary of the board of conference claimants, who made an address, stated that the movement for retiring competency for aged ministers was on in all the great denominations and is being pushed with great force by the physicians, the Methodist churches, North and South; the Protestant Episcopal, the Disciples church and certain sections of the Baptist and Congregational churches. The Methodists, with whom the \$10,000,000 movement is but a few months old, already have obtained \$1,000,000, Dr. Hingeley said.

"The present intensive campaign," said he, "will reach its culmination at the meeting of the general conference at Saratoga Springs in May, 1916."

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VON BERNSTORFF'S RECALL LIKELY TO BE DEMANDED

(By Gilson Gardner.) WASHINGTON, April 27.—Only a policy of great self-restraint and patience deters our state department from asking the recall of the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff. Under ordinary circumstances the count would hardly remain here two weeks. He has done everything diplomatically to make his persona non grata, as the diplomats phrase it, and in any other condition that the present one, word would go to Berlin in short order asking for the assignment of a new man to this post. President Wilson is very anxious, however, to avoid any occasion of offense to any of the warring nations and is stretching his neutrality to the utmost.

Given Many Offenses It is not the recent note protesting against the export of arms which alone has given offense, although that protest might have been worded in a much less offensive way. The discourtesy in that affair lay in making public this diplomatic note before even our secretary of state had seen it. Our government has had previously ample cause for complaint on account of the activity of the embassy here and its naval attaché, Captain Boy Ed, in the traffic in fraudulent passports and the carrying on of spy work with the embassy as headquarters and funds transmitted through diplomatic channels. This was taking advantage of the special immunities and prerogatives accorded to foreign diplomats to abuse our neutrality in aid of military operations. It is strongly suspected that the embassy had a hand in supplying information to its ships by wireless in their sea-raiding operations and getting provisions to the roving cruisers while they were still at large.

Political Activities Lately our government has had occasion to complain of the political activities of von Bernstorff in putting out through newspaper channels quasi-diplomatic proposals on the subject of peace. This newspaper copy has been not only inspired, but dictated by the German ambassador, but when asked to authorize it or assume any diplomatic responsibility the ambassador has calmly denied any knowledge of it.

The purpose in giving out the alleged peace overtures is regarded by our state department and by the president as purely political—intended to influence public opinion in the United States—a thing which an ambassador is supposed to scrupulously avoid.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council at its meeting to be held May 4th, 1915, for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in quantities less than a gallon at its place of business at 32 North Front street, in the city of Medford, for a period of six months. Dated April 24th, 1915. M. & E. J. ADAMS.

COST OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT LESS HERE THAN AVERAGE

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The per capita cost of county government is higher in Klamath county than in any other county in Oregon, according to the report just made public by the census bureau, which gives elaborate detailed figures on county revenues and expenditures for 1913. Jackson county was one of the lowest in per capita cost, nearly a \$1.50 per capita less than the general average.

The report shows that in Klamath county the per capita cost was \$27.77, as against an average cost of county government for the entire state of \$10.83. In nine counties the per capita cost exceeded \$15, as follows: Crook, \$15.22; Curry, \$18.68; Gilliam, \$15.31; Josephine, \$18.60; Klamath, \$27.77; Lake, \$19.02.

In Multnomah county the per capita cost was \$8.76; in Washington county, \$12.95; and in Lane, \$12.28. The record for low per capita government was made by Hood River county, where the cost was \$7.56 a person. Other counties in which the per capita cost fell below \$10 were: Baker, \$8.34; Clackamas, \$9.67; Columbia, \$9.82; Jackson, \$9.23; Marion, \$8.31; Union, \$9.66; Wasco, \$8.23.

LEGAL CONTEST FOR FIGHT FILMS

NEWARK, N. J., April 27.—A legal contest by the owner of the Willard-Johnson fight films to bring the films into this country will begin here next Friday, according to announcement by Charles A. Towne, formerly United States senator, counsel for Lawrence L. Weber, the owner.

The first step preliminary to the beginning of the legal battle was begun yesterday when Mr. Towne made a formal demand upon the collector of the port that the pictures be admitted. Refusal was given on the ground that the federal statutes forbade it.

Mr. Towne then served notice that he would apply in the United States district court on Friday for an injunction restraining the collector from refusing to admit the pictures.

ANOTHER TRAWLER BLOWN UP BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

LONDON, April 27.—The Grimshy trawler Recoilo has been blown up in the North sea. Some of the members of her crew are missing.

Seven survivors, some of them terribly mutilated, were picked up out of a crew of nine. The engineer went down with the ship. One of the injured men died.

Opinion differs whether the Recoilo was destroyed by a mine or a torpedo.

TRY TO DYNAMITE COUNCIL OF WAR IN CONSTANTINOPLE

PARIS, April 27.—A powerful clockwork bomb was hidden yesterday in the ministry of war at Constantinople, according to a dispatch from Saloniki. It was timed to explode at an hour when the council was in session. The meetings of this body are attended by Enver Pasha, minister of war; Field Marshal von der Goltz and General Liman von Sanders.

Investigation is said to have disclosed that the bomb was placed in the room by a sweep who had come to clean the chimney and who then disappeared. Several officials connected with the ministry of war have been arrested on suspicion of being his accomplices. The police believe the plot was directed against the Young Turks and the Germans.

Members of the committee of union and progress are said to have decided at a meeting to which no Germans were admitted to adhere to a "waiting policy," but to favor the conclusion of a separate peace with the allies if Germany failed to provide assistance sufficient to repulse an attack on the Dardanelles.

GERMANS COLLECT COPPER COINS TO MAKE CANONS

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