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# THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST <br> Official Journal of the American Philatelic Society 

## History and Biography of the 1870 Issue.

JOSEPH B. LEAVY.

The 1870 issue being the first in which any attempt was made to honor the memory of a number of men who had been leaders in the affairs of the nation during their life time, we find much to learn in historical biography from the portrait subjects of the various denominations, as well as some useful knowledge concerning art to be acquired from the biographys of the sculptors who executed the busts from which the stamp minatures where reproduced.
"One cent. Profile of Franklin after bust by Rubricht," Diligent search has failed to reveal any account of a sculptor by the name of Rubricht. In the report of the Third Assistant PostmasterGeneral for 1900 , considerable philatelic information is given in a resume of descriptions of all United States postage stamps issued to that date, and this report states that the profile of Franklin appearing upon the 1 cent of 1870 is after the bust by Ceracchi.

The biographys of Benjamin Franklin and Guiseppe Cerrachi were treated upon, respectively, in connection with the 1847 and 1851-69 issues.
"Two cent. Profile of Jackson after the bust by Powers." The biography of Andrew Jackson was treated upon at considerable length in connection with the 1861-67 issue in our April number. The sculptor of the bust from which the portrait was taken is, however, new to philatelic history.

Hiram Powers was born in Woodstock, Windsor county, Vermont, July 29 , 1805. He passed his youth on his father's farm, and in 1819 emigrated to Ohio with the family. On his father's death he settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was in turn a clerk, a commer-
cial traveller, and a clockmaker's apprentice. Having acquired from a German sculptor a knowledge of the art of modelling in clay, he executed several busts and medallions of merit. Later he took charge of the wax work department in the Western Museum at Cincinnati, which post he held for seven years. In 1835 he went to Washington, where, for some time, he was employed in modelling busts of well-known men. Owing partly to the assistance of Gen. John Preston, he was enabled to go abroad in 1837, and he established himself in Florence, where he thereafter resided. For some time he devoted himself chiefly to modelling busts, but within a year produced his statue "Eve Tempted," which was pronounced a masterpiece by Thorwaldsen. Another statue with the same title was executed in 1850 . In 1843 he produced the "Greek Slave," the most-widely known of all his works. It was exhibited in England in 1845, and again at the Crystal Palace in 1851, and also in this country. His other statues included "The Fisher-Boy"; "America," designed for the top of the capitol at Washington, and destroyed hy fire in 1866; "ll Penseroso"; "California"; and "The last of the Tribe," also known as "The Indian Girl." Of his ideal busts the hest known are "Ginevra"; Prosperine"; "Psyche"; "Diana"; "Christ"; "Faith"; "Clytie"; "Hope"; and "Charity." The greater part of his work consists of busts of distinguished men, including John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, John Marshall, Martin Van Buren, Edward Everett, John Preston Henry W. Longfellow, and Philip H. Sheridan. He
executed also statues of Washington for Louisiana, of Daniel Webster for Massachusetts, of John C. Calhoun for South Carolina, of Benjamin Franklin, and of Thomas Jefferson.

Powers had much mechanical skill, and was the author of several useful inventions, among which is a process of modelling in plaster which greatly expedites the labors of the sculptor by doing away with the necessity of making clay models.

Hiram Powers died in Florence, Italy, June 27, 1873.
"Three cent. Profile of Washington after Houdon." A biography of George Washington is superflous in these articles, while that of Jean Antoine Houdon was treated upon in connection with the 1851-60 issue in our December, 1918, number.
"Six Cent. Profile of Lincoln after the bust by Volk." The biography of Abraham Lincoln was treated at length in connection with the 1861-67 issue in our May number, but we have somewhat to learn of the sculptor who executed the bust from which the portrait miniature was copied.

Leonard Wells Volk was born in Wellstown (now Wells) Hamilton county, New York, November 7, 1828. At the age of sixteen he began the trade of marble-cutting in his father's shop at Pittsfield, Mass. In 1848 he went to St. Louis, Mo., and in the following year he undertook modelling in clay and drawing, without instructors. He was subsequently engaged in business. In 1855 Stephan A. Douglas, who was his wife's cousin, aided him to go to Italy for study. Volk remained there until 1857, when he returned to this country and settled in Chicago. His first sitter for a portrait bust-the first that was ever modelled in Chicago-was his patron, and he subsequently, in 1858 , made a life-size statue of Mr. Douglas in marble. In 1860 he executed a portrait bust of Abraham Lincoln, the original marble of which was burnt in the Historical Society building during the great fire of 1871. He revisited ltaly for study in 1868-69 and 1871-72. He was elected an academician of the Chicago Academy in 1867, and was for eight years its
president. His prinoipal works are the Douglas monument in Chicago, several soldiers monuments, the statuary for the Henry Keep mausoleum at Watertown, N. Y., life-size statues of Lincoln and Douglas in the state-house, Springfield, Ill., and portrait busts of Menry Clay, Zachariah Chandler, Dr. Daniel Brainard, Bishop Charles H. Fowler, David Davis, Thomas B. Bryan, Leonard Sweet, Elihu B. Washburne, and many others.
'Seven cent. Profile bust of Stanton after a photograph."

Edward McMasters Stanton was born in Steubenville, Ohio, December 19, 1814. His Father, a physician, died while Edwin was a child. After acting for three years as a clerk in a bookstore, Stanton entered Kenyon College in 1831 , but left in 1833 to study law. He was admitted to the bar in 1836 , and, beginning practice in Sadiz, was in 1837 elected prosecuting attorney. He returned to Steubenville in 1839 , and was supreme court reporter in 1842-5. In 1848 he removed to Pittsburgh. Pa., and in 1857. on account of his large business in the U. S. supreme court, he established himself in Washington. During 1857-8 he was in California, attending to important land cases for the government. Among the notable suits that he conducted were the first Erie railway litigation, the Wheeling bridge case, and the Manney and McCormick reaper contest in 1859. When Lewis Case retired from President Buchanan's cabinet, and Jeremiah S. Black was made secretary of state, Stanton was appointed the latter's successor in the office of at-torney-general, December 20, 1860. He was originally a Democrat of the Jackson school, and, until Van Buren's defeat in the Baltimore convention of 1844 took an active part in political affairs in his locality. He favored the Wilmot proviso, to exclude slavery from the territory acquired by the war with Mexico, and sympathized with the Free-soil movement of 1848, headed lyy Martin Van Buren. He was an anti-slavery man, but his hostility to that institution was qualified by his view of the obligations imposed by the Federal constitution. He had held no public offlees be-
fore entering President Buchanan's cabinet except those of prosecuting arto:ney for one year in Harrison county, Ohio, and reporter of the Ohio supreme court for three years, heing wholly devoted to his profession. While a member of Mr. Buchanan's cabinet, he took a firm stand for the Union, and at a cabinet neeting, when John B. Floyd, then secretary of war, demanded the withdrawal of the United States troops from the forts in Charleston harbor, he indignantly declared that the surrender of Fort Sumter would be, in his opinion, a crime, equal to that of Arnold, and that all who participated in it should be hung like Andre. After the meeting, Floyd sent in his resignation. President Lincoln, though since his accession to the presidency he had held no communication with Mr. Stanton, called him to the head of the war department on the retirement of Simon Cameron, January 15, 1852. As was said by an eminent senator of the United States: "He certainly came to the public service with patriotic and not with sordid motives, surrendering a most brilliant position at the bar, and with it the emolument of which, in the absence of accumulated wealth, his family was in daily need." Infirmities of temper he had, but they were incident to the intense strain upon his nerves caused by his devotion to duties that would have soon prostrated most men, however robust, as they finally prostrated him. He had no time for elaborate explanations for refusing trifling or selfish requests, and his seeming abruptness of manner was often but rapidity in transacting business which had to be thus disposed of, or be wholly neglected. As he sought no benefit to himself, but made himself an object of hatred to the dishonest and the inefficient, solely in the public interest, and as no enemy ever accused him of wrong-doing, the charge of impatience and hasty temper will not detract from the high estimate placed by common consent upon his character as a man, a patriot, and a statesman.

Mr. Stanton's entrance into the cabinet marked the beginning of a vigorous military policy. On January 27, 1862, was issued the first of the president's
war orders, prescribing a general movement of the troops. His impatience at Gen. George S. McClellan's apparent inaction caused friction between the administration and the general-in-chief, which ended in the latters retirement. He selected Gen. Ulysses S. Grant for promotion after the victory at Fort Donelson, which Gen. Henry W. Halleck in his report has ascribed to the bravery of Gen. Charles F. Smith, and in the autumn of 1863 he placed Grant in supreme command of the three armies operating in the southwest, directed him to relieve Gen. William S. Rosecrans before his army at Chattanooga could be forced to surrender. President Lincoln said that he never took an important step without consulting his secretary of war. It has been asserted that, on the eve of Mr. Lincoln's second inauguration, he proposed to allow Gen. Grant to make terms of peace with Gen. Lee, and that Mr. Stanton dissuaded him from such action. According to a bulletin of Mr. Stanton that was issued at the time, the president wrote the despatch directing the general of the army to confer with the Confederate commander on none save purely military questions without previously consulting the members of the cabinet. At a cabinet council that was held in consultation with Gen. Grant, the terms on which Gen. William T. Sherman proposed to accept the surrender of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston were disapproved by all who were present. To the bulletin announcing the telegram that was sent to Gen. Sherman, which directed him to guide his actions by the despatch that had previously been sent to Gen. Grant, forbidding military interference in the political settlement, a statement of the reasons for disapproving Sherman's arrangement was appended, obviously by the direction of Sec. Stanton. These were: (1) that it was unauthorized; (2) that it was an acknowledgement of the Confederate government; (3) that it re-established rebel state governments; (4) that it would enable rebel state authorities to restore slavery; (5) that it involved the question of the Confederate states debt; (6) that it would put in dispute the state govern-
ment of West Virginia; (7) that it abolished confiscation, and relieved rebels of all penalties; (8) that it gave terms that had been rejected by President Lincoln; (9) that it formed no basis for peace, but relieved rebels from the pressure of defect, and left them iree to renew the war. Gen. Sherman defended bis course on the ground that he had before him the public examples of Gen. Grant's terms to Gen. Lee's army, and Gen. Weitzel's invitation to the Virginia legislature to assemble at Richmond. His central motive, in giving terms that would be cheerfully accepted, he declared to be the peaceful disbandment of all the Confederate armies, and the prevention of guerilla warfare. He had never seen President Lincoln's telegram to Gen. Grant of March 3, 1865 , above quoted, nor did he know that Gen. Weitzel's permission for the Virginia legislature to assemble had been rescinded.

A few days before the president's death Sec. Stanton tendered his resignation because his task was completed, and was persuaded by Mr. Lincoln to remain. After the assassiLation of Lincoln a serious controversy arose between the new president Andrew Johnson, and the Republican party, and Mr. Stanton took sides against the former on the subject of reconstruction. On August 5, 1867, the president demanded his resignation; but he refused to give up his office before the next meeting of congress, following the urgent counsels of leading men of the Republican party. He was suspended by the president on August 12. On January 13, 1868 , he was restored by the action of the senate, and resumed his office. On February 21, 1868, the president informed the senate that he had removed Sec. Stanton, and designated a secretary ad interim. Mr. Stanton refused to surrender the office pending the action of the senate on the president's message. At a late hour of the same day the senate resolved that the president had not the power to remove the secretary. Mr. Stanton, thus sustained by the senate, refused to surrender the office. The impeachment of the president followed, and on May 26 , the vote of the senate being "guilty,"

35, "not guilty" 19, he was acquittedtwo thirds not voting for conviction. After Mr. Stanton's retirement from office he resumed the practice of law. On December 20, 1869 , he was appointed by President Grant a justice of the supreme court, and he was forthwith confirmed by the senate. Four days later he expired.

The value to the country of his services during the civil war cannot be overestimated. His energy, inflexible integrity, systematized industry, comprehensive view of the situation in its military, political, and international aspects, his power to command and supervise the best services of others, and his unbending will and invincible courage, made him at once the stay of the president, the hope of the country, and a terror to dishonesty and imbecility. The vastness of his labors led to brusqueness in repelling importunities, which made him many enemies. But none ever questioned his honesty, his patriotism, or his capability.
"Ten Cent. Profile of Jefferson after Power's statue." There is nothing new to learn in biography from this stamp. The lile work of Thomas Jefferson was treated upon at some length in connection with the 1851-60 issue in our December 1918 number, while Hiram Powers biography is given in this number.

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## EDITORIAL.

Your Board of Directors in their wisdom have deemed it for the best interest of the American Philatelic Society not to draw further upon the treasury in conducting the American Philatelist by increasing the emolument of the editor to a sum that would partially repay the time and labor expended. I cannot afford to continue the work practically as a labor of love, as it occupies far too much of my spare time to the exclusion of other work and writing which was wont to increase the personal exchequer. It is with considerable of real regret therefore that I hereby confirm my resignation as Editor of the American Philatelist, as tendered at the 34 th Annual Convention just concluded at St. Louis.

My grateful acknowledgements are extended to all those who have so liberally contributed to the success of the publication throughout the past year, and I trust that they will give the future editor the same support-or betterthat was accorded to me.

The present number marks the beginning of the thirty-third year of the American Philatelist, a year that I hope and trust will be one of the greatest in the history of the publication. My heartiest best wishes for success are extended to the future editor, whoever he may be.

JOSEPH B. LEAVY.

## NOTICE TO MEDBBERS.

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that may be in circulation at that time. I would therefore request that members speed up these Circuits and hurry them back to me. Please make no mistake in regard to this matter and the last nember is requested to be sure and "eturn it to me so that there will be no sonfusjon in the retiriug of the books.

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All requests from members to be placed on Circuits and all new books sent to me for circulation in the Department will be turned over to the new Superintendent in due course.

Very truly yours,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

## MEBBE SO, 1 DUNNO.

They tell me these here U. S. cuts Will pacify the stamp craved muts, That there won't be no use no more To yell and screech and pace the floor, An' all the philatelic hicks
Will put away their knocks and kicks, Well, nebbe so, I dunno.

They tell me this here P. O. D. May end it for philately,
That certain laws of this great land Will be changed, we understand, An' stead of treating us so rough Will let us picture all our stuff, Well, mebbe so, I dunno.

There's Johnny Bull, I'm told by some Has always had the best of run,
He sends us pictures of our stamps, Some class him with the reg'lar scamps, To beat our laws he must be mad,
While others say he ain't so bad, Well, mebbe so, I dunno.
"It is the law" they tell us guys,
"To keep forgers from getting wise," An' now when all the stamp bugs cry, "John can forge as well as I,"
Some say they'll hear our great demand An' say they didn't understand, Well, mebbe so, I dunno.

## A. D. HESIVE.

Parody on the Slams of Life, with apologies to the author.

## PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The 357 th. (regular) meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society was held in our club rooms 333 Russ Building, 235 Montgomery St., Wednesday evening, September 18 th , 1919. The meeting was called to order by President Blackwell, fourteen members and one visitor being present.

A general discussion took place in regard to providing special features for the coming Fall and Winter months, with the result that a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Marcus, O'Shaughnessy and Dillingham was appointed to work out a definite program. The Society agreed to offer medals and choice stamps as prizes.

Members were entertained by a number of collections. Mr. Daniel showed his first volume of 20 th. Century, Mr. Nisbett a small portion of his War Stamps and Mr. Dillingham his collection of Sweden and Oldenburg.

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 .

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## THE EDITOR.

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## International Office of

## THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

 No. 2315/102Berne, 28 July, 1919.
Sir:-
I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, on the part of the Offices interested, three specimens of each of the new postal values enumerating hereafter:

1 AUSTRALIA (COMMONWEALTH OF): postage stamp of $11 / 2$ pence, of a new color, that will replace the issue distributed by my circular of March 3, 1919, No. 600/26.
2 BELGIUM: postage stamp of 10 centimes issued on the occasion of the liberation of Belgian territory (see my circular of June 17, 1919, No. 1859/81).

3 BRAZIL: postage due stamps of 5 , $10,20,50,100$ and 200 reis.

4 FINLAND: postal card with paid response of $20+20$ pennies.

5 GREAT BRITAIN.
(A) United Kingdom: stamped envelope of $11 / 2$ pence;
(B) Bahama (Islands); postage stamp of 3 pence bearing in surcharge the mention "War Tax";
(C) Jamaica: postage stamp of $1 / 2$ penny and 3 pence bearing in red surcharge "War Stamp";
(D) Kedah: postage stamps of 1 cent, 21 cents, "fifty cents" on 2 dollars and "one dollar" on 3 dollars;

6 NEW ZEALAND: postage stamp of $11 / 2$ pence surcharged "Official" and postage stamp of 3 pence; Cook Islands: Rarotonga, postage stamps of $2,3,4,41 / 2,71 / 2$ and 9 pence.

7 PERSIA: postage stamps (Coronation issue of 1914) bearing the surcharge "Novembre in black: 2 krans 2 tomans and 3 tomans; in red: 3 krans, 5 krans, 1 toman and 5 tomans;
Postage stamps of 1 chahi, $3,5,6$ and 12 chahii bearing the mention "Provisoire 1919";

Postage stamps of 5 chahis of the issue of 1889 surcharged as follows: 2 krans in black, 3 krans in orange, 4 krans in green, 5 krans in red and, respectively 1919 ;

Postage stamps of 10 chahis of the issue of 1892 surcharged respectively 1919 and, 10 krans in dark blue, 20 krans in dark green and 30 krans in red; stamp of 14 chahis, same issue surcharged 191950 krans in red.

Will you agree with me, Sir, in the assurance of my highest considerations.

> For the Director:
> The Vice-Director,
> ROTTNER.

BAVARIAN REPUBLIC. 1919. Current stamps of German Empire overprinted in two lines of black Gothic type "Friestaat Bayern."
> $21 / 2$ pfennig gray.
> 5 pfennig green.
> $71 / 2$ pfenning orange.
> 10 pfennig red.

BAVARIAN REPUBLIC. 1919. Design of current stamps of Bavaria overprinted in black as shown.

## $\mathfrak{S o l f j}$ taai 23abern

35 pfennig orange.
75 pfennig rich brown.
Mr. J. N. Luff.

BAVARIAN REPUBLIC. 1919. Cbarity Stamps. Current stamps of Bavaria surcharged at top 5 Pf . in sans-serif type, beneath which, in two lines of Gothic type, is the inscription "fur Kriegs beschadigte," beneath that "Freistaat, in thick roman type, and beneath that again, Bayern, in bold face roman type, all in black. The total surcharge measuring $16 \frac{1}{4}$ by 20 mm .
$10+5$ pfennig deep rose carm.
$15+5$ pfennig scarlet.
Mr. H. F. Colman.
BELGIUM. 1919. Large rectangular stamp bearing portrait of King Albert in trench uniform above which is curved BELGIQUE in white roman capitals, at each side of the portrait are the dates, 1914 at left, and 1918 at right, in white, while at the foot of design directly beneath portrait, appears BELGIQUE again, this time in a straight line of white Roman capitals. Small colored squares in each lower corner contain 10 and $C$, in left and right, respectively, both in white. Engraved by Enschede \& Sons of Holland, on white wove paper without watermark. Perforated 11 by $111 / 2$

## 10 centimes red.

BELGIUM. 1919. Design an upright oblong label, having for subject the monument of Liege, with the word "BELGIQUE" at the top of the stamp and "Liege" in tiny capitals below the monument, with the respective equivalent in Flemish-"BELGIE" at foot and "LUIK" under the monument. The value, 25 , is inscribed in uncolored numerals, with a small "c' beneath them, in circles, in the upper spandrels. The stamp has apparently been engraved by Messrs. Waterlow Sons on unwatermarked paper, perforated $111 / 2$.

## 25 centimes blue.

## Stamp Collecting.

The monument depicted on the above stamp is "The Perron," an antique fountain, the origin of which goes as far back as the history of the City of Liege. Under the Frankish invasion justice
was applied at the foot of the fountain. The letters "L. G." have been interpreted in different ways; tradition gives it to be Libertata gentis; Libertate gaudens; Lesdienses gradus; Libertatus gradus; and Legia or Liege. The latter is most probably correct, as official documents of the sixteenth century showed the seal with the word spelled Lie-ge, separated by the perron, which has the symbol of Liege federalism. The perron appeared upon coins as far back as the rule of Huges de Pierrepont, 12001229.

BRAZIL. Tbrough error we listed last month the new postage due series as engraved. They are lithographed.

BULGARIA. 1918. Design, portrait of Czar Boris in a circle, at top of stamp a straight horizontal white label contains an inscription in native characters which we judge to be Bulgarian Posts, in sans-serif colored capitals. In each lower corner is a colored square containing white numerals of denomination connected by a horizontally lined label containing STOTINKI in sans-serif colored native characters. A crown at bottom of portrait circle has palm branches spreading from each side to a point half way round the circle, the upper half being completed by a beaded semi-circle. The upper corners, between the circle and frame are horizontaily lined and contain, respectively, 3. x. and 1918, in small colored characters.

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\begin{aligned}
& 10 \text { stotinki rose. } \\
& 15 \text { stotinki violet. }
\end{aligned}
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L'Écho de la Timbrologie.
CZECHO-SLOVAK REPUBLIC. 1919. Design as shown. Lithographed on white wove paper without watermark, perforated $11 \frac{1}{2}$ by $10 \frac{1}{2}$.


5 deniers light blue green.

Perforated $111 / 2$ by 11.
5 deniers light blue green.
25 deniers dark violet.
Imperforate.
50 deniers deep blue.
Econonist Stamp Co.
Mr. Fred Michael.
CZECHO-SLOVAK REPUBLIC. 1919. Newspaper Stamp. Design as shown. Lithographed on white wove paper without watermark, imperforate.


30 deniers gray brown.
Economist Stamp Co.
CILICIA. 1919. We have some corrections to make to our list as published last month, likewise some additions in new types.

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Type I. Type III.

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Type II.
Type I. Corrections
On 1892 Provisional Issue, 5 on 10 paras gray green. Should be deleted and the following substituted:

On 1897 Provisional Issue with
star and crescent overprint of 1916.
5 on 10 paras gray green 34,815
On 1901 Issue with star and crescent charity overprint of 1915

1 piastre blue
20,000
Should be star and crescent charity overprint of 1916.

On 1919 commercial stamps with star and crescent overprint of 1915

1 piastre blue.
20 paras rose
Should be deleted and the following substituted:

On 1909 issue with star and crescent charity overprint of 1916 .
$\begin{array}{rr}20 \text { paras rose. } & 11,200 \\ 1 \text { piastre blue. } & 27,450\end{array}$
Type I. Issued Marc h4, 1919. Additions.

On 1919 Armistice overprint Issue
50 paras ultramarine $\quad 2,000$
2 piastres yellow brown \& indigo.

2,000
$\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { piastres turquoise blue \& } \\ & \text { brown black. }\end{aligned} 2,000$
Type II. Corrections.
On 1892 Provisional Issue, 5 on 10 paras gray green. Should be deleted and the following substituted:

On 1897 Provisional Issue with star and crescent overprint of 1916 .

5 on 10 paras gray green 6,900
On 1901 Issue with star and crescent charity overprint of 1915. 1 piastre blue. 30,000
should be star and crescent charity overprint of 1916.

On 1909 issue with star and crescent overprint of 1915 .

2 paras rose.
should be deleted and the following substituted:

On 1909 issue with star and crescent charity overprimt of 1916.

20 paras rose.

Type III. Corrections.
On 1892 Provisional Issue. 5 on 10 paras gray green. Should be deleted and the following substituted:

On 1897 Provisional Issue with star and crescent overprint of 1916 .

5 on 10 paras gray green 21,570
On 1901 issue with star and crescent charity overprint of 1915.

1 piastre blue. $\quad 5,700$
should be star and crescent charity overprint of 1916 .

On 1909 issue with star and crescent overprint of 1915.

20 paras rose.
should be deleted and the following substituted:

On 1909 issue with star and crescent charity overprint of 1916.

20 paras rose.
16,200

## T.E.O. Gilicie

Type IV. Issued May 23, 1919.
On 1916-18 issue.
10 paras green.
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Type V. Issued about May 23, 1919.
On 1916 Commemorative Issue. 20 paras ultramarine.
On 1916-18 issue.
10 paras green.

2 piastres yellow brown \& Indigo.
25 piastres carmine on straw.
50 piastres green on straw.
On 1917 issue. 5 piastres on 2 paras peacock blue.
On 1909 issue with star and erescent charity overprint of 1916 .

20 paras carmine.
On 1899 issue with star and crescent charity overprint of 1916 .

10 on 20 paras violet brown.
On 1916 commemorative issue with star and crescent charity overprint of 1916.

10 paras carmine.
On 1917 issue.
10 paras red lilac.
On 1919 Provisional Issue.
5 on 2 paras olive.
Mr. J. N. Luir.
FIUME. 1919. Designs same as shown but inscription changed to POSTA FIUME.


5 centesimi yellow green.


10 ceutesimi rose.

45 centesimi orange.


10 corona olive.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
FIUME. 1919. Special Delivery Stamp. We illustrate herewith the design of stamp chronicled in our August number.


FIUME. 1919. Newspaper Stamps. Design an eagle with spread wings pearched upon a block of solid color containing white numeral of denomination, enclosed by a solid color circular band upon which appears, at top, SEGNATASSE in sans-serif white capitals, and at bottom POSTA FIUME in thicker sans-serif white capitals, fancy white ornaments at center of each side of band. Design is enclosed in a single line frame with fancy colored ornaments in each corner between the frame and the circular band. Square stamp. Lithographed on white wove paper without watermark, perforated $111 / 2$.

2 centesimi brown.
5 centesimi brown.
Madrid Filatelico.

## FRENCH OFFICES IN CHINA.

CANTON. 1919. Stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in Chinese currency.
$2 / 5$ cent on 1 centime brown olive $\&$ black.
$4 / 5$ cent on 2 centimes brown \& black.
$13 / 5$ cents on 4 centimes blue \& blk.
4 cents on 10 centimes carmine \& blk
14 cents on 35 centimes olive \& black.
80 cents on 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 francs blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet \& blk.

## L'Echo de la Timbrologie.

HOI-HAO. 1919. Stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in Chinese currency.
$4 / 5$ cent on 2 centimes brown \& black.
$13 / 5$ cents on 4 centimes bIue \& bIk.
8 cents on 20 centimes violet \& black.
12 cents on 30 centimes brown \& blk.
14 cents on 35 centimes olive \& black.
40 cents on 1 franc carmine \& black.
80 cents on 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 francs blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet \& blk.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
INDO-CHINA. 1919. Stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in Chinese currency.
$13 / 5$ cents on 4 centimes bIue \& blk.
6 cents on 15 centimes violet \& blk.
8 cents on 20 centimes violet \& blk.
12 cents on 30 centimes brown \& bIk.
14 cents on 35 centimes olive \& bIk.
40 cents on 1 franc carmine \& black.
80 cents on 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 francs blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet $\&$ blk.

## L'Echo de la Timbrologie.

INDO-CHINA. 1919. Postage Due. Postage due stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in Chinese currency.

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4/5 cent on 2 centimes black.
    1 3/5 cents on 4 centimes blue.
    2 cents on 5 centimes green.
    f cents on }15\mathrm{ centimes violet.
    12 cents on 30 centimes olive.
    16 cents on 40 centimes claret.
    20 cents on 50 centimes greenish blue.
    24 cents on 60 centimes orange.
    4 0 \text { cents on 1 franc gray.}
    80 cents on 2 francs yellow brown.
    2 piastres on 5 francs red.
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L'Echo de Ia Timbrologie.
KOUANG TCHEOU WAN. 1919. Stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in

## Chinese currency.

$2 / 5$ cent on 1 centime brown olive \& black.

4/5 cent on 2 centimes brown \& black.
$13 / 5$ cents on 4 centimes blue \& blk.
2 cents on 5 centimes green \& black.
4 cents on 10 centimes carmine \& black.
6 cents on 15 centimes violet \& blk.
8 cents on 20 centimes violet \& blk.
10 cents on 25 centimes blue \& black.
12 cents on 30 centimes brown \& blk.
16 cents on 40 centimes brown \& blk.
20 cents on 50 centimes carmine \& black.
30 cents on 75 centimes red \& black.
40 cents on 1 franc carmine \& black.
80 cents on 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 francs blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet \& blk.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.

MONGTSEU. 1919. Stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in Chinese currency.
$2 / 5$ cent on 1 centime brown olive \& black.
$4 / 5$ cent on 2 centimes brown \& black.
$13 / 5$ cents on 4 centimes blue $\&$ blk.
4 cents on 10 centimes carmine \& black.
8 cents on 20 centimes violet \& blk.
12 cents on 30 centimes brown \& blk.
14 cents on 35 centimes olive \& black.
16 cents on 40 centimes brown \& blk.
20 cents on 50 centimes carmine \& black.
30 cents on 75 centimes red \& black.
40 cents on 1 franc carmine \& black.
80 centson 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 francs blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet \& blk.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
PACKHOI. 1919. Stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in Chinese currency.

2 cents on 5 centimes green \& black.
4 cents on 10 centimes carmine \& black.
8 cents on 20 centimes violet \& blk.
10 cents on 25 centimes blue \& black.

12 cents on 30 centimes brown \& blk. 14 cents on 35 centimes olive \& black. 16 cents on 40 centimes brown \& blk. 20 cents on 50 centimes carmine \& black.
30 cents on 75 centimes red \& black.
40 cents on 1 franc carmine \& black.
80 cents on 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 france blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet \& blk.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
TCHONG KING. 1919. Stamps of $190^{\circ} 8$ issue surcharged in Chinese currency.
$2 / 5$ cent on 1 centime brown olive \& black.
$4 / 5$ cent on 2 centimes brown \& black.
$13 / 5$ cents on 4 centimes blue \& blk.
4 cents on 10 centimes carmine \& black.
6 cents on 15 centimes violet \& blk.
8 cents on 20 centimes violet \& blk.
10 cents on 25 centimes blue \& black.
12 cents on 30 centimes brown \& blk.
14 cents on 35 centimes olive \& black.
16 cents on 40 centimes brown \& blk.
18 cents on 45 centimes orange \& blk.
20 cents on 50 centimes carmine \& black.
30 cents on 75 centimes red \& black.
40 cents on 1 franc carmine \& black.
80 cents on 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 francs blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet \& blk.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
YUNNAN FOU. 1919. Stamps of 1908 issue surcharged in Chinese currency.

14 cents on 35 centimes olive \& black. 30 cents on 75 centimes red \& black. 40 cents on 1 franc carmine \& black. 80 cents on 2 francs green \& black.
2 piastres on 5 francs blue \& black.
4 piastres on 10 francs violet \& blk.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
GERMAN AUSTRIA. 1919. Designs as shown. Lithographed on white wove paper without watermark, perforated $121 / 2$.


3 heller gray.
6 heller orange.
12 Heller greenish blue.


5 heller green.
10 heller carmine.
25 heller blue.
45 heller olive.
1 kione red on yellow.


20 heller dark green.
30 heller dark brown.
50 heller dark blue.
Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst.
The three designs are by Josef Franz Renner, whose name appears at the bottom center of each stamp outside the frame line. The stamps are in sheets of 120 , and were printed at the former Imperial Austrian Printing Works, at Vienna, now known as the State Printing Works.

GERMAN EMPIRE. 1919. Charity Stamps. Current German Empire stamps surcharged 5 , at middle left, and

Pf in Gothic type at middle right, while across the bottom of the bust of Germania appears the two line inscription, fur Kriegsbeschadigte, in Gothic type, all in black.
$10+5$ pfennig carmine.
$15+5$ pfennig black violet.

GREECIAN OCCUPATION OF TURKEY. 1919. Greecian stamps of 191217 issues overprinted E.T.-SMYRNE, in two lines of black Greecian capitals as shown.

## E.T EMYPNH

1 lepton green.
2 lepta carmine.
3 lepta vermilion.
10 lepta carmine.
15 lepta blue.
20 lepta
25 lepta ultramarine.
Postage due stamps of 1913 issue bearing the same overprint.

10 lepta carmine.
20 lepta gray violet.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
GUATEMALA. 1919. Design somewhat similar to the 1 centavo of 1902 issue. Engraved. No watermark. Perforated 14.

## $121 / 2$ centavos carmine.

## L'Echo de la Timbrologie.

HAUTE-VOLTA. A newFrench Colony. This territory formed part of the French Colony of Upper Senegal and Niger, and is to have its capital at Ouagadougou. According to Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste a provisional series of postage stamps is about to be issued, overprinted on the stamps of Upper Senegal and Niger, and will be later followed by a permanent series of special design.

HUNGARY. 1919. Stamp of 1918 issue surcharged with new denomination.

45 on 10 filler rose.

## Madrid Filatelico.

HUNGARIAN REPUBLIC. 1919.
The Bolscheviki under Bela Kun have left the record of their terrorism in the history of philately. Before their downfall they issued five postage stamps bearing crude portraits of two German and three Hungarian apostles of revolutionary socialism, or in other words anarchy, and all bearing the inscription MAGYAR TANACS KOTZARSASAG, ' which signifys REPUBLIC OF THE SOVIETS OF HUNGARY. The designs are roughly lithographed on coarse white wove paper without watermark, perforated 12 .


20 filler rose \& brown (Marx).


45 filler brown \& gray black (Petofi).


60 filler blue gray \& brn. (Martinovics).


75 filler red lilac \& dark brown (Dorza).


80 filler olive \& brown black (Engels).

JAPAN. 1919. Design of the current 1 yen. Granite paper watermarked vertical wavy lines. Perforated 13 by $131 / 2$.

30 sen orange brown.
50 sen gray brown.
Economist Stamp Co.
JUGO-SLAVIA. 1919. Stamps of Bosnia, 1912-14 issue overprinted Kraljevstovo S.H.S. in two lines of Roman or Cyrillian type.

3 heller claret (Cyrillian). 490,000
9 heller green (Roman). $\mathbf{7 5 0 , 0 0 0}$
10 on 6 heller dark gray (Roman).
$1,320,000$
20 on 35 heller myrtle green (Cyrillian).

460,000
25 heller ultramarine (Roman). 480,000
30 heller orange red (Cyrillian). 240,000
45 heller olive brown. (Cyrillian).

320,000
50 heller slate blue. (Cyrillian).

30,000
50 on 72 heller dark blue (Roman).

570,000

60 heller brown violet (Cyrillian). 530,000
3 kronen carmine on pale green (Cyrillian).

240,000
5 kronen dark violet on gray

120,000
Same overprint on Bosnian stamps of 1916-17 issue.

45 on 80 heller orange brown (Cyrillian).

700,000
80 heller orange brown (Roman).

300,000
90 heller dark violet (Cyrillian).

420,000
4 kronen carmine on light green. (Roman).

60,000
10 kronen deep violet on gray (Cyrillian).

60,000
Der Briefmarkensammler.
The overprint signified Kingdom of Serbia, Crotia and SIovenia.

JUGO-SLAVIA. 1919. Newspaper Stamps. Design as shown. Lithographed on white wove paper without watermark, imperforate.


2 heller gray.
4 heller gray.
6 heller gray.
10 heller gray.
30 heller gray.
JUGO-SLAVIA. 1918-19. Provisional Postage Due. Postage stamps of Bosnia, 1900 issue, surcharged with new denomination and overprinted PORTO.

10 on 10 heller red.
521,000
20 on 5 heller green.
6,600
1 krone on 50 heller red lilac.

60,500
3 kronen on 25 heller blue 65,400
Same surcharge and overprint on Bos-
nian postage stamps of 1901-04 issue.
2 on 35 heller blue \& blk 310,000
5 on 45 heller greenish blue \& black.

66,000
15 on 40 heller orange \& black

6,400
25 on 20 heller pink \& black. 53,400
30 on 30 heller bistre \& blk. 560,000
Same surcharge and overprint on Bosnian postage due stamps of 1904 issue.

4 on 7 heller black, red \& yellow.

310,000
40 on 6 heller black, red, \& yellow. 203,000
50 on 8 heller black, red, \& yellow. 390,000
2 kronen on 200 heller black, red, \& green. Quantity not known

Der Briefmarkensammler.
JUGO-SLAVIA. 1919. Charity Stamps. Stamps of Bosnia, 1906 issue surcharged as shown.

## K R A LJEVSTVO Srba, Hrvata i Slovenaca

$20 h+10 h$

$10+10$| heller on 40 heller |
| :--- |
| orange red. |$\sqrt{50,000}$


$20+10$| heller on 20 |
| :--- |
| dark brown. heller |

KРАГЬEBCTBO
Срба, Хрвата іл Сповенапа
$45 x+15 x$

$45+15$ heller on 1 krone maroon.

50,000

MONACO. 1919. Charity Stamps. Design 18 by $22 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$. In straight white label across top PRINCIPAVTE DE MONACO in colored thin sans-serif capitals, beneath label a view of Monte Carlo with the word POSTES in colored
sans-serif capitals at right side, reading up. Curved beneath the view of Monte Carlo is the inscription ORPHELINS FRANCAIS DE LA GUERRE in thin sans-serif colored capitals. At hottom center is the half-length figure of a woman holding a child in her arms, flanked, at left, by large white numeral of denomination with a small white $c$, and at right, by a small white cross followed by large white numeral of surtax and small white $c$. In the bottom left corner, outside the frame line, appears the name SURAND, while in the corresponding position at right appears the name JARRAUO, both in very small colored sans-serif capitals. Surface printed on GC grayish paper without watermark, perforated 14 by $131 / 2$.
$5+5$ centimes green.
$15+10$ centimes carmine.
$25+15$ centimes blue.
Mr. Vincent Gurdji.
The stamps are printed in sheets of 150 , in three sections of 50 each, and bear the letters $G C$ at top and bottom of sheet. The G C standing for Grands Consommation.

NICARAGUA. 1919. Provisional Issue. Stamps of 1914 issue surcharged in black, in three lines, Vale-new de-nomination-de cordoba.
medio centavo on 25 centavos red orange Dos centavos on 10 centavos yellow.

Mr. J. N. Luff.
PANAMA. We quote the following very interesting letter from Mr . F. E. Heydon relative to our chronicle of July:
"The American Philatelist for July, 1919 , publishes a paragraph from Philatelic Journal of Great Britain elative to a 10 c Panama of $1906-07$ issue surcharged ' $H$ ' and 'B. 0.02' in upper part of stamp while below is ' Ley 24 - De 1915.'
"While I have no copy of this particular stamp at present I can state that all stamps with this surcharge are revenue stamps and were used for cigarettes, tobacco, perfumes, toilet articles, and I
presume also for theatre tickets and bull ling tickets, as the preceding issue (ordinary postage stamps used fiscally) were employed for these purposes.
"The revenue stamps of Panama are of unusual interest, but $I$ am not prepared to give much detail at present. Some of them are beautifut examples of American Bank Note Co's engraving, others are lithographed in a barbaric style-colors faded out and work about as bad as possible-However as a rule they are extremely attractive.
"The Panama Postage stamps have been used provisionally for fiscal purposes pending regular surcharges, and the later specially engraved series, and some of those surcharged for fiscal purposes have been used postally. This was due to the fact that many ignorant negroes from Jamaica and other places have been employed in Panama as well as the Canal Zone, and they were entirely ignorant as to the meaning of the surcharge, and in fact a good many postmasters were not better posted.
"Stamped paper is also in use for certain purposes I understand that its use is compulsory on all legal documents connected with the laws of Panama.
"These notes may be of some interest to you and throw light on the particular stamp which you list on foreign authority."

