

AN ADRIATIC DEAL.

RICH SICILIAN SUSPECTED OF HELPING ENEMY.

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A big sensation was caused in Naples last night through the arrest of Commendatore Lauria, president of the Board of Directors of the Sicilia Navigation Company.

The warrant read out to the Commander by the Marshal of Carabinieri, charges him with frauds against the State, and furthermore with the grievous crime of espionage.

Some time ago this wealthy Sicilian magnate bought an Austrian steamer, built in the Monfalcone dockyards, and to this vessel he gave his wife's name Rosalia. The Italian Government seized the vessel after General Cadorna's forces had occupied the town of Monfalcone; and the leading journals of Palermo (where Lauria lives) then openly affirmed that his purchase was made on behalf of Austria.

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