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On the 69 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the records from the decimal file of the Department of State, 1910-29, that relate to internal affairs of Austria-Hungary and Austria. The records, consisting of bound volumes and unbound documents, are mostly instructions to and despatches from diplomatic and consular officials; despatches are often accompanied by enclosures. Also included in these records are notes between the Department of State and foreign diplomatic representatives in the United States, memoranda prepared by officials of the Department, and correspondence with officials of other Government departments and with private firms and persons. The Lists of Documents or "purport sheets" reproduced on Rolls 1-4 give brief abstracts of the documents reproduced in this microcopy and serve as a finding aid to the documents themselves. The arrangement of entries on these lists generally corresponds to the arrangement of the documents in the file.

From 1910 to 1963 the Department of State used a decimal system for its central files, assembling and arranging individual documents according to subject and assigning file numbers. The decimal file consists of nine primary classes numbered 0 through 8, each covering a broad subject area. The records reproduced in this microcopy are in Class 8, Internal Affairs of States. The country number assigned to Austria is 63; thus the documents bear the file number 863 and relate to internal affairs of Austria-Hungary and Austria. A decimal point is used after the first three digits, followed by a number that represents a specific subtopic. This number, in turn, may be followed by a slant mark (/). In such cases the numbers after the slant mark were assigned to individual documents as they were accumulated on a specific subject. For example, a decimal file number taken from a document reproduced in this microcopy is 863.6373/6. The number 6373 signifies that the subtopic is potash, and the number after the slant mark indicates the number of documents on this subtopic.

The documents under one subject classification are generally in chronological order, coinciding with the document number assigned (which follows the slant mark). There are instances, however, when a document file number was not assigned until a date considerably later than the one on which the document was received.

Cross-reference sheets referring to related records under other subject classifications in the decimal file have been reproduced as they occur, and appropriate cross-reference notations appear in the Lists of Documents. Other cross-reference notations are to documents in the "numerical file," a system used for the central files of the Department of State for the period 1906-10. The checkmarks that appear by most entries

in the left-hand column of the Lists of Documents indicate that the papers are in the file; entries without marks, it is believed, refer to documents that were not among the records when they were received from the Department of State.

Some of the documents that have been checked in the Lists of Documents do not appear in this microcopy. The file contains security-classified documents and communications received from and classified by foreign governments and Federal agencies, in addition to those classified by the Department of State. Documents that have not been declassified are not available as part of this microcopy. The National Archives and Records Service does not have authority to make reproductions of such documents available to searchers.

The largest group of records in this microcopy concern political affairs, including records pertaining to the Imperial Family, Presidents, and branches of the Government. Some of the other topics relating to Austro-Hungarian and Austrian internal affairs are social, economic, and industrial matters, and communication and transportation.

The records reproduced in this microcopy are part of the records in the National Archives designated as Record Group 59, General Records of the Department of State.

In the same record group are several diplomatic correspondence series containing additional documents on relations between Austria-Hungary and Austria and the United States. They are copies of instructions from the Department of State to U.S. Ministers to Austria, 1837-1906 (Rolls 13-16 of Microcopy 77); notes to the Austrian Legation in the United States from the Department, 1853-1906 (Rolls 2-4 of Microcopy 99); despatches from U.S. Ministers to Austria to the Department, 1838-1906 (Microcopy T-157); and notes from the Austrian Legation in the United States to the Department, 1820-1906 (Microcopy 48). Also related to matters concerning Austria-Hungary and Austria are communications to special agents of the United States from the Department, 1852-86 (Roll 154 of Microcopy 77).

There are also microfilm publications available on despatches from U.S. consular officials at Budapest, 1876-1906 (Microcopy T-531), and Vienna, 1830-1906 (Microcopy T-243). Complementary to the despatches are instructions to consuls.

The arrangement of the diplomatic and consular series cited above was discontinued in 1906, when the Department of State adopted the practice of filing incoming and outgoing correspondence, memoranda, and other documents by subject in a single numerical series. Information on documents relating to Austria-Hungary and Austria for the 1906-10 period may be found through the use of card indexes and Lists of Documents in the National Archives.