PARAGUAY. 1918. We have been informed that the following quantities were printed of the provisional surcharges issued during 1918.

Habilitado-1918 on postage due stamps.

5 centavos yellow brown 424,400
10 centavos yellow brown 170,100 .
20 centavos yellow brown. 179,750
Habilitado-0,05-1918 on postage due stamp.

Habilitado-en 0,05-1918 on postage due stamps.

> 0.05 on 40 centavos yellow brown. 300,000

Habilitado - 1918 - 5 cents 5 on official stamp.

5 cents on 1 centavo gray. 2,450
Habilitado - en 0.30 - 1918 on 40 centavos rose of 1913 ,

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1,000,000
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PARAGUAY. 1919. Design of 1910 issue.

> 5 centavos blue green.
> 10 centavos violet.

PERSIA. 1919. Provisional Issue. Stamp of 1889 issue surcharged with date and new denomination in one line Persian inscription, beneath which appears the date 1919, and beneath that again, numeral and Kr. Perforated $131 / 2$.

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2 krans on 5 chahis deep lilac (black). 30,000
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3. krans on 5 chahis deep 25,000
lilac (red).

4 krans on 5 chahis gray lilac (green).

20,000
Perforated $111 / 2$.

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5 krans on 5 chahis deep
    lilac (carmine). 20,000
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Same surcharge on stamps of 1891 issue. Perforated $101 / 2$.
10 krans on 10 chahis rose
(indigo).

20 krans on 10 chahis rose (dark green). $\quad 15,000$
30 krans on 10 chahis rose (brown red). 15,000
Perforated $111 / 2$.
50 krans on 14 chahis orange (carmine). $\quad 15,000$

POLISH OFFICES IN TURKEY. 1919. Designs as shown overprinted LEVANT in red Roman capitals, the overprint measuring 12 by $21 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. Perforated $111 / 2$.


3 fenigow bistre brown.
5 fenigow green.
10 fenigow red violet.
15 fenigow red.
20 fenigow blue.
25 fenigow olive.
50 fenigow deep blue green.
Overprint measuring $191 / 2$ by $21 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.


1 mark blue violet.
$11 / 2$ marks green.
2 marks gray brown.

$21 / 2$ marks red brown.


5 marks red violet.
Economist Stamp Co.
POLAND. 1919. Provisional Postage Due. Postage stamps of the designs shown above overprinted, in violet, with the word PORTO in triangular frame, as shown.


3 halerzy deep red brown.
5 halerzy eunerald green.
10 halerzy orange brown.
5 halerzy scarlet.
20 halerzy gray brown.
25 halerzy light blue.
50 halerzy bright red brown.
1 krone deep blue green.
Same overprint on stamps of the Krakow issue.


5 halerzy green.
10 halerzy deep red.
15 halerzy gray brown.
20 halerzy gray olive.
25 halerzy rose red.
50 halerzy dark blue.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
ROUMANIAN OFFFICES IN TURKEY. 1919. Roumanian stamps of various issues overprinted with the P.F.T. F.T. monogram, above which appears the date 1919, and curved above both, with ends downward, POSTA ROMANA, beneath the monogram is curved with ends upward, CONSTANTINOPL; both are in small sans-serif capitals. The whole design of overprint is enclosed in a double line circle.

On 1900 issue, 25 bani blue (red). 4,000
On 1908-14 issue, 5 bani yellow green (black).

8,000 10 bani deep rose (black). 8,000
On 1918 issue, 40 bani gray brown (red).

4,000

## RUSSIA.

DON COSSACK REPUBLIC. 1919.

We learn tbat what we have heretofore chronicled as South Russian Republic should have been styled Don Cossack Republic, so therefore re-chronicle under correct title with several additions.

Russian stamps of 1908-18 issues surcharged as shown.

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-25
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Imperforate.

> 25 on 1 kopec orange.
> 25 on 2 kopecs green.
> 25 on 3 kopecs red.
> 50 on 2 kopecs green.

Perforated 14, $141 / 2$ by 15.
25 on 1 kopec orange.
25 on 2 kopecs green.
25 on 3 kopecs red.
25 on 4 kopecs carmine.
50 on 7 kopecs light blue.

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Imperforate.
1 rouble on 3 kopecs red.

## 1 p.

Imperforate.

## 1 rouble on 3 kopecs red.

The stamps chronicled in June and September, under South Russian Republic, should be deleted.

ESTONIA. 1919. We illustrate herewith the design of the stamps chronicled last month.


ESTONIA. 1919. Oblong format, in the center, within an oval, a representation of an ancient galley. Ten rowers are to be discerned, and at the prow of
the vessel is an enormous figurehead. The frame in which the transverse oval is set is ornate, at the top are the words EESTI POST, in fancy capitals, and at the foot I MARK I, in the same style, all in color.

1 mark cbocolate \& pale blue.
Stamp Collecting.
LAVATIA. 1919. Design as shown. Printed on thin white wove paper. Imperforate


75 kopecs emerald green.

Perforated $111 / 2$.
3 kopecs lilac.
5 kopecs carmine.
10 kopecs blue.
15 kopecs green.
20 kopecs orange.
35 kopecs brown.
50 kopecs violet.
75 kopecs emerald green.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie.
LITHUANIA. 1918. Type-set design as shown. Printed on no watermark paper. Perforated $111 / 2$.


10 skatiky black.
15 skatiky black.
20 skatiky black.
30 skatiky black.
40 skatiky black.
50 skatiky black.


10 skatiky black.
15 skatiky black.
20 skatiky black.
30 skatiky black.
40 skatiky black.
50 skatiky black.
60 skatiky black.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie.

UKRAINE REPUBLIC. 1919. Stamps of the 1918 issue definative design surcharged with new denomination in reguIation Russian currency.

25 kopecs on 10 schagiw orange brown.
70 kopecs on 50 schagiw red.

Collectionneur des Timbres-Postes.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS 1919. Stamp Collecting states that the official figures of the quantities issued of the provisional surcharges, chronicled in our September number, were as fol-lows:-

On 1902 issue.
$21 / 2$ centavos on 15 reis brown.

20,903

On 1911 issue.
$1 / 2$ centavo on $21 / 2$ reis gray 2,800
1 centavo on $21 / 2$ reis gray. 2,600
$21 / 2$ centavos on $21 / 2$ reis gray.

19,177
On 1914 issue.
$1 / 2$ on $1 / 4$ centavo olive brn. 5,200
2 on $1 / 4$ centavos olive brn. 5,600
$21 / 2$ on $1 / 4$ centavos olive brn. 1,200
Four hundred of each of these surcharges were sent to Berne for official distribution by the Universal Postal Union.

SWEDEN. From January 1, 1920, the Swedish Postal Department is to take over the printing of their postage stamps. Hitherto the stamps have been printed by Messrs. Jacob Bagge \& Sonners, Sedeltryckeri. With the beginning of the new year an entirely new series of designs will appear, three of which have already been accepted, and are the work of the prominent Swedish artists Messrs. Torsten Schonberg, Axel Torneman, and Einar Forsbeth.

Stann Collecting.
TURKEY: 1918. Pictorial issue. Surface printed on white wove paper without watermark, perforated $111 / 2$ by $121 / 2$.

5 piastres turquoise blue \& black brown (view of the Nile). Madrid Filatelico.

TURKEY. 1919. Armistice commemorative issue. Stamps of 1916-18 issue overprinted with inscription in Turkish characters. The inscription measuring 20 by $81 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. and freely translated signifys, October 30th, 1334-Souvenir Armistice.

50 paras ultramarine (red).
1 piastre deep blue (red).
2 piastres yellow brown \& indigo (black).
10 piastres deep green (red).
25 piastres carmine on straw (black).
50 piastres green on straw (red).

Same overprint on stamps of new designs.

20 paras claret, caravan watering at well in desert (black).
1 piastre blue, soldier on desert facing Cairo in distance (red).
$21 / 2$ piastres orange \& green, view of the Bosphorus (black).
5 piastres turnquoise blue \& brown black, view of the Nile (black).
25 piastres blue, caravan party entering Egypt (red).
50 piastres red, view of Keuk Sou on the Bosphorus (black).

Same overprint on postage due stamp of 1914 issue.

1 piastre dark blue (red).
Stamp Collecting.
URUGUAY. 1919. Peace Stamps. Stamp Collecting gives the quantities of the Peace Stamps, chronicled last month, as follows:

| 2 centavos | 600,000 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 4 centavos | 400,000 |
| 5 centavos | 500,000 |
| 8 centavos | 300,000 |
| 20 centavos | 100,000 |
| 23 centavos | 100,000 |

## BRITISH COLONIES.

AITUTAKI. 1919. Current stamp of New Zealand, surface printed, overprinted AITUTAKI in large sans-serif indigo capitals. Perforate 14 by 15.

3 pence brown.
Australian Philatelist. .
ANTIGUA. 1919. War Stamp. A new printing of the $11 / 2$ pence, with WAR STAMP in black, is in course of preparation.

Colonial Journal.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE. 1919. The 1 penny and 5 shillings current Great Britain are being prepared with the usual overprint for this Protectorate.

Colonial Journal.

As the 5 shillings will doubtless be the Bradbury, Wilkinson printing it will constitute an entirely new variety when issued.

CANADA. 1918. Commemorative Issue. Imperforate.

3 cents brown.
A complete imperforate sheet of the 3 cents "Fathers of Confederation" stamp is stated to have been found in a small post office in Northern Manitoba. Stamp Collecting.

CEYLON. 1919. A new printing of the 2 cents has been supplied from plate 7 . A new printing of the 6 cent has also been supplied from both plates 1 and 2. New stocks of the $1,3,30,50$ cents, $1,2,8,30,50$ and 100 rupees are on order.

Colonial Journal.
GRENADA. 1919. A new printing of the 6 pence has been supplied from plate 2.

Colonial Journal.
JAMAICA. 1919. The following is the official notice of the $11 / 2$ pence commemorative chronicled in June number. Stamp Office, June 27, 1919.

## NOTICE.

The following is a description of the one penny half-pence adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes which will be put into circulation on the 4 th day of July, 1919.

The design of the stamp is denoted by a representation of the Jamaica Contingent embarking: at the right-hand corner is a profile of King George the Fifth surmounted by a crown, and underneath the profile are the figures $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. At the left-hand corner are printed the words "Postage and Revenue"; while at the top of the stamp is inscribed the word "Jamaica," as also the words "one penny halfpenny."

The stamp is printed on green paper. GEO. S. THOMSON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner.
KEDAH. 1919. New printings of the $20,30,40,50$ cents, and 1 dollar have been made. Pending the arrival of the new printings permission has been given to use the stamps of Straits Settlements in Kedah.

Colonial Journal.
NAURU. 1919. A new supply of the 1 penny and 2 shillings 6 pence has been sent out.

Colonial Journal.
These stamps as usual are overprinted on the current stamps of Great Britain, and in all probability the 2 shillings 6 pence is the Bradbury, Wilkinson printing, and will constitute a new variety when placed on sale.

NEW ZEALAND. We note that the $1 / 2$ penny with WAR STAMP overprint is now coming in a somewhat more yellow shade of green and on thicker chalk surface paper, much more white than previously.

NIUE. 1919. Current stamp of New Zealand, surface printed, overprinted NIUE in large sans-serif indigo capitals. Perforated 14 by 15.

3 pence brown.
Australian Philatelist.
PENRHYN ISLAND. 1919. Current stamp of New Zealand, surface printed, overprinted PENRHYN ISLAND in two lines of small sans-serif indigo capitals. Perforated 14 by 15 .

3 pence brown.

## Australian Philatelist.

RAROTONGA. 1919. Current stamp of New Zealand, surface printed, overprinted RAROTONGA in large sansserif indigo capitals at top of stamp and

TORU PENE at foot of stamp, also in large sans-serif capitals. Perforated 14 by 15 .

3 pence brown.
Economist Stamp Co.
RHODESIA. 1919. Current design. Change in color and perforation. Perforated 15.
$1 / 2$ penny deep green.
Stamp Collecting.
-ST. LUCIA. 1919. New supplies of the $1 / 2$ and 1 penny, $21 / 2$ and 3 pence, and 1 shilling, are on order. The 1 shilling is to be printed in a new color, light hrown on white paper.
Colonial Journal.
SEYCHELLES. 1919. The 2 cents and 3 cents stamps have been supplied printed from Plate 6.
Colonial Journal.
SlERRA LEONE. 1919. The 2 $1 / 2,4$, 9 pence, 2 and 5 shillings are being printed from a new plate, but without any alteration in the colors.

Colonial Journal.
TONGA. 1919. Design of 1897 Issue, Watermarked Multiple turtles.

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1 \text { penny red \& black. }
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Stamp Collecting.
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. 1919. War Tax. Current stamps overprinted War Tax in black Roman capitals, as shown. Overprinted locally.

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TAX
Type 1

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1 penny scarlet.
3 pence violet brown on yellow.
Mr. A. C. Roessler.
Mr. Fred. Michael.

The overprint was type-set in a block of sixty, and the printing apparently done directly from the type setting.

The alignment of the majority of the overprints is as in type 1 , with slight variations to right or left. Two stamps in the sheet, 40 and 41 , have the $T$ of TAX directly heneath the $W$ of WAR, as shown in Type II, while three others. 43,45 and 50 , have the A of TAX directly beneath the A of WAR, as shown in type III.

There are several consistant recurrances of broken type in the sheets, as follows:

Right top of $W$ broken, 11 and 51. Right foot of A in WAR hroken, 18.
Left $v$ of $W$ slightly shorter than right $\mathrm{v}, 22$.
Top of T broken, $2223,32,34,46$ and 52 .
Left top of W broken 28.
Tail of R broken, 29.
Broken W, 42.
Left side of A in WAR broken, 55.
Break in right v of $W, 57$.
Left side of T in TAX broken, 22.
In all sheets that we have seen there are two consistant varieties caused by a slurring in printing:

W of War double, 1 and $R$ of War double, 6.

## POSTAL CARDS.

FINLAND REPUBLIC. 1919. Design same as current postage stamp of Helsingfors issue.
$10+10$ pennia rose, white reply
card.

## STAMPED ENVELOPE.

GREAT BRITAIN. 1919. Large oval design with embossed white head of King George V on colored shield surmounted by embossed white crown. Curved beneath shield POSTAGE THREE HALFPENCE in white Roman capitals emhossed on colored label, ahove the ends of the label, at left and right, are small colored oval bearing $11 / 2$ embossed in white, fancy white scroll work fills the spaces between the ovals and the crown.
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## THE SCRAP BAG.

## Constitution of the German Republic.

The new German constitution, which was passed by the national assembly after months of debate, and which became effective about the middle of August, is divided into two main parts-the "composition and ties of the empire" and "the basic rights and basic duties of Germans." The first part consists of seven sections and the second of five.

The subdivisions of the first part are: (1) The empire and individual states, (2) The reichstag, (3) the imperial president, (4) the imperial government, (5) imperial council, (6) imperial legislation, (7) imperial administration of justice. Those of the second part are: (1) Individual community of life, (2) religion and religious societies, (3) education and schools, (4) economic life, (5) transition relations.

The preamble to the constitution begins as follows:
"The German people, united in its branches and inspired by the will to renew and strengthen its empire in freedom and justice, to further inner and outer peace and social advance, has voted this constitution."

Section one declares the German empire is a republican state, sovereignty being based on the people. It describes the territorial limits of the empire, establishes the imperial coiors as being black, red and gold, and states that the generally recognized rules of international law will be held as binding on the empire.

The empire will have exclusive legislative rights governing foreign affairs, colonies, citizenship, immigration, defense, coinage, customs, posts, telegraphs, telephones, repopulation motherhood, children; youth, health, labor insurance, protection to laborers and employes, confiscation, care of wounded soldiers and their relatives, socialization of national resources, economic undertakings, manufacture, distribution, price fixing, economic production, trade weights and measures, the issuance of paper
money, food, luxury, articles of industry, mines, insurance, the mercantile marine, control of lake and coast fisheries, railroad, and automobile traffic, transportation by land, water and air, road construction and theatres.

Individual states will have legislative rights, but the imperial law will supersede those of irdividual states. Each state must have a liberal constitution, with a legislature elected by general, equal and secret ballot by all Germans, men and women.

The constitution lays down rules for altering the empire territorially, providing that plebiscites shall be held in districts affected.

Sections, two, three and four, state that the reichstag supersedes the temporary national assembly. It will be elected for a term of four years. The president will be chosen by the entire German people instead of by the assembly and will hold office for a term of seven years. He will represent the empire under international law, will make treaties and accredit diplomats. Declarations of war or peace must be proclaimed by the imperial reichstag, and treaties with foreign states must be accepted by the reichstag.

The president, as commander of the chief defense forces of the empire, can employ armed forces for quelling disturbances, or may send them against states which do not fulfill their duties, but in doing so must notify the reichstag, which is given the power of veto. The president's orders must be countersigned by a chancellor or the imperial minister whose department is affected. He has the right to pardon criminals, but the granting of annesty must be voted by the reichstag.

The chancellor will occupy a position analagous to that of vice-president. He and the rest of the ministry will be appointed by the president. The chancellor will determine the empire's foreign policy, bear responsibility for the cabinet, and in case of a tie vote in the ministry, will have the deciding ballot. The
reichstag is given the right to 1 mpeach the president, chancellor, and ministers. Charges upon which impeachment proceedings are based must bear the names of 100 members of the reichstag before the case can be brought before the court .

Section five states that the imperial council will be composed of representatives of individual states, which will have at least one vote apiece. The votes of the larger states will be based on population ,being fixed on the number of millions of inhabitants within their borders. No state can have more than two-fifths of the total number of votes in the council. Half of Prussia's votes must come from provincial administrations. Imperial legislation cannot be introduced in the reichstag without the consent of the council, unless the government ventures to introduce bills which the reichstag knows to be disapproved by the council.

Section six states that laws may be submitted by plebiscites, if the president desires. A majority vote will nullify the law. The constitution can be altered by a quorum of two-thirds of the reichstag voting for the alteration by a two-third majority.

The imperial administration is placed in control of treaties by individual states with foreign countries, territorial changes and defense of the realm. German merchant vessels will comprise a unified mercantile marine. The new German frontier comprises customs zones, the income from which will be administered by the empire.

Provision is made for a budget system, and the reichstag cannot raise the amount of the budget without reaching an agreement with the council. Imperial postal and telegraphic rates will be determined by the council, and the railroad systems will be taken over by the empire and states. Private roads must be given over to the empire on demand, and the empire cannot confiscate railroads not yet taken over. If defense of the country requires the step, it is given the power to take over the administration of all water routes.

Section seven states that judges of the ordinary civil courts will be chosen
for life and cannot be removed except by judicial decision. The age of retirement will be determined later. Military courts are abolished save in war time and on board of warships, and state courts which will try those accused of political crimes will be created by imperial law.

The second main part provides, under section one, that all Germans shall be equal before the law and that men and women shall have basically the same rights and duties. Preferential rights and drawbacks of birth and position are removed and titles of nobility are considered as only the part of a person's name. No more titles will be conferred, and will be given only when they describe a person's occupation. Academic titles, however, will still be awarded. No tokens of honor may be given out by the government, and no German may accept a title or order from a foreign state.

Every citizen of an individual state is a citizen of the empire. Every German will have equal rights anywhere within the empire and may live where he pleases. He will have the right to own real estate and purchase food in any state. Every German permitted to emigrate will have the privilege of being protected in foreign countries, and no German may be delivered up to a foreign country for prosecution and punishment.

Foreign language Germans may not be prevented from developing the free use of their mother tongue. In legal affairs the freedom of the individual is invulnerable. The German's house will be his castle.

Postal, telegraph and telephone secrecy is guaranteed. Every German has the right to express his opinions by written or spoken word, print or picture. There will be no censorship save for moving pictures, for which regulations will be made to suppress objectionable films for the protection of youth.
The constitution declares that marriage constitutes the basis of family life and the salvation of the nation, and it is therefore under the special protection of the constitution on the basis of equality of the sexes. It is pointed out that it
is the duty of the state to keep pure and healthy the family life and that families with several children have the right to necessary care. Motherhood, it is declared, has a prior claim to the protection of the state. Illegitimate children shall be placed under the same bodily, spiritual and social conditions as legitimate ones, and youth must be protected from moral, spiritual or physical neglect.

Under the other sections of the second part there is a long list of the rights of German citizens, which seem obvious outside Germany. The list includes the right to hold gatherings, to belong to societies and organizations, or social, political or religious groups. It is declared that petty officials appointed for life may not be discharged unless complaints against them are first submitted to them.

Under religion, the constitution declares that all citizens of Germany shall enjoy complete freedom of belief and conscience. No state church exists and religion plays no part in citizenship. It is provided that there must be universal attendance at school for a period of eight years and that pupils must attend advanced schools until 18 years old. It will not be necessary to pay tuition, and state aid will be given needy pupils and their families. Private schools can be run only with government permission. All schools, it is provided, must make an effort to educate their students in the spirit of the German people and in the spirit of reconciliation with the peoples of the world. Instruction in constitutional government and manual labor is obligatory in all schools.

The constitution lays down basic rules for the economic future, guaranteeing the rights of spiritual work and invention, and protecting art. A system of councils is created for industries by which employes will have a voice in the decisions reached by the employers.

## Forgeries of First Issue Egypt.

For some months very dangerous forgeries of the first issue of Egypt, unused, both imperforate and perforated, in singles, blocks, and pairs, have beẹn of-
fered in London. So far the values of 5 paras gray, 10 paras shown, 2 piastres yellow, and the error 10 piastres on 5 piastres rose have been seen.

## General Characteristics of the Forgeries.

1 The paper is softer than that of the originals and shows a faint mesh.
2 The colors are duller.
3 The watermark is not the same as in the originals, and seems to he impressed into the paper by means of an oily substance.
4 The overprints are heavier in outline, but extremely well drawn.
5 The perforations are more regular than in the originals, in which the holes are irregular and mostly ragged on one or more sides.

For obvious reasons details of the points of variance between originals and forgeries will not be given. The whole business has been engineered in a thorough rascally way. The stamps are not gummed and the strips and blocks are cut in a careless way, as if somebody cut off in hurry portions of sheets hidden away in some archives. The finest piece of humbug is a pair of the error 10 piastres on 5 piastres rose, showing big portions of three other stamps. By the way, this pair shows one stamp having a watermark and one baving missed it, and it is not an end stamp. Pairs of the 5 paras and 10 paras, each having one watermarked stamp, have been seen.

Stamp Collecting.

## Forgeries of First Issue Egyptian Postage Dne.

These forgeries have been on the London market for some time past in small quantities, and a sheet of the 5 piastres has been seen with full inscriptions on the margins.

## General Characteristics of the Forgeries.

1 The color is dull pink instead of vermilion.
2 The perforation is 11 instead of $101 / 2$.

3 The inscription "A PERCEVOIR" is in thicker type.
4 The width of the forgery is 22 mm instead of $221 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.
5 The Arabic inscriptions are not correct.
6 The watermark is impressed, as in the originals, but varies in shape; the star is not so large, and the crescent is narrower.

Stamp Collecting.

## Faked G.E.A.'s.

"We received from Karissimbi," says a French contemporary, "three months ago, a letter franked with a curious series of stamps. These are the German stamps, ship type, but in large format. They bear, overprinted, the letters 'G.E.A.' and, below, the words 'BRITISH OCCUPATION'; at the foot of the stamp the value is indicated in 'cents.' According to our correspondent the regular stamps having been exbausted, and it being impossible to obtain fresh supplies, the Germans created this temporary issue. On the complete occupation of German East Africa by the Allies, a certain number of the stamps were found by the British, who surcharged them as above. There exist only 2,000 copies of each value. This series is therefore one of the most interesting of all those of the occupied German Colonies.

Our contemporary invites opinions as to the bona-fides of these labels, and we have no hesitation in offering our view that we believe them to be absolutely bogus, and on a par with the worthless "Mafias' and overprinted German SouthWest Africans.

Stamp Collecting.

## Russian Levant Piracy.

The Russian Steam Navigation Company, which early this year launched a veritable cataract of provisional postage stamps, has earned for itself a renewed notoriety by reasen of the extraordinary
and daring case of robbery on the high seas, recalling the piracy of the Middle Ages, which is reported from the Black Sea. The steamer "Constantine," of the Russian Steam Navigation Company, on its arrival at Constantinople from Russian ports, brought the news that her crew and passengers bad been overawed by a band of brigands, the passengers robbed, and their baggage rifled. Gold coin and notes to the value of $35,000,000$ roubles, besides jewelry and other valuables, including a quantity of the provisional postage stamps, were taken.

The question arises, were the pirates after the stamps? From what we have beard, they must have been in the "know," and it would appear to be advisable for all dealers and collectors to boycott these stamps altogether. We trust it will not be considered irrelevant for us to borrow Reuter's version of the story, which is that a number of passengers, including a group of individuals, who appeared to be Georgians, embarked at Batum, and while the steamer was enroute for Rizen, revolver shots were suddenly heard one night. A regular pandemonium followed, mingled with the screams of the women and children passengers. All points of the vessel were guarded, and all resistance on the part of the passengers and the crew instantly overcome, while the captain of the ship was ordered to continue his course. Systematic robbery of the passengers' effects then followed, and lasted for about four hours. The proceeds were then placed in four large canvass sacks. On arrival off Rizen the captain was ordered to slacken speed and lower the boats, whereupon the pirates rowed ashore with their booty. On his arrival at Trebizond the captain reported the affair to the British authorities, and the ship was ordered to return to Batum, where the captain was arrested and an inquiry opened, which established the fact that eight of the crew were not described in the ship's papers, while the pirates, who numbered twenty-seven, embarked without any documents, and doubtless had accomplices on board,

Stamp Collecting.

## Belgian East Africa.

A Paris report which will be of special interest to philatelists says that the Ang-lo-Belgian agreement regarding German East Africa gives Belgium the provinces of Ruanda and Urundi, in the northwest of the colony; and although this forms only a small part of the whole, it includes $3,000,000$ inhibatants, or nearly half of the total population of what was formerly German East Africa. In addition this rich territory contains about half of the cattle of the colony. The part of the Cape-to-Cairo route which was not marked British or AngloEgyptian on Pre-War maps was a stretch of nearly 500 miles between British Central Africa and North Rhodesia- 140 miles of Belgo-German frontier in the Ruanda Urundi region mentioned in the "Temps," and 340 miles of the length of Tanganyika, whose western shore was Belgian and Eastern shore German.

## Proposed New Belgian Issues.

Overprinted Belgian stamps are about to be issued for use in the zone occupied by the Belgians, Malmedy and Eupen, which names will form the superscription in questtion. The territory referred to has been acquired by Belgium under the terms of the peace treaty.

It is quite possible that some, or all of the current Belgian pastage stamps will be overprinted "Allemange Duitschland," for use exclusively by the Belgian army in occupied territory; for the franking of letters weighing more than 20 grammes.

It is also stated that the Brussels Government has under consideration the issue of yet another special series of postage stamps__to commemorate the principal battles and deeds of the war.

## The New Geiman Stamps.

More than four thousand drawings were submitted to the National Assembly at Weimar as designs for the new German stamps, these drawings were mainly along Cubist and Futurist lines, and
twenty-eight were selected as suitable for reproduction. As artistic efforts they are, for the most part, crude in the extreme, so much so that in some cases it is difficult to recognize what they are intended to represent. All are of an allegorical nature, and represent the re-birth of the German nation. As in the case of the French postage stamps of 1870 , an attempt has evidently been made to secure designs of non-political and non-controversial nature for the first stamps of the German Republic.

The subjects of the three winning designs, for each of which 2,000 marks was awarded, were: 10 pfennigs, an oak tree sprouting with young shoots, by Hugo Frank, of Stuttcart; 15 pfennigs, a similar subject, by Ernest Bohm, of Charlottenburg; and 25 pfennigs, a basrelief on the ancient Egyptian style, depicting a young mason bearing bricks on a tray and with a trowel heside him, by Georges Mathey, of Berlin. Another approved design shows a phoenix arising from the ashes. These stamps, which are uniformly inscribed "Deutsch National Versammlung, 1919," are to replace "the horrid-looking design of Germania," whose militarist aspect was condemned by the Reichstag as far back as June, 1918.

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## Ukraine Trident.

The statement that the trident overprint of the Ukraine represents "the sacred candelabra of St. Sophia at Kieff" is incorrect. The design for the coat of arms is taken, not from the sacred candelabra of St. Sophia at Kieff, but from the coat of arms of the Grand Duke St. Wolodymir of Kieff. The design is on both the gold and silver coins issued by Wolodymir, on the latter with the words: "Wolodymir is on the throne and this silver is his" encircling the design. This same coat of arms is also to be seen on the tiles found in the ruins of the Desjatin Church of St. Wolodymir at Kieff. The Ukrainian Central Rada (the late Ukrainian Parliament) has decreed that this coat of arms of St. Wolodymir
is to be taken for the whole Ukrainian Republic, which Republic now comprises the whole of the late State of St. Wolodymir with its ancient capital at Kieff. The national colors of the Ukraine are: sky blue, at top, and at bottom, golden yellow, the color of ripe corn.

## Aerial Mail Notes and News.

London-Paris Air Service. Since Monday, August 25 , a letter written or a parcel made up in London before 10.30 A. M. can be delivered in Paris by aeroplane before the offices close in the afternoon. This is the first regular international service. Ordinary parcels are charged at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ shillings a pound. There may be anything handed in at Hounslow Aerodrome by 11 A . M. and at the City depots by 10.30 A. M. The American Express Company will collect the parcels at Le Bourget, the Paris landing ground.

Cologne Aerial Post Service. Simultaneously with the institution of the daily air service between London and Paris came the announcement of the Discontinuance of the air service between London and Cologne, which has been maintained by the military. It is understood that the reason for the discontinuance of this service is that the Rline troops have been considerably decreased. The service has been running regularly since the occupation of the Rhine territory. While it has been of inestimable service in the forwarding of mails to our Army of Occupation, it has also been of great utility as a means of supplying useful data for the establishment of future aerial services. The service was carried on by two squadrons, Nos. 18 and 120 , the former using D.H.9a machines with Liberty engines, and working from the Cologne terminal, while the latter was equipped with the D.H. 9 type, with B.H.P. engines, and worked from Lymphe.

The average time taken by machines of No. 18 on the journey was 3 hours 14 minutes, while No. 120 , with rather less powerful engines, averaged 3 hours 23 minutes. Out of forty-five trips commenced, only in one case was there faill-
ure to complete the journey. The average weight carried per journey was 161 pounds.

Belgian Congo Aerial Service. The Belgian Congo Aerial Service is to be started on January 1, 1920. The route will be over the whole Upper Congo River, from Kinshaba (terminus of the railroad from Matadi) to the Katanga. Seaplanes of a French type (Levy-lePen) will be used. They will carry express mail and express parcels, and will fly in connection with the arrival and sailing of the mail lines of the Antwerp Compagnie Belge Maritime du Congo. A special series of postage stamps is to be issued for the letters and parcels.

Stamp Collection.

## U. S. Airmail News.

One must go to the foreign papers for important information concerning our own air mail routes and plans, as witness the following in Stamp Collecting for September 6:
"Insufficient railroad equipment is causing the United States Post Office Department to plan an extension of the Aeroplane mail service. Between Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill., the aeroplanes already have relieved congestion on the railroads to the extent of one distributing car daily each way at an estimated annual saving of $\$ 52,000$. About 16,000 letters are carried on each trip by an aeroplane in this service.
"Delivery of mail between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts probably will be shortened by from sixteen to twentyfour hours in the autumn, when aeroplane mail services will be started to Omaha, Nebraska, and St. Louis, Missouri. Even the short link between Cleveland and Chicago has saved sixteen hours between Pacific coast points and Boston, Mass., and other New England cities. The aeroplanes fly at almost double the speed of the steam trains.
"Experiments are being carried out whereby aeroplanes will be able to pick up sacks of mail while in flight. It is believed to be possible for the aeroplanes
now used to come close enough to earth to snatch sacks from specially-deslgned apparatus. When the Department puts into operation the large multi-motored aeroplanes now being designed it is proposed that they take mails from the roofs of buildings. Thus, on the New York-Washington route both Philadelphia and Baltimore would be served at a saving of thirty minutes now required for stops at these cities.

## Slesvig's Plebiscite.

One of the most interesting issues of postage stamps that the world has yet seen is about to make its appearance. It will be remembered that, in accordance with Section III of the Peace Treaty, the frontier between Germany and Denmark is to be fixed in accordance with the wishes of the population, a vote being taken in Northern Slesvig as a whole and in portions of Central Slesvig by communes. Ten days from the Peace German troops had to evacute the region north of the line running from the mouth of the Schlei, south of Kappel, Slesvig, and Friedrichstadt along the Eider to the North Sea south of Tonning; and Workmen's and Soldier's Councils in the zone have been dissolved. During the voting the zone is under the charge of an international Commission of five members, of whom the Norwegian and Swedish Governments chose two. The Commission temporarily has general powers of administration. After the result of the voting has been declared, the Danish Government may occupy those territories which have opted for Denmark, and Germany renounces sovereign rights in these territories. All the inhabitants will then acquire Danish nationality, with certain exceptions. Provisions are made for individual changes of nationality under certain conditions.

Meanwhile, three new postage stamps are about to be issued for the territory evacuated by the Germans. They are distinctive in design, showing the coat-of-arms of South Jutland-i.e. two lions, and inscription Plebiscit (vote of the
people), and comprising three denominations only-viz., 10 and 20 pfennig and 1 mark. They are to be current only during the vote.

Stamp Collecting.

## Prince Edward Island.

By the British North America Act passed in 1857, Prince Edward Island, formerly St. John's, until 1799, was united with the other provinces of Canada. It, however, did not cease to issue stamps until July 1, 1873.

Prince Edward Island is in the southern part of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It is about 140 miles long, and varying from 5 to 35 miles in breadth, the population numbering about 100,000 .

The island was first settled by the French about 1719; the British captured it in 1745, but afterwards restored it, but seized it again during the next war between 1756 and 1763 , and compelled the greater part of the French inhahitants to leave; since then it has remained British.

It has a provisional government of its own, comprising an administrator, Chief Justice, Premier, and other ministers, with a mayor for the capital itself. The capital is Charlottetown, situated on the shore of Hillsborough Bay, and has just recently been visited by H. R. H., the Prince of Wales.

One of the great industries is the breeding of silver-back foxes in captivity. The value of the furs for one season alone amounting to no less than 500,000 pounds.


## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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No. 2.
October 1, 1919.

## Applications Posted.

Bigelow, William McPherson, Box 158, Easton, Md.; Age 22; Reference: Easton National Bank, Easton, Md.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Brainerd, Edgar Laurence, 2529 Polk St., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn.; Age 19; Accountant. Guaranteed by B. A. Brainerd, Salesman Denison Coffee Co., Chicago; Reference: Archer Daniels Linseed Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Cassebeer, Walter H., 154 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.; Age 36; Architect; Gott \& Cassebeer; Reference: W. F. Livingston, Merchants Bank of Rochester; Proposed by Dr. S. Handler, \# 2537.
Gallant, Joseph, 28 Main St., Hempsted, N. Y.; Age 48; Bookkeeper; Reference: Carl Fisher Music House, Cooper Sq., New York; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Honeywell, Clayton A., 972 Elm St., Winnetka, Ill.; Age 39; Publisher, Geographical Publishing Co.; Reference: Schwab Stamp \& Seal Co., Milwankee, Wis.; Proposed by F. Bucjynski, \#5080.
Kinsel, E. C., 918 Second Ave., Seattle, Wash.; Age 29; Druggist, Kinsel Pharmacy; Reference: Frank B. Pinley, Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Seattle; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Kutz, Lyle H., Box 194, Gypsum, Colo.; Age 24; Rancher; Reference: Stremme Gro. Co., Gypsum, Colo.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Letton, Harry P., 1921 S. 16 th St., Lincoln, Neb.; Age 33; Sanitary Engineer Grant, Fulton \& Letton; Reference: Miller \& Paine Co., Lincoln, Neb.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Markee, Frederick D., 249 Park St., West Roxbury, Mass.; Age 36 ; Salesman. B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co.; Ref-
erence: Edgewood Stamp Co., Milford, Conn.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Morrissey, Leo W., 212 Oak Ave., Takoma Park, D. C.; Age 38; Attorney at Law; Reference: Union Central Life Ins. Co., New York; Proposed by Harry B. Mason, \#2398.
Nentwig, Ray J., 639 McClellan Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 27; Clerical; Reference: J. E. Scott, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Chas. C. Keller, \#4824.
Noetzli, Dr. Fred A., 415 Balboa Fldg., San Francisco, Calif.; Age 32; Civil Engineer. Beckman \& Linden Eng. Corp.; Reference: E. S. Jackson, 423 Balboa Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.; Proposed by Ross O'Shaughnessy, \# 1576.
Randall, Wainwright, 81 Nepear St., Ottawa, Ont., Canada; Age 35; Publicity \& Advertising; Reference: Chas. A. Sheffeld, Corticelli Silk Co., Florence, Mass.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Schon, Otto Julius, 109 W. Burr St., Portland, Ore.; Age 35; Marine Engineer; Reference: Ryder Cormany, 923 Decatur St., Portland, Ore.; Proposed by Edwin P. Seebohm, \#2047.
Weiss, Philip M., 34 Cambridge Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio; Age 44; Stamp Dealer. Queen City Stamp \& Coin Co.; Reference: Wm. C. Kennet Jr., Hazle--wood, Ohio; Proposed by Adolph D. Fennel, \#5370.
Williams, J. E., 143 Liberty St., New York City; Age 62; Secy. Eastern Freight Traffic Committee U. S. R. R. Admin.; Reference: J. E. Scott and Harmon Wendell, Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by John Kay, \#748.

## Applications for Reinstatement.

2099
Dickey, H. S., 717 Main St., New- ton, Kans.; Age 35; Merchant. H. S. Dickey Piano Store; Reference: C. A. Tanner \& Co.,

Wichita, Lans.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.

3570 Harris, N. B.; 503 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio; Age legal; Manufacturer's Agt.; Reference: W. H. Barnum, Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by H. C. Crowell, \#1570.

## Applications Pending.

Bigelow, Paul
Myers, Chester G.

