TINIEST REPUBLIC BROUGHT INTO WAR AREA THROUGH ITALY

Most Venerable and Enduring of European States—Republic Since 951 A. D.—Is Mountainous Region With Population of 12,000.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—San Marino, the world's tinniest republic, a vest pocket edition, has been brought into the war area by Italy's declaration against Austria-Hungary. San Marino,des pite its midget proportions, is the most venerable, the most persistent and enduring of republics. For it adds to its quality of being one of the smallest states in the world, that of being the oldest state in Europe. It has weathered violent storms, stofms threatening to extinguish even its memory among men, by the score; and, today, the ancient, midget republic is again on the firing line of a world convlusion.

Surrounded by Italy

"San Marino is situated between the Italian provinces of Forli and Pesaro-Urbino, in teh north of Italy, near the Adriatic coast, within reach of big guns from the sea. It lies about twelve miles southwest of Rimini, an Italian coast city, and well within the zone exposed to hostile airship and aeroplane attack. The republic has one town, which lies toward the coast, about 115 miles due south of Venice.

"The little state has an area of 32 square miles, and a population of some 12,000. Its territory is very hilly, mountainous in the neighborhood of its city, where the Monte Titano, an offshoot of the Apennines, reaches the highest elevation in the republic, that of 2650 feet. The city stands at the south of this precipitous rock, and is sheltered under the defenses of the mountain, whose three summits are crowned by fortifications. These strong positions, like the Black mountain of the Montenegrins, have played a significant part in the preservation of the republic through the centuries of war, anarchy, neighborly aggregssion, and hate of democracy that the small state has seen since the year 951, when it adopted its republican form

PRESIDENT AND CAPITAL BUILDING OF SAN MARINO

Where laws are made for tiniest nation in world. The palace of the president of the republic of San Marino. Inset a picture of one of the two presidents or regents. Below, map showing how tiny republic is entirely surrounded by Italian territory.

of government. This government, with modifications, is still in force today. The arms of aSn Marino are three peaks, each crowned with a tower. The shield is a silver shield, and, besides the defended mountain peaks, displays the patron saint.

Climate Healthful

"The climate is healthful. Cattle-raising and wine production are the chief occupations in the republic, while lace and embroidery working are ag rowing home industry. Many of the citizens of San Marino earn their livelihoods outside of the narrow limits of the fatherland as mechanics, the mason's trade being the most popular. Some excellent stone carvers come from among this people and marble figures form one of the exports.

"The town of San Marino, which grows around its mountain, is protected by a wall and shelters about 2000 people. It contains the republic's parliament building, a fine type of public structure, much more pretentious than the legislative halls of a number of nations many times as large. There are five churches and one or two other interesting architectural features in the city.

Parliament Representation

"The parliament of San Marino is a representative body, with sixty members chosen for life service from among the burghers, landowners and nobility. The executive power reposes in a committee of twelve, chosen from among the representatives and of two 'reigning captains,' selected by the chamber from its membership every six months. The annual income and expenditure is about $60,000. San Marino has no public debt. It has a treaty of friendship with Italy.

"Military service is compulsory in the little republic, for it has often found that the preparation of its citizens was the only guarantee of the endurance of its liberal institutions. All of its men are technically obliged to serve with the colors from 16 to 60. The available forces of San Marino total about 1500 a trim and well-equipped army. The republic issues its own postage stamps and copper coinage. Coins of higher value are Italian.

Preserved by Sentiment

"The city is said to have been founded in the fourth century by Saint Marinus of Dalmatia. In 951 it had developed into a little republic, and during the long years of its history several times forced the recognition of its independence from greatly superior adversaries. When Italy went to war with Austria for her independence, San Marino declared its neutrality with much the same consciousness of the importance of this manifesto as that felt by the powerful sister republic, the United States, in declaring its position in the present world struggle. Napoleon respected the independence of the little state, and sentiment preserved the republic in 1860-61—the Liliput of 1000 years survived independent in the midst of a united Italy."

Cross for Zeppelin Destroyer.

LONDON, June 8.—Reginald A. J. Warneford, the young Canadian sub-lieutenant in the royal army, who yesterday in an aeroplane attacked and wrecked a Zeppelin dirigible over Belgium, was given the Victoria cross today.

Warneford's exploit marks the first time a Zeppelin has been brought to earth by a monoplane.

COLLEGE STUDENTS COMING TO VIEW, STUDY CRATER LAKE

Bread cast upon the advertising waters two years by the visit to this city and Crater lake of world-famed scientists will return this summer in the shape of a score of excursion parties to the scenic marvel of the northwest.

Court Hall has booked through the Raymond-Whitcomb agency fourteen parties of from five to twenty-five people for four days' trips to the lake this season. The Raymond-Whitcomb company has for years booked excursion trips through the Grand Canyon, Yosemite park and other scenic spots of the world.

The geographical and geological department of Columbia university will send a party of twenty-five teachers and students to Crater lake to study geology. They will leave on July 30 and will be entertained during their visit by the University club. Some of the party were at the lake with the party of international scientists.

August 11 a party of twenty from Hunter's college, New York, will make the trip to Crater Lake. Similar delegations from Yale and Harvard universities will make the trip, the dates as yet unfixed.

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AUTO'S GLARING LIGHTS CAUSE OF SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Mrs. J. L. Thorndike lies at Sacred Heart hospital suffering from a severe concussion of the brain, as the result of a motorcycle accident on North Riverside avenue Monday night when the machine on which she was riding crashed into a buggy. Mrs. Thorndike was riding on the rear seat and the driver was blinded by the headlights of an approaching automobile. Dr. R. J. Conroy was called, and rendered medical assistance. Her condition was reported as serious, with a fighting chance for life.

The matter was not reported to the police. Mrs. Thorndike and companion were riding on one motorcycle and two friends were upon another motorcycle. They were driving down the tarest side by side when the accident occurred.

As the result of the accident, and the report to the authorities of several near accidents, it is probable that the city council at its next meeting will take steps towards regulating lights on autos so that they will not be dazzling in their brightness. In many cities, light dimmers are placed on all autos. According to Chief Hittson, many drivers on the Pacific Highway retire to the side of the road at the approach of an auto searchlight as a precautionary step.

TO INSURE AGAINST AIRSHIP DAMAGE

LONDON, June 8.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that the British government was considering the initiation of a national insurance scheme to cover the losses inflicted by German aircraft.

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