Among the records in the same record group, in Class 7 of the Department of State decimal file, 1910-29, are three other series regarding

Austro-Hungarian and Austrian affairs that are closely related to the records reproduced in this microcopy. One concerns political relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary and Austria (Microcopy 696), and the other is political relations between Austria-Hungary and Austria and Other States (Microcopy 697). The third series, which concerns relations between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, is reproduced as Records of the Department of State Relating to World War I and Its Termination, 1914-29 (Microcopy 367, 518 rolls). Preparations have been made to film three related series pertaining to Austria-Hungary and Hungary, 1910-29: internal affairs (Microcopy 708), political relations with the United States (Microcopy 709), and political relations with other states (Microcopy 710).

Additional documents are in the remaining classes of the Department of State decimal file as follows:

- Class 0. General. Miscellaneous.
- Class 1. Administration, Government of the United States.
- Class 2. Extradition.
- Class 3. Protection of Interests.
- Class 4. Claims.
- Class 5. International Congresses and Conferences.
Multi-lateral Treaties. League of Nations.
- Class 6. Commerce. Customs Administration. Commercial Relations, Treaties, and Conventions.
Commercial and Trade Agreements.

In Record Group 84, Records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State, are records originally kept at U.S. diplomatic and consular posts. Among these are records of the U.S. Legation (later Embassy) in Austria, 1837-1935, and of consular posts in that country, including records relating to Hungary before 1919.

The records reproduced in this microcopy were prepared for filming by James E. Primas, who wrote these introductory remarks and provided the other editorial material.

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LISTS OF DOCUMENTS

These lists contain brief abstracts that serve as a finding aid to the documents.

1	863.00/30 - 863.1576	\$3
2	863.20 - 863.5072	2
3	863.51 - 863.5611	3
4	863.60 - 863.92511/1	3

DOCUMENTS

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

The records in this group relate to the changing political situation in Austria:

5	863.00/30-265	\$5
6	863.00/266-440	5
7	863.00/441-525	4
8	863.00/526-612	5
	Bolshevik propaganda and activities:	
9	863.00B - 863.00B/45	\$4
10	863.00B/46-86	4
	863.00F - 863.00S/3	
	Fascism; Socialist activities.	
11	863.001F85 - 863.001Se4	\$3
	Emperors Franz Josef and Karl I; Presidents Wilhelm Miklas and Karl Seitz.	
12	863.0011/0-25	\$1
	The Imperial Family.	
13	863.002/0-118	\$3
	Cabinet, Ministry.	
	Government	
14	863.01/1-92	\$3
	General.	
15	863.01A/1 - 863.01G31/57	\$3
	Foreign advisers to the Austrian Government; Austrian agents in the United States; Government of German Austria.	
16	863.011 - 863.0178	\$7
	Constitution; citizenship; passports, forged passports; suffrage; territory; flag, laws and customs regulating use of the flag; coat of arms; national anthem; civil service, retirement.	

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17	<p><u>Executive Departments</u> \$2 863.02 - 863.0211 General; Foreign Office, diplomatic and consular fees.</p> <p><u>Legislative Branch</u> 863.03 - 863.032/16 General; proceedings.</p>
18	<p><u>Judicial Branch</u> \$5 863.044 - 863.04611 Laws; criminal law, offenses against property, offenses against the Government; civil, probate and bankruptcy laws; procurement of evidence from the United States for use in Austria; effect in Germany of judgments and decrees of Austrian courts.</p>
19	<p><u>PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY</u> \$3 863.1052 - 863.11101/35 Police organization, municipal police organization; protection against fire and preventable accidents; crime; regulations governing residence, trade, travel, and visa fees.</p>
20	<p>863.113 - 863.1157 \$6 Regulations governing fire arms, ammunition, and explosives, traffic in liquors and habit-forming drugs, narcotics, prostitution, and traffic in obscene matters.</p> <p><u>Public Health</u> 863.12 - 863.1284 General; vital statistics, death statistics; disposal of the dead, cremation; materia medica; practice of medicine, pharmacy, and nursing.</p> <p><u>Charities</u> 863.14 - 863.146 General; Red Cross; hospitals; soldiers and sailors' homes.</p> <p><u>Public Works</u> 863.15 - 863.1576 General; water supply; roads, streets, and highways; proposed closing of the Producers' Market.</p>
21	<p><u>MILITARY AFFAIRS</u> \$6 863.20 - 863.20261 General; Austrian military activities in Mexico and Russia.</p> <p>863.22 - 863.2311 Army personnel; commissioned officers; question of payment to an enlisted man of U.S. citizenship who served in the Army of Austria-Hungary; admission of U.S. citizens</p>