## New Stockholders.

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5383 Clark Teresa M., 400 W. 150 th St., New York City.
58384 Cook, R. E., 416 S. 5th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
5385 Duvall, Walter P., 200 E. Redwood St., Baltimore, Md.
5386 Frost, Alice L., 387 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
*5387 Gerding, Herbert L. Jr., 3136 Shenandoah Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
5388 Hagerman, Lee W., Rialto Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
5389 Kahle, R. L., 825 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
5390 Kissinger, Nora E., 335 Walnut St., Reading, Pa.
*5391 Mac Laughlin, Ernest W., 802 W. 4th St., Willmar, Minn.

5392 Meister, Rev. L., 2653 Ohio Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
5393 Meyer, Henry A., 516 Read St., Evansville, Ind.
5394 Sague, Capt. J. D., Box 444, Central Palma, Oriente, Cuba.
5395 Schuette, A. O., 239 John R St., Detroit, Mich.
5396 Wintermute, H. S., Box 943, Bremerton, Wasb.
5397 Yeomans, Simpson, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

Reinstated.
4445 Kissinger, Harold W., Mercersburq, Pa.
3908 Koch, Alfred Frank, Fife Road, Havelock Town, Colombo, Ceylon.

## Resignations Received.

5081 Goodwin, Walter E., Dover, N. H.

4751 Hendricks, Homer R., Waxahacbie, Texas.
5156 Kendrick, Ashley W., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
1776 Kinkead, W. L., 315 E. 34 th St., Paterson, N. J.
4852 Roberts, Dr. M. D., Hancock, Mich
2281 Wenzel, Max, 336 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Resignations Accepted.
5104 Bangs, J. A., Grand View, New York City.
4921 Jacobs, Frank, 92 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
4637 Hollers, Victor D., 2460 Webb Ave., New York City.
Kimbark, G. C., 81513 th St., N. W., Canton, Ohio.

2857 Kreidt, Rev. A. J., 1501 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
5090 McIntosh, W. G., Mt. Airy, N. C.
3332 Morgan, F. L., 831 Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.
4660 Richards, F. T., 1710 Jefferson St., Philadelphia, Pa.
4960 Vale, John H., Box 9, Manila, P. I.

4258 White, W. W., Woolsworth Bldg., New York City.

## Deaths Reported.

4148 Alderson, Dr. J. C., Wausau, Wis.
5238 Damon, Kenneth, Box 85, Williamsburg, Mass.
3692 Parker Col. Clyde B., Pelham Court, Washington, D. C.
2752 Wolfrum, Bruno, 221 3rd Ave., New York City.

## Change of Address.

3649 Berolzheimer, D. D. from 26 Prospect Park to 1558 E. 13th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
4742 Birchard, Leland, from R. R. 2 to 304 Marion Ave., Kenosha, Wis.
116 Book, Robt. D., from Pittsburgh, Pa. to Sewickley, Pa.
2655 Colson, Everett, from Ironton, O. to Box 282 , Rosslyn, Va.
3342 Currie, S. G. from Darien, Conn. to 43 Exchange Pl., New York City.
4986 Curtis, Gerald S. from Saratoga Springs to 70 E. 77 th St., New York City.

4199 Drake, J. F. from Springfield, Mass. to 5525 Dummoyle Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
2140 Fleisher, Edwin A. from 807 Chestnut St. to 25 th \& Reed Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
4929 Focke, Herman from New York to 13 Fuller Terrace, Orange, N. J.

2725 Gammans, E. H. Jr. from Springfield, Mass., to 100 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
553 Goerner, W. G. from Arlington, to 15 Anstis St., Edgewood, R. I.

4859 Hagenauer, N. from Mt. Washington Sta. to 700 Florida \& Cedar Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3153 Hyde, A. A. from 603 S. Walnut St., to Box 254, Sherman, Tex.
2838 Hyde, Col. Arthur P. S. from Washington, D. C. to Ft. Amador, Canal Zone.
4583 Lee, Alfied P. from 610 Flanders Bldg. to 1616 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5254 Lewis, Howard B. from 904 Gregory St. to 409 W. Nevada St., Urbana, 111.
2524 Lindjuist, H. L. from 4150 Cottage Grove Ave to 60 W . Washington St., Chicago.
2715 Lyons, Milton P. Jr. from 1631 Chestnut St. to 34 S. 18 St., Philadelphia, Pa.
2398 Mason, Harry B. from Room 21 to 300,1413 G St., N.W. Washington, D. C.
1527 Mier, Louis M. from 19 to 79 Fran cisco Ave., Rutherford, N. J.

5209 Moss, Arthur Bruce from 23 E. 127 St. to 901 Ogden Ave., Bronx, New York City.
1214 Nelson, Robt. S. from 2210 Highland Ave. to R.F.D. \#8, Box 112, Birmingham, Ala.
4138 Peck, Frank C., from 146 W. 6th St. to 537 F St., Salida, Colo.
4998 Perkins, Glen W. from Fontana, Calif. to 704 Dollar Bank Bldg., Youngstown, O.
5226 Perkins, Philip P. from U. of I. Supply Store to Sta. A, Box 505, Champaign, Ill .

4711 Ploch, C. A. from 3630 Coliseum Ave. to Washington Bank \& Trust Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
4169 Poole, B. W. H. from Philadelphia to 312 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.
4636 Rex, R. W. from 373 Ellis St. to 2517 Lombard St., San Francisco, Calif.
1603 Reinschild, Carl from 5 Hamilton Terrace to 47 Barclay St., New York City.
5246 Shack, Julius from 92 Pine St. to 215 W. 98th St., New York City.
4723 Smack, C. S. from Dallas Tex. to 1706 Railway Exc. Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
4495 Stiles, H. R. from 315 Campbell Ave. to Box 817, Schenectarly, N. Y.

3789 Stevens, E. W. from 1303 Woadland Ave. to 506 Fulton Rd., Canton, Ohio.
4091 Stonier, J. M. from Toronto, Ont. to 44 Macaulay St. W. Hamilton, Ont., Canada.
5168 Wailly, Victor, from Corozal, C. Z. to care G. Wailly, 74 Russell Ave. Watertown, Mass.
3110 Webb, G. V. from Reading, Pa. to Bo $\times 65$, Painsville, Ohio.
4546 Wiggins, Jos. G. from Savanuah, Ga. to 126 Washington St., North, Sumter, S. C.
4106 Whittemore, Audenried, from 5355 Berlin Ave. to 5335 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
3252 Wright, A. W. from Boston, Mass. to 120 Tyndale St., Rosliudale, Mass.
1199 Wylie, Duncan S. from 46 Cedar St. to 44 Broad St., New York City.
5325 oung, Frank C. from ?1 Derhy Ave. to 57 Anson St., Derby, Conn.
5131 Cohn, P. H. from Chama, N. M. to Lafayette, Colo.
184 Cosby, Col. Spencer, from Washington, D. C. to U. S. Engineer's Office, Galveston, Tex.
5315 Gordon, Robt. S. from Phoenix to Box 1222, Tucson, Ariz.
5251 Huntington, Elon G. from Minnesota to Clara Ave., De Land, Fla.

| 5023 | Limpert, Frank A. from 365 Woodward Ave. to 276 Clay Ave., Detroit, Mich. | 2992 Sensow, John F. from La Porte, Ind. to Kirkland, Ariz. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1899 | Loeb, Wh. from 627 Elmwood Ave. to 150 Chestnut St., Providence, R. I. | Ave. to 204 troit, Mich. |  | De- |
| 1646 | Mendel, Edward, from Chicago, 111. to 1338 Sierra Bonita Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. | Membership September New Stockholders |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1695 \\ 16 \end{array}$ |
| 4683 | Mendes, A. D. from Brunswick, Ga. to 561 W. 141 St., New | Reinstated |  |  |
|  | York City. | Resignations Accepted | 10 |  |
| 4739 | Mosler, Gustave M. from Brighton German Bank to Brighton | Deaths reported |  | 14 |
|  | Bank \& Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. | Total Membership Oct. H. A. | 19 | $\begin{aligned} & 1699 \\ & \text { ecy. } \end{aligned}$ |

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

## FOL THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Stock Fund.
Balance . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 5086.66$
Receipts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 11.00$
Disbursements . . . ................ 1.00

General Fund.
Balance . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 2606.93$
Receipts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 829.18$
Disbursements . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . 168.46 660.72 \$3267.65

## Insurance Fund.

Balance

## Exchange Account.

| Balance | 7.31 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts | . 30 | \$ | 7.61 |

## Suspense Account.

| Balance ........................ . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 57.19 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 4.20 |  |  |
| Disbursements <br> Transfer to Gen'l Fund. . $\$ 34.8$ |  |  |
| Transfer to A. P. Acct.. . 15.09 | 49,94 | 45.74 |

Americant Plilatelist Acc't.

| Debit Balance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 501.35$ |  |  |  |
| Disbursements | 8.97 | 492.38 | \$2,540.04 |
|  |  |  | \$7,856.31 |

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Cash ..... 3266.97

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# POSTAGE STAMPS OF CHILE. 

## From The Christian Science Monitor

In many ways, the stamps of Chile will prove of great interest, both to the general collector and to the specialist. Tbere are neither speculative issues, nor multitudinous surcharges. Every issue was of considerable duration, and as a result a fairly complete collection may be obtained without serious expenditure. There are naturally some rarities, not excessive however, as well as others that are among the hard to get, although of medium catalogue price.

Chile was the second of the South American republics to issue stamps, and as the first issue was prior to the introduction of the perforating machine, it becomes one of the interesting among the world's imperforate issues, which in these days especially appeal to the philatelic specialist.

The Chilean post office decided upon an issue of two values, during the latter part of 1852 , these being of 5 and 10 centavos. It will be remembered that the unit of money value in Chile is the peso, of 100 centavos, the present value of the peso being around 45 cents.

The design of the first issue is familiar from the catalogue illustrations, and consists of a profile of Columbus to left on inscribed engine turned circular disk, with "Colon" above, and "Chile" below the head. The arched label above reads "Correos Porte Franco," and below the disk, the figure of value, and the word "centavos."

## Engraved In London.

There were no high-class engravers apparently in Chile in the early '50s and the postal authorities sent the order for
the first issue to Perkins, Bacon \& Co. of London. This issue was line engraved, and appeared in July, 1853 , the 5 c in a brownish red shade, on wove paper, either yellowish white or bluisly owing probably to the action between the coloring matter and the paper. The 10 c . appeared in a deep bright blue, white paper for the most part, although specimens are seen in bluish. In the paper of each stamp appears a watermark in double line.

The plates were sent to Santiago with the first issue of the stamps. When the supply ran out, further impressions were made by a local printer by name of N . Desmadryl, in the early part of 1854. These impressions are nearly as clear as the first ones, the 5 c appearing in many shades of red-brown as well as in burnt sienna, and chocolate. Later, the 10 c was in several shades of blue, including slate blue and greenish blue. The paper was white wove, watermark same as before.

A few months after, there was another issue of the 5 c by one Gillet, another Santiago printer, from the same plates, in colors chocolate and burnt sienna. About July, 1854 was issued the 5 c from a lithograph transfer in several shades of red-brown, on thick and thin paper. Many minor varieties of this lithograph are known owing to faulty transfer. The legitimacy of this 5c. lithograph has been disputed, but the issue was probably according to government order. Specimens of this stamp are rare.

## Worn Plates Replaced.

The first engraved plates were becoming worn, and in January, 1855, Per-
kins, Bacon \& Co. made a new plate for the 5 c ., and stamps were made in several shades of brown-red, on bluish paper, the watermark " 5 " being a little larger than at first. There is a socalled "ivory head" variety of this stamp.

From 1855 to 1865 the 5 c was printed in Santiago, and for the most part from the old plates, as the impressions are blurred and worn. This value appeared in numerous shades, including rose, carmine and orange red, and also reddish brown. The paper is the usual laid variety and the thickness varies. The watermark " 5 " appears during these years in two sizes, larger than in the earlier impressions, making three sizes of the " 5 " in all. The 10 c appears somewhat clearer in design for evidently the plate of this value was not so much worn. The colors of the 10 c though mostly indigo blue, are light blue as well as sky blue. This value is found cut in half diagonally and used as a 5 c . Used in this way preserved on the "entire" it is curious as well as scarce.

In 1862 , Perkins, Bacon \& Co., made plates for two new values, a ic, and 20 c , same design as before, the 1 c appearing in shades of lemon yellow, and the 20 c in light and dark green, as well as the more rarely found shade of emerald green. Large figures of value were watermarked in the paper for these two new values. A new plate for the 10 c was also made, and this value appeared in deep, as well as bright blue, with a new designed value in the watermark. The 1 c and 20 c are on white paper only, the 10 c on white paper also, although some specimens are known on bluish paper. Rare, rare varieties of the 10c appear with a narrow " 10 " watermark, also, with a watermark " 20 " by error.

## One Cent a Rarity.

The 1 c is seldom found postally used, and "entires" showing this stamp are not seen in most collections. And the collector has no doubt found out, that while single stamps of these early impressions are comparatively comınon,
pairs of any value are very scarce, and blocks of fours, especially in used condition with good margins, practically unobtainable. It may also be noted that the later 5 c appear in many shades of rose red, some on unwatermarked paper, others with a watermark of the Chilean arms. These are said to be proofs. The 20c was reprinted in the original green, as well as other colors, from the original engraved plate, as well as from a lithographic transfer. The white paper was without watermark, or with the Chilean arms. Collectors are senerally advised not to preserve these unperforates, with pen cancellation, but stamps canceled in this way were often postally used, for there were many post offices in Chile without cancelling stamps, and the pen was the only available means for showing that the stamp had served its purpose. Stamps cancelled with the pen are sold at a much less price, but the collection of these is legitimate.

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## The Bolshevist Paradise and Its Gods.

The new Hungarian series, which we are cataloguing in the chronicle of new issues, gives the portraits of the five principal bonzes of the staff of bolshevist Olympus. If it is under the title of propaganda that one has been searching these extraordinary portraits, it seems to us that one would have been most fortunate, for, indeed, without other remark, these personages are not -handsome! There are especially the two premiers, Dossa and Martinovics, who are, not only very homely, but even grotesque. (Note their resemblance to the bizarre portraits of Cloust, in the 16th century!

We know well that it is not given to everyone to be beautiful, that which is called beautiful; it is even permissible to be homely, but there is homeliness and homeliness. We have had our Revolution, of which the two principal phases, 1789 and 1793 , might be personified by Mirabeau and Danton. Now, these two revolutionists were frankly homely. But, what a difference between the leonine faces of these two personages and the burlesque expressions of the citizens, pardon, the Kamarades Dozsa and Martinovics; between the two champions of the great French Revolution and the bearded and hairy Karl Marx and Engels! It is true that we have had Marat!!.


The Prussian Karl Marx (20 filler stamp) is the true founder of modern socialism. It was he who remoulded, in collaboration with Engels, the famous manifesto of the communist party, which pretending to be hased on science alone, gives to history a purely materialistic explanation, and, with the problem of
the classes as a means, proposes "the establishment of collectivism as the fatal and legitimate end of the evolution of society."

Karl Marx was, in 1864 , one of the principal founders of the "International Association of Workmen." His best known work is a book entitled "Capital." I1 is the gospel of contemporary, economic socialism and the author in it criticises bitterly the conditions of modern labor, where the "iron law of salary" reduces fatally, to a minimum, the gain of the workmen.


The Prussian Engels (80 filler stamp) was the friend and disciple of Karl Marx. After the death of Marx (1883), he became editor of his posthumous works and it was he, in a way, who glorified Marxism, from the contagion of which the French socialist could not flee away.


Dozsa (75 filler stamp) was a Transylvanian peasant, who at the head of 40,000 peasants became the chief of the Hungarian jacquerie of 1514 . Conqueror at Csanad, he ordered all the middle of Hungary burned and devastated. Conquered by Bathori and Szapolyai, he was placed on a red-hot iron throne and crowned with a flaming diadem.


Martinovics (60 filler stamp), an old Franciscan and almoner of a regiment in Bukowina, was one of the most violent propagators of democratic ideas in Hungary. On the accession of Francis II, he placed himself at the head of the revolutionary movement and was accepted by the Committee ef Puhlic Safety, as agent for Austria-Hungary. In this way he had circulated a republican questionnaire and organized a plot which was discovered by the police of Vienna in 1794. Martinovics was condemned to death and beheaded (1795).


As for Petofi (45 filler stamp), the revolutionary Hungarian poet, whose portrait strongly recalls the classic type of certain politicians tainted with nihilism, he took an active part in the revolution of 1848, which he inaugurated, March 15 , with his patriotic song: "Arise Magyar!" He was aide-de-camp to General Bem and distinguished himself in the battle of Deva and EzaszSebes. He was killed at Segesvar, in 1849. A statue was raised to him in 1882 in Budapest.

To return to the two great manitous of the new bolshevist Olympus, Karl Marx and Engels, this is not the first time that their portraits have figured on stamps. We remember, indeed, to have seen their portraits, twenty-three years ago, on a series of stamps of anarchistic propaganda (bolshevism was
then happily unknown), issued by a firm in Hamburg on the occasion of the fetes on May 1, 1896 (Mai-Feier-Marken, 1896).

The portrait of Karl Marx, on the stamp bearing the facial value of one mark, was flanked with an armed virago with a torch (the Germans have shown us, during the recent war, that they are experts in the art of using this "accessory"!). It bore the inscription: " 8 Stunden Tag der ganzen Welt" (the 8hour day for the whole world), "May 1 , 1896 " and "Frein Betrag" (free contribution).

Friedrich Engels was represented on a 25 pfennig stamp, with the same inscriptions. The circle containing his portrait was supported by a workman and a woman very insufficiently clad.
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As the clown used to say in the circus "Well, here we are again!"

It was just twenty five years ago that I retired from the editorship of the American Philatelist to assume the duties of Secretary of the Association. Now, owing to the much regretted decision of Mr. Leavy to retire, I again assume the duties of editor.

The membership of the Association at that time was 773. The magazine which started publication in January 1887 as a small 8 page bulletin was changed in October to a 16 page journal edited by a Literary Board of three members, the late Robert C. H. Brock, of Philadelphia, being chairman and W. A. MacCalla the business manager. The writer became a member of the Board in November taking the place of C. R. Gadsden, of Chicago who declined the office. Philatelic politics caused the suspension of the magazine in order that the Metropolitan Philatelist might be made the official journal. A referendum to the members restored the American Philatelist and the new volume hegan in January, 1891. Mr. Brock declined further service and the writer became his successor.

The magazine continued as a month$1 y$ until August, 1893, when it was voter to nublish the official matter in the Philatelic Journal of America, the American Philatelist to be continued as an annual, containing the convention nroceedings and membership list. In November. 1909, it became a quarterIv and in January. 1912, a monthly, and in May. 1915, a semi-monthly. With Ortoher. 1918. it once more became a monthlv, owing to war conditions. What it. will he in the future will denend largeIv unon the sunnort given by the memhers. it is mracticallv an imnossibility for the editor to write the whole nader. The other members must तo their share. If you can not write a nolished article तo the hest you can and the editor will nlane off the rough edres for von. Send in rlinnings for the "Soran Bag" and new issues for the Chronicle. Mr.

Leavy promises to keep us posted on (Washington news as well as Postal Union matters. A revenue department will be started soon with a well-known expert in charge. Precancels will not be neglected and we are in hopes of some illustrated articles on U. S. Cancellations.

In an early number we sball commence a historical account of the United States postal cards, a subject but little touched upon in the past.

I have recently learned of the death March 2, 1919, of Viktor Suppantschtsch, the great German philatelic bibliographer.

His great work on German philatelic literature published in 1892 will be his monument. I recall many interesting letters I received from him regarding our mutual hobby.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

## "USED."

The practice of many dealers in advertising stamps as "used" when they have the original gum on the back is much to be deplored. A few are honest enough to call them "cancelled" and to that designation no exception can be taken.

The editor was recently shown a lot of Austrian and Polish stamps, most of which were carefully stuck upon long strips of paper, some two inches apart, and each carefully and distinctly cancelled with a nice clear postmark! The great mischief with this kind of stuff is that when soaked from the paper it is almost impossible to distinguish them from stamps which have actually done postal duty. By refusing to purchase such offerings collectors will do much to break up the "par omplaisance" business so prevalent in many countries.

## KUBAN.

According to "Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste" the stamps hitherto listed under "Cossacks of the Don" really belong to the "Republic of Kuban."

Kuban is a province of Ciscaucasia and extends from the eastern shores of the Sea of Azov along the northern slopes of the Caucasus inountains. It has an area of 36,645 square miles, a little larger than the state of Indiana, with a population of $3,051,200$ in 1915 . The capital city in Ekaterinodar.

Early in November, 1918 a government was formed with M. Sazonov as foreign minister. His policy favored the restoration of a single Russia on a federative basis. His government has been keeping in touch with that of Admiral Kolchak.

The Don Republic was formed in January, 1918, with General Krasnor as Atamau of the Don. The capital is Novo Tcherkask.

According to Le Collectionneur the stamps should be listed as follows:

Nove Tcherkensk issue
Surcharged on imperforate Russian stamps.
25 on 1 kopec orange
25 on 2 kopec green
50 on 3 kopec red
50 on 5 kopec lilac
1 rouble on 3 kopec red ( 2 types)
Sebastopol issue
35 on ?
Rostoff issue
25 on 1 kopec orange, perf.
25 on 2 kopec green, perf.
25 on 3 kopec red, perf.
25 on 4 kopec rose, perf.
25 on 3 kopec red imperf.
20 (?) on 2 kopec green, imperf.
1 rouble on 3 kopec red, 2 types

The set of stamps listed by us on page 426 of the August number were issued at Ekaterinodar and evidently should be credited to Kuban. The inscription around the oval, freely translated, signifies "United Russia" which harmonizes with M. Sazonov's policy.

## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

THE EDITOR.

It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varieties will submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.

ABYSSINIA. The 4 guerches of the current set is said to have been so poorly printed that the government has not put them in circulation but has resorted to surcharging the 4 talaris.

4 guerches on 4 talaris light brown and lilac rose.

BELGIUM. The current set of stamps has been overprinted "Allemagne" Duitschland" probably for use in those parts of Germany occupied by the Belgian contingent of the army of occupation. Possibly for Eupen and Malmedy.

1 centime, orange
2 centime, brown
5 centime, green
10 centime, carmine
15 centime, carmine
20 centime, lilac
25 centime, blue
35 centime, red brown and hlack
40 centime, green and hlack
50 centime, carmine and black
1 franc, violet
2 francs, greenish gray
5 francs, blue
10 francs, brown
COLOMBIA. The 2c 1917 is listed by Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste as having been surcharged RETARDO in black.

2 centavos, carmine.
FIUME. The entire set it seems has heen issued with POSTA FIUME in place of FIUME alone. We listed four values last month but repeat to give the set in toto.

5 centesimi, yellow green
10 centesimi, rose
25 centesimi, blue
30 centesimi; violet
40 centesimi, brown
45 centesimi, orange
50 centesimi, yellow green

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60 centesimi, magenta
    1 corona, yellow ochre
    2 corona, azore
    3 corona, vermilion
    5 corona, red brown
10 corona, olive
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There are also a couple of postage due stamps containing the numeral of value surmounted by an eagle with outstretched wings. The inscription is SEGNA-TASSE-POSTA-FIUME.

2 centesimi, brown.
5 centesimi, brown
FINLAND. When the Finnish troops, fighting against the Bolshevik forces northeast of Petrograd, captured the town (or city) or Olonetz they promptly provided a set of stamps composed of the Helsingfor issue surcharged "Aunus" the Finnish name of the city.

5 penni, green
10 penni, carmine
20 pennl, carmine
25 penni, blue
40 penni, lilac
50 penni, brown
1 mark carmine and black
5 mark violet
10 mark brown.
It is reported that the "Reds" later recaptured the city. Of course there were only limited numbers of these stamps printed, etc., etc.

GREECE. Four values of the 191718 Turkish stamps are reported to have been surcharged at the top, right, and left, with three Greek words meaning "Greek Occupation Cydonie."

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paras, green
paras, rose
paras, rose
1 \text { piastre, violet}
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Sidonie, or Aivali is the principal city of the sandjak or province of Karassi,
situated on the coast of Asia Minor about opposite.the island of Mytelene.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA. Two more values of the 1898-1903 series have been surcharged REPUBLICA as well as the 1904 set of postage due stamps.

> 400 reis, blue on cream
> 700 reis, lilac on cream
> Postage due stamps.

> 10 reis gray violet
> 20 reis bistre
> 30 reis orange
> 50 reis dark brown
> 100 reis lilac
> 130 reis blue
> 200 reis carmine
> 500 reis violet

ROUMANIA. Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste adds a 15 bani value to the Levant set listed last month.

15 bani red-brown.

LITHUANIA. The following surcharges in red or black on the arms type of Russian stamps are listed by Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste. The overprint reads "Lietuva Aitba 50 Skatiku."

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50sk on 3k, red
50sk on 5k, lilac
50sk on 10k, blue
50sk on 15k, lilac and blue
50sk on 25k, olive geern and lilac
50sk on 35k, lilac and green
50sk on 50k, violet and yel. green
50sk on 70k, brown and orange
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PORTUGAL. A series of five "Peace" stamps is said to be in preparation.

SCHLESWIG. A plebiscite is to be taken in the northern section of the province within three weeks after the peace treaty goes into effect to determine whether it shall be restored to Denmark. During this "interregnum" it is announced that a series of three stamps will be used representing the arms of South Jutland, two lions.

A German advertising paper illustrates the 1 mark value. It is oblong with SLESVIG at the top, PLEBISCIT at the bottom, and a landscape in the center with the lions below supporting a tablet containing the value.

## POSTAL CARDS.

AUSTRIA. A card is announced with stamp of the eagle type shown last mouth.

$$
10 \text { heller, carmine. }
$$

BULGARIA. The current 5 s card has received a surcharge increasing its value by means of a large 5 at the left of the stamp.

$$
5+5 \text { stot, rose }
$$

GERMANY. A card is reported with one of the "tree" stamps chronicled by us in September.

10 pfennig, red.
MALAY STATES. A provisional card has been issued. .

4 cents on 3c, carmine.

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(B) Johore: postage stamps of 5, 25 and 50 cents;

3rd. JAPAN: postage stamps of $11 / 2$, 3,4 and 10 sen, issued as souvenirs of the peace (these stamps were placed on sale July 1st last) ;

4th. NEW ZEALAND: postage stamps of $1 / 2$ penny, 1 penny, $11 / 2,21 / 2$, 6 pence and 1 shilling for the use of the island of Rarotonga;

5th. NETHERLANDS:
(A) Postal card of 5 cent for the use of the Netherlands;
(B) Curacao: postal cards of $21 / 2$ and 5 cent;
(C) Dutch East Indies: stamped envelope of 20 cent;

6th. POLAND:
(A) Territories formerly ocenpied by the Germans: postage stamps of $3,5,10,15,20,25$ and 50 fennig, $1,1.50,2,2.50$ and 5 marks; postal cards of 15 and of $15+15$ fennig; stamped envelope of 25 fennig;
(B) Territories formerly occupied hy the Austrians: postage
stamps of $3,5,10,15,20,25$ and 50 heller, 1, 1.50, 2, 2.50 and 5 crowns; postal cards of 15 heller.

The provisional equivalent of 2 fennig or 2 heller is 1 centime.

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7th. ROUMANIA: postage stamps of 1 ban, $5,10,15,25,40,50$ bani, 1 leu and 2 lei; postal cards of 10 bani; postage stamps "de ajutor" (charity) of $5,10,50$ bani, 1 leu, 2, 5 and 50 lei (valid in the interior service only) ; postage due stamps "de ajutor" of 5 and 10 bani (the old values are withdrawn from circulation and are no longer current.;

8th. SWEDEN: ordinary and official postage stamps of 3 ore; postal card of 10 ore; stamped envelopes of 3 and 5 ore; letter card of 15 ore.

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November 1, 1919.

## Applications Pending.

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## Applications Posted.

Blakely, Wm. T., 1431 Oak St., South Pasadena, Calif.; Age 44; Lawyer; Reference, B. W. H. Poole, Los Angeles, Calif.; Proposed by James Guy, \#2141.
Borresen, John S., Kimballton, Ia.; Age 40 ; Publisher, Record Company; Reference: Laudenauds National Pank, Kimballton, Ia.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Bowen, H. P., Atlanta, Idaho; Age, 42 ; Mining Engineer; Reference: Boise City Nat'l Bank, Boise, Idaho; Proposed by T. K. Scott, \#5259.
Chittenden, Dr. F. H., 1323 Vermont Ave., Washington, D. .; Ige, legal; Government Scientist, U. S. Nept. Agriculture; Reference: Washington Loan \& Trust Co., Washington, D. C.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, $\frac{\pi}{7} 38$.
Cobb, Josephine C., 4444 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo.; Age, legal; Reference: C B. R. Fitz-William, Security Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by R. E. M. Bain, \# 2865 .

Fennell, C. Gordon, 520 Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; Age, 21; Stamp Dealer, Fennell Stamp Co.; Reference: Boatmans Bank, St. Louis, Mo.: Proposed by H. A. Diamant, 42036 .
Geery, John, 203 Penn St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Age, 60; Treasurer Cortlaud Hat Co., Inc.: Reference: J. C. Morgenthau \& Co., New York; Proposed ky P. M. Wolsieffer, \# 38.

Hintenach, A., Royal St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Age, 40; Clergyman; Reference: John J. Funk, 621 E. Ohio St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Proposed by Daniel Kaib, \# 3249 .
Jeannede, Nick, Hotel Utica, Utica, N. Y.; Age, 23: Hotel Employee; Refer-
ence: T. W. Johnson, Prop. Hotel Utica, Utica, N. Y.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Mansfield, J. W., Route I, Box 128, Van Nuys, Calif.; Age, 57; Rancher; Reference: A. E. Streeter, Streeter \& Riddell, Hdw. Dealers, Van Nuys; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
McGown, Fred Bailey, 27 21st St., Toledo, Ohio; Age, 35; Bookbinder; Reference: Franklin Printing \& Engraving Co., Toledo, Ohio; Proposed by P. J. Kranz, \#2211.
Neumann, Ferdinand H., 186 Bell Ave., Bayside, New York; Age, 16; Student; Guaranteed by Ferdinand $N$. Neumann, Bookbinder, Bayside, N. Y.; Proposed by Roy E. Collins, \#5328.
Robertson, Paul F., 408 Morton St., Peoria, Ill.; Age, 37 ; Supt. Chic. Mfg. Co.; Reference: State Trust \& Savings Bank, Peoria, Ill.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Sherrit, N. B., Travel Club of America, 9 E. 47 St., New York; After January 1st, 1920, Box 225, Balboa Canal Zone; Age, 32; Clerk, Div. of Civil Affairs, Panama Canal; Reference: Judge V. V. Barnes, Zion City, Ill.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Tarnowski, Jos. A., 878 Theodore St. Detroit, Mich.; Age, 32; Shipping Clerk; Reference: F. M. Baldwin \& Co., 360 W. Jefferson, Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Karl Koslowski, \#3783.
Taylor, Morgan W., 81 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn.; Age, legal; Retail Lumber Dealers. Edwin Taylor Lumber Co.; Reference: Security Trust Co., Hartford, Conn.; Proposed by Charles M. Breder, \#41.
Teachout, R. N., Box 412, Gunison, Col.; Age 32; Store \& Cafe Mgr, Boulevard Cafe; Reference: Gunnison Bank \& Trust Co., Gunnison, Col.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Tidd, Dr. A. C., 904 Mahoning Bank Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio; Age, 39; Aurist and Oculist; Reference: Ma-
honing National Bank, Youngstown, Ohio; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Tyrrell, Ted J., Lake City, Minn.; Age, 33; Glass cutter; Reference: Otto Rose, Clothier, Lake City, Minn.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Watson, C. S., Greenhood St., East Dedham, Mass.; Age, 26 ; Stamp Dealer, S. S. Watson \& Co., Inc.; Reference: W. O. Wylie, Beverly, Mass.; Proposed by Hubert Lyman Clark, \#4886.
Gardner, Dr. Jerome, Box 696 , Corcoran, Calif.; Age, legal; Physician; Reference: R. N. Stetson, Corcoran, Calif.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Sours, L. R., 79 Sheridan Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; Age, 36; Credit Man; Reference: O. J. Olson, 20 W . 5th St., St. Paul, Minn.; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \#4215.

## Application for Reinstatement.

4294 Garrett, Charles H., 828 South Rose, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Age, 57; Underwriter; Reference: First National Bank, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Proposed by C. E. Severn, \# 65.

## New Stockholders.

5398 Bigelow. Wm. McPherson, Box 158 Easton, Md.
5399 Brainerd, Edgar L., 3529 Polk St. N E.. Minneapolis, Minn.
5400 Cassehear. Walter H., 154 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.
5401 Gallant. Jos., 28 Main St., Hempstead, N. Y.
5402 Honeywell, Clayton A., 972 Elm St., Winnetka, III.
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5404 Letton, Harry P., 1921 S. 16 th St., Lincoln, Neb.
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5411 Weiss, Philip M., 34 Cambridge Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.
5412 Bigelow, Paul, 39 Cortlandt St., New York City.
5413 Myers, Chester G., Howard \& Mason Aves., York, Pa.

## Reinstater.

2099 Dickey, H. S., 717 Main St., Newton, Kans.
3570 Harris, N.. B., 503 Caxton BIdg., Cleveland, Ohio.

## Resignations Received.

4388 Pearlman, Wm., 821 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa .
4214 MacDougall, H. C., Wellesley, Mass.
4558 Forsbeck, Dr. P. A., 121 Wisconsin St., Milwaukee, Wis.
4576 Brainard, S. H., Medina, Ohio.
4795 Carey, Chas. H., Jewett City, Conn.
5033 Lacy, F. W., Naval Hospital, Las Animas, Colo.
4906 Marks, Caesar D., 220 Wells Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

## Resignations Accepted:

1776 Kinkead, W. L., Paterson, N. J. 5081 Foodwin, W. E., Dover, N. H.
4751 Hendricks. Homer H., Waxahachie, Tex.
5156 Kendrick. Ashley W., Saratoga Snrings. N. Y.
4852 Prherts, Dr. M. D., Hancock, Mich.
のя81 vientel. Max. 336 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Death Reported.

2051 Smith, Rush B., Norristown, Pa. New Life Members.
$5-3382$ Hanford, L. A., 1502 Castle Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
6-2036 Diamant. H. A., 208 N. Main St., St. Louis. Mo.
7 - 65 Severn, C. E., 713 Oxford Bg., Chicago, III.
8- 38 Wolsieffer. P. M.. 21 S. 17 th St. Philadelphia. Pa.
?-3426 Hatfield. Chas. F.. 127 Madison Ave.. New York City.
10-3183 Clark. Hush M.. 127 Madison Aye., New York City.

11-2954 Galbraith, J. A., 16 Beaver St. New York City.
12- 307 Slater, A. B., Slocums, R. I.
13-1421 Mitchell, Dr. W. I., 3210 E. First St., Wichita, Kans.
14- 343 Kissinger, C. W., Kissinger Bldg., Reading, Pa.
15- 32 Aldrich, Lilly C. H., 802 W. 4 th St., Willmar, Minn.
16-2349 Sisson, W. A., 510*Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.
17-4737 Kennett, Wm. C., Jr., Hazlewood, Ohio.
18-3563 Wilson, H. H., 525 Fourth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
19-5006 Richey, S. W., 702 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.
20.-4772 Hopkins, Robert E., Princeton, N. J.
21-5368 Wessbecher, Carl, $29001 / 2$ Shenandoah Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
22-4860 Parks, Henry Francis, American Theatre Bldg., Butte, Mont.
23-58 Luff, John N., 207 Broadway, New York City.
24-3853 Eilers, Ralph H., 1627a Euclid St., St. Louis, Mo.
25-1869 Park, Julian, 77 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
26-4674 Lafean, Earle Bernard, Box 595, Pittsburgh, Pa.
27-2086 Colburn, B. S., 275 Brevard Road, West Ashville, N. C.
28-3241 Souls, W. H., 135 Hamilton Place, New York City.

## Change Of Address.

4895 Alker, J. C. from Port Jefferson, N. Y. to 30 E. 42 St., New York City.
4133 Alling, Harold L. from Albany, N. Y. to Columbia University, New York City.
5095 Arnold, A. S. from New York City to Box 36, Metuchen, N. J.
1530 Bartlett, J. D. from El Paso, Tex. to Box 433, Morenci, Ariz.
3929 Blum, Jean from 125423 Ave. to 733 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.
1653 Boehm, A. F. from 2430 S. Lawndale Ave. to 1846 S. Central Park Ave., Chicago, 111.

4736 Brown, Frank C. from 66 S. Burnett to 136 S. Burnett St., East Orange, N. J.
5146 Capell, Preston from Butte, Mont. to R. 45 Rodney, U. of P., Philadelphia, Pa.
4196 Cartlidge, E. W. from Madero 12 to Avenida Madero 4, Mexico City, Mexico.
2646 Cass, L. V. from Marathon, N. Y. to Badin, N. C.
4471 Chapman, Geo. S. from 4136 Elk St. to 6321 Freret St., New Orleans, La.
2086 Colburn, B. S. from Detroit, Mich. to 275 Brevard Road, West Ashville, N. C.
1547 Coning, F. W. from 9 Livingston Ave. to 84 Carroll Place, New Brunswick, N. J.
3560 Cullers, W. A. from 771 W. Scott to 610 W. Browner St., Springfield, Mo.
2990 Farnham, Fred E. from 3168 Pine Grove Ave. to 3155 Pine Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.
2264 Fernald, A. R. from Toledo, O. to Care Willys-Overland Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal.
4014 Garrett, P. L. from 400 Ford Bldg. to 700 Equitable Bldg., Wilmington, Del.
5315 Gordon, Robt. S. from Phoenix to Tucson, Ariz., Box 1222.
3624 Harris, Mark H. from 108 Hudson St. to 344 E. Main St., Lock Haven, Pa.
4598 Hart, Henry H. from 3751 Clay St. to 3363 Washington St., San Francisco, Calif.;
4849 Hennan, Dr. C. W. from Richland Ctr. Wis. to 852 E. 63 St., Chicago, Ill.
5322 Henson, Thos. H. from Monrovia, Calif. to 600 S. Saginaw St., Flint, Mich.
5065 Heym, Wm. from 1486 Lincoln Ave. to 1485 Marlow Ave., Lakewood, 0 .
4042 Heyman, Laurence J. from 312 Madison Pl to 303 Madison Pl., Lexington, Ky.
5181 Hindsley, Norman from Box 380 to 323 38th Ave. West, Calgary, Alb., Canada.

