

Modern Dime Size Silver Coins of the World

# CRETE

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**PRINCE GEORGE**  
**1901 - 50 LEPTA - OBVERSE**

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### 1901 - 50 Lepta - Reverse

CRETE, GREEK ADMINISTRATION  
PARIS MINT

50 LEPTA 18MM .835 FINE 2.5 GRAMS

1901 600,000

^OV: Head of Prince George, facing right / A.B. under bust, Greek inscription ΠΡΙΓΚΗΨ ΓΕΩΡ ΓΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΑΡΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΚΡΗΤΗ (Prince George of Greece High Commissioner of Crete) around / - 1901 - below.

∇RV: Crowned Arms, Greek inscription ΚΡΗΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ (Crete Government) above / (**cornucopia**) Greek denomination 50 ΛΕΠΤΑ (50 lepta) (torch) below.

EDGE: Reeded

DESIGNER: A.B. = Alfred Borrel, French Medallist

MINT: (**cornucopia**) = PARIS

ENGRAVER: (torch) = Henri-Auguste Patey

REFERENCE: Y-6, KM-6

POPULATION: Crete - 1900 - 310,185 with capital Canea with 24,537 inhabitants.

FOOTNOTE: Crete, an island in the Mediterranean, autonomous government under the suzerainty of the *Porte of Turkey* [Sultan of the Ottoman Empire], following an extensive period of civil wars and intervention of France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia.



### Prince George

FOOTNOTE: Alfred Borrel, son of Valentin Maurice Borrel was born at Paris in 1836. He studied under his father and became a pupil of the Ecole des Beaux Arts in 1856. With many medals to his honour, his work included the nickel coinage of Martinique of 1897 and the new coinage of Crete dated 1901 on which his name is signed in Greek as A.BOPPE on the crown size 5 drachma and A.B. on the 50 lepta.

FOOTNOTE: Prince George of Greece, the second son of George I, King of the Hellenes, assumed the office of High Commissioner on December 21, 1898, when Crete was declared an autonomous government. In October 1908 the Cretian Assembly voted for union with Greece which was formally approved in 1913 at the Treaty of Bucharest.

FOOTNOTE: Agriculture is the principal occupation of the people of Crete, and olive oil used in the manufacture of soap the chief product, from 18 soap factories. The unit of value is the drachma, equal to 100 lepta or 19.3 U.S. cents. Crete is administrated by a High Commissioner of the Four Powers (Great Britain, Russia, France, and Italy) proposed by the King of the Hellenes, and is subject to the Porte, though paying no tribute. *New International Yearbook, 1910.*



### Crete and Greece today