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	to military academies in Austria; entrance of Austrian military bodies into the United States.
	<u>Equipment and Supplies</u>
	863.24/0-16
	General.
	<u>NAVAL AFFAIRS</u>
	863.321
	Change of fleet commandant, 1917.
22	<u>SOCIAL MATTERS</u> \$6
	863.401 - 863.407/1
	Report on the people of Austria, race problems; literature; fine arts, ceramics, music; religion; manners and customs, marriage, divorce; public entertainment, motion pictures; athletic sports, field sports; horsemanship; holidays.
23	<u>History</u> \$2
	863.412 - 863.415B39
	Historical relics; monuments, statues, and memorials; public records; commemorative celebrations, Beethoven Centennial Celebration, 1927.
	<u>Education</u>
	863.42 - 863.428
	General; popular education; education of the blind; cultural relations; libraries.
	<u>Societies</u>
	863.43M29
	Sovereign Order of Malta.
	<u>Public Men</u>
	863.44Pirquet, Clemens
	Sudden death of Dr. Clemens Pirquet and his wife at Vienna, Feb. 28, 1929.
	<u>Etiquette</u>
	863.458/0-8
	Ceremonial communications.
	<u>Entertainment</u>
	863.4611 - 863.46211/2
	Audiences with the Emperor; entertainment in Austria by private persons and societies of the United States.
	<u>Calamities and Disasters</u>
	Crises arising from prevailing conditions during World War I and shortages of food and supplies after cessation of hostilities:
24	863.48/0-98 \$3
25	863.48/100-226 4
	863.48/Kaufman, L.W. - 863.48/Wall, Annie
	Appeals for Austrian relief, 1920.

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ECONOMIC MATTERS

General:

26	863.50/1-128	\$5
27	863.50/129-165	4
28	863.50/166-187 1/2	5
29	863.50/188-215	6
30	863.50/216-252	4
31	863.50/253-285	5
32	863.50/286-370	6
33	863.5011 - 863.5035/5	5
	Census, cost of living, fuel shortage; housing; capital, investment of foreign capital in Austria, cooperative systems, corporations, combinations in restraint of trade.	
34	863.504/1 - 863.5072	\$6
	Labor; hours and wages, compulsory insurance, unions, strikes and lockouts; hazardous employments, employers' liability; insurance, bonding companies; casualty, life, health, and automobile insurance; pensions, military and state pensions.	

Financial Conditions

Financial Affairs:

The records listed below relate to the financial situation in Austria, particularly the events and conditions immediately before and after World War I.

35	863.51/1-146	\$6
36	863.51/147-266	5
37	863.51/267-400	5
38	863.51/401-514	5
39	863.51/515-665	5
40	863.51/666-795	5
41	863.51/796-830	6
42	863.51/831-890	6
43	863.51/891-911	6
44	863.51/912-932	8
45	863.51A - 863.51Un3/1	4
	Financial adviser; affairs of Allgemeine Oesterreichische Boden Kreditanstalt (Austrian General Land Credit Institution); bonds of Alpine Montan Steel Corp.; affairs of the Kreditanstalt for Handel und Gewerbe of Vienna; affairs of the City of Graz; loan to the City of Innsbruck; loan to the Province of Upper Austria by Morgan, Livermore, and Co.; proposed loans to the City of Linz and to the Province of Lower Austria; loan to Austria by J.P. Morgan and Co.; sinking fund bonds of the Lower Austrian Hydroelectric	

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	Power Co.; popular comment; negotiations between the Province of Styria and Speyer and Co. of New York for a loan; bonds of the A. E. G. Union Elektrizitäts Gesellschaft of Austria.
46	863.51V67/0-30 \$2 Financial affairs of Vienna.
	Settlement of relief credits and loans to Austria:
47	863.51Relief Credits/0-141 \$4
48	863.51Relief Credits/142-197 2
49	863.51Upper Austria \$5 Proposed loan to Upper Austria by Blyth, Witter, and Co.
	Taxation:
	863.512 - 863.513 General; income tax; lotteries.
	Monetary System:
	863.515/0-61 General.
50	863.5151 - 863.5158/1 \$5 Exchange, reproductions of obligations and securities.
	Banks, Banking, and Exchanges:
	General:
51	863.516/0-116 \$5
52	863.516/117-155 6
	The Austro-Hungarian Bank:
53	863.516Au7/0-86 \$3
54	863.516Au7/87-140 6
	863.5161 - 863.5171/12 Interest and discount, exchanges, stock exchange.
55	<u>Lands, Real Estate</u> \$3 863.52 - 863.5211 General; right of U.S. citizens to hold or acquire real property in Austria.
	<u>Intellectual and Industrial Property</u>
	863.54 General.
	Patents:
	863.542 - 863.542Un3 General; paint-spraying apparatus exhibited at the Vienna Fair, 1928; protection of patent interests of Alfred Spaney and Joshua W. Mayer in Austria; suit for the revocation of a patent granted to the United Shoe Machinery Co.
	Trademarks:
	863.543 - 863.54367m General; imitation of packages and labels of