4693 Hoskins, H. Preston from Box 471 to Box 4693 , Detroit, Mich.
3356 Howe, J. L. Jr. from University PI. to Washington \& Lee University, Lexington, Va.
3069 Hughes, Chas. A. from Philadelphia, Pa. to Box 345 , Altoona, Pa.
4448 Jones, A. A. from 109 S. 19 th St. to 520 S. 19 th St., Herrin, Ill.
748 Kay, John from 131 Seyburn Ave., Detroit, Mich.
4674 Lafean, Earle B. from York, Pa. to Box 595, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4089 Leonard, Clifford from New Haven, Conn. to University Club, Madison, Wis.
5078 Leverett, Chas. M. from 1765 Broadway to 131 E .31 St., New York City.
4469 Macfarlane, C. S. from 33 Sterling Ave. to U. S. Alloys Corp., Station B., Buffalo, N. Y.

1705 Marks, Elly from 414 Spadina Ave. to 462 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Canada.
2423 Mason, Laurence B. from 17 Madison Ave to 104 Cranford Ave., Cranford, N. J.
2483 Mayer, W. F. from 253 Orange St. to 310 Orange St., Newark, N. J.
209 Michaels, W. C. from 645 W. 56 St. to 906 Com. Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
4753 Michigan Stamp Club, from L. L. Albright Secy. $2601 / 2$ Helen Ave. to R. J. Nentwig. 639 McClellan Ave., Detroit, Mich.
5317 Mitchell, G. B. from Santa Barbara, to Santa Paula, Calif., 322 W. Main St.

1883 Oughtred, Mrs. E. W. from 380 to 376 Claremont Ave., Westmount, Que., Canada.
3445 Plummer, E. L. from Erie, Pa. to 117 W. 17 th St., Anderson, Ind.
1922 Pond, Chas. L. from 2917 Park Ave., Indianapolis, to Box 445, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
5228 Rasmussen, Alfred from 242 Minnesota Ave. to 10 S . Lincoln Ave., San Jose, Cal.
3113 Raymond, F. A. from 38 Lawrence St. to 567 Warren St., Newark, N. J.

5135 Rockfellow, Geo. C. from Plainfield, N. J. to 1819 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5059 Rosing, B. from Milwaukee, Wis. to 5724 Washington Blvd., Wauwatosa, Wis.
4973 Rowley, A. M. from Springfield, Mass, to 4169 Jackdaw St., San Diego, Calif.
5214 Sawman, A. A. from Plandome, L. I., N. Y. to 246 Huron St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
4723 Smack, C. S. from Dallas, Tex to 1706 R'y. Exchange Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
3992 Smith, Mrs. C. S. from 316 B St. to Box 277, Marysville, Calif.
5303 Starr, H. D. from Champaign, Ill. to 1008 W. Green St., Urbana, Ill.
1643 Stewart, Albert C. from 412 Bank Com. Bldg. to 2235 Putnam St., Toledo, O.
1162 Swensen, H. S. from 192 Cedar Lake Rd. to 701 Metropolitan Bank Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
5184 Swinton, A. C. from 92 W. Main St. to 201 Somerset St., Somerville, N. J.
2053 Taylor, E. M. from Bridgeport, Pa. to Box 22, Altadena, Calif.
3272 Teele, F. W. from Drummondsville, Canada to Apartado No. 124 Bis, Mexico, D. F. Mexico.
2208 Voorhees, B. L. from La Grange, Ill. to R. 40325 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, 111.
3693 Wade, Chas, M. from 415 Jones St. to 732 Market St., San Fiancisco, Cal.
5114 Wear, Burt C. from Box 224 to Y. M. C. A., Elyria, Ohio.

5239 Fite, Jno. Walton from 4 Courtland Apts. to R. R. \#5, Nashville, Tenn.
4802 Holden, C. H. from 14 Brainard to 661 Cass, Detroit, Mich.
4600 Lelande, Harry J. from $500^{\circ}$ Hall of Records to 421 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.
2557 Scott, W. S. from 116 Nassau St. to 8 Corp Stone St., Bayside, N. Y.
4366 Stuck, O. J. from 717 DeWitt St. to 628 Melrose Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.


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## APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

The Board of Directors have appointed the Officers and Committees as appearing on the first cover page of this Journal, to serve for the fiscal year 1919-20.
H. H. WILSON, President.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## THE "GREEN EYED MONSTER" AGAEN.

(Extract from a letter recently received by the Secretary.)

*     *         *             * We were speaking of the future prospects of the American Philatelist and I maintained that $\$ 1.25$ per inch for advertising space was not too much, considering the select circulation that the American Philatelist enjoys, and that a number goes to each member of the Society.

This party strenuously contradicted me by making the assertlon that every member did not receive a copy, and as a matter of fact the circulation was less than 700 copies and that 700 was all that was ordered from the printer. He stated he had this information from Mr. - who in turn got it direct from Mr. ———"

No doubt that most of our members will take such "rot" for what it is, propaganda from the enemies of the A. P. S. But to the new members I wish to say that I will make affidavits that 1800 copies are ordered of each issue and paid for monthly. Our Printer will also make affidavit that he prints and sends out a copy to each member of our Society numbering this month 1700 besldes copies to each of our advertisers and several subscribers in this country and abroad who are not members of the Society. We also receive a statement of the number of pounds mailed each month from the Federalsburg, Md. Postmaster. Our bill for the September number under second class rate mailing for postage was $\$ 5.48$. Foreign postage at third class rates was $\$ 2.05$.

Any member may verify these facts by writing our Printer, Mr. J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Md., or the Postmaster of Federalsburg. Also by looking over the accounts as set forth in the Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports which will be found in the Book of Proceedings of the St. Louis Convention which by this time will have been mailed to each member of the society together with the October number of the American Philatelist.

Such low down methods of attack by iealous sore heads and enemies of the A.P. S. should be frowned on by every Inval member of the Society, and those who have any doubt at all should take the pains to verify such statements.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.


## SOCIETY NEWS.

## Branch No. 3. <br> PACIFIC PHLLATELIC SOCIETY.

The 359 th. (regular) meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society was held in our club rooms 333 Russ Building, 235 Montgomery St., on Wednesday evening, October 15 th , 1919. The meeting was called to order by President Blackwell, fifteen members and visitors being present.

The entertainment committee laid bebefore the meeting the program it had mapped out for the coming months. It was decided to hold a competitive exhibition of stamps as follows:

January-Americas \& Possessions
February-Europe and Colonies
March-Oceanic and Asia
April-War Issues
May-England and Colonies
June-Specialized Collections.
A handsome silver cup, appropriately ins r ribed, will be given as first prize in each class. A Grand Prize consisting of a gold medal will be given for the most points won during the entire competisernod and third.
tion and silver and hronze medals for
The meeting adiourned at 10.15 .

> MATT C. DILLINGHAM,

Secretary.


The annual meeting and election of nfficers of Philadelnhia Rranch \#18 A. P. S was held at the rluh ronm of the Phila Aolnhia Stamn Cluh. on the evening of Ontoher 21. In the absence of the president and vice-dresident, secy-treas. Henkels presided. The following members were present. Messrs. Hand, Henkels, Mann. Woodhouse. Chew, Earp, Emmert, Jones, Rokerts and Durborow.

Upon motion passed, the secretary was directed to cast the ballet for the Board of Officers as nominated. The following officers were declared elected.

President, Dr. Sam'l W. Woodhouse, Jr.; vice-president, J. Weer Chew; secy and treas, Philip Dengler; sales manager, Percy Mc G. Mann.

There being no further business before the Branch, the meeting was adjourned.
A. F. HENKELS,

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH.

The following resolutions were recent ly adopted by the society.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 22, 1919.
Hon. John M. Morin,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir:-
On behalf of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, comprised of over one hundred active stamp collectors in this city, I wish to ask if you will use your infuence to secure an amendment to Section 177 of the Criminal Code of the United States so as to permit the illustration of our stamps in histories, stamp albums, catalogues and periodicals. Under the law as it now reads to protect the obligations and securities of this rnintry from being used in facsimile for advertising purposes, it is unlawful to तo this and becomes a hardship to the thousands of our youth who each year become stamn collectors and who have min inn what our stamps of past issues look like.
ron anoopst that an amendment be made to the existing law in words to this effect:-"except it shall be permissible to illustrate the various postal emissions of the United States in school hooks, histories, stamp albums, catalogues and periodicals only, but this shall not be construed to mean in anyway for advertising purposes."

If you will draft a bill to cover this and get it through Congress it will be a great benefit to thousands of our population. Kindly let us know what the prospects are for success and oblige, Yours very truly,
(Signed)
WM. SCHWARZ,
Secretary.

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## THE SCRAP BAG.

## Bogus Savings Stamps Out Counterfeit of $\$ 5$ Issue is a Darker Blue Than the Original.

John S. Tucker, agent in charge of the United States Secret Service, Treasury Department, in the Customs House, said today that a counterfeit of the present $\$ 5$ war savings stamp bas been discovered. Secret Service men found that in Newark several thousand dollars' worth had been sold, but so far in all of the cases they were sold to stamp and bond buyers and consisted of folders which will be worth $\$ 100$ when filled with twenty stamps in 1924.

The present war savings stamp is printed in blue, bears the head of Benjamin Franklin, and is about one-half the size of the previous one, which printed in green, bore the head of George Washington. The counterfeit is made by the photographic process and the stamp is a darker blue than the genuine and slightly smaller. The horizontal lines beside the portrait of Franklin in the original do not exist in the counterfeit, the background being of shallow color.

Mr. Tucker said that the public should be warned against purchasing stamps except in the post offices and other Government authorized places.

## Gives Mrs. Roosevelt Franking Privilee.

Washington, Oct. 28.-The President signed the hill extending the postal franking privilege to Mrs. Roosevelt, widow of the former President, yesterday, the sixty-first anniversary of the birth of her distinguished husband.

## Prince of WaIes on a Newfoundland Stamp.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Johns, Newfoundland, Oct. 6- Officials intend issuing a special postage stamp bearing the likeness of the Prince Edward of New York on the one recent visit to Newfoundland. The Prince's likeness has appeared on two postage stamps of the colony-as Prince Edward
of York on the one half cent stamp of 1897 and as a naval cadet on the 3-cent stamp of the Royal Portrait series of 1911.

## New Stamps From Russia.

Utraine and Georgia Put Out
Original Forms.
London, Sept. 16.-Postage stamps of the new "People's Republic of the Ukraine" are triangular, typifying the dominance of the Christian faith over the Mohammedan. The form stands for the Holy Trinity and is said to be reproduced from sacred candelabra in the cathedral of St. Sophia at Kiev.

Further south the Transcaucasian Republic of Georgia has put out stamps of barbaric appearance, on which is seen the figure of a Georgian knight upon a prancing steed, surrounded by constellations.

The Bolshevist Government of interior Russia, it is stated, has increased postage to 35 kopecks and registration to double that figure, and has issued stamps of these values in a design prepared by the Kerensky administration.
"Republic of Austria."
Vienna, Oct. 22, (Associated Press.) The National Assembly today passed an act abolishing the name of "German Austria" for the nation and substituting the title "Republic of Austria." The Pan German party offered violent oppositinn to the change.

The Assembly yesterday eliminated from the Constitution adopted recently the nrovision declaring Austria to be a romnosite nart of Germany. The elimination was determined unon to meet the terms of the Peace Treaty.

## Armenian Stamps Coming.

The Middle East continues to provide us with new stamps and rumours of more to follow. It is now stated that the long-expected Armenian postage stamps will shortly materialize, in the
shape of a series for the Republic of Azerbaijan. The latter, however, is really a Persian province. As a matter of fact, Armenia has already had its national postage stamps, if we stretch a point on the side of the modern historians who claim that the ancient home of the Armenians was Cilicia.

> (Stamp Collecting.)

## The Founding of German New Guinea.

The transfer of German New Guinea, nearly three times the size of the British Isles, by the peace conference in Paris to the mandate of the commonwealth of Australia, which is already in possession thereof since the beginning of the war, recalls the romantic history of the real founder of that wonderfully rich colonial dependency, now lost for all time to Germany.

It may be said to owe its origin as a factor in international commerce and as a great trading station to a wonderful half-caste Samoan woman, who used to go by the name of Queen Elma. She was a woman of the most remarkable courage, enterprise, decision of character and of resourcefulness.

Starting in with one cocoanut plantation and ended by having hundreds of them, most of them of her own creation. Then she started the great German New Guinea Development Company in which the former kaiser, at the instance of his sailor brother, Prince Henry, who also held stock in the concern, became one of the principal shareholders.

The kaiser was so interested in the financial success of his verture that each year a detailed report had to be specially made up for his use and perusal.
"Queen Emma" was first the wife of a man half English and half German named Forsyth, and as Mrs. Forsyth she shared her husband's indignation against the German officials for their cruel treatment of the natives to such an extent that for months together her magnificent bungalow furnished and maintained in nerfectly regal style at Raboul, the capitol of the colony, was barred to them; this in spite of her business relations with the kaiser and the marked consideration which she received at the hands
of the imperial government in Berlin.
After loosing her English husband she married a very good-looking young German of the name of Kolbe, considerably her junior, allowed herself to be induced by him to establish herself in Berlin, where she entertained for two or three years before the war on a princely scale, treated with great favor not only by the former kaiser, but also by the former empress, and died under rather suspicious circumstances at Monte Carlo a few days after the outbreak of the war in 1914.

## Stwart Pretender is Bavarian.

There was once to be found, in Great Britain, a little group of romantic sentimentalists who remained faithful to the Stuart line, and celebrated on January 30 a kind of Jacobite feast day. There are those who remember seeing stamps bearing the likeness of the "Pretender," who happened to be a princess of Bavaria, attached to envelopes by the side of the official postage stamp, thus constituting a nuisance to the authorities and a source of annoyance to the serious-minded Victoria.

Since the death of his mother, Maria Theresa of Bavaria, a few weeks ago, the ex-prince Rupert of Bavaria, is now the official Stuart pretender to the throne of Great Britain. The Muse of history has ever had a leaning toward irony.

## Mail Catching at Sea.

An account in the daily press states that on Friday, August 15, an aeroplane left New York at 1.30 P. M., and at 2 o'clock dropped a sailsack on board the "Adriatic," ninety minutes after that liner had left for Cherbourg and Southampton.

Thus the first aerial mail delivery to a ship at sea has been successfully ac-complished-by an "aeromarine," as the flying boat is called.

A steel cable had been stretched between the peaks of the liner's fore and main masts specially for this experiment. On the flying boat a flexible cable, 20.0 feet long, auitably weighted at one end,
had been attached to the mail bar, the latter being enclosed in a waterproof covering. A special form of bhoch absorber was included in this cable in order to lessen the tremendous shock expected from the landing of a one hundred pound mail sack.

After circling round the "Adriatic" a few times, the pilot came down to within fifty feet of the ship's masts, and as he did so he steered his machine straight across the liner's course. As the flying boat crossed the bows, the cable, which was dangling out at an acute angle in the wind, struck the wire stretched between the ship's masts, instantly becoming entangled on it.

As the aeromarine sped on, the pilot released the mail bag, which flew out in a straight line until its cable stood out taut. This brought the shock absorbers into play, and the bag, with its precious contents, was more or less gently carried down. As a matter of fact, it fell into the sea, but as the other end of the flexible cable was tightly caught in the steel wire between the masts, it was an easy matter for the crew of the "Adriatic" to pull the bag aboard.
(Stamp Collecting.)

## The "Transito Territorial" Stamp of Salvador of 1899.

In surveying the surcharged and overprinted stamps of Salvador, one cannot help being arrested by the words "Transito Territorial," which have been applied to the 5 c green of the 1898 issue. Having recently had the opportunity of examining some large blocks of the overprinted stamps it will not be amiss to - give a description of this overprint, the more so, as there does not appear to be any previous detailed record of same in philatelic papers. The words "Transiti Territorial" were type-set in two lines. A complete setting consists of fifty stamps arranged in ten horizontal rows of five. It must be admitted that the type is very neat and that more than the usual amount of care had been exercised in setting it up. There are no glaring errors, and as a result, the plating of a setting presents some difficulties.

The following few varieties bowever, occur:-

No. 2. The 3rd "r" in Territorial is slanting.
No. 13. A short figure 1 surmounted by a dot does duty for 1 in Transito.
No. 14. A small rather crude $r$ in ${ }^{\text {ITrans- }}$ ito.
No. 27. The a of Territorial has an open top (in all others the ball of the a practically touches the body of the a.
No. 34. A short figure 1 surmounted ly a dot does duty for i in Territorial.
No. 38. The serifs at head of the capital 'T of Transito are not vertical, but are spread outwards.
No. 42. Same as No. 38.
No. 49. A short figure 1 surmounted by a dot does duty for i in Transito. The serifs at the head of the capital T of Transito are not vertical, but are spread outwards.
There are a few very minute variations, such as broken letters, etc., which are not constant and are therefore omitted.

The overprint was applied vertically, reading either upwards or downwards, to a block of 50 stamps, i.e. five horizontal rows of ten stamps. The usual colour of the overprint was black, but it also exists in red, violet, purple, yellow, or black and yellow.

At various times other values of the 1898 set, such as the $1,2,3,10,12$, and 13 centavos, have been recorded in philatelic journals as baving been issued with the "Transito Territorial" overprint. There being however no proof to substantiate their official existance, they have been quite rightly excluded from all standard catalogues. The raison d'etre of the 5 c with overprint can briefly be stated as follows:-A new route for letter mails to the U. S. A. and Europe was inaugurated from Salvador overland via Zagapa in Guatemala to Puerto Barrios. This shortened the time of transit by several days, but on the other hand enhanced the costs of transmission to such an extent that the Gov-
ernment, on February 22, 1899, issued a decree authorizing the Postmaster General to levy a supertax of 5 c . in addition to the ordinary postage on every letter of 15 grammes, which was sent by the new overland route in order to cover the expenses of the innovation. The Postmaster General thereupon notified the public to this effect on April 6, 1899 , and the order came into force on that day.

This arrangement did not however last very long, as the Universal Postal Union stepped in and vetoed the practice as being against the provisions of the regulations agreed upon by members o fthat body. The overprinted 5 c stamp therefore only had a very short life, and is consejuently always a difficult stamp to obtain owing to the small number used and prepared for use. (Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers.)

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Assuming that cracked plates are of more interest to philatelists, than to connoisseurs of rare procelains, let's take a look at the above mentioned item.
(The word "item" is a vast relief to philatelists as it answers for any object under discussion, and is a great breath conserver. For example-you stammer out quite hesitantly that this "almost entirely obsolete" specimen comes from -here you mention the stamp, and attempt pronouncing its modern European birthplace, ending with a couple of sneezes and a "hiccup" and the vague feeling you can't repeat it. After this linguistic effort you feel cheered all over as you nonchalantly murmur "item" the next time-a real little life saverwhat!)

In the fairly well known 1c and 3c 1851 items (see how easy 'tis!) the best known cracks run from the edges of the plates inward, while on the 10c 1863 Confederate with frame line, we read that it chased along some of these deeply cut frame lines-or the line of least resistance, as text books would say. These cracks were all caused, either by a too rapid heating and cooling of the plates-they had to be heated each time for printing-or else by an uneven backing up of the plate in printing.

On the U S ' 51 s the cracks extended well over 50 mm . in length, their direction being usually vertical, while on this plate the cracks are less than 10 mm . in length, their direction being usually vertical, while on this plate the cracks are less than 10 mm . and run cross ways, somewhere in the body of the plate.


The sketch shows these cracks running between the top right and top left rosettes of two adjacent stamps, either variety being readily seen without the aid of a glass. The stamp at right was loaned me by Dr. Evans for making this sketch.

It seems quite possible there may be other cracks in this late use of what was one of the plates used in producing the imperforate stamps.
H. P. ATHERTON.

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## CZECHO SLOVAKIA AND HER STAMPS.

## By BREWER CORCORAN.

Of all the nations brought forth frons the war at that maternity ward in Versailles, it would seem that the most stable of to-day was the most romantic of yesterday. Czecho Slovakia has given up her place on the front page and is -paying strict attention to fitting herself to be the back door. And that is no unimportant feature in the architectural structure of what was once planned as Mittel Europa but which, through force of circumstances, was changed into New Europe. As she stands outlined on the new map, Czecho Slovakia juts well into the land of the Hun, over-shadows what is left of Austria on the north, covers practically the northern boundary of Hungary and meets Poland in the ridges of the Carpathians. Strategically she is the key state of the new Balkans and commercially, financially and intellectually she promises fair to become their Jeader, for her helm is in able hands and her ideals are high.

With a population of about twelve million Czechs and Slovaks, the country is a territorial amalgamation of the so-called "crownlands" of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia and of Slovakia in Northern Hungary. Four times the size of Belgium, ranking eighth in size in Europe, it is logical to suppose the new republic will take place as the most western state of the Near East by reason of its racial demarkations. The more important cities are Pilsen, Prague, Brunn and Chemnitz and the chief industries are textiles, brewing and glassware. But the territory has been self-supporting for years, rich in agriculture, in fact, the treasury of old Austria. In personalities in the arts she has sent forth such international
figures as Kubelik, Emmy Dustinn and Drovak, but her great man, the figure looming high above all others, is the quondam professor of philosophy and sociology, Thomas G. Masaryk.

Scarely more than a year ago both Masaryk and Paderewski were rather familiar figures on the streets of Washington. Now the one is president of Czecho Slovakia and the other premier of Poland. No two men are cleaner cut in their patriotism; both put the state above the individual; both are able, astute and hirsute. Of the two, Masaryk is probably the stronger and has the easier task. Czecho Slovakia has followed a fixed light for more than three years. Her organization into a country was comparatively bloodless in its ultimate open revolution, and her leaders and people knew exactly what they wanted and how to get it when the hour struck. That, even in the dawning hours of her independence, her financial status was more satisfactory than that of the major share of the other new nations, is proved by her over-subscription of her initial internal loan of one billion crowns.

Bohemia, the western section, is bound to exert a predominant influence in the new republic. Wealth, education and history are behind her. Before the Holy Roman Empire rose, Bohemia was. Even in the early glow of the church's temporal empire, Bohemia maintained her native princes, her national integrity and her Slav character. In the eleventh century the Roman emperors recognized her independence and her kings were electors of the empire. The first shadow of what was to come fell across this Slav-
ic island in a Teutonic sea in the thirteenth century, for it was then that Rudolf of Hapshurg not only led his army northward and soundly thrashed the Bohemians but then that the house of Hapsburg was inflicted on Central Europe and the foundations of the Austrian empire laid.

Another hundred years and again Bohemia made her contributlon to world politics through the person of John Hus, the head of the university of Prague, the oldest in the world. It was Hus, thinker and theologian, who opposed the Bible and the individual conscience against the authority of Rome. In reality the dogma was the germ of the Reformation which spread across Europe. It was also the death sentence of John Hus. But from his execution at the stake sprang the Hussite war when the Czechs met the Holy Roman Empire and the Church. It drew her heart's blood and Bohemia became so weakened that, in 1526 , she was forced to enter a union with Austria and Hungary to resist the inroads of the Turk.

It was then that the late and unlamented Dual Monarchy came into practical beiug and it was then that the House of Hapsburg ran up its true colors and, under them, began a gory attempt to Germanize the now supposedly autonomous state. To her credit it must be stated that Bohemia never acknowledged the Hapsburg rule as legitimate but, in these days, an even more deadly peril was knocking at her insecurely guarded gates. The Turk was sweeping victoriously up out of the East. Already his vanguard was in Hungary and, for the next two hundred years, Austria and Bohemia fought to free the Magyar from the Ottoman yoke.

Yet, busy as she was, in 1618 Bohemia found time to raise the banner of revolt against her oppressor. Once more Austria put her down, this time with a heavy hand which confiscated four-fifths of her land and exiled three thousand of her leading families. Even under such a blow, the Czech spirit
was not dulled and it smouldered and glowed until 1848 when again she attempted revolt with the usual results. But in 1856 the Hapsburg met the Hohenzollern and when that short campaign ended Bohemia demanded the same rights from Franz Josef as he had given the Magyars. A promise was one of the cheapest things the old emperor gave. He agreed to be crowned king of Bohemia at Prague just as he was crowned king of Hungary at Pest. But, some how or other, he never did get around to going to what he probably considered as a silly sort of party. He refused that crown more times, and with far less regret, than Caesar ever put one behind him and the result was that on November 14, 1915 the Hapsburgs were formally dethroned as kings of Bohemia at Prague and Czecho Slovakia's baby head rose above the red froth of war.

For a year, however, Bohemia, Moravia and Slavonia had not been noncombatants. The Hapshurg did not play his cards in such slip-shod fashion. When the mohilization orders went out from Vienna in the summer of 1914, the wayward province reaped a rich harvest. The Hapsburg wanted someone to do his fighting for him and he had learned through the centuries that the Czech could fight. But, as the regiments went out of Pilsen, Prague, Brunn and all the other cities and towns in the north, they marched through lines of their citizens who begged them not to kill the Russians. You might get a Tartar if you scratched a Russian but there was no question as to what lay heneath the hide of a Hapsburg.

Unless menory fails, it was the 28 th of the line which marched into its opening ellgagement against Russia with its band playing. And it marched until it entered the enemy's line and then surrendered in a body and said it was ready to fight the Central Powers. It was the nucleus of that world-famous little army which marched around the world, which made the original Arabasis read like a child's scory. Austria
met the blow in true Austrian fashion. The 28 th was disgraced in an army order and a new 28 th organized from Bnhemin youths of twenty and sent to the Italian front. In its first action it was so manoeuvered that only a score came out alive. The Hapsburg vengeance was a subtle thing. But when Germany climbed into the Austrian saddle, she took no chances with the Czechs. The old regiments were quietby disbanded and scattered as replacements.

It must not be taken, though, that the Czech heart was out of the war. It was very much in it. But it was on the right side. Whenever possible, the Czechs deserted the Central Powers and, even in the earlier days of the conflit, there were nuclei of the later three Czech Slovakian armies on the French, Italian and Russian fronts.

Very early in the war, Dr. Masaryk was among the leaders of Czech Slovakia who escaped from Prague and fled to friendly countries. For several years he filled the strange position of commander-in-chief of three field armies of a country which had been denationalized for a thousand years. After our entrance into the war, Masaryk and a small commission, came to this country and opened headquarters. It is thought he felt he might be better understood here than elsewhere. His work was quietly and ably done. The disintegration of the Dual Monarchy, which marked the beginning of the end, gave him the long awaited opportunity to act. His moves were well received for, certainly, the brave fight of the Czecho Slovaks had won more than passing sympathy over here.

On September 12, 1918 we recognized the new republic of Czech Slovakia. On October 18 the Czechs seized Prague, raised their flag over the Hradschin and proclaimed a general strike. Austria, tottering, offered no resistance worthy of the name. Ten days later the Czech Slovakian national committee assumed power at Prague and, the following day, proclaimed the republic with a constitudion modeled upon ours. From all over
the world Czechs began their tortuous journey to Prague for the meeting of the National Assembly on November 14. M. Kramar was the outstanding figure in this gathering and it was probably his idea that the Assembly be organized on the party strength shown in the last general elections of 1911 and so save the time it would have taken to hold a new election. It was a daring scheme-but it worked. Masaryk was elected first president of the republic and Kramer its premier. All titles of nobility were abolished, the eight hour day established and all Bolsheviki thrown out of the country. Thereby a new-born republic, in her initial forward step, established a precedent which older republics would be very wise to follow.

As in many other respects Czecho Slovakia has proved more conservative in her issuance of postage stamps than many of her new sisters in the family of Nations. For more than three months she continued to use the Austrian stamps on hand and since then has been successfully endeavoring to improve her own very artistic issues. The so-called first issues are not legitimate and can rightfully be classed only

as locals. The first series to put in an appearance came from the presses at Budweis and was the 1916-1918 issue of Austrian postage stamps surcharged with the lion of Bohemia, a three toed brute of no artistic peretense, and the legend "Cesko-Slovensky Stat." They were used, it is said, in Prague and Brunn but it is rather safe to assume that the majority of the "used" copies will be neatly cancelled in the lower right corner and "the piece of original cover" will be a small square of white paper which has never been a part of an envelope.

The Austrian special delivery stamps of both the 1916 and 1917 issues were also decorated with the black lion and a suitable inscription as were the $\Lambda$ ustrian postage dues of 1916 from the 5 heller to 10 kroner values. Then, too, the 5,10 and 20 heller values of 1916 Austrian dues were obliquely surcharged "Franco" and locally issued at Brunn. Of the same order is a 20 heller green of the Austrian 1916 post. age issue but this, too, was probably intended for the postage due page of the juvenile album. Brunn, this year, also surcharged the 5,15 and 40 heller of the 1916 Austrian postage issue with a "T," as well as the 10 and 30 heller newspaper stamps of the same year. Just what the excuse for these was is utterly unknown. It is much to the credit of Czecho-Slovakia that Herr Fasen, her director general of posts and telegraphs, has denied them by closing his Postal Union communication of Jan. 17, 1919, by saying, "The Austrian stamps used until now are still provisionally available; in regard to their suppression, special orders will follow." Certainly had the surcharged Austrians been of anything but of local character, M. Fasen would have made some mention of them to the postal union authorities and not have said that Austrian stamps were "provisionally available."

Before leaving these locals for good, it is well to note the two handsome stamps issued by the Scout's committee

at Prague. They are of 10 and 20 heller values and were doubtless some sort of local or else issued as a little flier in the way of raising some ready cash for the boys.

The real postal issues of Czecho Slovakia made their appearance early in this year and it is probable that in the years to come the three various postal sets will be listed as one under the head of The Issue of 1919 and be subdivided into three types. Yet, at this early date, when so little is known about some of the varieties of the second and third, it seems best to classify them as three distinct issues. Certainly the first is now complete, for it has been already entirely superseded by the second and third. The designs of all are the work of Prof. Alfonse Mucha, a Czech painter of some note and, so far as it known, all printing has been done by the United Czech Printing Co., Inc. of Prague. Whether or not the plates were made by this firm is unknown to the writer.

The varieties are of much interest for several reasons other than those which might appeal to the advanced specialist. In the first place they are the most artistic stamps which have come out of any of the new countries and the designs are extremely well thought out and developed. Rectangular in shape, the frame about the half-moon central design is formed by the curved branches of lindens with an outer border of more formal design. At the base, and on either side of the oval frame for the numerals of denomination, are white doves-probably to signify the peace of which the republic was really born-and little white hearts, which here make their first appearance on postage stamps. The central picture is officially described as a "view of the Hradschin, rayed by the sun." As a rule "Hradschin" has been used as a term to denote the most picturesque and beautiful part of the ancient city of Prague. The towers in the background are suspiciously like unto those of the lovely old church of St. Vitus and the building in the right foreground closely resembles the Aldstat Tower of the Karlsbruke.

Considering only the postage stamps for the present, the first issue contained ten values running from 3 to 400 deni-
ers and the coloring, while attractive in its delicacy, is going to prove trying for those who may later try to develop shading. Also the stamps marr badly under the cancelling stamp. The ten values were first issued in imperforate form but soon Weinberge decided this of too great hinderance in quick handling and resorted to a semi-official improvement. This is listed under the heading of a "rough perforate 9 " by many American dealers who have been more anxious to sell the stamps than examine them. They are really perce en lignes roulette and should be so listed. So far no copies of the 200 and 400 in this form have come to my attention nor are they listed in most of the foreign catalogues, although a few American dealers so advertise them, but seem to have none for sale. The 5,10 and 20 appear Perf. $111 / 2$ and the 20 and 25 Perf. $131 / 2$.

On this issue the word "Cesko" appeared on the left of the frame and "Slovenska" at the right, while at the top was the word "Posta," all three in small letters. It would seem that it was quickly realized by either artist or authorities that these words were too small and two, at least, misplaced. This must have been the chief reason for the quick change from the first issue to the second and in the lattter the "Posta" has been greatly enlarged and the "Cesko-Slovenska" brought from the sides and joined in an enlarged frame beneath the central picture. Certainly the change was for the better, both from artistic and practical viewpoint.

What may ultimately come to this country to be added to this set remains to be seen. All that have come to hand are supplementary values to the first set and are the $1,50,60,80,300$ and 1000 deniers. All appear in the official imperforate form, but the 1,50 , 60 and 80 have come over perce en lignes and it is to be presumed that no reason exists why the two new high values will not come in that same form. None of this set have so far appeared perforate.

It is the now current set that is
furnishing the greatest difficultles of classification for the simple reason that, apparently, it is as yet incomplete. In itself it is a striking example of how Czecho Slovakia is working for the betterment of all things, great as well as small. After the first changes were made in the plates, it is to be supposed that the postal officials deemed their troubles at an end but it is evident that closer study of their work convinced them that the plate, as it stood, could still be improved upon. This would be possible through the recutting of the die to remove the linden trees from in front of the tower at the lower right of the picture. It may also be assumed that practical, as well as artistic, reasons had weight in the considered change. As it stood in the second set, the plate would have worn quickly in this one spot and, soon, there would have been only a dull blur at the base of the tower. The change has resulted in a far more attractive stamp.

This set, like its predecessors, appears officially as imperforate and so far the $15,25,50,75,120$ and 500 deniers have been received in the United States. Of the perce en lignes, there are the 15,25 and 75 denier values, while of the perforate $131 / 2$ there are the $5,6,10,15,25$ and 75 and the 5 , 15 and 25 perf. 11 by $11 \frac{1}{2}$. However, it is to be taken that more of all of these will appear before many weeks.

The other stamps of Czecho Slovakia are of lesser interest and have all run true to the first type. There is a set of five newspaper stamps running through the 2, 6, 10, 20 and 30 denier values and, like all the preceding, printed on white, unwatermarked paper. The numerals of value are in the color of the stamps, set in small, white hearts in the two lower corners. A circle, which touches the edges of the square design, bears the legend "Cesko Posta Slovenska" and, in the center, is a white falcon with outspread wings and tail. All were issued imperforate but the 2 and the 10 have been put out in the perce en lignes and Mr. J. R. Nichols of New York reports all values rouletted vertically.

The special deliverles are of two vai-ues- 2 and 5 deniers, done on yellow paper. The inscription is in small letters about the border and the numerals of value in large figures in an oval frame at the base of the stamp. The design is of two doves in the act of allghting on linden boughs. Both stamps appear imperforate and perce en ligne.

The postage due set is the least attractive of the series and runs from the 5 to the 100 deniers value. The lower denominations are in olive green but the higher are in colors which break the monotony of the series. The stamps are rather too large, rectangular in form and the design is an interweaving of linden boughs and small hearts. The usual "Cesko Slovenska Posta" legend runs around the borders and, in a frame in the center, is the word "Doplatit", while beneath, against a background of the stamp color, is the numeral of value in large, white letters. These were all issued imperforate but Mr. Nichols has been kind enough to send me the 20 deniers hoth perce en ligne and Perf. 7, vertically, and reports that he has seen all values up to the 40 deniers in both forms. It is presumed that the entire set has been treated in this way unofficially.

No attempt will be made at this time to go into description of minor varieties. There are some, such as the 40 deniers orange of the first set with a small circle in the left edge of the oval of value. What it amounts to, is far too early to state here, for certainly the writer is making no claim to the dignities of an "Advanced Specialist" and, most certainly, is not seeking any debates, merely trying to pass on a bit of tentative information to others who may have taken a fancy to the stamps of Czecho Slovakia, as he has done. For this same reason no list of shades is given but two are noted merely to help fill what, at best, is but half a meas-ure-in the first set the 25 deniers is found in both blue and dull blue and the 60 deniers in orange and yellow-orange.

It is as the above articie is leaving my hands that the eagerly expected arrives from Czecho Slovakia in the form of a part of a new and again distinctive issue of postage stamps. The values so far at hand are the $15,25,50$, 75,100 and 120 deniers and are of two types. They measure 25 by 30 mm , the 15 of slate green, the 25 of brown and the 50 of blue. The design shows the large lion of Bohemia in the act of tearing the shackles of ages from his feet, the hind claws being already freed while he gnaws at the irons on the right forefoot. iHs two-forked tail curves over his back and there is a twist in it which mars the art of the stamp and makes one wonder if the artist dares revive memories of Austrian tortures in such a manner. The value is in a circle in the lower left corner, while across the top, runs the legend "Posta Cesko Slovenska," set in a narrow frame.

The three high values, and especially the 120 , will go down as among the most beautiful stamps issued. This 120 deniers is a gem of its kind. It is a deep, rich purple on straw colored paper. On either side, against a finely drawn background, is a naked upright bayonet. At the base of each, in a rectangular frame, is the numeral of value and across the bottom of the picture frame is "Posta Cesko Slovenska." At the top, on a ribbon, is the inscription "Sirotam Nasich Legionaru." But the central design is what makes the stamp stand out far above its fellows of other new nations. At first sight one thinks it a modern treatment of The Mother and Child, hut then the linden leaves on the shoulders and in the hair of the mother, holding the little one closer in eager hands, brings out the symbolism. The engraving is so fine, the lines so soft and the coloring so delicate, that the stamp looks almost like an unusual "Christmas commemorative." The 75 is in a gray black and the 100 in violet brown. All but the 120 are on white paper and all are unwatermarked, Perf. $131 / 2$. All six stamps are the work of $J$. Ohrosku, but one grieves that the first type was ever
used. The appearance of the other values is awaited with interest for it may be that there is still a third type in the series.

The following check list is offered for the convenience of those who have yet to start their Czecho Slovakian pages and with the hope that others, with collections well under way, may add to it in the same spirit in which it is offered.


Type I. Imperforate.

| 3 | deniers, mauve |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | "، | yellow green |
| 10 | " | rose |
| 20 | " | turquoise green |
| 25 | " | blue |
| 30 | " | bistre olive |
| 40 | " | brown orange |
| 100 | " | orange brown |
| 200 | " | deep ultramarine |
| 400 | " | blue violet |

## Rouletted.

| 3 | deniers, mauve |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | "" | yellow green |
| 10 | " | rose |
| 20 | " | turquoise green |
| 25 | " | blue |
| 30 | " | bistre olive |
| 40 | " | brown orange |
| 100 | " | orange brown |
| $200 ?$ | " | deep ultramarine |
| $400 ?$ | " | blue violet |

## Perforate 11120

5 deniers, yellow green
10 ". rose
20 ". turquoise green
Perforate $131 / 2$.
20 deniers, turquoise green 25 ". blue


## Type II. Imperforate.

denier, brown
0 deniers, dark violet
60 " orange
80 " gray ollve
300 ". green
1000 "، violet

## Rouletted.

| 1 | denier, brown |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 50 | deniers, | dark violet |
| 60 | "، | orange |
| 80 | ". | gray olive |
| 300 ? | ". | green |
| $1000 ?$ | " | violet |



Type III. Imperforate.
5? deniers, yellow green
6? " green
10? ". rose
15 " orange vermilion
25 "، dull violet
50 ". dark violet
75 " dark green
120 " slate
500 ". red brown

## Rouletted.

15 deniers, orange vermilion
25 ". dull vlolet
75 " dark green
120? " slate
500? " red brown

Perforate $11 \times 11$ 12.

| 5 | deniers, yellow green |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 15 | " | orange vermilion |
| 25 | $"$ | dull violet |

## Perforate 13.

| $6 ?$ | deniers, | green |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $10 ?$ | " | rose |
| 15 | " | orange vermilion |
| $50 ?$ | ، | dark violet |
| 75 | " | dark green |
| $120 ?$ | " | slate |
| $500 ?$ | " | red brown |

Type IV. Lion of Bohemia.

