

LIECHTENSTEIN



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LIECHTENSTEIN, PRINCIPALITY of
BERNE MINT

1/2 FRANK 18MM .835 FINE 2.5 GRAMS

1924 30,000 rare

^OV: Head of Prince John II, facing left JOHANN II FURST (John II, Prince) left VON LIECHTENSTEIN (of Liechtenstein) right.

^RV: Crowned Arms within wreath of laurel, denomination divided by Liechtenstein Arms, 1/2 left, FR (frank) right / 1924 below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = BERNE

POPULATION: Liechtenstein - 1912 - 10,716 with capital Vaduz with 1,142 inhabitants.

REFERENCE: Y-7

FOOTNOTE: The original mintage of this issue was struck at the Swiss mint at Berne with 30,000 coins, later 15,745 were melted.

FOOTNOTE: Liechtenstein is practically free from taxes, most of the expenses being met from revenues of the Dynasty from outside properties, whose aggregate acreage is said to exceed the area of the Principality itself - Estates in Czechoslovakia and Germany, and a famous Viennese Palace with very valuable collection of Art.



Arms of Liechtenstein

FOOTNOTE: The Principality of Liechtenstein, lying between Austrian crownland of Vorarlberg and the Swiss cantons of St. Gallen and Graubunden, is a sovereign State consisting of Schellenberg and Vaduz (formerly immediate fiefs of the Roman Empire). The former in 1699 and the latter in 1712 came into the possession of the house of Liechtenstein and, by diploma of January 23, 1719, granted by Emperor Karl VI., the two lordships were constituted as the Principality of Liechtenstein. After the break-up of the Empire in 1806 the Principality was incorporated in the Rhine Confederation; from 1815 to 1866 it formed part of the German confederation, since the break-up of which it has joined no similar union. The Reigning is Prince John II., born October 5, 1840; when at the age of 18 succeeded his father on November 12, 1858. The reigning family originated in the twelfth century, and traces its decent through free barons who in 1608 became princes of Liechtenstein. The capital and seat of government is Vaduz (population c. 1912 - 1,376) The population is in great part agricultural, the chief products of the country being corn, wine, fruit, and timber. The rearing of cattle for which the fine alpine pastures are well suited is highly developed. *The Statesman's Year-Book, London, 1916.*

FOOTNOTE: The Royal coat of Arms of Liechtenstein represents; Schlesien (Eagle), Saxony (Arch), The Duchy of Trappau (Division), Schellenberg (So-called Virgin Eagle), The Duchy of Jagerdorff (Horn) and in the middle the Arms of the House of Liechtenstein, above, the Crown of a Prince of the Holy Roman Empire. Around the Arms an Order.

FOOTNOTE: In 1976 a recent amateurish restrike of the 1/2 frank of Liechtenstein was reported, marked "900 B&B" with plain edge. *Money, Liechtenstein, 1976*



Liechtenstein between Switzerland and Austria