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	the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., by the Hirtensburg Manufacturing Co. of Austria; trademark treaty between Austria and Palestine.
	Copyrights: 863.54411
	Copyright matters between the United States and Austria.
56	<u>Immigration</u> \$5 863.55 - 863.5511 General; immigration to Austria from the United States.
	<u>Emigration</u>
	<u>Emigration from Austria:</u>
	863.56/0-12(pt.)
57	863.56/12(pt.)-76 \$4 863.5610 - 863.5611/10 Emigration from Austria to Latin America and to the United States.
58	<u>INDUSTRIAL MATTERS</u> \$5 863.60 - 863.607D General; establishment of an increase in customs tariff and a tax on sugar; expositions; International Fairs at Vienna, 1923 and 1924; The Adria Exposition, Vienna, 1913; Hygiene Exposition of Vienna to be held during April and May 1925; Exhibition of Appliances, Prague, 1913; International Exposition of Pharmacy, Sept. 1913.
	<u>Agriculture</u>
	861.61 - 863.6174 General; pests affecting plant life; field crops, grains, tobacco, soya beans, sugar beet; forestry, lumbering; saps, resins, and gums.
	<u>Animal Husbandry</u>
	863.62 - 863.628/16 General; sale of stud horses by the Austrian Government; sheep, goats, and wool, swine; fisheries.
59	<u>Mines and Mining</u> \$4 863.63/1 - 863.6373/6 General; mining laws and regulations; precious metals and stones, gold mines, radium; iron and copper mines; coal, petroleum; other mining products, salt, sulphur, and potash.
60	<u>Engineering</u> \$5 863.64 - 863.6463 General; building; water power; electrical engineering.

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Manufactures and Manufacturing

863.65 - 863.659/1

General; metals, iron and steel; leather manufacture; textiles, cotton manufacture; production of paper; cost of pharmaceutical preparations; manufacture of sugar, meat products, cereal products, beverages; miscellaneous manufactures.

61 COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION \$5

863.70/0-2

General.

Post

863.71 - 863.7186

General; laws and regulations; transportation of mail between Austria and Italy; postal rates; international postal rates; postal equipment; money orders; postal savings banks; loss and theft of mail, tampering with mail.

Telegraph

863.72 - 863.727

Telegraph rates and codes.

Cable

863.73 - 863.731

General; cable censorship.

Wireless Telegraph

863.74 - 863.741

General; laws and regulations.

Telephone

863.75/0-3

General.

62 Railway \$6

863.77/2 - 863.783

General; railway laws and rates; electric railways; street railway rates.

Other Means of Communication and Transportation

863.796 - 863.797/6

Aerial navigation, laws and regulations, stations and landing fields; aerial navigation between Yugoslavia and Austria and between Italy and Austria; automobiles.

63 NAVIGATION \$4

863.80 - 863.841

General; navigation laws; waterways linking Germany, Austria, and France; rivers; canals in Austria; tonnage dues.

Merchant Vessels

863.85/0-92

General.

The records listed below relate to the sales and purchases of Austrian merchant vessels,

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many of which were in foreign or neutral ports at the conclusion of World War I. Some of these vessels were used by the relief authorities to bring food and supplies to Austrians and to citizens of other areas of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.

64	863.852/0-210	\$4
65	863.852/211-399	4
66	863.852/400-521	3
67	863.852M36/0-54	3

Records relating to vessel SS Martha Washington.

68	863.854 - 863.857/6	\$1
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Inspection of merchant vessels in Austria; disabled, wrecked, and stranded vessels.

69	<u>OTHER INTERNAL AFFAIRS</u>	\$3
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Public Press
863.91 - 863.918
General; newspapers, clippings; news-gathering agencies; restriction of the press.

Science
863.92 - 863.92511/1
General; astronomy; geography and mapmaking; time.

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