## Perforated 13 1́2.

15 deniers, slate green

| 25 | " | brown |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 50 | " | blue |

Type V. Mother and Child.

| 75 | deniers, | gray black |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 100 | "، | violet brown |
| 120 | ". | purple on straw |



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|  | deniers, | green |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | ، | orange |
| 10 | " | brown violet |
| 20 | " | blne |
| 30 | " | gray brown |
| Roulet | ted verti | ally. |
|  | deniers, | green |
| 6 | " | orange |
| 10 | " | brown violet |
| 20 | ، | blue |
| 30 | " | gray brown |

## Rouletted.

2 deniers, green 10 brown violet


SPECIAL DELIVERY.
2 deniers, violet on yellow
5 " yellow green on yel.
Rouletted.
2 deniers, violet on yellow
5 " yellow green on yel.


## POSTAGE DUES.

5 deniers, olive brown
" olive brown
" olive brown
" olive brown
". olive brown
". olive brown
" olive brown
" olive brown
" dark brown
" blue green
1000 ." violet
Rouletted vertieally.
5 deniers, olive brown
10 " olive brown
15 " olive brown
20 " olive brown
25 " olive brown
30 "، ollve brown
40 " olive brown
Perforate 7 vertically.
5 deniers, olive brown
10 " olive brown
15 " olive brown
20 "، olive brown
25 " olive brown
30 " olive brown
40 " olive brown

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The question of who invented the postal card has not caused quite so much stir as the famous Chalmers-Hill controversy about the adhesive stamp, and yet the situation is quite similar.

At the fifth German Postal Congress at Karlsruhe, Baden, in October, 1865, Dr. Heinrich von Stephan, who represented the Prussian post office department, laid before the meeting a memoir advocating the adoption of the "Postblatt" consisting of a piece of stiff paper, about the size of a large size business envelope, to be circulated through the mails without cover at a uniform rate of postage of one silver groshen (10 pfennig) without regard to distance.

The memoir went into considerable detail providing for the various inscriptions etc. on the cards, and also pointed out their convenience and adaptability for short messages. The memoir aroused considerable interest but the idea was not adopted.

Austria, which was then a member of the German Postal Union, was represented by Herr Kolbensteiner, who later became Director General of the Austrian Postal Department. He was greatly impressed by Dr. Stephan's proposal and on his return home did all he could to secure its adoption in Austria. On January 26, 1869, Dr. Emmannuel Herrman, professor of National Economy at Wiener-Neustadt, wrote an article in the "Neue Freie Presse" calling the attention of the Austrian postal authorities to this new mode of correspondence and as a result on October 1, 1869 the first postal cards were issued. To Dr. von Stephan therefore belongs the idea, and to Dr. Herrmann the credit of causing it to be put into practice. North Germany, Belgium, Great Britain and numerous other countries followed suit and inside of a couple of years nearly twenty had adopted the idea.

The history of postal cards in the Unjted States commences with the following extract from the annual report of Postmaster General Creswell, dated November 15, 1870:
"My attention has been directed to the new system of 'correspondence' or 'post cards' lately adopted by North Germany and by Great Britain for facilitating letter correspondence, and already extensively used in those countries. These cards are made of good stiff paper, of convenient form and size. The front or face of the card is ruled for the insertion of the address, and bears the post office stamp. On the reverse side there is room for a short letter or message, which may be printed or written in pencil or lnk. They require no folding or envelope, are specially adapted for circulars or short communications, and are furnished to the public at the value of the postage stamp impressed upon them, which is in Great Britain half a penny, being one half the established inland rate of letter postage. The advantages claimed for their use consist in increased celerity and ease of business and social intercommunication by dispensing with much of the ordinary epistolary form and appliances, and by having always at hand, ready for use at any moment, in the street, on a journey, or in places where pen, ink, paper, and envelopes are not accessible or readily obtainable-the essentials for a letter. For many messages where the teleglam is now used, such as orders, invitations, inquiries, or other requirements of business or social life, these cards would be welcomed by the public as a simple, inexpensive, and convenient means of intercourse. They would create a new postal business, augment the number of correspondents, and greatly multiply the occasions and opportunities of for writing. The want has been long felt of some such prompt
and easy mode of communication hy mall, adapted to the convenience and habits of business men, as well as that large class of persons who have not the time or the inclination to write formal letters, and therefore seldom make use of the mails. Believing that the employment of these cards would he beneficial to the public, and result in a large increase of correspondence, I respectfully recommend that authority be given by law for their introduction into our postal service, at the rate of one cent each, Including the cost of the card, as a first step toward a general reduction of our domestic letter postage."

In consequence of this recommendation a bill was reported which was rejected by Congress, the members thinking this kind of correspondence to be too public. It is preteuded that it was due to the efforts of General Garfield that this project was not accepted.

In the meantime the idea became popularized. Inventors were finding means to render the correspondence as secret as possible and endeavoring to convince the whole world. It was then that John Hill, a Member of Congress, reported an act which was adopted as Section 170 of the statutes of the second session of the 42 nd . Congress, chapter 335 , and was approved by the President June 8, 1872, in the following terms:
"That to facilitate letter correspondence and provide for the transmission of the mails, at a reduced rate of postage, of messages, orders, notices and other short communications, either printed or written with pencil or ink, the Postmaster General shall be, and he is herehy, authorized and directed to furnish and issue to the public, with postage stamps impressed upon them, 'postal cards' manufactured of good stiff paper, of such quality, form and size, as he shall deem best adapted for general use; which cards shall be used as a means of postal intercourse, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Postmaster General, and when so used shall be transmitted through the mails at a postal charge of one
cent each, including the cost of their manufacture."

Here then is the authorization of our postal cards. But unfortunately the same Congress (41st Cong. Session 2, Chap. 251) declares:
"That it shall not be lawful for any department of the government to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress for that fiscal year, or to involve the government in any contract for the future payment of money in excess of such appropriations."

These two acts were submitted to Attorney General Geo. H. Williams, who under date of August 24, 1872, wrote:
"It is my opinion that you do not have the power to make a contract with any person stipulating for the payment for the manufacture of postal cards prescribed by the act of June 8, 1872, all the authorized appropriations being for specified objects."

Agitation in favor of the cards was kept up and many unofficial cards printed and circulated (presumably at letter rates) until Congress finally took the necessary steps to supply the needed funds.

In the Postmaster General's report of November 15, 1872 he says:
"By an act of June 8, 1872 , paragraph 170, the Postmaster General was authorized to supply and issue to the public 'Postal Cards' with postage stamps printed thereon * * * but Congress not having appropriated the money to pay for their manufacture, the Department could not in accordance with paragraph 7 of the act of July 12, 1870 make any contract etc. * * * An appropriation for that object is respectfully recommended."

On January 8, 1873 an appropriation to pay for the manufacture of the cards became a law and on the $22 n$ d of the same month bids were called for by advertisements in the daily press. The advertisement is too lengthy to reproduce in full but the important clauses are as follows:

## Proposals for Postal Cards. <br> Post Office Department <br> Washington, D. C., <br> January 22, 1873.

Sealed proposals will be received at this department until Thursday, February 27,1873 for supplying United States postal cards for and during the period of four years commencing May 1, 1873.

## Size and Quality of the Card.

The cards will be three by five and one eighth inches in size manufactured of the same materials as bond paper * * * suitable for writing upon with ink or pencil. The card should weigh 6 pounds per 1000 cards and such card if the Postmaster General requires must bear a watermark made by watermark cylinders which will be furnished by the government.

## Printing, Dies, Plates, etc.

The cards to be surface printed on one side only from hardened steel plates made from a die the property of the government. Two plates of 36 cards each will be supplied to the printer * * * *

## Number of Cards the First Year.

It is estimated the number of cards required for the first year will be $100,-$ 000,000 but the printer must supply all those demanded without regard to this estimate, either more or less.

The number of bids submitted was 14 and they were as follows: per 1000

Morgan Envelope Co., Springfield, Mass. $\$ 1.397 / 8$.
Geo. Reay, New York, $\$ 1.591 / 4$.
Julius Bien, New York, \$1.68.
Tribune Job Printing Co., Detroit, Mich. $\$ 1.68$ 3/4.
Columbia Bank Note Co., Washington, D. C., $\$ 1.85$.
H. O. Houghton \& Co., Cambridge, Mass., \$2.10.
Continental Bank Note Co., New York, $\$ 2.10$.
Rhode Island Card Board Co., Pawtucket, R. I., \$2.15.

Abraham L. True, New York, $\$ 2.15$.
National Bank Note Co., New York, $\$ 2.15$.
W. C. Chambers \& Son, Palnesville, O., \$2.48.

Sherman \& Co., Philadelphia, Pa., \$2.68
Rand, Avery \& Co., Boston,Mass., \$2.88
Weed, Parsons \& Co., Albany, N. Y., $\$ 2.9$.

The Morgan Envelope Co., being the lowest bidder, was accordingly given the contract on March 28 and began at once to make preparations for printing the cards. The Springfield Republican contains numerous items regarding the progress made. On April 2 the appointment is noted of Geo. N. Tyner, late of the postage stamp department of the American Bank Note Co., as agent to superintend the work. The next day mention is made of the fact that the press had not been received and that it was doubtful if the required number of cards could be finished by May 1. On April 19 it was announced that the plates had been justified as they had lost their accuracy in transportation hither. Printing was expected to begin that day.

On April 24 mention is made of how the orders for the cards had been accumulating and telling how they would be shipped. A day later mention is made of the improvement in the trial impressions and of the receipt of an order for $5,000,000$ cards from the department.

On May 3 it was announced that a proof sheet had been approved by the department and the press would run night and day to fill ordersf.

In my collection is a card from this first sheet bearing on the back the following written inscription:
"The first Postal Card contract was awarded to the Morgan Envelope Company of Springfield, Mass. March 28, 1873. The first issue of Postal Cards began on the 12 th day of May 1873.

The first perfect sheet of Postal Cards ever printed, contained thirty six (36) cards, and was approved by the U. S. P. O. Department April 30, 1873.

I certify that this Postal Card was taken from the first sheet approved by the Department.
(Signed) GEO. W. TYNER
U. S. Postal Card Agent.

On the face of the card is Mr. Tyner's signature again, and a circular stamp like a postmark reading "U. S. Postal Card Agency 12 May 1873."

Just where I secured this card I do not recall but it is undoubtedly one of the first finished cards.

The first cards were sold May 12 at the Springfield, Mass. post office and a day or so later at New York and prohably other offices. The following was the official notice sent to postmasters.

> Postal Cards.
> Notice to Postmasters.
> Post Office Department.
> Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General.
> Division of Postage Stamps, Envelopes and Postal Cards.

Washington, April 15, 1873.
The money necessary having been appropriated the Department will commence the issue of postal cards authorized by the Act of June 8, 1872 on May 1st, 1873.

## Description.

The card adopted measures five and one eighth inches in length and three inches in width; they are manufactured of fine heavy paper watermarked with the monogram U. S. P. O. D. The face of the card is steel engraved and is encircled by a border of geometric ornaments an eighth of an inch wide. The stamp of the value of one cent, printed in the upper right corner contains a profile bust of Liberty facing to the left surrounded by a geometric border bearing the words "U. S. Postage" above and "One Cent" below. At the upper left corner are the words "United States Postal Card" and the notice "Write the address only on this side-The message on the other." Below and occupying the lower half of the card are traced lines for writing the address, the first line commencing
with the word "To." The other side of the card intended for the message, is entirely plain. The color of the card is light cream, the design velvet brown.

There will be no change of the regular design either in size, form, color or any other part, to accommodate special demands, and the Department will print no other impressions than those mentioned in the description.

## Price.

The postal cards will be sold for one cent each, no more, no less, no matter what quantity, large or small.

## Use.

The object of postal cards is to facilitate correspondence by letter and to aid in the transmission by the mails at a reduced cost of short messages, either printed or written with pen or pencil. They can be used for orders, invitations, notices, receipts, price lists, acknowledgements and other uses in social or business life and the matter to be sent may be either written or printed or both. In their treatment as mail matter they should be considered as sealed letters by postmasters and not as printed matter except that cards which can not be delivered should not be returned to the sender or to the Dead Letter Office but should be destroyed by the Postmaster if not delivered within 60 days of their receipt.
(The remaining four sections of the notice are of little interest and therefore are omitted.)
(Signed) E. W. BARBER,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.
The Springfield Republican for May 13 contains the following item:
"The issue of postal cards, yesterday, amounted to $3,000,000,10,000$ of which were for the Springfield post office. S. S. Bumstead was the first sender and H. M. Burt the first recipient in this country of a postal card by mail; almost simultaneously, however, Postmaster Lee mailed one to Congressman Dawes. The first card bearing a printed advertisement was also sent by Mr.

Bumstead, and its cheerful allusions to coal are like to gladden great newspapers and prominent men all over the country. C. M. Lee will follow suit this morning with wise remarks about gentlemen's furnishing goods. The cards to go abroad are put by five hundreds in pasteboard boxes, and then packed in wooden boxes of a size to suit the order."
H. M. Burt, mentioned above, was a local newspaper publisher, and father of Frank H. Burt, well known to many of the older members of the A. P. S. The card can not be found or I would give the message it bore. But in my own collection is an unused card hearing on the reverse in Old English type "Compliments of E. Morgan" and below in small italics "From the First Package of Postal Cards sold by the United States." This card was given me by a son of Mr. Morgan, who found it among his father's effects after his death.

There was a tremendous demand for the new cards, over 200000 having been sold in the first three hours the day they were put on sale in New York and the total orders for the first ten days was $17,671,500$ of which New York took a million. On May 28 th a second press arrived but the quality of the cardboard continued to give trouble. The Hudson-Cheney Co., who furnished the cards, declared that it was impossible to produce a satisfactory card owing to the size of the watermark. Accordingly on May 31 st the manufacture of the cards was stopped temporarily. On June 23 rd sample cards were received bearing a watermark measuring 36 x 54 mm instead of $61 \times 90 \mathrm{~mm}$. This seemed to give better satisfaction and sometime early in July work was resumed and on the 29 th Agent Tyner reported $1,000,000$ completed cards being turned out daily.

Mr. Tiffany says there were $31,094,-$ 000 cards issued with the large watermark.

Specimens of these cards without the inner line of the frame are sometimes met with but they are essays. They
come in various colors. The die of the stamp was also used for envelope essays by the Morgan Co.

As to the unwatermarked varieties, "I'm from Missouri." There is nothing in the records I have searched to show that there were any issued and those who have searched for watermarks on our own adhesives know how difficult it is to discover it on some specimens. The thickness of the cards varied and while I have seen quite a number of so-called unwatermarked cards I have never been convinced that they actually existed. The fact that the watermark was used in the following issue of cards for a short time would seem to indicate it was used during the entire printing of the first cards.

The so-called "grilled" cards are nothing more or less than poorly finished cards as shown by Mr. Mann in Mekeel's Weekly.
(To be continued.)


EGYPT - SUDAN - PALESTINE HEDJAZ

My wholesale price list will be sent to any dealer free on application.

## F. I. ANGELOGLOUS <br> 13 El Manoukh St., Cairo, Egypt.

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## EDITORLALS.

We are late again this month owing to the loss of a package of proofs in the mails. We hope to get the January issue out on time, but in the present demoralized state of the postal ser-vice,-we'll wait and see.

The editor wishes to apologize for the small November number, which was due to the fact that be did not receive his appointment until quite late in the month and consequently there was naturally some delay in receiving the matter on hand from the previous editor and the secretary. There was very little copy on hand and no time to send out for any so the number was sent to press with only a scanty chronicle and what miscellaneous articles the editor could scrape up in a week or ten days. This month we are doing better and hope to keep up the good work.

The article on Czecho-Slovakia was read recently before the Springfield Stamp Club and the editor has the promise of more from other members of the same club. Are there not other clubs which can send us similar articles? Or do they simply meet to trade stamps?

While reading a recent issue of Me keel's Weekly I was amused at the varied ways in which writers and advertisers wrote the name of the new republic formed from Bohemia, Moravia and Slavonia. Counting them I found the following varieties:

Czecho-Slovakia.
Czecho Slovakia.
Czecho Slovak.
Czech-Slovac.
Checko Slavoc.
Cesko-Slovenska.
It is possible that there are other ways in which it has appeared but six varieties in one issue of a paper would seem to call attention to the fact that some one form ought to be settled upon to ensure uniformity in catalogs etc.

The last form given above is of course in the vernacular. The Czeckoslovak National Council of America
writes it as one word while the United States Official Postal Guide gives Republic of Czecho-Slovakia. The American Geographical Society on its maps gives Czecho-Slovakia, while in the National Geographic Magazine we see it written Czecho Slovak State. The treaties of peace with Germany and Austria use the forms Czechoslovak State or Republic, and Czechoslovakia.

It would therefore seem that the latter forms are the officially recognized ones.

Hitchcock Building, Springfield, Mass., Nov. 19, 1919.

> Mr. W. C. STONE,
> Editor Am. Philatelist, Springfield, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Stone:
For a great many years, (say twenty), I have been interested in the cancellations on our United States stamps. Collectors having filled up their blank spaces in their albums as far as seems possible have expanded in one direction or another. With some it is Precancels, with another Plate \# Blocks, etc., etc.

Some have followed postmarks and obliterations, my own interest being in these. There is a growing interest here which tends to show that such markings on our early stamps are not due for a short life though a gay one. Rather an increase in study, and a more definite general knowledge of rates, early Post Office instructions, such as "removed, address unknown," and the like.

By systematizing we can dig out a world of interesting data which will afford more pleasure in the study of our "Early Ones" than they now possess, which is considerable.

There is the book on "Rates" by Mr. Sampson, Check List of Rail Roads, and Mississippi Packets by Dr. Chase, and special articles on cancellations,the Waterbury ones on 3c 1869, and many more.

Probably most of those interested in
the '51, '57 issues have noticed the curious obliterators used in Canton, Miss. That man was a pretty good "woodcutter," and he gave me a whole lot of fun lunting up new ones from his trusty "Jonathan Crook," which any old timer will tell you was the only good "jack-knife" ever made. His activities extended into the Confederate days, and he put out some "Paid 5 s " that are apparently done in a hurry, as they are not up to his standard. This is one town that gives fun to the hobby.

Now here is the idea:
For one I should like to collaborate in reproducing these obliterators on early U. S. stamps. Think of what a pretty band book could be made, each odd marking shown in its true size and shape by tracing over 1 lt , and then to liven the hook up a bit the reds could be printed in red, (no shadesjust RED), and the blues BLUE, etc.

It is a coming feature of collecting, why not begin it now? If there is enough interest shown in replies to the Editor, I will guarantee to reproduce all the 1847 and 1851 varieties submitted. lt sounds like a lot, but is not so large as it appears. No harm can come to the stamps, or covers as the design wlll be traced over the cancellation with a soft pencil leaving no mark or impression.

Wbo is interested?

## H. P. ATHERTON.

## SPECIAL TERCENTENARY STAMP.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.-Senator David l. Walsh yesterday asked Postmaster General Burleson to take steps to secure a special postage stamp in commemoration of the Pilgrim Tercentenary, to be held at Plymouth next year. It is considered probable that the special joint congressional committee, authorized to co-operate with state officials in formulating a program for the observance, will approve Senator Walsh's proposal.

## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

## THE EDITOR.

It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varieties wlll submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.

UNITED STATES. Mr. Charles H. McBride writes that six thousand sheets of imperforated 3 cent stamps are to be perforated and sold at the Washington office in sheets of 180 . Don't pay fancy prices for these as there are over 2,000,000.

Just as we go to press Mr. J. B. Leavy writes me that the above idea has been abandoned.

Mr. H. P. Atherton has shown me a specimen of the 3 cent surface print which shows a nice squirming worm just below Washington's eye. The stamp is No. 19 lower left pane, plate number 8744.

AITUTAKI. The current New Zealand 3 pence has been surcharged in blue.

## 3 pence, violet brown.

ARGENTINE. The famous monument on the boundary of Chile and the Argentine known as the Christ of the Andes is said to be the subject shown on a series of "Peace" stamps soon to be issued.

AZORES. The $4 c$ of Portugal has received the usual surcharge.

4 cents, yellow green.
BAVARIA. In Champion's Bulletin we find a number of additional values of the German Empire stamps that have received the "Freistaat Bayern" surcharge.

3 pfennig brown

| 15 | ". | black violet |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20 | " | blue |
| 25 | " | black \& red on yellow |
| 30 | " | orange |
| 35 | " | red brown |
| 40 | " | red and black |
| 75 | " | blue and black |
| 80 | " | red and black on rose |

## mark carmine

" blue
" black violet
" black and carmine
The entire Ludwig lII set is being advertised as having received the "Freistaat" surcharge.

3 pfennig brown
5 " yellow green
$71 / 2$ " green
10 " claret
15 "، red
20 " blue
25 " gray
30 " orange
40 " olive
50 " red brown
60 " blue green
80 " violet
mark brown
"، violet
" red
". dark blue
". green
20 ". brown
BELGIUM. The following document shows the use of the surcharged set listed last month.

No. 610-Posts.
Creation of postage stamps with surcharge "Allemagne-Duitschland."
The Minister of Railways, Marine, Posts and Telegraphs, considering article 3 of the royal decree of 16-9-1915 which authorized the Minister of Railways, Marine, Posts and Telegraphs to determine the color and also the term of validity of the stamps created by said decree:

Reviewing our orders of the 16 th for the execution of the royal decree noted below

Reviewing our order of 30-6-1919 creating a new type of 25 centime postage stamps representing the "Perron Liegeois."

## Orders:

Article 1st. A surcharge "Allemag-ne-Duitschland" will he printed in black on the postage stamps of the issues named above with a view to their use in the Belgian zone of occupation in Germany.

Article 2. The new stamps will be put on sale on September 20. They can only serve, at their nominal value, for the prepayment of mail matter coming from the Belgian forces of the army of occupation.

All must be deposited in the military offices and addressed to a destination in Belgium.

Article 3. They will be good for use until a ministerial decree declares them retired.

The General Director of the Posts is charged with the execution of this order.

> The Minister of Railways, Marine, Posts and Telegraphs,

Renkin.
Brussels, 10-9-1919.
Another official notice states that the "Perron Liegeois" stamp is to replace the 25 centime stamp with head of Albert I.

BOLIVIA. A letter in Mekeel's Weekly quotes an official communication as follows: "The administration of Bolivia advised the General Post Office of Argentine that there has been discovered in circulation a series of stamps which are unauthorized and which are a fraud on the philatelic public. These stamps are being circulated between stamp collectors in Chile and Argentine and are advertised in certain magazines. The stamps are as follows: 1 cent green, showing the ruins of Tiahuana; 2 cents red, has a view of a church at the same place; 5 cents blue, same view as $1 \mathbf{c}$; 10 cents violet, passage of Lake Titicaca; 1 boliviano blue, railway of La $\mathrm{Paz} ; 5$ bolivianos, Bolivian ensign.

These stamps do not exactly agree with the designs of Scott 130-138 but may be the same. They were listed in Scott's Circular from the Revista Filat.elica.

BULGARIA. Two oblong stamps bearing a view of some public building with a single line of inscription in Cyrillic characters at the top and numerals of value in circles in lower corners are illustrated by Champion.

2 stotinki, olive gray
2 lev, yellow brown
BUNDI. The current postage stamps have been surcharged BUNDI SERVICE in two lines for official use, according to Champion's Bulletin.

| $1 / 4$ | anna blue |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 / 2$ | $"$ | black |
| 1 | $"$ | vermilion |
| 2 | ". | green |
| $21 / 2$ | " | yellow |
| 3 | $"$ | carmine brown |
| 4 | " | yellow green |
| 6 | " | blue |
| 8 | " | orange |
| 10 | $"$ | olive |
| 12 | " greenish black |  |
| 1 | rupee violet |  |
| 2 | $"$ | carmine and black |
| 3 | $"$ | blue and brown |

They are also said to exist reversed and double.

CHINA. In C. A. Howes' article on the Stamps of China is published an offictal notice of the Chinese Post Office under date of 4 March 1919 stating that the 7 and 15 cents stamps will no longer be printed, and that "in the near future" stamps of the values of $11 / 2$ cents and 13 cents of the same design and colors as the withdrawn values would be put on sale. The $11 / 2$ cents for domestic postage on newspapers, picture post cards, etc., and the 13 cents for special delivery letters. This notice was signed by W. W. Ritchie, Postal Commissioner.

And now Whitfield King \& Co. are informed hy the Director General of the Chinese Postal Department that there is no foundation for the rumor and that no changes or new issues are contemplated.

You pay your money and you take your choice!

Czechoslovakia. Mr. Brewer Corcoran has shown me a heautiful new set which will be found fully described
in his article elsewhere in this number. The inscription "Sirotam Nasich Legionaru" means, freely translated, "Orphans of our Legions," which would seem to indicate that they are charity stamps.

| 15 | deniers, | slate green |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 25 | $"$ | brown |
| 50 | $"$ | blue |
| 75 | ". | gray hlack |
| 100 | ". | violet brown |
| 120 | " | purple on straw |

Mr. Joseph Leavy informs me that the following perforated varietiles should he added to our catalogs. Perf. $111 / 2$.

25 deniers, hlue
30 " olive bistre
40 " orange
ECUADOR. The president has authorized the issue of $4,000,000$ postage stamps commemorative of the first centenary of the independence of Guayaquil. The 1 sucre stamps bear the bust of ISimon Bolivar, the Likerator.

ESTHONIA. Champion's Bulletin lists a 5 mark stamp of a design similar to the 1 mark, and a 15 penni, which is nearly indescribahle. We hope to illustrate it later.

15 penni, rose
5 marks, black aud yellow
FRANCE. The current 1 centime has received a surcharge in red of $1 / 2$ centime in heavy type in two lines. They will not be sold at the stamp windows but will be used exclusively for the prepayment of newspapers of which the wrappers are deposited in the post office in advance by the publishers.
$1 / 2$ centime on 1c red and gray
GEORGIA. Mr. J. B. Leavy informs me that these stamps are now issued perforated $111 / 2$.


10 kopecs, light blue
40 " vermilion
60 " carmine
50 " emerald green
70 " claret


1 rouble, orange brown
Champion's Bulletin lists the following Russian stamps of the 1918 set rouletted for use in this new repuhlic.

2 kopecs, green
5 " Iilac
1 rouble, brown and orange
GERMAN EAST AFRICA. The 1 rupee of the royal yacht type is listed by Champion on watermarked paper with the note that it was never put on sale in the colony.

1 rupee, claret
GERMAN NEW GUINEA. The same remarks will apply to the following:

3 pfennig, brown
german south africa. Here also is another variety of the same class as the last two items.

3 marks, black violet
germany. Mekeel's Weekly is informed of the issue of three values of the new set hut gives no description aside from the values and colors.

1 m .25 pfennig, green
1 m .50 " brown
2 m .50 " red violet
GUATEMALA. The Bulletin of the Pan American Union prints the following:
"Reconstruction stamps of $121 / 2$ and 25 c , provided for by presidential decree of April 12, have been put in circulation as an additional tax for the maintainance of the national postal and telegraph services."

HONDURAS. The same magazine also prints a list of news concerning a new set for this country.
"The President of the Republic has authorized the issuance of postage stamps for the five years 1919-1923 of the following denominations:

| 200,000 | 1 | cent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 200,000 | 2 | $"$ |
| 600,000 | 6 | $"$ |


| 640,000 | 10 | $"$ |
| ---: | :--- | :---: |
| 400,000 | 15 | $"$ |
| 200,000 | 20 | $"$ |
| 50,000 | 50 | $"$ |
| 250,000 | $\$ 1$ | stamps |

HUNGARY. There is a long list of "occupation" surcharges issued by the various forces which are trying to preserve order in this country but I refrain from listing them until $I$ can devote a little time to investigating their pedigree. From the small quantities surcharged of a number of the values they look very "philatelic."

JAMAICA. I do not think that the five shilling George $V$ stamp has been listed by us. Perf. 14, multiple wmk.

5 shillings, red \& green on yellow
LATVIA. Whitfield King \& Co. announce that the "map" stamps were preceded by a provisional issue made at Wolmar on Dec. 15,1918 which remained in use until the capture of the town by the Bolsheviki the day after Christmas. They are said to be handstamped, each of a different design, ungummed and imperforate.

5 kopecs, rose

| 10 | " | rose |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 25 | " | rose |
| 50 | $"$ | rose |

LiTHUANIA. Mr. Herbert P. Atherton has shown me a copy of a stamp which came to the Holyoke, Mass. post office some weeks since on a letter. The añ̀nexed cut obviates any description.


It measures $20 \times 28 \mathrm{~mm}$ and is printed in black on a pale greenish groundwork. A German catalog calls it a special issue for Rasseiny. I find no town of that name in my atlas but there is Rossieny which may be the same place. It is about 125 miles south of Riga and 75 miles southwest of Memel.

MONACO. Mr. J. B. Leavy informs me that there are four additional values of the "orphans" set listed in the Sept. Chronicle.

$2+3$ cent, brown lilac "G. C."
$50+50$ cent, brown on buff
$1+1$ franc, black on pale green
$5+5$ franc, red "G. C."

ROUMANIA. There is a new "de Ajutor" set of which the bani values are similar to Scott C6, and the higher values which are probably for fiscal use are similar to the 1916 issue listed by Locher. This set is listed by Locher as 1918 but does not seem to have been noted here and we thank Mr. J. B. Leavy for calling our attention to it.
5 bani green

10 " black
50 " violet brown
1 leu, blue
2 " red
5 " orange
50 " violet brown
SAMOA (German). There are also several novelties here on watermarked paper which were never sent out to the colony.

| 3 | pfennig | brown |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | ، | green |
| 10 | " | carmine |

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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No. 4.
December 1, 1919.

## Applications Pending.

Jeannede, Nick.

## Applications Posted.

Andres, Paul G., Box 592, East Lansing, Mich.; Age 29; Asst. Prof. of Elect. Engineering, Mich. Agric. Col.; Reference: Rev. E. C. Fackler, 191 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by J. D. Hubel, \#4805.
Baker, Reid S., 1322 F St., Washington, D. C.; Age 36; Merchant; Reference: Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.; Proposed by Eugene Klein, \# 2275.
Bosman, Jacques M., 316 West 102 St., New York; Age 43; Merchant; Reference: M. Ohlman, New York; Proposed by Percy G. Doane, \#4419.
Candler, Henry E., 441 Burns Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age legal; Real Estate Dealer; Reference: John Kay, Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Hermon Wendell, \#5019.
Chase, Frank D., 612 Stratford Place, Chicago, Ill.; Age 41; Industrial Engineer; Reference: First National Bank of Chicago; Proposed by Julius A. Ottinger, \#4271.
Fotterall, Wm. F., Port Kennedy, Pa.; Age 59; Farmer; Reference: Commonwealth Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Glassell, Steve A., Beverly Hills, Calif.; Age 34; Surveyor; Reference: S. C. Rowe, Beverly Hills, Calif.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Hill, Ellsworth O. C., 224 Cooper St., Camden, N. J.; Age 31; Supt.; Reference: West Jersey Trust Co., Camden, N. J.; Proposed by Lee G. Taylor, \#4910.
Huster, O. K., 101 Holly St., Cranford, N. J.; Age 48; Salesman; Reference: Mr. Stern, Economist Stamp Co., New

York; Proposed by H. H. Wilson, \#3563.
McDermitt, S. S., O. E., 121 Thornton Ave., Youngstown, Ohio; Age legal; Optometrist; Reference: Clty Trust \& Savings Bank, Youngstown, Ohlo; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Powell, Daniel L., Jr., 736 Eastlawn Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 40; Stock and Bond Salesman; Reference: Union Paper \& Twine Co., Detroit, Mich. Proposed by J. E. Scott, \#3916.
Rheinberg, M. S., 35 West 72 St., New York City; Age legal; Broker; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau \& Co., New York City; Proposed by H. H. Wilson, \#3563.
Rhoads, Miss Caroline N., 686 Rallroad Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Age legal; Reference: Girard Trust Co., Phlladelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Benjamin Cadbury, \#5206.
Sloan, Percy H., 1307 N. California Ave., Chicago, III.; Age 52; Art Teacher; Reference: Peter A. Mortenson, Supt. Schools, Chicago, Inl.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Spaeth, Charles, 706 Chamber of Commerce, Rochester, N. Y.; Age 50; Gen. Agt. Insurance; Reference: C. P. Ament, care Colley-Ament Co., Rochester, N. Y.; Proposed by Dr. S. Handler, \# 2537.
Sperling, Emil M., 725 Fifth Ave., New York; Age 49; Art Dealer; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau \& Co., New York; Proposed by H. H. Wilson, \# 3563.
Wolffe, Martin L., Peyton, Colo.; Age 43; Merchant; Reference: C. B. Beeson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.

Applications for Reinstatement.
2187 Hardy, James S., 4522 Forrestville Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 41; Investment Bond Dealer; Reference: P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by C. E. Severn, \#65.

4219 Moseley, E. A., 1904 Tower Grove Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; Age 28; Bank Employee; Reference: Bloomfield Bank, Bloomfield, Mo.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
531 Toccos, Michel D., Cavalla, Greece; Age 50; Proprietor Printing and Binding Establishment; Reference: Edwardo Aguirre, Francisco I, Mad. 53 , Mexico, E. F.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.

## New Stockholders.

5414 Kinsel, E. C., 918 Second Ave., Seattle, Wash.
5415 Williams, J. E., 143 Liberty St., New York City.
5416 Blakely, Wm. T., 1431 Oak St., South Pasadena, Calif.
5417 Borreson, Jno. S., Kimballton, Ia.
5418 Bowen, H. P., Atlanta, Idaho.
5419 Chittenden, Dr. F. H., 1323 Vermont Ave., Washington, D. C.
5420 Cobb, Josephine C., 4444 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo.
5421 Fennel, C. Gordon, 520 Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
5422 Gardner, Dr. Jerome, Box 696, Corcoran, Calif.
5423 Geery, John, 203 Penn St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
5424 Hintenach, Rev. A., Royal St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
5425 Mansfield, J. W., Route 1, Box 128, Van Nuys, Calif.
5426 McGown, Fred B., 27 21st St., Toledo, Ohio.
5427 Neuman, Fred H., 186 Bell Ave., Bayside, N. Y.
5428 Robertson, Paul F., 408 Norton St., Peoria, Ill.
5429 Sherritt, N. B., Balboa, Canal Zone.
5430 Sours, L. R., 79 Sheridan Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
5431 Tarnowski, Jos. A., 878 Theodore St., Detroit, Mich.
5432 Taylor, Morgan W., 81 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn.
5433 Teachout, R. N., Box 42, Gunnison, Colo.
5434 Tidd, Dr. A. C., 904 Mahoning Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio.
5435 Tyrrell, Ted J., Lake City, Minn.

5436 Watson, r. S., Greenhood St., East Dedham, Mass.

## Reinstated.

4294 Garrett, Charles H., 828 South Rose, Kalamazoo, Mich.

## Resignations Received.

4642 Allen, Gertrude, 206 Monroe St., Hackettstown, N. J.
5221 Eddy, C. F., Scotland, Ont., Can.
3936 Gregg, E. J., 484 14th Ave., Detroit, Mich.
4980 Hostos, E. C. de, San Juan, Porto Rico.
2901 Kronmann, Rudolf, Kongensgade 63, Copenhagen, Denmark.
4905 Lopez, Cap. Pascual, Las Cascadas, Canal Zone.

## Resignations Accepted.

4795 Carey, Chas. R., Jewett City, Conn.
4576 Brainard, S. H., Medina, Ohio.
4558 Forsbeck, Dr. P. A., 121 Wiscon$\sin$ St., Milwaukee, Wis.
5033 Lacy, F. W., Naval Hospital, Las Animas, Colo.
4214 MacDougall, H. C., Wellesley, Mass.
4906 Marks, Caesar D., 220 Wells Bld., Milwaukee, Wis.
4388 Pearlman, Wm., 821 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Deaths Reported.

3755 Alden, John, Hyde Park, Mass.
4656 Cresson, Geo. B., 25 Amherst Ave., Swarthmore, Pa.

## Change of Address.

3667 Batchelder, L. L., from Cleveland, Tenn., to Tutwiler, Miss.
3824 Carpenter, A. E., from Philadelphia, Pa., to care L. Boachon, 31 Ave. de la Republique, Paris, France.
4221 Diemer, Hugo, from Lowell, Mass. to 215 Fountain St., New Haven, Ct.
2882 Egan, B. F., from 543 Temple Ave., to 2131 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Ind.
4716 Ferguson, Wm. F., from Ft. Monroe, Va., to 280 Fourth Ave., New York City.

2656 Fisher, Chas. E., from Rochester, N. Y., to Box 426, Taunton, Mass. 5316 Haase, Dr. Chas., from 309 S. Main St., to 815 Gray St., Elmira, N. Y.

5170 Helme, Jas. B., from 427 Marlboro St., to 285 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.
3823 Huber, A. W., from 931 Winona Ave., to 20 W. Jackson Blvd., Edgewater Sta., Chicago, Ill.
4878 Johnson, Thomas, from Krupp, Sask., Canada, to Box 672, Sherman, Calif.
4864 Karnik, I. J., from Memphis, Tenn., to 4141a Botanical Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
4837 Kaufman, Leo. P., from Station B., to 147 Bellaire Ave., Louisville, Ky.
3579 Klemann, J. J., Jr., from 118 Nassau St., to 116 Nassau St., New York City.
5252 LaRue, A. H., from Elmira, N. Y. to 20 Union St., Cortland, N. Y.
5299 Llach, Eugenion, from Havana, Cuba, to Aribau No. 188, Pral 2a, Barcelona, Spain.
4691 Lloyd, M. J., from Box 117 to 1351 Hayden Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
5277 Loebenstein, D. A., from New London, Conn., to 919 Sixth St., San Diego, Calif.
1421 Mitchell, Dr. W. I., from 805th Inf., to 3210 E. First St., Wichita, Kans.
2617 Moses, Otto F., from South Euclid to 300 Electric Bldg., Cleveland, 0.
5301 Northrop, M. E., from Cleveland, O., to Box 259, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

4271 Oettinger, Julius A., from 4407 Malden St., to 4424 North Central Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1103 Perrin, Albert, from New York to 302 S. 13 th St., St. Joseph, Mo.
2064 Pratt, Wm. E., from 190 N. State St., to 15 W. Lake St., Chicago, 111.
5175 Rambo, Ormund, Jr., from 2243 N. Broad St., to 1212 W. Lehigh Av., Philadelphia, Pa.
5258 Rice, Jno. M., from Blue Mountain, Ala., to 1121 Wilmer Ave., Anniston, Ala.
1896 Robertson, A. W., from 124 S.

