

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH THE BANK OF ALBANIA DURING WORLD WAR I.

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to give the rotating efforts to create a Central Bank in the new Albanian state, about three years later after the Albanian state was created, the time in which these efforts begin. I am concentrating within a very turbulent time, not only for territories but also the Albanian state in the Balkans. And are mainly attempted a foreign country which until the summer of 1914 had been in the group of countries supporting the Albanian state, whereas after 1916 comes as conqueror, forces within the Central Block. Austria - Hungary does not appear in this case only under the framework of military occupation, on the contrary, over a period of 3 years so intense that attempts to establish a bank in Albania. Taking into considera economic situation in the Albanian lands without underestimating their subjective intentions, the bank would be almost fully owned Austro - Hungarian. And this is the essence of the paper. I will present diplomatic actions and efforts in creating this reality bank. Effort is made concrete with frequent invitations to central headquarters based in Shkodra makes dualistic Kingdom banks, or those allied to assume the creation of this bank. Conjunction with these actions we will attempt to present the analysis that the General Headquarters in Shkodra, has become associated with the Albanian economy, the role played by the lack of this bank in this economy. At the end of the study will present the results of all these efforts and actions, and economic impact on Albania that had the invasion not only military order during the First World War. Based on documentary sources will archive the files of Vienna, in Shkodra Museum archive.