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## FIUME.

Fiume is an independent State created by the Treaty of Rapallo, signed on November 12, 1920, between Italy and the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. By Article 4 of the Treaty the contracting Powers recognise the independence of Fiume in perpetuity. The Treaty has been duly ratified, and the ratifications were exchanged in February, 1921.

The Treaty of London of April 26, 1915, granted Italy a large area of continental Dalmatia. Difficulties arose between the Italians and the Yugo-Slavs as to Italy's share, and the difficulties were complicated by the action of the poet D'Annunzio in seizing Fiume on September 12, 1919, and annexing it to Italy. The difficulties were, however, solved by the Treaty of Rapallo.

On June 5, 1921, a further agreement was arrived at between the Free City, Italy and Yugo-Slavia in reference to the Port of Fiume, which includes the Port of Barros, according to which equal rights are granted to the three parties concerned.

During the year 1921, and down to March, 1922, there has been a good deal of unrest in the new State, and though a Constituent Assembly met in October, a settled government has not yet been established (March, 1922).

*Head of the Provisional Government* (March 15, 1922).—Lieut. Cabruna. The area of the new State is given as 8 sq. miles, and the population as 49,806.

By Article 5 of the Treaty of Rapallo, it is provided that the area of Fiume shall be delimited by a special commission composed half of Italian and half of Yugo-Slav delegates.

*British Consul at Fiume.*—W. J. Holmes.

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