Main St., to 1618 National Avenue, Rockford, Ill.
5410 Schon, Otto J., from Portland, Ore., to 557 9th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
5167 Skinner, Chas. P., from 400 to 312 Riverslde Drive, New York City. 4565 Stern, Arthur L., from 2109 Pa cific Ave., to Room 21, 773 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.
5168 Wallly, Victor R., from Watertown, Mass., to 158 W . Newton St., Boston, Mass.
5143 Walker, Eric L., from Auburn, Me., to 27 Crosby St., Augusta, Me. 412 Weber, Wendelin, from Rochester, N. Y., to 302 Purdy St., Buffalo, N. Y.

5144 Wood, Arthur C., from 368 Military to 73 Highland Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Branch Society Officer Changes.
Pittsburgh Branch \#5: Wm. J. Price, Secy., 506 Granite Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.; N. Hagenauer, Pres.; Meets first and second Tuesdays each month, Hotel Henry.
Philadelphia Branch \#18: Philip Dengler, Secy., 1216 Master St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Detroit Branch \# 25: Dr. W; L. Babcock, President.

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Membership November 1, $1919 \quad 1710$
New Stockholders 23
Reinstated 1
1734
Resignation $_{\text {s }}$ Accepted 7
Deaths Reported 29
Total Membership Dec. 1, 19191725 H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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# SPECIAL CANCELLING STAMPS. 

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVEG. 

Saturday, September 20, 1919.

Mr. Ramseyer. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimons consent to take the bill $S$. 2972 from the Speaker's table.

The Speaker. The gentleman from lowa asks unanimous consent to take the bill S 2972 from the Speaker's tahle and consider it. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

The Clerk reads as follows:
S. 2972. An act to extend the can-cellation-stamp privilege to the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

The Speaker. Is there objection to the immediate consideration?

Mr. Gard. Reserving the right to object, what is the reason for taking this resolution up at this time?

Mr. Ramseyer. Because the memorial association is going to have a drive to raise funds to erect an appropriate memorial to the late Theodore Roosevelf from October 20 to October 27. The bill simply gives the Postmaster General authority to permit the use of cancellation stamps at such post offices as the Postmaster General may designate. In order to get any benefit of these cancellation stamps, as the drive will be on from October 20 to Octoher 27 , the bill should be passed immediately. It passed the Senate Monday, and it has been reported unanimously by the Post Office Committee of the House.

Mr. Gard. It has been acted upon by the Post Office Committee of the House?

Mr. Ramseyer. Yes; with an amendment.

The Speaker. Is there objection?
There was no objection.
Mr. Ramseyer. Mr. Speaker, the bill is on the Union Calendar, and I ask unanimous consent that it be consldered in the House as in the Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker. The gentleman from Iowa asks unanimous consent that the bill be considered in the House as in the Committee of the Whole. Is there objection?

There was no objection. The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

An Act (S. 2972) to Extend the Cancellation Stamp Privilege to the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

Be it enacted, etc., That the Postmaster General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to permit the employment by the Roosevelt Memorial Association of a cancellation stamp bearlng the following words: "Roosevelt Memorial Association, Octoher 20-27."

With the following committee amendment:

Strike out the language "by the Roosevelt Memorial Association of a cancellation stamp bearing the following words: 'Roosevelt Memorial Association, October 20-27' " and insert in lien the following: "of special cancelling stamps bearing the following words and figures: 'Roosevelt Memorial Association, October 20-27,' at such post offices as he may designate and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe."

The Speaker. The question is on the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended.
On motion of Mr. Ramseyer, a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Ramseyer had leave to extend his remarks on the bill in the Record.

Mr. Ramseyer. Mr. Speaker, it will be of interest to Members to know, in this connection, what authorlzations have been made for the use of special canceling dies or stamps since 1913, I submit for publication in the Record at
this place a letter and memorandum from the Post Office Department which gives that information:

## Office of the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., Septemher 19, 1919.

Hon. Halvor Steenerson,
Chairman Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads,

> House of Representatives.

My Dear Mr. Steenerson: In response to your telephonic request of yesterday I submit herewith a memorandum glving a list of the special canceling dles authorized during the period from Decemher, 1913, to June 30, 1917.

Since that time a special die was issued to the post office at Vicksburg, Miss., to advertise the national memorial reunion held in that city from October 16 to 19, 1917. In addition to this, special dies were authorized for use at 20 offices in California and Colorado, at the request of the Department of Agriculture, in connection with the campaign inaugurated by the Forest Service to prevent fires in the national forests. Special dies were also used during the war to stimulate the sale of the first, second, third, and fourth Liherty loans, and also at 50 of the largest offices in connection with the campaign to conserve food.

The dies issued at the request of the Department of Agriculture were paid for by the Forest Service, while those used at the request of the Liberty Loan committee were paid for by the Department of the Treasury. The Food Administration paid for those issued at its request.

Very sincerely, yours,

> A. S. BURLESON, Post master General.

## Special Canceling Dies.

This office took over the cancelingmachine work in Octoher, 1913, and all special canceling dies ordered by the department since that time are as follows:

No. dies, 3; P. O., Dallas, Tex.; Event, Sixth National Corn Exposition; Total cost, $\$ 38.00$; Date of order, Dec. 22, 1913.
No. dies, 1; P. O., Muskogee, Okla.; Event, Sixth Annual Convention Southern Commercial Congress; Total cost, $\$ 24.25$; Date of order, June 13, 1914.
No. dies, 4; P. O., Baltimore, Md.; Event, National Star-Spangled Banner Centennial; Total cost, $\$ 64.00$; Date of order, June 30, 1914.
No. dies, 1 ; P. O., Wichita, Kans.; Event, International Dry Farming Congress; Total cost, $\$ 18.00$; Date of order, Aug. 15, 1914.
No. dies, 2; P. O., Denver, Colo.; Event, International Dry Farming Congress; Total cost, $\$ 34.50$; Date of order, Mar. 24, 1915.
No. dies, 1; P. O., Charleston, S. C.; Event, Seventh Annual Convention Southern Commercial Congress; Total cost, $\$ 19.50$; Date of order, July 30, 1915.
No. dies, 25 ; P. O., Various post offices in State of California; Event, Pana-ma-California Exposition; Total cost, $\$ 364.00$; Date of order, Jan.-Feb., 1916.

No. dies, 2; P. O., Denver, Colo.; Event, Rocky Mountain National Park; Total cost, $\$ 33.40$; Date of order, Apr. 4, 1916.
No. dies, 1; P. O., Southbridge, Mass.; Event, Centennial, 1816-1916; Total cost, $\$ 16.00$; Date of order, June 22, 1916.

No. dies, 1; P. O., El Paso, Tex.; Event, International Dry Farming Congress; Total cost, $\$ 9.00$; Date of order, Aug. 25, 1916.
No. dies, 1; P. O., El Paso, Tex.; Event, International Dry Farming Congress; Total cost, $\$ 21.00$; Date of order, Aug. 21, 1916.
No. dies, 3 ; P. O., Newark, N. J.; Event, Two hundred and fiftieth anniversary; Total cost, $\$ 54.75$; Date of order, Aug. 29, 1916.
No. dies, 1; P. O., Norfolk, Va.; Event, Eighth Annual Convention Southern Commercial Congress; Total cost,
$\$ 19.50$; Date of order, Sept. 15, 1916. No. dies, 1; P. O., Gulfport, Miss.; Event, Mississippi Centennial Exposition; Total cost, $\$ 15.00$; Date of order, Jan. 4, 1917.
No. dies, Seatle, Wash., 5; Tacoma, Wash., 1; Event, Rainier National Park; Total cost, $\$ 89.75$; Date of order, Mar. 30, 1917.
No. dies, 5; P. O., Washington, D. C.; Event, United Confederate Veterans; Total cost, $\$ 85.00$; Date of order, Mar. 30, 1917.
No. dies, 1; P. O., Springfield, Ill.; Event, Illinois Centennlal Celebration; Total cost, $\$ 21.00$; Date of order, Mar. 31, 1917.
No. dies, 2; P. O., Peoria, Ill.; Event, International Dry Farming Congress; Total cost, $\$ 36.00$; Date of order, Apr. 7, 1917.
No. dies, 5; P. O., Washington, D. C.; Event, Liberty Loan; Total cost, $\$ 78.32$; Date of order, June 9, 1917. Total No. dies, 66 ; Total cost, $\$ 1,040 .-$ 97.

In addition to the above permission was granted to use special canceling dies at Wichita, Kans. (International Wheat Show), and St. Paul, Minn. (Winter Carnival), the expense of which was paid by the parties interested in the events.- (From the Congressional Record.)

September 28, 1919.
Mr. I. C. Greene,
Fitchburg, Mass.
Dear Greene:-
Our first rain since last Spring and the starter for the Season of '19-' 20 started in yesterday, and along with it came Circuit No. 1138. How well this rain and the Circuit worked in together is shown on the Report which I enclose: 13 stamps cataloguing \$22.90.

If only some of the A. P.S. members who have good duplicates laid away "doing nothing" could see the high class of the stamps now circulating in the "MUTUAL" I am sure the Circuit Lists would experience a big boom.

1 have been on vour Circuits regularly since the Fall of 1910. and have exchanged so many stamps that I would have to take a day off to figure their number and value.

Would I have stuck to it all these years unless I felt I was getting value recelved? Hardly!

In view of the fact that $I$ have been taking so manv stamps lately, I will have to send in more books, and enclose "twobits" for same.

Very truly. JOS. S. DAVIS.

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## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1919.


## PRECANCEL NOTES.

Dr. C. W. HENNAN.
Ross O'Shaugnessy shows me a copy of the current $\$ 2.00$ precancelled Brooklyn, N. Y. with the roller cancellation. I have seen this cancellation in all values.

Fred Raff has a number of the 3c Victory precancelled Chicago. All are handstamped.

Mr. Rowell of Omaha, informs me that Omaha is precancelling the 13c with the roller cancellation. He states that they used the printed cancellation and also the roller on one sheet of the seven cent.

I have seen the new Cincinnati type up to the 30 c . Kansas City, Mo., is using the same type. L. J. Flerlage shows the 1c Cincinnati.

Natchez, Miss. is precancelling a number of the 10 c with the usual small type. I have seen them normal and inverted, also double inv.

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# POSTAGE STAMPS OF CHILE. 

## II

From The Christian Science Monitor.
In 1867, the second issue of Chilean stamps appeared, in line engraving, perforated 12, by the American Bank Note Company of New York. The design was suggestive of the previous lssue, but the legend "Colon" appeared beneath the head of Columbus, "Chile" above, with figure of value in upper corners, and a star in the lower. There were four values, 1 centavo, orange, orange yellow; 2c., black, gray black; 5 c. , red, deep red; 10 c ., blue, deep blue, and 20 c ., light and dark green. The paper was white wove without watermark. More of this issue are found pen cancelled than in the one previous, showing increased fiscal use. This issue was used for 10 years, and specimens of all values excepting the 2c. are common, well centered copies not, however, being easily found. The 10 c is known cut diagonally in half and used as a 5 c. Such specimens are scarce and obviously should be shown only on the original envelope.

The third issue, also line engraved by the American Bank Note Company, appeared in January, 1878, excepting the 5c. red, which was in use a month earlier. The design was considerably changed, as the catalogue illustration will show; the head of Columbus being smaller, nearer the top of the design with figures of value larger. The paper was white wove, unwatermarked, and the stamps rouletted. The values were 1c gray, 2c orange, 5c lake, 10c blue, 20c green. These values appear in shades, and on both thick and thin paper.

## Slight Changes Made.

During the next three years there were slight changes both in design and color of the three lowest values, and a stamp of 50c was added. The new color of the 1 c was green, the 2 c rose,
the 5 c dull lake. In the 1 c and 2 c the legend "centavos" is curved under the figure of value; in the 5 c and 50 c lilac, the word is straight.

No further changes are noticed for two years, but during 1883-86, the 5 c appeared in blue, the 10 c in orange and orange yellow, and the 50 c in vlolet. In addition there was a 20 c gray. These last have the "centavos" in a straight line.

In 1892 appeared a 15 c dark green, and a 25 c orange brown in the same type. Also at this time the peso value appears in a special design larger than before, two colors, dark brown and black, rouletted. This value is found imperforate horizontally.

In 1894 the 1 c and 2 c were re-engraved, appearing in blue green and carmine lake, respectively. In these reengraved values, one notices the absence of the small colorless ornament, which is observed in the older design at each side of the base of the numeral of value above the " $e$ " and " $v$ " of the word "centavo." The figures of value in these reengraved values are also different from previous stamps of similar value.

The stamps of this third issue are for the most part common, as their use ran through a series of years. Wellcentered copies, however, are not readily obtained, and the 50 c in pale lilac is becoming scarce. There are varied shades, and this issue is interesting to collect in its varied aspects, especially in pairs and blocks of four.

In 1899 , a 30 c rose carmine appeared in similar design. This was not extensively used, and fine copies are becoming scarce.

## New Issue.

The third issue was in use for nearly 25 years, and then a new issue was engraved by the American Bank Note Company. The design was entirely
new, as the catalogue illustration shows. There are two minor types of thls design, the first a heavy shading below the legend "Chile" and adjacent ornaments with hardly any of this in the second. There were six values issued in 1900, Type 1, rouletted: 1c green, yellow green; 2c brown rose; 5 c blue; 10 c violet; 20 c gray; 50 c red brown. In 1901, a 30 c deep orange appeared in the same type, and the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}, 5 \mathrm{c}$ and 10c appeared in the second type, with the color of the 2 c in the real rose color.

At this time one notices the first surcharged value. The 30 c rose carmine was but little used, and as some of the value of 5 c were needed, this 30c stamp was surcharged with a large bold figure 5 , found also inverted, as well as printed double with and without inversion. Stamps with inverted surcharge are rarely seen, and forgeries of these are known coming from Valparaiso. Collectors should be on their guard for these fraudulent inversions; the genuine should be preserved cancelled, and better, on the orlginal envelope.

In 1902, a new issue and design appeared with profile of Columbus to left, engraved, the three lowest values in one color, and the higher values with central head in black and the design in color. Values in this issue are 10 green, 2c carmine, 5c ultramarine, 10c red, 30 c violet, and 50 c red orange. The 50 c for some reason has always been a hard stamp to get, although with a comparatively low catalogue value. A lightly cancelled, well-centered copy of this stamp is well worth full catalogue value at the present time.

And now -more surcharges begin to appear. The 30 c orange of the 1901 issue appears as a 10 c with value in words in the upper part of stamp and "centavos" in the lower part. This surcharge is found, also, printed double, as well as single and double inverted, also with varying size of "c." Forgeries of the inverted surcharges are said to exist.

## III.

During 1904, the smaller sized telegraph stamps of Chile were surcharged "correos" and used for postage. These appear in two types. The first type, perforated 12, has four values and two designs, 1c on 20c ultramarine (head of Valdivia); 2c brown or yellow brown; 5 c red, and 10 c olive green, showing the Chilean arms, with the supporter of the shield at left without mane or tail. In the second type, 2c yellow brown; 3c on 5c brown red; 3c on 1 peso brown; 5 c red; 10 c olive green; 12c on 5c brown red, perforated 14 ; the 3 c on 5 c shows head of Valdivia, the others, with arms, the supporter of shield at left with mane and tall. The issue has inverted surcharges, double surcharges and other minor varieties, some of which are very difficult to obtain.

Another regular issue appeared during the years $1905-09$, in most attractive design, engraved by the American Bank Note Company. There are 11 values, being 1 c green, 2 c carmine, 3 c yellow brown, 5c ultramarine, 10c gray and black, 12 c lake and black, 15 c vlolet and black, 20c brown orange and black, 30 c bluish green and black, 50 c ultramarine and black, and 1 peso, gold, green, and gray. There is a different portrait of Columbus shown on the lower values from that of the higher, and the peso value is of an entirely distinct pattern from the others, with head in profile. The 12 c and the peso are seldom found in used condition, for some unknown reason, and are scarce either new or used.

## Surcharged for Islands.

Perhaps one reason for the scarcity is the fact that in 1910 these two stamps were surcharged "Islands of Juan Fernandez." These islands belong to Chile, and a small settlement is maintained. The 12 c is overprinted 5 c in blue, the 1 peso surcharged either

10 c or 20 c in red, or without value in red maintaining original value. These stamps were used for postage in any part of Chile, as well as the islands designated.

And now appears, perhaps the most attractive set in the Chilean series, issued in 1910 to commemorate scenes in the War for Independence fraom Spain. There are 16 values, perforated 12 , the designs of the values up to 30 c horizontal, the higher values vertical, in black and other colors, according to value. The set includes 1 c dark green, 2c lake, 3 c red brown, 5c deep blue, 10c gray brown, 12c vermilion, 15 c slate, 20 c orange red, 25 c ultramarine, 30 c violet, 50 c olive green, 1 peso orange yellow, 2 p red, 5 p yellow green, 10 p dark violet. The collector should study these stamps carefully, for there is a historical picture or monument on each, which is labeled, and much information can be gained from the examination. The higher values have not been greatly used, and unused sets are easier to obtain than those postally used.

## The Current Series.

This brings the collector down to the current series of adhesives, a portrait series, of leading presidents and other notables in Chilean history. The designs are in the best style of the American Bank Note Company, and all values above the 5c have the center portrait in black. The set appeared beginning with the early part of 1911 , and as each portrait is titled, the collector should examine each to learn the names of the various portraits. The list includes 1 c deep green, 2 c scarlet, 3 c sepia, 5c dark blue, 10 c gray, 12 c carmine, 15 c violet, 20 c orange red, 25 c light blue, 30c brownish histre, 50c dark green, 1 peso green, $2 p$ vermilion, $5 p$ ollve green, $10 p$ orange. In 1912 and 1913 the 2 c appeared with head of Columbus, and the 10 c also with a change of portrait, and in blue instead of gray. There were also new values, 4c black brown, 8c gray, 14c carmine,

40 c violet, 60 c light blue with new portraits in black. These are all in use, but from 1915 to 1917 one finds reengraved the 5 c slate blue and the 8 c slate. Also the following typographed or surface printed in Chile: 1c, 2c, 4 c , $10 \mathrm{c}, 15 \mathrm{c}, 20 \mathrm{c}, 30 \mathrm{c}$, and 50 c , in practically the same colors as the engraved stamps. In these, the portraits are englaved, the fames surface printed.

One must not forget that fiscals at brief intervals served for postage, and these were not surcharged. The cancellation shows the use, and should be preserved if possible on the entire envelope. In 1881, one finds in such use the 1 c red, 2 c brown, 5 c blue, 10 c green, and 20 c orange. The two higher values are not easy to obtain. Teu years later the large telegraph stamp; of that time are found postally used, these being the 2c yellow brown, 10c olive green, 20 c blue, and 1 peso brown. All are difficult to obtain with genuine postal cancellation. During the year 1900 , the revenues 1 c vermilion, 2 c brown, and 2 c blue were used for postage and such use probably was considerable, as copies are not expensive.

One finds also envelope stamps, postage due as well as official stamps, used in Chile, but these are best treated in a separate article.

## POLAND'S MONEY.

Harry A. McBride, United States Consul at Warsaw, under date of October 29, says in "Consular Reports," "No definite monetary laws have been enacted in the new State of Poland. There are several projects now under consideration. Polish marks are in circulation in all parts of Poland except what was formerly Austrian territory (Galicia), where Austrlan crowns are still used. The Polish government is endeavoring to evolve a satisfactory scheme for unifying the currency of the country, hut no definite step in this direction has yet been taken."

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## SOCIETY NEWS.

## ANDROSCOGGLN STAMIP CLUB. Branch No. 48.

The annual meeting of the Androscoggin Stamp Club was held Monday evevening in the law office of the retiring president, Renel W. Smith, 81 Main St.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. G. Zervas; secretary and treasurer, D. H. Day; sales manager, C. C. Abbott.

The report of the secretary, H. G. Zervas, is printed helow as it makes a very satisfactory showing of the club's activities up to the present time.

## Sccretary's Reports

The Androscoggin Stamp Club was organized on January S, 1919 with a view to bringing together the stamp collectors of this vicinity at monthly meetings; there to discuss and exchange such philatelic knowledge and information as would be of interest and benefit to all. In order that the club might receive the proper standing in the philatelic world at large a charter as a Branch Society of the American Philatelic Society was applied for and granted, marking the beginning of the Androscoggin Stamp Club Branch Society No. 48 of the American Philatelic Society.

The beginuing was necessarily small, the start being made with seven members. It was not long however before the stamp collectors of this vicinity began to join our ranks and today at our first annual meeting we have eighteen nembers.

As members of the American Philatelic Society the club also enjoys the circuit service of this society. These circuits are circulated among the members of the club both during and between meetings and no doubt many a collector has been enriched from these circnits.

This far seven monthly meetings have been held. At each meeting it has been the aim to have a talk on some interesting philatelic subject, bas-
ed if possible upon collections or investigations made by members. Some very interesting subjects were discussed and also some very fine collections were shown upon which there discussions were based.

Another very interesting feature of these meetings have been the monthly auctions, the proceeds of which were for the benefit of the club's funds. As will be seen from the Treasurer's report the anctions proved very successful and it is to be hoped will continue to be so.

During the year the plan was formulated, and has been patially carried ont, to purchase from time to time philatelic literature to be placed in the Auburn Free Library, where it will be accessible to all at all times. A good start has been made in this direction and it is hoped that all members will make the fullest use of these books at the library.

It is the aim of the club to make membership in it as attractive and instructive as possible as it is in this way only we can hope to grow. To this end the co-operation of all members is asked.

## MICHIGAN STAMP CLUB.

## Schedule of Exhibitions, $1919-1920$.

## 1919:

Nov. 15, Great Britain and Colonies, exclusive of British North America. United States Revenues and Match and Medicines.

Dec. 20, France and Colonies. Unitnumbers.
ed States Aeroplane Covers. Plate
1920:
Jan. 17, General collections, 19th century. General collections, 20th century.

Feb. 21, United States, used pairs, strips and blocks. Philippines, Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, Guam, Danish West Indies.

Mar. 20, United States postage. Fifty (50) foreign covers.

Apr. 17, Confederate States, on and off cover. War stamps (occupation, Red Cross, provisional, etc.)

May 15, United States, cancellations. United States precancels. Fifty (50) U. S. covers.

June 19, British North America. United States, unused blocks.

July 17, United States, stamped envelopes, postal cards and wrappers. United States, side-lines (errors, freaks, oddities, counterfeits.)

Aug. 21, Unclassified specialties, such as the stamps of any one country, not included in above.

Collections to be judged for completeness, condition of stamps, and artistic arrangement.

Points: First place-5 points; second place-3 points; all other entries-1 point. Total points for year to count in awarding prizes.

Judges to be appointed by the President, each exhibition night, from nonexhibiting members.

COMMITTEE ON EXHIBITIONS, J. E. Scott,
H. P. Hoskins, Chairman.

## PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY. Branch No. 3.

The 360 th (regular) meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society was held in our Club Rooms, 333 Russ Building, 235 Montgomery St., on Wednesday evening, November 19th, 1919. The meeting was called to order by President Blackwell, fourteen members and three visitors being present.

Mr. Chas. W. Arp was elected to regular membership.

Mr. Hackmeier proposed the name of Mr. S. S. Stromberg of Oakland for regular membership, to be voted on at the next regular meeting.

A very interesting discourse was given by one of the visitors, Lleut. Col. Welty, U. S. Army, on his experiences while in France.

Final details for the competitive exbibition of stamps commencing in January were decided upon as per the following program:

Competitive Exhibition of Stamps to be Held by the Pacific Philatelic Society in its Club Rooms, 333 Russ Bldg., 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif.

The present competition is for members of the Society only and will extend over a period of six montbs, but the number of exhibits from any exhibitor to gain points is limited to three for the period.

Members who have their collections mounted in bound volumes (that is, not loose leaf) may exhibit the whole volume in each of three classes, but must state each time what particular country is to be entered for competition.

The points will be awarded as follows:

## Points

1. Completeness $\quad 30$
2. Condition 35

As to centering, color, cancellation, etc.
3. Arrangement 15

As to general interest, neatness, etc.
4. Study 15

Notes as to various printings, minor varieties, original discoveries, special or rare cancellations, etc.
5. Rarity 5

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Exhibitors may choose any three of the following:

January 21, Americas and Possessions.

February 18, Europe and Colonies.
March 17, Oceania and Asia.
April 21, War Issues.
May 19, England and Colonies.
June 16, Specialized Collections.
Details as follows:
Americas and Colonies: United States or Possessions; Canada; Mexico; any Country or Countries in South or Central America, etc.

Europe and Colonies: Any European Country or Countries or any Group of its Colonies, except Great Britain and British Colonies;

Oceania and Asia: Any one or all of the Australian States; New Zealand; the various Islands; any Country or Countries in Asia.

War Issues: The new issues which have appeared in all countries during or since the War.

England and Colonies: England or any of her Colonies, except Oceania.

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## TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

ROBERT C. MUNROE.

In military parlance the writer is not a regular, not a national guardsman nor even a drafted man but simply a volunteer. Some weeks ago at the suggesthon of our entertainment committee, I joined the ranks of those victims endeavoring to provide a program for 1918 bearing the stamp, "Made in the Springfield Stamp Club.'

Your first question may naturally be, "Why the subject?" and "Who in the club has seen at the most more than a scattering dozen stamps from Turks Islands?" Just here is the secret of my selection. Memory tells me that many meetings ago, perhaps it happened up in Mr. Ward's big dining room where we were in the habit of sitting at a long table covered with white ollcloth, that one of our sages referred to Turks Islands as a bit of sand and that its stamps are about the last in the cata$\log$ to be found or collected. Part of his remarks are substantiated but not all, because in the past month I have gathered bits of interesting information about Turks and Caicos Islands even in splte of the fact that the Springfield City Library, the "Stone Grave Yard" Index, and practically all encyclopedias are nearly barren on the subject.

It almost seemed hopeless and I was about ready to seek the "Hongkong maidens," or to follow a new "love" down near the South American coast, which I may tell you of some daywhen I found a little thread and this has grown to a husky cord with the appearance of becoming a chain if I don't soon cry quits. Here is where the fun began. While in New York Clty recently I had occasion to wait, between engagements, from 11 A . M. to 3
P. M. Immediately it occurred to me that here was my chance to spend a rather long noon hour on a trip to Turks Islands. There surely must be some way, some where, some man in all of Manhattan willing to impart some facts, some bits of history, some stories of local conditions on the islands which I might get for the Springfield Stamp Club. Some wise fellow is credited with the saying that if once you save, beg, steal, borrow, or find a thousand dollars all roads will then lead to the lap of luxury. Sounds good, but how about the first thousand? Well, some intuition favored me with the thought that to go to Turks Islands a boat would be a great convenience. Very fine so far, but what boat? There is a line of steamers plying south to Dominican ports known as the Clyde Steamship Co. The telephone directory gives the city office as at the Bowling Green Building. The elevator stops on the 7th floor. Some progress.

Mr. clerk in answer to my question replies, "No, we baven't maps or any other advertising literature about the Turks Islands, but perhaps at the president's office you can get some information."

Six doors down; getting in rather deep for poor me. When going to Turks Islands the least you can do is to keep your nerve. So 1 for the president, and here again good fortune was smiling, because you may recall that it was lunch time,-and the president was out.

Mr. secretary was in. "Turks Islands," and his eyes began to twinkle. "Oh yes, was marooned there two weeks once, because of a hurrlcane, and never
again for me. But say," and he continued, "there is one fine tennis court down there."

It flashed across my mind that but few of our members would care to visit the West Indies for the sole purpose of playing on a fine tennis court. He went on, "You perhaps know all they do down there is to rake salt, raise it as the natives say."

Another thread for me, and I asked, "Do you know any salt merchants around here "
"Yes, there is one npstairs, perhaps you might call in."

I thanked Mr. Secretary and began to look for the office with Salt on the door having in mind the back-yard robin. Found.
"Well, what is your business, young man, and why all these questions?" and I was confronted by a rather stern appearing man of sixty.
"Yes, we have business with Turks stamps Sometimes. Come in. Now if you mean what you say I can possibly help you but I have no use for chaps begging stamps to sell to collectors."

My friend was some find. He talked of Turks and later on an associate came in who proved to be a native of the Ba hamas and knew the islands first hand. Soon he was showing me photographs, copies of which you will see and I was a most attentive pupil.
"Salt and Sisal" (pronounced by Websters International Dictionary as se-sal'; sis-al; si-sal) he remarked, "are the principal exports."

Oh, another thread. Sisal. I asked, "What is sisal, how is it used, who sells it?" Then followed a verbal introduction to a man in another building dealing in sisal. More of this later. Yes, I called on him but found that only the day before he had cast out as waste all his samples. A Mr. Smith over on Wail St., could supply me. Not so fast. More pictures, and a most profitable half hour with a man who had visited the islands and knew them well. Then over to Mr. Smith's office to meet a most cordial
and interesting gentleman, and of his donations, also more later.

From the gentleman referred to, also in auswers to my letters of inquiry to the National Geographic Magazine; the Pan American Union; the Philadelphia Commercial Museum; the Department of Commerce at Washington; the advertising manager of Frank E. Davis Co., fish packers at Gloucester, Mass.; Mr. W. Stanley Jones, Lloyds Agent and our ex vice-Consul at Grand Turk; publishers of Hammonds atlas; brief items only from standard encyclopedias; Statesmen Year Book for 1916; Kelly's International Directory; a most full and interesting letter from another salt merchant, a native of the Islands; "The Book of the West Indies," by A. Hyatt Verrill, just published; together with patched fragments from stamp papers are the sources of what follows.

Five days from Sandy Hook on a course east of south past the Bahaman archipelago proper, some six hundred miles in a direct line from Florida, you pick up one lonely light house and discern low lying islands having scanty vegetation. As you approach nearer the landing place at Grand Turk numerous small dwellings are visible and upon closer view, piles of a white substance may be located in among the buildings. Here we are on a West Indie island, geographically a part of the Bahamas, and until 1848 politically a part of the same group, now a British Crown Colony to which England sends a Commissioner while a Governor General is provided by Jamaica. We may picture Jamaica as a mother of a brood of British islands including Turks and Caicos, Grand Cayman and its many cousins, and up to a lew decades ago Bellze also, which we have learned from one of our contests is listed in Scott's as British Honduras.

Here it may be well to look at a map.
This colony consists of some thirty islands and keys or cays. Eight are inhabited. Figures have but little place in this history so there are only a few to prove that I haven't forgotten them.

Turks and Caicos have an area of 165 sq. miles, the largest island belng Grand Caicos $20 \times 6$ miles. The total population of the colony is 5600 , of which only 280 are whites (1911). Is it any wonder that used stamps are seldom seen? Grand Turk is the government seat having 1600 souls; other towns or centers are East Harbor and Salt Cay and in Caicos, Jacksonville and West Caicos. The Governor has full control over all matters pertaining to the crown while the President and Board of Commissioners control over legal and local matters. There is a minor court held daily while the Supreme Court is at Jamaica.


Our friend John has told us of "Louis XIV's Mohicans on St. Pierre," President Brewer, of the hardy Vikings of the north, and at our last meeting we learned of certain virgins, thousands strong, honored by neighboring Danish possessions now flying the Stars and Stripes, hut pray tell, how did the name Turk or Turks find its way from the Bosporus over into these western seas? You say, perhaps that Columbus, or Sir Francis Drake, or Lord Nelson on his honeymoon trip, planted one of his motley crew on this West Indian Key. No, you are not even "warm" as the small boy says. There is a certain cactus, indigenous to the West Indies and especially to these islands, having a formation at the top much resembling a Turks turhan, hence the meaning of the name of this colony. Notive how the natives have rather modestly and artistically advertised to the world the origin of their colony's name by placing on the one farthing value, issued in 1910, a picture of the "Turk's head" cactus. I am told that a full grown specimen stands some fifteen inches high and is of a dark green color being covered with hundreds of prickly spikes.


Anl expecting that you will thank me for not bringing a full set to pass around. Caicos is from a Spanish word cayo, translated rock, shoal, islet in the sea; surely appropriately used here.

The one word most common to Turks and Caicos is Salt. It is the center of all commercial activity, perhaps more so twenty years ago than to-day. You mention Turks Islands to any sea-faring man and immediately he says-salt. Formerly Turks Island salt was required for use in preserving meat furnished the American army and navy. Observe on the seal of the Colony that two large piles of salt are very prominent. That a worker is pictured racking salt, and that in the background is a full-rigged ship ready to take her cargo of salt.


These islands are located in the path of the trade-winds. There is little rainfall during the months which correspond to our spring, summer and fall. Necessarily evaporation is rapid. Large quantities of sea water are allowed to flow through canals to more or less natural basins having low walls of a composite of clay and coral baked hard by the sun. The basins are arranged in series so that at the proper stage some of the heavy solution is drawn off to other basins which hastens the process of evaporation. Finally the salt only is left. This is then raked into piles, carried in donkey carts to the shore where it is placed in bags or barrels, lightered into
ships, mostly sailing vessels, and sent to our southern ports, New York, Gloucester, and Halifax; and just recently the government of Newfoundland has arranged to take large quantities thus giving new impetus to salt raking. Here are a number of views picturing the different stages of "harvesting the crop," also of grinding established on the islands. Recent reports give as total annual exports of coarse salt $1,100,000$ bushels and fishery salt 250,000 bushels. It is rated on the Islands at about 6 c per bushel.

Second to salt is sisal, and here you have a speciman from a stock recently recelved from Caicos. When growing, it much resembles our common Century Plant and is said to have originally come from Yucatan. The growers set the plants much after the order of pineapples cutting the large under leaves as they mature. These are dried, bleached, and from our specimen we may draw the conclusion that it is in appearance a close second to hemp fibre. This industry is growing.


Just a word of sponges. These are being exported in limited quantitles. One man of inventive nature is voicing a plan to artificially plant sponges. He proposes to fix a small portion of the seed sponge to clay base after the order of a flattened tennis hall. These are dropped over board in deep water and allowed to grow until of commercial size. This I understand is yet in the experimental stages. About $\$ 3,000$ worth of dried conchs are exported annually to Haiti. Pink pearls are sometimes found in the shell of the conch. good specimens of which bring a high price.

The principal imports of the Colony are from America and include wheat
flour, cotton goods, refined sugar, aud lard, etc. Our government states that the extent and varlety of our exports to Turks might be increased; and goes on to warn the commercial traveler of certain conditions on the Islands: Correspondence should be in English as Spanish is not understood. Pay full postage of 5 c for 1 ounce. Automobiles lave never been imported, because the regular lines of steamers do not carry gasoline. Electricity is not produced in the Islands. No ice or gas is manufactured and there are no waterworks or sewerage system. The drinking water is rainwater in tanks of masonry.

There are no barber shops, dentists, hotels or hospitals and the residents are averse to taking boarders. No wonder that our secretary in the Clyde Line office didn't anticipate a second visit to Grand Turk. Although there is mucli more British money in circulation than American, the practice of quoting prices in dollars and cents and paying in pounds, shillings and pence is common, and the price so quoted are understood to mean at the rate of 1 penny to 2 cents, 4 shillings to the dollar, $\$ 5$ to the pound. American money from the quarter dollar up passes current, but the rates at which it passes vary according to circumstances.

A word about vegetation: Around some of the houses are trees and flowers, even a few palms, all carefully imported from San Domingo. With the exception of a few plantians, yams, a small quantity of Indian corn, and a few vegetables grown on the Caicos Islands, no foodstuffs in important quantities are produced.

Our consul reported in October 1914 the following: Fresh beef of a poor quality ma'y be had on Grand Turk on Saturdays. Fish of the species usually found in tropical waters are plentiful and form an important item of food for the inhabitants of the islands, but as only a few of the inhabitants own fishing boats and fishing is not carried on as a permanent industry, cash is usually demanded for the fish brought in.

Cable service to and from these islands is rendered by the Direct India Cable Co. Ltd., with offices at London,

Halifax; Hamilton and St. Georges, Bermuda; Grand Turk, Turks 'Islands; and Kingston, Jamaica. A Bulletin of the worlds cable news is published each week and a Government Gazette is issued every Saturday containing notices, U. S. Weather Bureau reports, shipping. news, and advertisements of auction sales. No commercial advertisements are taken. There is no wireless or other telegraph service but a single telephone connects the residence and store of a prominent merchant. The government has established savings banks at the three ports to encourage saving among the poorer classes. Only primary education is taught, the state making no provision for higher education. There is no public debt, and we may ask if stamp collectors are not accountable for this happy condition.

Here is a quotation from a resident of the islands: "The climate is excellent, no sickness except what is brought there from other places; it's an old saying that they wanted a graveyard but nobody died so they had to. kill a negro to start one. You can believe it or not."
(Note by Editor.) During the above lecture Mr. Munroe exhibited a large number of photographs of the island $\ddagger$ and their inhabitants and also distributed samples of the salt and sisal. He then exhibited his collection of the stamps, giving a running commentary as the album sheets were passed along.

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# UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS. 

# A CONOISE HISTORX AND MEMORANDA. 

## HENRY C. NEEDHAM.

At the request of the President and Editor of the American Philatelic Soclety I have been asked to contlnue, in the American Philatellst, the History of the United States Local Posts, which, for some two years, appeared serially in the Philatelic Gazette, published by the Nassau Stamp Company, New York.

Mr. John A. Klemann, the President of the Nassau Stamp Company, has cheerfully given his consent, not only to such publication in our Journal, but has further approved the plan of publishing the entire work in one volume, after proper revision, as a hand-book of the Soclety.

Prior to the publication as a handbook all articles will be revised and certain of them re-written. Should any of our readers have knowledge, or even hearsay evidence, as to any facts or detalls omitted the Editor will appreciate any such evidence, opinion or information, and, if found authentic, it will appear in its proper place at the time of the final publication.

In the History of these Posts it will be noted that many of them were called "Branch Post Offices," and the author is of the opinion that certain of them are clearly Carrier stamps and should be so listed in all catalogues.

## MASON'S NEW ORLEANS CITY EXPRESS.

## New Orleans, La.

In Cohen's New Orleans Directory for the year 1851 we find the following entry, "Mason's N. O. City Express, 23 Royal St., Mason, J., proprietor." We do not find either the Post or name mentioned in succeeding years, and, therfore, assume the life of the Post was from 1850 to 1852 .

We are quite convinced that the Loral Posts existing in New Orleans op-
erated to a greater or less extent under authority of the Postmaster of that Clty, acting, assumedly, under powers conferred upon him by the Post Offlce Department. We have noted in the history of other Posts that in this City there was a special Carrier Department; that a special Superintendent was appointed therefor. We have found in the old Directories, attached to the Post Office notices, the following memoranda: "City letters when deliverey by Carriers 2c; pre-payment optional."

We have seen a cover bearing a stamp of this Post, 2 cent yellow, enclosing a drop letter dated December 26, 1850, bearing the New Orleans Post Mark in large circle as follows: "New Orleans, La., City Express Post, Dec. 27 (1850)." On the back of the cover is the hand stamp of the Local Post as follows: "Mason's 23 Royal Street Express" in circle.

Cancellations and Postmarks are usually in red.

The New Orleans Post Office used a cancellation generally impressed in black for its Carrier system as follows: Circle; N. O. U. S. City Post; date in centre.

The stamps were used not only to prepay carrier charges on drop letters for Local Delivery, but to pay the carrier fee for receiving and delivering letters from River and Ocean steamers landing at the Docks in the City. We find that this Post, with others, had Carriers or runners to meet each incoming and outgoing vessel.

## MASON'S NEW ORLEANS CITY EXPRESS.



Type 1. 1850. . Typographed,

2c Black on Yellow paper; colored through.

Note: We catalogue but one type; we have, however, seen and note herewith a stamp of the same type above mentioned, 1 cent black on blue, wove, colored through; also this same stamp, 1 cent black on blue, surcharged $1 / 2$. We consider these two last mentioned items of interest and probably authenthe, but cannot at the present moment prove their worth or legitimate use.

## MEARIS' CITY DESPATCH POST.

## Baltimore, Md.

Malcolm W. Mearis established this Post at Baltimore, Maryland, in January, 1846. The post had but a short life. Every stamp known to the compiler bears on its face in manuscript the initials "M. W. M." in black. The stamps are of great rarity.

The following advertisement appeared in the Baltimore Sun of Friday, January 23,1846 :
"CITY DISPATCH POST. The undersigned, desiring to be useful to his fellow citizens, begs to inform them that he has established a CITY DISPATCH POST similar to those in the other large commercial cities of the Union, by which persons at the most distant points of the city may communicate with each other without delay or trouble, and at a very small expense. It has been found conveniently useful in New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and is now sustained and encouraged by all classes-and the undersigned in offering himself to the public pledges all that fidelity and industry can do to make it a convenient and useful establishment, and only asks in return the confidence and support of his friends and the public. 100 boxes will be posted at different points of the city, specially enumerated by bills. The charge will be upon a communication delivered to any point of the city 2 cents, and letters to go out of town will be regularly malled for 1 cent, which must be paid
at the box. I will receive at Golden Horse, Howard St., quarter before nine; at Martimer \& Mowbray's, ten minutes before nine; Taylor, Wilde \& Co. and Sun office until five minutes of nine o'clock letters to go East, which will be carried by me to mail agents at Lower Depot, by fast horse, for 2 cents each. Notices delivered for assoclations and clubs at a small charge. Also, small packages delivered to any part of the city. Good collections attended to for a small percentage.

MALCOLM W. MEARIS.
Persons will please direct their communications so that there may be no mistake in the delivery.

Reference: S. Collins Lee, Esq., Lambert Gittings, Esq., Geo. M. Robertson, Esq., Wm. H. Watson, Esq., Hugh McElderry, Esq., T. Yates Walsh, Esq., Jas. O. Law, Esq., and business men generally.
j23 1w MALCOLM W. MEARIS."
The following notice also appeared in the same paper on January 28th, 1846:
"CITY DISPATCH POST. This establishment, which has been in operation but a few days, we are told, already gives promise of abundant success. The letters and packages have been gradually increasing daily to an amount enIt will be found a great convenience to tirely unexpected by the proprietor. the public if it is managed with spirit and promptitude."

And in the same paper, under date of February 13th, 1846, appears the following advertisement:
"CITY DESPATCH POST-VALENTINE'S DAY. The boxes will be open for delivery every hour during the day. To ensure prompt delivery prepay communications. TWO CENTS is the charge. Letters recelved all night at L. F. Scott's, Exchange Place, and at Taylor, Wilde \& Co's, North St. Stamps for sale at all the boxes.
feb 13-3t MALCOLM W. MEARIS."
And in the same paper of February 14, 1846, is the following press notlce:
"Valentine's Day and The Dispatch Post. The Dispatch Post Boxes, which are suspended at all prominent points
of the city, will doubtless be well thlled with valentines for delivery today. It will be seen. by Mr. Mearis' advertisement that the letters will be taken from the boxes every hour during the day and delivered."

We know of no counterfeit of this stamp.

We do not know the number of stamps in the sheet; they were evidentiy typeset or typographed; the one cent and two cent denominations, in certain varieties at least, exist in the same sheet. We have seen an unsevered horizontal pair showing the two values.

We might here note the following advertisement in the Post Office section of the Baltimore Directories, as establishing the fact that the Carrier service, other than the fee delivery system at present in use, ceased in this City on or about July first, 1863, which may be of value to those Collectors specializing in the varions Carrier stamps of Baltimore, such as the Horseman and Eye.Type.
"The Carriers will visit each station or Branch Post Office in the City of Baltimore (under the new carrier system as inaugurated by the Postmaster General, commencing from July 1 , 1853,) three times a day (Sundays excepted), commencing at the hours of 7 A. M., 11 A. M. and 2.30 P. M. By this system the letters for the outgoing mails will be brought to the Post Office in time to be sent with the corresponding mails, while the local or drop letters will be promptly delivered (within the city limits) as addressed, as often as three times a day, without carge or additional carrier's stamps as heretofore.
"The law requires that all matter to be sent through the mails, or to be delivered within the limits of the city, must be prepaid in United States postage stamps. Postage to be prepaid on local or drop letters TWO cents each, if within the half ounce in weight, four cents if over, and within the ounce, etc. Postage to be prepaid on all letters to be sent through the mails to any part of the United States (California includ-
ed) three cents if single rate, six cents if double, etc. Special care has been taken in the selection of proper localities for the Drop boxes in order to afford the greatest facilities to each and every section of the city.

Wm. H. Purnell, Postmaster-C. J. R. Thorpe, Asst. Postmaster.

Newspapers - Transient newspapers sent anywhere within the United States at two cents not exceediug four ounces, prepaid by postage stamps, all transient printed matter at like rates. The quarterly postage on regular newspapers, if prepaid, is 5 c for a weekly paper, in same proportion if published oftener.

Circulars-Three circulars or less, sent for two cents-prepayment by stamps required."

We must call attention to a typeset stamp originating in Baltimore of the same general appearance as the first issue of the stamp of Blood \& Companycircular, typeset; impressed in red, used as an adhesive. We have seen a copy on cover dated at Baltimore, Dec. 21, 1846 , on letter sheet written by William Graham to Oelrichs and Leeman of Baitimore. The letter containing data of interest and value to the new York correspondents of the recipients was forwarded in an enclosure to August Belmont, New York; the letter forwarding the enclosure mientions the same. It is quite authentic. There is a manuscript " $M$ " on this stamp which might well mean Mearis, and it is quite possible that this is the first stamp prepared and issued by the Local Post.

## MEARIS' CITY ISESPATCH POST.



Type 1. 1846.
1c Black.
1c Black on Gray.


Type 1I. 1846.

1c Black.
1c Black on Gray.


Type III. 1846.

1c Black.
1c Black on Gray.
2c Black.
2c Black on Gray.


Type 1V. 1846.

2c Black.
2c Black on Gray.

## MENANT \& CO.'S EXPRESS.

## New Orleans, La.

We can find very little data as to this concern or the stamp purporting to have been issued and used in the transaction of its delivery business. We find only that L. Menant, in 1854-5, resided at No. 165 St. Phillip Street, New Orleans.

We have never seen an absolutely authentic copy used on cover and list the stamp following precedent.

As early as 1872 Wilder \& Co., New Orleans, were advertising for the stamp in the "Southern Curiosity Cabinet."

## MENANT \& CO.'S EXPRESS.



One Type Only. 1853-5.
2c Red.

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONv

## New York City.

The Mercantile Library, Astor Place, New York, used stamps from 1869 to about 1875 to pre-pay the charges for delivering books by special messengers. The stamps used were not only adhesives but were also impresed on the reverse centre of U. S. Postal cards. The system , was instituted in 1869 and largely discontinued October 1st, 1873, although used as late as December, 1875. The following memoranda is taken from the books of the Association:
"In September last (1869) your Board resolved to try the system of delivering books at residence of members. Charge to any part of the City below 60 th Street, ten cents. Messengers are employed in addition to horses and wagons. The delivery of books has steadily increased and the Department is now nearly self-supporting. Boxes were attached to lamp posts within the City limits, thus being easy of access to every member. The orders deposited therein were collected with Postal precision, and are delivered to the Library several times each day. The delivery of books thus called for follows promptly as a matter of course. Book deliveries in 1870, 11880; in 1871, 12869; in 1872, 12306."

The Rules, as established by the Assocjation and impressed on U. S. postal cards and letter sheets whereon is impressed the two cent black Jackson of 1863-4 and on blank orders, follow:
"1. Write your name and address very distinctly in-ink.
2. Never apply for a book the title of which you do not find in the Library Catalogue, or in one of its Supplements.
3. Be careful to give the names of the Authors of all books applied for except Novels.
4. Put the names of several books on every order. . One of the books named will then be promptly sent. If your order bears the name of one book only, it may remain in the Library for weeks before the book can be procured.
5. Have the Return Book ready for the Carrier when he calls for it.
6. Address complaints or suggestions to the Librarian. They will, in all cases, receive immediate attention."

Evidently the ten cent rate noted above was later reduced to five cents.

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.



One tylue only. 1809-1875. Adhesives.
sc Black on Maroon Red.
5c Black on Yellow.
5c Blue on Pinkish White.
10c Black on Yellow.
Impressed on U. S. Postal Card.

10c Yellow.

## COUNTERFEITS.

We know of no counterfeits of the five and ten cent values mentioned above; there is, however, apparently a counterfeit of a six cent Black on Maroon Red of same general type but larger in slze.

## MESSENKOPE'S UNION SQUARE POST OFFICE.

## New York City.

For some time prior to 1849 Charles F. Messenkope was a letter carrier acting not only for himself but for at least one other of the Local Posts in New York, residing at 41 Avenue 3 , that is Third Avenue. In 1850-1 he is rated in the New York Directory of that year as a Clerk residing at 20 Tenth Street; in 1851-2 same occupation, residence 13 East 11th Street; 1852-3, 15 East 21st Street, Grocer; residence 917 Broadway; he continues in the grocery business until about 1860 when he is listed as a Butcher, 158 Ninth Avenue, and in 1862-3 at 655 Sixth Avenue. He established his Local Post and delivery office at 844 Broadway sometime during the year 1849. In the New York Almanac of 1850 we find him listed at that address under the heaving of Post Offices with the following note: "Independent, Branches of the New York Post Offce have been established by individuals at the following places;--the charge for delivering letters at the General Post Office is one cent each." Under this same title we find Swarts, Bror.lway (James C. Harriott), \&c.

Messenkope established his Post prior to the Act of Congress of March 3, 1851, wherein it is expressly stated that the streets, avenues, roads and public highways of the Cities of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and New Orleans are post routes and that letter carriers had been appointed for service thereon. "If it is the intention of congress to transfer the whole despatch business of the cities to the letter carriers of the department further legislation for that purpose is desirable."

Messenkope, about 1851, sold his business to Joseph E. Dunham, the then proprietor of the Union Square Post Office with office at 848 Broadway. Dunham at that time resided at 488 Broome Street. He continued to use the Messenkope stamp, as we know from a f 3 w covers bearing the oval handstamp of

Dunham's Union Square Post Office covering the Messenkope stamp and cover. We might here note that occasionally a Messenkope off cover has been replaced on one of these Dunham's Union Square covers, many of which were used without stamps, particularly when they were circulars delivered to the Union Square Post Office in quantity.

Double rates or two stamps were charged where mail matter was delivered by special messenger or where extra care was required in delivering to the Post Office. We occasionally see two of the green stamps affixed to a cover showing this usage. The pink stamp was undoubtedly prepared to cover this special service. The following regulation copied from the plan instituted hy Mr. Greig at the time the "City Despatch Post" was organized, governed: "A Registry will be keps for letters which it may be wished to place under special charge. Free stamps must be affixed to such letters for the ordinary postage and additional postage be paid (or an additional free stamp be affixed) for Registration; but all such letters must be specially deposited at the principal offive."

The red stamp is of the greatest rarity, the first copy known having heen found in 1887 by Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs then of Washington, D. C. This stamp is on cover dated May 1 (1850?) addressed to Mrs. Peter A. Jay, Washington, D. C.

It is claimed that prior to Dunham's. ownership of this Post it had been taken over from Messenkope by P. C. Godfrey who was interested in an express business at No. 6 Wall Street, hut whom we cannot locate as a proprietor of an express or delivery business until 1854 5 when we find that he conducted a bookstore and Post Office at No. 831 Broadway, where we find him located until 1866.

We do find that Benjamin Lockwood acquired this Post, among others, sometime about 1853-4. He seems to have taken over Messenkope, Union Square, Broadway and later Swarts.

The stamps of this Post, as well as the stamps of Broadway; Union Square

Post Office; Swarts; Frazer; Metropolitan Post Office (Willlams and Laws); and, perhaps, others, should be classed as Carriers rather than Locals. See Swarts.

The green stamp was sold first at two cents, the red at flve cents; later, and during Dunham's owership, the green stamp was sold for one cent.

## MESSENKOPE'S UNION SQUARE POST OFFICE.



One Type Only. 1849.
No value, Green glazed Surfaced Paper. No value, Pink glazed Surfaced Paper.

## COUNTERFEITS.

Counterfeits were made in both New York and Boston. The oval is good but the type throughout is larger, particularly noticeable in the "P" of "Post." The rays from the candle are too decided and greatly differ from original.
(To be continued.)

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Havaria "Freestate" on German $31 / 2 p$ to 5 m comp. ${ }^{*} 15$ stamps.. 1.65
"Volkstaat" on Bavaria 1914 3 pf to $1 \mathrm{~m}^{*}$
. 88
-1914 2, 3. 5, 20 marks*...... 2.95
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France (Orphans) \#203 to $209^{2}$.
.82
1.95
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Wurtemburs \#261 to $277 * 17$ var
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Czecho Slovakia 20 var. postally used
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- $1 \mathrm{p} 1 / 2202^{*}$ (1.25)
.95
.69
- 3p $1 / 2203^{*}$ rare
2.85

Austrin $19163 \mathrm{k}, 4 \mathrm{k}$
Bahamas 1sh (two lines)* War Tax
T 1 sh (one line)* War Tax ...
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Esthonin) $3 p^{*}$ new issue
Esthonia 5 marks* new issue....
Transylvania (Roumanian occupa-
tion) on Hungary, 12 vars. ${ }^{\text {. }} . .$.
Temenvar on Hungary (Serbian occupation) 5 var.*
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Rommania \#351 to $363^{*}$ scarce..... 1.25

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Turkey Armistice 8 var.*
. 4.75
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Belpium 1916 1, 2, 5, 10 frs
.65

- $1900-2$ frs violet ( 25 c )
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- 190110 marks fine
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- 18917 rubles fine
3.50
- 191710 marks fine
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## CONFEDERATE POSTAL LEGISLATION.

Compiled by WILLIAM C. STONE.

This article is compiled from the following works, and contains no additlons to the original text:

Statutes at Large of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States of America.

Public Laws of the Confederate States of America.

Journal of the Congress of the Confederate States of America.

Messages and Papers of the Confederacy.

The first two are contemporary publications issued in Richmond during the war and now quite rare.

The Journals were reprinted in 1904 by permission of the U.S. Congress as a public document.

The last was compiled by Represeutative James D. Richardson of Tennessee from the originals in the possession of our government and elsewhere.

From these volumes I have taken all the references to the postal service, except such as relate to the establishment or discontinuance of post routes, and arranged them in chronological order, placing the text of the acts immediately after the announcement of the approval by the President.

The Provisional Congress held five sessions, during the period between February 4, 1861 and February 17, 1862. The first and second sessions were held at Montgomery, Alabama, and all others, as well as the regular Congress which succeeded, at Richmond, Virginia.

## PROVISIONAL CONGRESS.

## First Session.

February 9, 1861.
Resolved that the President (Howell Cobb of Georgia) proceed to appolnt
the following standing committees, to consist of five members each;

A committee on postal affairs
which resolution was adopted.
Mr. Harris introduced the following hill:

A bill to be entitled "An Act to continue in force certain laws of the United States of America.*

Be it enacted by the Confederate States of America in Congress assembled, That [all] the laws of the United States of America in force and in use [in these Confederate States] on the first day of November ]last [, and not inconsistent with the Constitution, be, and the same are hereby, continued in force until repealed or altered by the Congress;

Which, after having been read a second time, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and on the passage of the bill, the vote being taken by States, there were five yeas and one nay, the States voting as follows:

Yea: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Missouri.

Nay: South Carolina.

## February 12.

The Chair announced the following standing committees:

On Postal Affairs-Messrs. Chilton, Boyce, Hill, Harrison and Curry. $\dagger$

[^2]
## February 13, 1861.

Mr. Crawford laid before Congress a communication from Dr. Henry M. Jeter, the postmaster at Columbus, Ga., relative to postal matters; which, on motion of Mr. Crawford, was referred to the Committee on Postal Affairs. February 16.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Postal Affairs, made the following report:

The Committee on Postal Affairs, having considered of the duties assigned them, have instructed me to submit the following report, and the bill accompanying the same:

The committee have mainly directed their inquiries to the question whether, without material inconvenience to the public, the post office department of this Confederacy can be made self-sustaining.

The committee find from the latest and most reliable means of information of which they have been able to avail themselves, that the excess of expenditure over the receipts of this department in the six states comprising this confederacy for the fiscal year ending 30 th June 1859 , was $\$ 1,660,595.83$. They have not been able to obtain the report of such receipts and expenditures for the last fiscal year, but they presume the above furnishes an approximation sufficiently accurate for the predicate of our present action.

To provide for this deficit, your committee would suggest that the rates of postage may be increased as proposed by the accompanying bill. By this bill they estimate an increase of receipts approximating $\$ 578,874.83$.

They believe that a saving call be effected by a change in the mode of letting out mail contracts, adopting what is usually called "the star bid system," providing all due safeguards for the celerity, certainty, and security of the mails, but without other restrictions as to the mode of transportation. In this way your committee are satisfied that the expense of mail transportation may be reduced, say, $331 / 3$ per cent. upon the present cost-say, $\$ 619,033$.

They are further of opinion that there should be a discontinuance of numerous routes the cost of which is greatly disproportioned to their convenience and the receipts of the post offices supplied by them. In this way they believe' $\dot{a}$ saving of one-tenth of the present cost of transportation may be attained-say, $\$ 206,344$.

The service upon many of the routes may, without material detriment, be changed, daily routes reduced to triweekly, etc., at an estimated reduction of, say $\$ 206,344$.

They would also recommend the abolishing of a number of minor post offices, which occasion considerable expense without corresponding profit or convenience. ln this way a saving to the department might be readily secured to the amount of, say, $\$ 50,000$.

These sums added, say, by increased receipts by reason of postage rates
$\$ 578,874.83$
By saving as above indicated
total
$1,081,721.00$

Total
$\$ 1,660,595.83$
Present excess of expenditure
over receipts
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Your committee are of opinion that steps should be immediately taken to procure postage stamps of the denomination of two, five and twenty cents; that these stamps will be sufficient to meet the wants of the department for the present.

They would further suggest that immediate steps should be taken for procuring a supply of locks and keys for the mail service, and for post office blanks, such as are now in use.

They would further recommend that all the mail contracts within this Confederacy be relet at as early a day as practicable, and until they are relet, the existing contracts remain in force, this Government becoming responsible to such contractors from the 8 th day of February; 1861.

Your committee are unable to suggest any plan until further arrangements shall have been made for the transmission of mail matter to and
from other governments. They believe, however, that until postal treaties can be made, expedients arising from the necessities of the public will readily suggest themselves which will, in a great measure, remedy the inconvenience. The widespread ramifications of the express companies would furnish valuable auxiliaries for communication beyond the Confederacy, the mail matter hearing the stamps of each government through which it may pass by said express.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
W. P. CHIlton, Chairmau.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Postal Affairs, reported the following bill; which was read twice, placed on the Calendar, and 100 copies thereol ordered to be printed, viz.:

A bill to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes.

## Fehruary 19.

The following hills were reported;
By Mr. Boyce: To organize the post office department.

Said hills were severally read the first and second times, placed on the Calendar of the Secret Session, and ordered to he printed.

February 20, 1861.
Congress then took up for consideration

A bill to establish the post office department.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the same was amended so as to read as follows:
"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That, there shall he an executive department, to be denominated the post office department, and there shall be a principal officer therein, to be called the postmaster general, who shall perform such duties in relation to post offices and post roads as shall be enjoined on him hy the President of the Confederate States, agreeably to the Constitution and the laws of the land, who shall be paid an annual salary to be fixed by law, and have power to appoint a chief clerk and
such inferior clerks as may be found necessary, who shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by law."

On motion of Mr. Witbers, the word "roads" was stricken out and the word "routes" inserted in lieu thereof.

The bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

February 21.
Mr. Shorter, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed and enrolled

An Act to establish the post office department.

Congress resumed the consideration of

A hill to he entitled "An Act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes."

Mr. Crawford moved to strike from the first section the following words, to wit: "not exceeding three hundred miles" and further to strike out the words "and for any distance exceeding three hundred miles, double that rate" which was lost.

On motion of Mr. Wanl, the word "three" where it occurs in the first section, was stricken out and the word "five" inserted in lieu thereof.

Mr. Crawford moved to strike out the following words, they being the last sentence of the second section, to wit:
"The publishers of newspapers or periodicals may send to each other, from their respective offices of puhlication, free of postage, one copy of each publication"
which was lost, the States voting as follows:

Yea: Florida, Mississippi and Sonth Carolina, 3

Nay: Alahama, Georgia and Louisiana, 3

On motion of Mr. Chilton, the following was adopted as the beginning of the first section, viz.:

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That from and after such period as shall he announced hy the proclamation of the Postmaster General there shall be
charged the following rates of postage, to wit:

Mr. Cobb moved to amend the bill by adding the following as additional sections, to wit:

Be it further enacted, That every deputy postmaster at whose office any mail matter is dellvered from any contractor, or other officer, or agent, in the postal service of the United States of America, which matter shall have upon it the postage stamps of the said United States, shall forward the said matter by due course of mail, without prepayment of postage to this Confederacy. And all deputy postnăsters in the Confederate States to whose office such mail matter shall come, shall collect on all such matter, before delivery, the postage due thereon under the rates established by this act.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of all the deputy postmasters appointed under this Confederacy to dellver any mail matter directed to offices without the territorial limits of this Confederacy and within the United States to any contractor, or other officer, or agent, in the postal service of the sald United States.

Pending discussion thereon
The following communication was recelved from the President:

Mr. President: The President has approved and signed this day the following bills which passed the Congress $\% * \%$ A bill to establish the Post Office Department ***.

> ROBERT JOSSELYN, Private Secretary.

February 21, 1861.
Chapter XI. To establish the Post Office Department. The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That there shall be an executive department, to be denominated the Post Office Department, and there shall be a principal officer therein, to be called the Postmaster General, who shall perform such duties in relation to post offices and post routes, as shall be enjoined on hini by the President of the Confederate States, agreeably to the constitution and the laws of the land, who shall be paid an
annual salary to be fixed by law, and have power to appoint a chlef clerk and such inferior clerks as may be found necessary, who shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by law. (Approved February 21, 1861).

Mr. Hale moved to amend the amendment offered by Mr. Cobb by substituting for Mr. Cobb's amendment the following:

Be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General of the Confederate States be, and is hereby, authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the transmission of mails between the territories of this and other governments, subject to the approval of the President, until postal treaties can he effected.

Which was agreed to, the vote thereon being taken by States with the following result:

Year: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina, 5.

Nay: Georgla, 1.
The question then recurred upon the adoption of Mr. Hale's amenudnent as an additional section of the bill, and which was agreed to.

Mr. Conrad moved to amend the bill by adding the following additional sections, to wit:

Be it further enacted, That until such arrangement be made that every deputy postmaster at whose office any mail matter is delivered from any contractor, or other officer, or agent, in the postal service of the United States of America, which matter shall have upon it the postage stamps of the said United States shall forward the said matter by due course of mail, without the prepayment of postage, to this Confederacy. And all deputy postmasters in the Confederate States to whose office such mail matter shall come, shall collect on all such matter, before delivery, the postage due thereon under the rates established by this act.

Be it further enacted, That is shall be the duty of all the deputy postmasters appointed under this Confederacy to deliver any mail matter directed to offices without the territorial limits of this Confederacy and within the United States to any contractor, or other offi-
cer, or agent, in the postal service of the said United States.

The vote being taken on the amendment by States is as follows:

Yea: Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana.
Nay: Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

Mr. Crawford for the State of Georgia moved to reconsider the vote taken by States upon the motion to strike out the last clause of the second section of the bill; which was lost, the States voting as follows:

Yea: Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, 3.

Nay: Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, 3.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading? which having been done and read a third time, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, it was ordered that when the act prescribing the rates of postage for the Confederacy shall be published that the report of the Committee on Postal Affairs relative thereto be also published with the act. (To be continued).

## ESTHONIA.

The Post Office Department has been advised that the rates of postage applicable to articles mailed in the Republic of Esthonia and addressed for delivery in the United States are as follows:

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Newspaper clippings about stamps, stamp collecting and the like are wanted for our "Scrap Bag." It is nearly empty now. Secretaries of stamp clubs are also urged to send in papers read before their clubs.

We print this month another paper read before the Springfield Stamp Club. The writer, Robert C.Munroe, was president of the club and when not collecting Hong Kongs and original covers, spends his time writing advertisements for Webster's Dictionary.

The membership of our Society comprises collectors not only of adhesive postage stamps but many who indulge in gathering revenue, telegraphs, postal cards, envelopes and wrappers. With this in mind the editor proposes to start several departments devoted to some of these specialties and it will be up to the members to send in news if the departments are to be kept up as they should be. For many years the editor has told his friends that he collected "anything that is a stamp" and so he is at home in most of these lines but cannot see or hear of everything. So send on the news.

It is with great pleasure that $I$ announce that through the kindness of John A. Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Co., the American Philatelist will continue the publication of the valuable series of notes on United States Locals by Henry C. Needham, which was discontinued by the suspension of the Philatelic Gazette. After completion the articles will be brought out in book form as a society handbook.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice-Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 5.

## January 1, 1915. <br> Applications Pending.

Andres, Paul G.
Baker, Reid S.
Bosman, Jacques M.
Chase, Frank D.
Fotterall, Wm. F.
Candler, Henry E.
Glassell, S. A.
Hill, E. O. C.
Huster, O. K. Jeannede, Nick.
McDermitt, S. S.
Powell, Daniel L., Jr.
Rheinberg, M. S.
Rhoads, Caroline N.
Sloan, Percy H.
Spaeth, Charles
Sperling, Emil M.
Wolffe, Martin L.
Applications for Reinstatement Pending 2187 Hardy, J. S.
4219 Moseley, E. A.
531 Toccos, Michel D.

## Applications Posted.

Bauder, Louis de, 515 Oliver St., Toledo, Ohio; Age 33; Foreign Correspondent; References: P. Rood, Quaker Stamp Co., Toledo, O.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Blumel, Alfred Joseph, VIII Josephessa'cler St. 82, Vienna, Rep. Austria; Age 57; Mgr. Wiener Bank-Verin; Reference: Copenhagen Philatelic Club, Copenhagen, Denmark, Sveriges Philatelic Forening, Stockholm, Sweden, Briefmarken Tausch Club, Bern, Switzerland; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
St., New York City; Age 60; Mgr. W. Brown, George Royce, 118 . Fenimore B. Conrad \& Co.; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau \& Co., New York; Proposed by H. H. Wilson, \#3563.
Campbell, Gordon J., 904 Summit Ave., Pasadena, Calif.; Age 17; Guaranteed by Geo. S. Campbell, Foreman Gas Co., Pasadena, Calif.; Reference: Los

Angeles Gas \& Electric Co., Los Angeles, Calif.; Proposed by Jacob Weigel, \# 2316.
Charmatz, Chas. B., care Strand Hotel, 63 rd \& Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 25; Advertising Salesman for Wm. M. Hewitt Co., New York; Co., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Dr. References: C. Staub, United Stamp C. W. Hennan, \#4849.

Dempsey, Andrew, 1233 S. 7 th St., Terra Haute, Ind.; Age 58; Sales Mgr. Hulman \& Co.; Reference: F. E. Hook, 301 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Dr. H. D. King, \# 3850 .
Hales, Oscar H., Box 281, Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 58; Head Proofreader, Curtis Pub. Co.; Reference: Wm. L. Raiseir, Merchant, Glenside, Pa.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Hart, Ed. F., care E. F. Hart Co., Halifax, N. S.; Age Legal; Merchant, The E. F. Hart Co., Lmtd.; Reference: Canadian Bank of Commerce, Halifax, N. S.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Hedenberg, Wm. L., E. Front St., Red Bank, N. J.; Age 50; Senior member S. M. Gladwin \& Co.; Reference: W. V. Darling, 54 Franklin St., New York; Proposed by A A. Jones, \# 4448.

Hunt, Henry B., 5727 Huntiagton Drive, Los Angeies, Ca:i.; Age 37; Carpenter; Reference: Dr. J. H. Hughes. Madisonville, Tenn.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Jepp, A. E., Box 15, Spencer, Ia.; Age 42; Traveling Salesman, Shapleigh Hardware Co.; Reference: W. J. McAnerny, Sayre, Okla., Jack Rodman, Eugene, Ore.; Proposed by H. S. Powell, \#3415.
Kaufmann, H. J., 1541 Brush St., Detroit, Mich.; Age 28; Psychological Examiner Board of Education; Reference: J. D. Hubel, 226 Hazelwood,

Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by J. E. Scott, \#3916.
Kimble, Ralph A., West Main St., Galesburg, Ill.; Age 26; Farmer; Reference: E. R. Drake, Pres. Kellogg, by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Klotzbach, Harry E., Box 862, Buffalo, N. Y.; Age 30; Financial Adviser Drake Co., Galesburg, Ill.; Proposed Gardener Penn \& Co.; Reierence: Geo. Simpson, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N. Y.; Proposed by L. J. Flerlage, \# 2877 .
Moreland, Geo. M., Tulot, Ark.; Age 39; Clerk; Reference: W. 11. Thompson, P. M., Tulot, Ark.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Parker, Charles H., 401 Convent Ave., New York City; Age 41; Writer \& Teacher; Reference: Bank of Washington Heights, Amsterdam Ave. \& 155 th St.; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \#2279.
Price, William F., 7 Arnold Ave., Newport, R. I.; Age 59; Collector-Dealer; Reference: Warren T. Berry, Supt. Const. New England Steamship Co.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Scheuer, Jacob H., 171 Madison Ave., New York City; Age 44; Merchant. Herman Scheuer \& Sons; Reference: Achilles H. Kahn, 25 Broad St., New York; Proposed by Arthur C. Kaufmann, \#4334.
Sherman, R. P., 142 Aclelaide Drive, Santa Monica, Calif.; Age 38; Real Bank of Santa Monica, Calif.; ProposEstate \& Investments; Reference: ed by Charles J. Goodman, \#4503.
Slansky, J., 9 West Sherman St., Hutchinson, Kans.; Age 42; Ladies Tailor; Reference: First National Bank, Hutchinson, Kans.; Proposed by Alhert E. Gorham, \#4541.
Stetson, Richard N., Corcoran, Calif.; Age 34; Druggist; Reference: H. W. Doscher \& Co., San Francisco, Calif.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Thompson, Charles Sidney, 4112 Budlong Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.; Age 39 ; Curator S. W. Museum; Reference: Percy G. Doane, Tribune BIdg., New York; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \# 4215.

Woodruff, W. W., 244 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Age 49; Wholesale Coal \& Iron; Woodruff Coal \& Iron Co.; Reference: Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \#4215.

Applications for Reinstatement.
4616 Chitraro, Henry, 500 W. 123 St., New York City; Age 42; Spanish Correspondent; References: P. M. Wolsieffer, 21 S. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \#4215.
3447 Hart, Montgomery L., 410 Wynnewood Road, Pelahm Manor, N. Y.; Age 30; Agv. Mgr., Womens' Wear Corn Exchange Bank, New York City; Co.; Reference: H. A. Patten, V.Pres. Proposed by H. M. Clark, \#10-3183. 2125 Schreiber, F. D., 601 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio; Age 29; Genl. Foreman, Brier Hill Steel Co.; Ohio; Proposed by P. M. Wolsleffer, Reference: F. T. Moran, Youngstown, \#8-38.

## Replaced on Roll.

2506 Dunn, E. M., 79 Baldwin St., Glen Ridge, N. J. Was dropped April 1st, 1919. Notice having reached the secretary that \#2506 was in the Service he is hereby replaced on the Roll.

## Honor Roll.

Dunn, E. M., Commandant Hanlon Field at Chaumont, Chemical Welfare Service.

## Deaths Reported.

101 Buehler, Edw. H., 23 N. Franklin St., Chicago, Ill.
2640 Cass, Leon V., Badin, N. C.
Branch Society Changes Officers.
Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch \# 25. William W. Swan, Sec.-Treas., 1010 Ford Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Expelled.
5083 Lillie, Dr. R. K., Box 159, Coleman, Alb., Canada.

Changes of Address.
5308 Aichholz, Stanley, from 212 E. College St. to 463 E. Badillo St., Covina, Calif.
4699 Battanchon, Charles, from New York to Rue Herold 41, Nice, France.
3736 Chase, W. R. from Mt. Jewett, Pa. to Webster St., Bradford, Pa.

3050 Cohen, Felix from Port Said to Box 981, Alexandria, Egypt.
3730 Fanning II, Geo. W. from New York to Boonton, N. J.
4799 Fasnacht, L. C. from 2240 W. 98 th St. to 9814 Gambier St., Cleveland, Ohio.
4482 Harrls, F. M. from Detroit, Mich. to R. F. D. \# 2, Springwater, N. Y.

3167 Herzog, H. A., from 403 Grand View Ave. to 1011 Cotton Ave., El Paso, Tex.
4805 Hubel, J. D. from 1305 Trumbull Ave. to 226 Hazelwood Ave., Detrolt, Mich.
280 Huberich, V. H. from Box 1271 to Lewellyn Iron Works, 1200 N . Main St., Los Angeles, Calif.
4867 Hutchinson, A. C., from 85 Meldrum to 531 Clay Ave., Detroit, Mich.
403 Ireland, Gordon from New York to 500 Main St., Sprlngfield, Mass.
3341 Jakobson, J.A. from Battle Creek, Ia. to Askav, Minn.
367 Lachasse, Gustave de from Oakland, Calif. to Apt. A2, 2274 Grand Concourse, New York City.
39 Lawrence, A. E. from New York to 559 Palisade Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

3780 Martin, Donald from 507 Cornelia St. to 1244 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mich.
2628 Mercer, Rev. H. W. from 1374 13th Ave. to 669 16th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
4295 Miller, Wm. T. from 6856 De Longpre Ave. to 202 N . Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
4005 Mower, R. H., from Rockford, 111. to 1201 Pine St., San Francisco, Calif.
1537 Partello, Col. J. H. T. from Pacific Beach to R. F. D. \#2, Inglewood, Calif.
3521 Phelps, Z. B. from Binghamton, N. Y. to 1 Gerard Ave., Binghamton, N. Y.
4198 Pugsley, Dr. F. N. from Mare Island to U.S. Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

4636 Rex, R. W. from 373 Ellis St., to 2517 Lombard St., San Francisco, Calif.
to 412 Bremer Arcade, St. Paul,
1982 Roberts, R. G. from Duluth, Minn. Minn.
4109 Schlieckert, Chas. from 6525 N . Ashland Ave. to 1244 Norwood St., Edge Sta., Chicago, Ill.
5410 Schon, Otto J. from Portland, Ore. to 2124 E. 7th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
3091 Shore, Herbert E. from San Francisco to 1004 Petaluma Ave., San Rafael, Callf.
4058 Slusser, W. F. from Corregldor, P. I. to Master Electriclan, C. A. C., Ft. Washington, Md.

5303 Starr, H. D. from 1008 to 1212 W. Green St., Urbana, Ill.

5231 Steimley, L. L. from 1008 to 1212 W. Green St., Urbana, 111.

4974 Stler, W. B. from 817 S. 36 St. to 1709 Park Ave., Omaha, Neb.
2295 Sults, May E. from 807 Oakland Ave. to 803 Oakland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
3001 Telfer, Eugene from 411 Atkinson St. to care Telfer Coffee Co., Detroit, Mich.
4096 Wallick, Walter from 3435 Vau Buren to 3446 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, 11 .
5396 Wintermute, H. S. from Bremerton, Wash. to Box 1455 , Anaconda, Mont.
5144 Wood, A. C. from 73 Highland Ave. to 547 McKinstry Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Menbership Summary.
Membership December 1, 1919 172 $\overline{5}$
Replaced on Roll
1726
Deaths Reported 2
Expelled by Board of Directors 1
3
Total Membership Jan. 1, $1920 \quad 1723$
Life Membership.
The following new Life Memberships have been accepted:
29-1545 Wurtele, Ernest F., Box 67,
Sta. B., Montreal, Canada.

302275 Kiein, Eugene, 1318 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Summary Life Membership.
Previously Reported
28
New Life Members
2

Total, January 1, 1920
30
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The Contract for printing the Publications of the Society for the fiscal year 1919-20 has been awarded to J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Md.

## RECRUITING PRIZE.

The Philadelphia Branch \#is again offers a $\$ 5$. gold piece to the collector, a member of the Society, introducing the largest number of new members.

This Five dollar gold piece has been now won twice and is offered for the third time. It was originally offered by the Secretary to the Branch securing the largest number of Recruits. It was won by the Philadelphia Branch who offered it again and was won by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer. Mr. Wolsieffer presented it to the Branch who now offers it a third time. Who will be the lucky member this time? The conditions are these: No Officer of the Society, no dealer, dealer on the side, no member connected with any pnblication, or publicity Bureau may compete for it. Mr. Wolsieffer desires that this prize be offered to simon pure collectors exclusively-
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

## A. P. S. Brancli No. 3. PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY. 235 Montgomery St., San Francisce, Calif.

The 361 st (regnlar) meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society was held at the home of our President, Mr. Blackwell, by special invitation, twelve members and one visitor being present.

Mr. S. S. Stromberg of Oakland was elected to regular membership.

The name of Mr. Henry Roberts of San Francisco, was proposed for membership, to be voted on at the next regular meeting.

A nominating committee was appointed to select officers for the ensuing year.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner and election of officers at the Union League Club and a Banquet Committee was appointed.

So much interest has been aroused by the coming stamp exbibitions for members of the Society that the exhibition dates have been extended so as to enable members to have more time to arrange their exbibits. The revised exhibition dates are as follows:

May 19, Europe and Colonies
April 21, Americas and Possessions
June 16, Octanica and Asia
September 15, War Issues
October 20, England and Colonies
November 17, Specialized Collections
After the close of the regular meeting, the Christmas Jinks were held. Everyone had such a good time that it was after midnight before the gathering dispersed.

MATT C. DILLINGHAM,
Secretary.

## A. P. S. Branch No. 44. <br> NEW YORK STAMP SOCIETY. <br> 125 W. $42 d$ St., New York.

Dec. 3, 1919.
Our 320 th meeting was opened by Dr. Hartley at 9 P. M. and after the regular routine of business the following officials were duly elected for the coming year, viz.:

Pres., L. M. Hartley
Vice-Pres., Vahan Mozian
Treas., Baldwin Schlesinger
Secy., J. E. Halloran
Trustees, J. Shack, H. Moye, A. Wagner.
Some splendid covers were shown by Messrs. Schlesinger, Herrmann and Wagner.

HENRY MEININGER, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1919.

Balance
Receipts

Stock Fund.

|  | General Fund. |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Balance <br> Receipts <br> Disburse- <br> ments | $\$ 477.68$ | $\$ 3331.53-$ |
|  | 45.47 | $432.21 \$ 3763.74$ |

Insurance Fund.

| Balance | $\$ 1996.99$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Disbursements | $2.00 \$ 1994.99$ |



FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1919.

Stock Fund.
Balance
Receipts

| Balance <br> Receipts <br> Disburse- <br> ments | $\$ 175.40$ | $\$ 3763.74$ |
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## Insulance Fund. <br> und.

Balance
Exchange Account.
Balance
$\$ 7.81$
$\$ 5128.66$
$23.00 \$ 5151.66$
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General Fund.
Balance

Suspense Account.
Balance


Resources.
$\$ \quad 15.45$
$\$ 10910.65$
$\$ 8190.87$
J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

Suspense Account.

| Balance | $\$ 15.45$ |
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| Receipts | $12.25 \$ 27.70$ |
|  | $\$ 11072.20$ |

## American Philatelist Account.

Debit Balance $\$ 2719.78$
Receipts $\$ 72.65$
Disburse-
ments
$60.53-12.12 \$ 2707.66$
Resources.

| Bonds | $\$ 5489.34$ |
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| Cash | $2875.20 \$ 8364.54$ |

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2875.20 \quad \$ 8364.54
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# NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE. 

## THE EDITOR.


#### Abstract

It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varieties will submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.


ALBANIA. A long time subscriber to Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste writes as follows concerning the Korytza stamps:
"When Alhania was declared independent a force of Dutch officers was selected to organize and command the gendarmerie. In 1914, the Greeks, or more properly the Epirotes, were in possession of Korytza, but at the commencement of March Major Snelling ot the gendarmerie commanded this town, which had no postal facilities as the Greeks had carried off all the stamps.

Accordingly Major Snelling had engraved on wood a large handstamp of which you give a facsimile and two smaller handstamps of 10 and 20 paras. These stamps were not sold but letters had to be taken to the office where they were stamped. This state of affairs lasted from March 18 to April 17, 1914.

Korytza being a very small town the number of letters sent during this period was very small and did not exceed 500 in number.

You say, 'there are many values and as would be expected numerous errors.' Here you are mistaken. There cannot be any errors for all the letters were stamped with the same handstamp and there can only be two values, for the stamps were surcharged in red 10 or 25 paras.

At Tepelene in Northern Epirus Captain Jong being in a similar situation, had a copper handstamp made and the surcharge ' 1 grosz'. From May 30 to July 9, 1914 there were dispatched 606 letters.

The Korytza stamps as well as those of Tepelene are now very rare."

A series of five stamps said to have been issued in one of the French zones of occupation is listed hy tbe same journal.

In the center is the Albanian eagle in black with "Independence Albanaise" in circular label around it. At the top in two lines "POSTA-ESHQYPERISE" and at the bottom POSTES with numerals before and after. They are not perforated and are on pelure paper.

5 cts , red, black and green
10 cts , red, black and green
20 cts, red, black and green
50 cts , red, black and green
1 fr red, black and green
AUSTRIA. The following document is freely translated from the Journal Philatelique de Berne:
"The postage stamps of $2,3,4$ and 10 crowns are printed in taille douce in two colors on white paper containing silk threads. The printed surface measures 34 mm wide and 21 mm . high. The stamps have a white margin $11 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. wide and are perforated 7 holes per centimetre.

The stamps bear in the centre a view of the Parliament House in Vienna. The frame has a straight line on the outside and a wavy one inside. In the upper part in the center in the midst of rich ornaments is the legend "Deuschosterreich" in German text in white on colored ground, in the lower part in the same characters the word "Kronen" between the numerals of value in hright color on dark ground.

The stamps are printed in the following colors:

2 crowns, orange frame, black center.
3 crowns, blue frame, dark brown.
4 crowns, red frame, black.
10 crowns, olive frame, dark hrown The sheets contain 120 stamps.
2. The postage due stamps are printed in typography on white paper. The printed surface is 22 mm . square for the heller values, and $22 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$, for the values in crowns; The stamps have a
white margin $11 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. wlde and are perforated 7 holes per centimetre.

The values in beller have the figure of value in a frame of the form of a crown and the word "heller" in color on white ground. The crown has the word "Deutscheosterreich" above and "Porto" below in German text, white on color with ornaments of leaves in the spaces between the inscriptions.

The values in crowns contain in the upper part a similar vignette, the lower part forms a kind of arch pedestal. The vignette contains only the numeral of value; the word "Krone" or "Kronen" is inscribed in the frame at the right. The word "Porto" is found in the midst of ornaments in a curved tablet placed on the pedestal.

The heller values are printed in bright red, the crown values in bright blue. The sheets of the heller values contain 100 stamps, the crown values 80 stamps.
3. The designs of the stamps are by Josef Franz Renner, a member of the academy of painting. His name occurs in the lower margin of the stamp."

AZIRBAYEDJAN. This is a province of Persia bordering on the Caspian Sea. It has a population of two millions of the Iranian race but speaking a Turkish idiom. Tabriz is the capital city: On the occasion of the allied occupation in May 1917 Russian stamps were surcharged "Occupation Azirbayedjan" diagonally in two lines.
2 kopecs, green, perforated
2 kopecs, green, imperforate
3 kopecs red
4 kopecs rose
5 kopecs lilac
7 kopecs blue
10 kopecs blue
10 on 7 kopecs blue
15 kopecs blue and lilac
20 kopecs blue and carmine
25 kopecs violet and lilac
35 kopecs llac and green
50 kopecs violet and green
70 kopecs brown and orange

Since writlng the above I bave received L'Echo de la Timbrologie whlch
describes a permanent set of four types upon each of which 'Republique d'Azerbaidjan". appears in French and Turkish. The first type shows a soldier acting as color guard; this is on the 10 kopecs only. On the 40,60 kopecs and 1 rouble is a peasant watching the sun set; on the 2,5 and 10 roubles, possibly those of a mosque; on the 25 and 50 roubles the design is evidently oeyond the powers of the editor to describe for he calls it a rebus! The stamps are lithographed and unperforated. No colors are stated.

BAHAMAS. A peace set is announced as in preparation the Colonial Journal states. There will be five values.

BAVARIA. The following quantities of some of the German stamps surcharged "Freistaat Bayern" were issued:

| $21 / 2$ pfennig | 125,000 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 5 pfennig | 50,000 |
| $71 / 2$ pfennig | 200,000 |
| 10 pfennig | 75.000 |

There are three additional values to add to the official set:

35 pfennig orange
50 pfennig gray green
75 pfennig brown
The following values of the set are chronicled as having been surcharged

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$\overline{5}$ pfennig dark green
10 pfennig carmine
15 pfennig red
25 pfennig gray
35 pfennig orange
50 pfennig gray green
75 pfennig brown
1 mark violet
lt is said that Bavaria has agreed to give up her separate postal issues and use those of Germany.

BATOUM. In addition to the values listed in our September number there is a 5 roubles of the same design.

5 roubles brown
Stamps of the value of 10 roubles have been manufactured by surcharging Russian stamps BATYM OB and Pyo 10 Pyo.

10 roubles on 1 k orange, imp.
10 rouhles on $3 k$ rose, imp.
10 roubles on 5 k lilac, perf.
10 roubles on 10 k on 7 k blue, perf.
BELGIUM. J. B. Leavy informs me that there are four more values showing King Albert wearing trench helmet; no watermark, perf. $111 / 2$.

15 centimes black violet
1 franc orange
2 francs violet
5 francs claret (larger size)
The postage due stamps now have the numeral of value in color on white ground instead of the reverse as before.

5 centimes green
10 centimes carmine
20 centimes olive
BULGARIA. The Economist Stamp Co. have received two more values of the new set. The 1 stotinki has a picture representing a peasant plowing with oxen and the 25 stotinki shows a soldier running towards the hills.

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1 \text { stotinki, light green }
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25 stotinki, blue
The Journal Philatelique de Berne says the design on the 2 lev is the Demir Kapn or the Iron Gate.

COLOMBIA. Stamp Collecting announces that one of their correspondents has received the 20 c black of 1904 surcharged vertically in red in three lines "Especie Provisional $\$ 0.001 / 2 . "$

CONGO (Belgian). According to a Belgian newspaper three special stamps are to be issued for airplane service. The values are said to be 50 centimes, 1 franc and 2 francs and the stamps will bear views of the colony.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A new 1000 deniers stamp has been issued according to the Journal Philateliique de Berne. It is described as large size, rectangular in shape and bearing a portrait of President Thomas Masarik. The perforation is not given.

1000 deniers, black brown on rose
CYPRUS. The color of the 9 piastres has been changed according to Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste.

9 piastres, violet and red on yellow

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. It is announced that a new set of seven stamps is to be issued by order of Brigadier General Fuller who commands the United States marines in that republic. The text of the order as given in the Albemarle Stamp Collector is as follows:
'The Military Governor of Santo Domingo, by virtue of the authority vested in him and in accordance with Article 84 of the Internal Revenue Act of 1918 and Paragraph 3 of Article XXX of the Constitution of the Republic, authorizes the impression of $9,110,000$ postage stamps of the Arms design, as described below:
$2,000,000$ of Pesos $0.001 / 2$
$2,000,000$ of Pesos 0.01
$4,000,000$ of Pesos 0.02
500,000 of Pesos 0.05
500,000 of Pesos 0.10
100,000 of Pesos 0.20
10,000 of Pesos 0.50
R. H. FULLER, Brigadier-General, U.
S. M. C., Provisional Military, Governor of Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, R. D., July 12, 1919."
ESTHONIA. Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste chronicles the following Russian stamps surcharged EESTI POST diagonally.
*1 kopec, orange (1917)
*2 kopec, green (1909)
*2 kopec, green (1917)
*3 kopec, rose (1917)
5 kopec, lilac (1909)
10 kopec, dark blue (1909)

* 10 on 7 kopec, blue (1916)
*15 kopec, lilac and hlue (1909)
*25 kopec, olive green \& lilac (1909)
*50 kopec, violet and yellow green (1909)
*1 rouble, brown red \& orange (1909)

3 r 50 k violet and green (1917)
5 roubles, dark blue, olive and pale blue (1917)
10 roubles, red, yellow and gray (1917)

The surcharge is in green on the values marked with a star, in black on the others.
J. B. Leavy notifies us of a new discovery lithographed on white wove paper without watermark, imperforate.


## 10 penni green

FALKLAND ISLANDS. Mr. J. B. Leavy sends the following notes:
"The setting of the War Stamp overprint is the same in the second printing as in the first printing. Small Roman capitals $11 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. high, the length of overprint being $143 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. with $11 / 2$ mm . space between War and Stamp on fifty-nine of the setting of sixty. No. 15 in the setting, third stamp in third row, has the overprint measuring $151 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. in length, with a space of 2 mm . between War and Stamp.

Nos. 18, 32, 34, 44 and 54 , have an inverted lower case $d$ for capital $P$ in Stamp. These, however, must not be confounded with Nos. 22, 28, 37, 40 , and 41 , in which the capital $P$ is slightly defective giving it very much the appearance of an inverted lower case d.

No. 6, right branch of $W$ imperfect.
No. 43, top of S hroken.
No. 55, W defective, developing into a bad break at hottom, which break is constant in the 1 penny of the second printing, but which I have not seen on either the $1 / 2$ penny nor 1 shilling. All other varieties above noted are constant on the $1 / 2$ penny, 1 penny, and 1 shilling of both the first and second printings.

The first and second printings are fairly easy to distinguish upon comparison. In the $1 / 2$ penny of the first printing the green has a slightly grayish tint while in the second printing there is a yellowish tone to the green. The 1 penny of the first printing is a light red, while that of the second printing is more of an orange vermilion. The $1 / 2$ penny and 1 penny have white gum in both printings. The 1 shilling of the first printing has yellowish gum, and is quite a bit darker in shade than the 1
shilling of the second printing, which latter bas white gum. The ink used for the second overprinting is a trifle more black and has a little more gloss than that used for the first overprinting.

There are more varieties of defective letters to be found than I have noted above, but as I have not found them constant I did not list them."

FINLAND. The depreciation of the currency having caused the 10,20 and 50 penni stamps to take the places of the 5,10 and 25 as the Postal Union units the colors fail to meet the regulations. The authorities therefore are going to change the colors of these values and also make some alterations in the designs which do not please the public.

FIUME. A new charity stamp was put on sale September 20. It bears the portrait of Dr. Grossich encircled hy an arched label inscribed PRO FONDAZIONE Dr. GROSSICH LIRE 2. At the bottom iu a straight label POSTA di

FIUME. Value in upper corners.
$25 \mathrm{c}+2$ lire, blue
The $2 \overline{5} \mathrm{c}$ of the POSTA FIUME set and the 45 c of the FIUME design have heen respectively surcharged FRANCO in new value in two lines.

5 on 25 centesimi, blue
10 on 45 centesimi, orange
GERMANY. In consequence of a new postal tariff a number of denominations will be retired from use and several new values added. The new rates call for the following values: 5 , $10,15,20,30,40,50,75 \mathrm{pf}, 1,1.2 \overline{5}$, $1.50,2.50$ and 3 marks.

Two stamps of the annexed design have been issued for the use of the airplane service. They measure $33 \times 211 / 2$ mm . and are perforated.


[^3]GREAT BRITAIN. LEVANT. The quantities issurued of the so-called "Saloniki" surcharges are given in Stanley Gibbons (New York) Circular as follows:

| $1 / 2$ penny | 3000 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 1 penny | 2880 |
| 2 penny | 480 |
| 3 penny | 720 |
| 4 penny | 480 |
| 6 penny | 1440 |
| 9 penny | 360 |
| 1 shilling | 360 |

GREECE. Last April when the Greek forces occupied Rodisto, a Turkish port on the Sea of Marmora they promptly issued a lot of provisionals, surcharged on Turkish stamps. M. Champion has just received and publishes in hls last circular a number of official documents which would seem to vouch for their authenticity. The surcharge consists of a large Greek cross and a Greek inscription and the value. The Turkish stamps surcharged are the 5 pa on 1 pi red, (Y \& T 569), 2pa violet (572), 5 para orange (573) and 5 pa on 1 pi red (583). A full set on each except there is no 2 dr on the last

1 lepton, 4 varieties
3 lepta, 4 varieties
5 lepta, 4 varieties
10 lepta, 4 varieties
25 lepta, 4 varieties
50 lepta, 4 varietles
1 drachma, 4 varieties
2 drachmae, 3 varieties
JUGOSLAVIA. I am indebted to J. B. Leavy for the following new varieties:

Lithographed at Laibach on white wove paper withont watermark, perforated $111 / 2$.


[^4]

10 heller bright red (new plate) Saw tooth perforation 13 .

20 heller deep brown (new plate) Perforated $111 / 2$.


30 heller rose lilac
Rouletted horizontally, perforated $111 / 2$ vertically.

50 heller bluish green
JAPAN. Mr. J. B. Leavy informs me that two values of the 1914 set have been overprinted in red or blue respectively, with an airplane for use between Tokio and Osaka.
$11 / 2$ sen, light blue
3 sen, rose
KAZEROUN. Stamp Collecting gives us the following story of this hitherto unknown "republic" and its postal issues.

When Nasir-i-Dwan who commanded at Kazeroun revolted under German influence in 1918 he promptly seized all the Persian postage stamps in the post office and surcharged them in Persian characters, very indistinctly, "Republic of Kazeroun." He was very shortly after chased out of town by the Britlsh forces and the stamps found were destroyed. It is to a newspaper correspondent that we are indebted for the news but unfortunately no statistics were secured. The correspondent secured a used epeciffen of the 1 kran 1911 surcharged on the upper part of the stamp.

KUBAN. To the stamps listed by us in our August lssue should be added the following bigh values. They are large size like the ruble values of Russia.

1 rouble, brown and red
2 roubles, gray violet \& yellow
3 roubles salmon and green
5 roubles blue and violet
10 roubles red and gray
This set belongs to the Ekaterinodar issue but was incorrectly listed as Don Cossacks Republic.

LATVIA. A new design has made its appearance. Only one value has so far been seen, printed on pelure paper, The Albemarle Stamp Collector says:
"The last illustration is of a new war stamp of Lettland (Latvji) 10 K , blue on thin unwatermarked paper, perforated, printed at Reval.

They were used at Walk, Wolmar, Wenden at the time when the troops of Estland advanced to Riga, cutting Russla off from the North of Lettland.

The life of the stamp was of short duration, and can therefore be considered a war issue. The chief in command of the troops of Lettland was Col. Semitan, therefore the reference to it as "Semitan stamp" will be recognized. It was printed upon the order of the Deputy of the Minister of Finance, and no information is at present available of the quantities."


10 kopecs, blue
"A special issue of 25 K gray of the ordinary type (Latvija) appeared printed on cigarette paper. The issue is reported to bave consisted of 100 sheets of 100 stamps, 10.000 pieces, and is quite scarce."

25 kopecs, gray
LIECHTENSTEIN. The Landrat, the parliament of the principality, decided at its session in November to issue a new series of stamps in January.

MADAGASCAR. L'Echo de la Timbrologie reports that the 1 franc fiscal which has already been surcharged "Connaissements 0. f 10 " has been again overprinted "Colis Postaux."

MEXICO. Stamp Collecting reports that the current 5 pesos stamp bas been withdrawn from the post offices. The stock on hand has been surcharged on the reverse with a large figure " 5 ." The stamps are to be used for paying newspaper postage being retained in the office on the receipt books as was formerly done in our own country.

MONTENEGRO. Two values of the Austrian field post issue of 1915 are reported by Mr. Champion surcharged "Montenegro."

- 10 hellers, blue

15 hellers, rose
MOZAMBIQUE CO. There is a set of ten postage due stamps with arms in center, name at top, value at bottom, "Porteado a Receber" around the central design. Perforated 14.
$1 / 2$ cent, green
1 cent, slate
2 cent, red brown
3 cent, bistre
5 cent, dark brown
6 cents, brown
10 cents, claret
13 cents, blue
20 cents, carmine
50 cents, gray
NEW ZEALAND. A beautiful set of "Victory" stamps has appeared, each stamp being of a different design. The central design of the half penny is a female figure seated upon the back of a lion extending a wreath; in the penny, the lady is walking by the side of the lion and is holding up a palm branch; the head of a Blaori warrior appears on the tbree halfpence; the sixpence has a winged Victory and the shilling a portrait of King George. All bear the words 'Victory Stamp' in addition to the usual inscriptions. Watermarked NZ Star, perforate 14.
$1 / 2$ penny, green
1 penny, red
$11 / 2$ penny, brown
3 penny, violet brown

6 penny, violet
1 shlling, vermllion
NETHERLANDS. The Illustrated London News pictures a floating safe which has been devised to prevent loss of letters and valuables at sea in case of disaster. It has been adopted by the Netherlands Postal Service for use on the Netherlands Steamship Company plying between Holland and the East Indies. Should the ship carrying it be sunk, the safe will float. Special stamp for the registered letters thus protected are obtainable at all Dutch post offices the News states. Who has seen them?

Mr. J. B. Leavy reports a new value of the current Queen Wilhelmina type.
$41 / 2$ cents, lavender
Also a new value in the due set.
7 cents, light blue
L'Echo de la Timbrologie is informed that the 30 cents is to be no longer printed and the stock on hand will be surcharged for use as 40 and 60 cents values.

POLAND. Two sets of postage due stamps are listed by the foreign papers. They are square in shape with numerals of value in the center in ornaments, POCZTA POLSKA at top DO PLATA below. Perforate 12. The first set is for use in all parts of the country except Galicia.

2 filler, red
4 filler, red
5 filler, red
10 filler, red
20 filler, red
30 filler, red
50 filler, red
100 filler, red
500 filler, red
The second set is for use in Galiria alone.

2 heller, blue
4 heller, blue
5 heller, blue
10 heller, blue
20 heller, blue
30 heller, blue
50 heller, blue
100 heller, blue
500 heller, blue

The quantitles issued of the Cracow Parliament set is reported as follows in La Phllatelie Francaise.


| 2 halery | 501,000 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 3 halery | 400,800 |
| 5 halery | 809,050 |
| 6 halery | 100,444 |
| 10 halery | $1,004,050$ |
| 15 halery | $1,504,846$ |
| 20 halery | 602,650 |
| 25 halery | $3,008,550$ |
| 50 halery | 806,650 |
| 70 halery | 501,150 |
| 1 korona | 408,400 |

The above set is reported by the Journal Philatelique de Berne with the oblique surcharge PORTO in an oblong frame of dots.

5 halery, green
10 halery, red
15 halery, brown
20 halery, olive
25 halery, red
50 halery, blue
Stamps of Germany with "Deutsches Reich" barred out, POCZTA POLSKA surcharged in small type with new values in upper corners are reported to have been issued at Posen. They are said to have been in use only one week.

5 on 2 pfennig, gray
5 on $71 / 2$ pfennig, orange
5 on 20 pfennig, blue
10 on 25 pfennig, orange and black on yellow
10 on 40 pfennig, lilac and black
PORTUGAL. A new value has appeared of the same type as the current set and the color of the 20 c has been modified.

4 cents, yellow green
20 cents, brown on buff
PORTUGUESE GUINEA. A set of three fiscal stamps is reported by "Le Yollectionneur de Timbres Poste" as
having been transformed into war tax stamps by the surcharge TAXA DE GUERRA.

10 reis, violet and black
40 reis, violet and black
50 reis, violet and black
PERSIA. Several of the 1915 stamps have been surcharged in two lines "Novembre 1918" in European and Persian characters (1337) according to "Le Collectionneur."

2 krans, blue and carmine
3 krans, violet and brown
5 krans, brown and gray
1 toman, violet and black
2 tomans, green and brown
3 tomans, claret and red brown
5 tomans, blue and gray blue
A provisional issue is reported from Tauris, with values in dinars, 10,000 of which equal a roman. The design of the stamps is simply the Persian flag, three horizontal stripes, yellow green, white and carmine. They were issued under the authority of Satar Khan whoever he may be. The gauge of the periorations is not stated.

20 dinars, yellow green, white and carmine
50 dinars, yellow green, white and carmine
200 dinars, yellow green, white and carmine
500 dinars, yellow green, white and carmine

ROUMANIA. 'Stamp Collecting" has received a "Timbru de Ajutor" stamp of 5 bani which is used at the Constantinople office. Each letter must bear one of these stamps or else a "Timbru de Ajutor Taxa de Plata" stamp of 10 bani is affixed making the recipient pay double. The item does not say whether these bear the circular Levant overprint.

RUSSIA. The army of the north is responsible for a set of five values, all
imperforate and of varying designs, all of which bear the square cross with a chevron over it and the letters OKCA which we are told signify "Special Corps Army of the North."

5 kepecs, lilac
10 kepecs, blue
15 kepecs, yellow
20 kepecs, rose
50 kepecs, green
General Yudenitch's army of the northwest has contented itself with surcharging a number of the regular Russian issues with the annexed inscription which means "Army of the Northwest" we are told.


2 kepecs, green
3 kepecs, rose
5 kepecs, lilac
10 kepecs, blue
15 kepecs, lilac and blue
20 kepecs, blue and carmine
25 kepecs, olive green and lilac
50 kepecs, violet and yellow green
1 rouble, red brown and orange
3.50 rouble, violet and green

5 rouble, dark blue, olive and pale blue
7 ruble, rose and green
10 rouble, red, yellow and gray
7 rouble, rose and green
The Journal Philatelique de Benne says that the above is a provisional issue which was replaced by the "OKCA" set. The 2 and 3 kopecs, $3.50,5$ and 7 roubles are listed by different authorities as imperforate.

On account of a shortage of high valLes the post office at Kharbine, China, has resorted to surcharging new values on certain stamps.

35 on 3 kopecs, green
50 on 1 kopec, yellow
70 on 3 kopecs, rose
1 r on 4 kopecs, carmine
3 r on 7 kopecs, blue
5 r on 14 kopecs, blue \& carmine

SLESVIG. The much advertised "Plebiscit" set is duly announced in the circular of the Universal Postal Union on another page. The design of the mark values are shown by the illustration; the others have two lines in a circle in the center. Perforation etc. not given.

$21 / 2$ pfennig, gray
3 pfennig, brown
5 pfennig, green
$71 / 2$ pfennig, brown
10 pfennig, red
15 pfennig, violet
20 pfennig, blue
25 pfennig, yellow
35 pfennig, lilac
40 pfennig, lake brown
75 pfennig, blue green
1 mark, red
2 mark, blue
5 mark, olive
10 mark, green
SIKKIM. A stamp for interior use only has been issued by this native Indian state. The design is square and shows one of the Himalayas and a large tree. The inscription "Sikkim StateOne Anna', is also given in Hindustan.

1 anna, yellow
Sikkim is one of the border states of India, lying along the slopes of the Himalayas between Nepal and Bhutan. It has an area of 2818 sq . miles and a population somewhat under a hundred thousand.

SWEDEN. The 1 kront stamp witly head of Gustave $V$ is now reported unwatermarked.

1 krone, black on yellow
Four types have been adopted for the new series and my first impressions are not favorable. However the stamps themselves may look better than the ilIustrations given in Le Collectionneur. One type shows the three crowns on a crowned globe, a second a large head of

King Gustave, a third a post horn and crown and the fourth a large llon.

TUNIS. Mr. J. B. Leavy announces a new value of the same design as the 35 centimes.

30 centimes, brown and violet
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Upon a more careful examination of several sheets of the two line black local War Tax overprint, chronicled in October, Mr. J. B. Leavy has noted the following constant varieties of setting not listed at the time of chronicling.

Type I.
Nos. 1 and 46 , ax of Tax slightly dropped.
No. 3, defective top to right branch of W.
Nos. 20 and 33 , ar of War and ax of Tax raised.
No. $26, \mathrm{x}$ of Tax raised.
No. 39, T of Tax slightly raised.
No. 47, ax of Tax slightly raised.
Nos. 48 and 53 , r of War raised.
Type II.
No. 41, small a in War.
Type III.
No. 43 , r of War raised.
We have also seen the 3 pence in dull brown on yellow.


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If your dnes are still unpaid, why not send a check to the Treasurer today, while it's on your mind?

## New Plate Numbers.

Through the kindness of Mr. James L. Wilmeth, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we continue our record of plate numbers since the last publication in July.

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## UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS.

## A CONCISE HISTORY AND MEMORANDUM.

HENRY C. NEEDHAM.

## METROPOLITAN ERRAND ANR CARHIER EXPRESS COMPANY.

New York.

Incorporated in New York State by certificate dated August 1st, 1855 ; filed with the Clerk of New York County August 7th, 1855 . Abraham M. Hinkley, Hiram Dixon and Hiram R. Dixon, incorporators; at once took over the bnsiness and assets of A. M. Hinkley's Express Company and that of George G. Jones. The objects of the Corporation, as set forth in its organization certificate, were: to manufacture for its own use and for sale all articles used by express companies, and especially all those articles made under patents then and thereafter owned or controlled, such as Hinkley's Postal Boxes, Postal Columns, Postal Stamps and Envelopes, Express Wagons, Harness, \&c., and also 'to bring said system and inventions into public notice and use by establishing and carrying on for that purpose a general Errand and Carrier Express business in the City of New York and elsewhere," \&c. Abraham M. Hinkley, President; Samuel P. Crane, Secretary; Hiram Dixon, Treasurer; George G. Jones, Manager and General Agent; principal office No. 11 Pine Street, New York City.

Hiram Dixon had been a bookkeeper and accountant in the New York Office of Adams \& Company prior to his becoming interested in this new concern.

Capital stock $\$ 200,000.00$.
Immediately upon commencing business the Company issued a large eight
page pamphlet and distributed, it is claimed, 100,000 copies not only in this country but abroad. The general purposes of the business were outlined and there was considerable argument in attempting to explain the advantages to accrue to business houses and citizens by the use of the Post. They issued stamps and stamped envelopes, collected and delivered letters and parcels to and from any house in New York and many other parts of the world, they acted as agents in purchasing and forwarding goods and guaranteed to perform all duties better and quicker than others. Offices were established throughout the City, and, it is claimed, in various countries. The business developed quite extensively and by 1857 the volume became so heavy that there were over forty carriers employed and approximately one hundred postal boxes distributed throughout the City; many branches were located in shops and stores. On the circular above mentioned, in each corner, were impressions in blue of the adhesive stamps of the Post. Occasionally these are seen cut from the circular and fraudulently affixed to a cover. The color accounts for the reprints in blue hereafter mentioned. No originals apparently were sold in that color.

The Post existed until 1860 when, under orders from proper Government authority, it ceased to use stamps and went out of business. We understand that upon the liquidation of the Company the stockholders received a very small percentage of the original investment; most of the money realized from
the sale of stock was spent in estahlishing the enterprise, including extensive advertising.

It is of moment to note that in 18561857 the office of the Company at 11 Pine Street is listed in the New York Directory as a Branch Post Office; this fict is interesting in that it shows recognition of the Carriers of this Coml'any by the Postal authorities. Until after this Post ceased to exist Carriers were not paid by the Post Office Department and had little or no official status; in most instances they were merely private agents, acting for one or more patrons, and their compensation was derived from fees. In the Report of Postmaster General Dix, 1860 , he states among other interesting facts: "Letters collected from the Lamp Post Boxes within one mile of the Post Office are carried directly through; those collected from Boxes more remote are delivered to the nearest station." We know that many of these Local Posts were considered the nearest stations, and letters were collected and delivered to them, later being taken in bulk to the General Post Office.

The Company's circular, above noted, established the following rates:
"For letters, newspapers or pamphlets, admissible through the aperture of the letter boxes and addressed to any part of the city below Fortieth Street, 1 cent; if not prepaid, double that amount on delivery."
"Packages not over two pounds delivered to any part of the City below Fortieth Street, or registered city letters, or letters to any part of the United States, except California, 5 cents."
"Parcels over two pounds and not exceeding five pounds to any part of the city below Fortieth Street, or letters weighing over one-half ounce, to any part of the United States, or special message below Chambers Street, 10 cents."
"Letters not exceeding one-half ounce to California, Oregon or to the Sandwich Islands, 15 cents."
"Parcels weighing over five pounds and not exceeding twenty pounds, to any part of the city below Fortieth Street, 25 cents."
"Special message below Fortieth Street, 20 cents; one-half ounce letters to Russia, Prussia, German States or Austrian Empire, 40 cents.'

Stamps were engraved on steel plates in I 855 by Baidwin, Bald \& Causland, 40 Wall Street, New York City; 100 to the sheet, separated by lines, each stamp measuring 32 mm . x 35 mm . No varieties to the plate as far as we have been abie to ascertain. Plate probably still in existence; in 1866 it is claimed it was with the American Bank Note Company; in that year Mr. George Hussey had reprints made in red-brown and dark blue, and a few sheets of the 1 cent in orange. The envelope stamp in this same year, 1856 , was reprinted, impressed on amber and straw, horizontal laid. Most reprints were not made on the envelope but were impressed on paper in two rows of five, occasionally tete-beche.

We can find a record of but one printing of the original stamps, with the exception of the 1 cent; this very evidently was in greatest demand, and Frobably four printings were made while the Company was conducting business. All values, other than the 1 cent, are very rare.

Proofs of all values exist in brick red, blue, green, brown and black.

Stamps and covers show cancelling marks as follows: Pen; Pencil; Paid in oblong, rounded corners; the handstamp of A. M. Hinkley's Express, in oval; handstamp of Metropolitan Errand \& Carrier Express Company, in shield; handstamp of New York Post Office; and possibly others may be found.

Other reprints were made at various times, nearly all on heavy wove paper.

## METROPOLITAN ERRAND ANR CAR-

 RIEI: EXPRESS CONPANY.

1855-1859; engraved on steel. 1c red-orange, thin wove paper.
5c red-orange, thin wove paper.
10c red-orange, thin wove paper.
20 c red-orange, thin wove paper.
1856.

1c red-orange, thin wove paper.
1857.

1c brick-red, thin wove paper.
1859.

1c red-brown, thin wove paper.

## Envelopes.


1855.

1c red cn amber; diagonal laid.
2c red on amber; diagonal laid.
Note. The 2 cent value was made by altering the numeral on the 1 cent die, and was so poorly done that portions cf the figure " 1 " are nearly always in evidence.

We have never seen the 1 cent envojope, listing it here following precedent.

## Counterfeits.

All issues have been counterfeited by lithography or photo-engraving. These are all too poor to mention spee:fically.

## METROPOLITAN POST OFFICE. New York City.

Established by William H. Ląws at No. 162 Ninth Street, opposite Bible House, in 1847 .

We cannot find evidence of the use of stamps by the Post until 1853. We have found a cover containing an enclosure dated in October, 1848, showing the small handstamp of the Post, "Paid, W. H. Laws," oblong with truncated corners.

There was evidently considerable difficulty in establishing a profitable business for we find that in 1853-1854 Mr. Laws was conduoting the plant under the firm name of Williams \& Laws at the old address. His partner was Lemuel Williams, a druggist residing at No. 191 West 26 th Street. It is more than probable that Mr. Williams carried the concern through its financial difficulties, retiring during the Summer of 1854, at the time the Post Office was moved to No. 13 Astor Place, this address being also known as No. 13 Bible House.

The stamps, except Type II, show the names of either Williams or Laws, the proprietors, and the respective addresses. We can well assume, from the fact that while the business was run under the name of Williams \& Laws, that the omission of Mr. Laws name on the stames which we know as Types I and II was occasioned by a lack of financial responsibility or lack of inclination to make his ownership or interest public.

By 1854 tine concern was doing a large business. It was designated as a Branch of the New York Post Office and continued to be known as Branch "D," Bible House Station, New York Post Office, for many years, and we believe that the branch at present known as Station "D" is in the same quarters occupied by this Post.

The Post as such ceased to do business about 1860 .

In working out the history of this concern we were again confronted with the fact that this Local Post Office was well recognized as a Branch of the New York Post Office, and our remarks as to these branches, found in the history of other Posts, may well apply here.

The stamps of Types I, II, and III, were sold at two cents each; those of Type IV at one cent, this lower rate being the normal charge for collecting mail matter and carrying to the Branch Post Office. All City letters, when delivered by Carriers, paid a carrier fee of two cents.

All the stamps of this Post are rarities. Of Type 1 but three copies were known to the Compiler prior to 1917, when three additional covers bearing the stamps were found in Philadelphia among the correspondence of Cornelius Baker \& Company. These covers bear date early in 1854. Of Type II we know of but one copy.

Reprints of Type III and IV were made in 1861 on both wove and laid paper. These stamps do not, however, show the impression on the glazed surfaced paper of the originals.

The Post used at least two handstamps, viz., the small oblong with truncated or rounded corners containing the words "Paid, W. H. Laws," and single circle, slightly larger than the New York City U. S. Postal cancellation, generally in black with the words "Metropolitan P. O., Mo., day."

Pen or pencil cancellations are found on Type $I$.

The stamps of this Post might be classed as Carriers.

## METROPOLITAN POST OFFICE.

All embossed on a glazed surfaced paper.


Type I.
No value (2e) red; (L. Williams, 162 Ninth St.)


Type II.
No value (2c) red; (address and name erased.)


Type III.
No value (2c) red; (plate shows wear) Wm. H. Laws.


Type IV.
1c red; wove paper. Wm. H. Laws. 1c blue; wove paper.

## COUNTERFEITS.

These exist of our Types III and IV, embossed on wove or laid papers; size of letters and frame lines differ from originals. In Type IV the letter "LA" of "MAIL" extends beyond the line of " $S$ " of "EXPRESS"; corners of shield are too long; type, particularly in the letter "W" of "LAWS" incorrect.

## G. A. MLLS FREE DISPATCH POST. <br> New Vork, N. $\mathbf{S}$.

Gustavus A. Nills established this express and delivery business at No. 6 Wall Street in 1847.

The Proprietor resided at Paterson, New Jersey, and the business of the express department was largely between New York and that City. The business of collecting and delivering local mail matter was comparatively small in volume; it consisted mostly in gathering letters and circulars and delivering them to the Post Office at New York, or to clerks or pursers on the boats running East through Long Island Sound so far as Boston, and up the Hudson River to Albany.

From careful examination of the few covers bearing the stamps of the Post, which are now extant, we judge that Mr. A. C. Hall did not become a partner in the concern until 1850 or later. See Hall \& Mills.

We note that the New York handstamp in red showing the words 5 cents i nthe lawer portion of the circle occasionally covers the Local stamp. This cancellation was seldom used after July, 1851.

About the time that Mr. Hall became associated as a partner in the business another office was opened at No. 109 West Street, the original office still being retained. Mr. Hall was probably in charge of the new place of business as he was in 1850-1851 agent of a line of steamers at Pier 18 , North River, Foot of Cortlandt Street. The new partner evidently retired from the concern about 1852 when Mr . John W. Mills of Paterson became associated with his brother in the conduct of its affairs.

The Post existed as late as 1854.
Etamps were sold at two cents each.
The stamp is type-set printed on a green glazed surfaced paper; the various pieces of type clearly showing in the border. Corners are set up with separate pieces of type.

## G. A. MLLS FREE DISPATCH POST.

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G.A. MILLS
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One Type Only. 1817. Typeset. No value (2c) green glazed surfaced paper.

## COUNTERFEITS.

The outer frame lines of the spurious stamp are usually composed of four pieces of type only; type differs from original, in that it is smaller and clearer. Original shows the " O " of "POST" lery much blurred.

## MOODY'S PENNY IDSPATCH. Chicago, 111.

Robert J. Moody, a native of the State of Delaware, established this Post at Chicago, Illinois, shortly after he became a resident of that City about Jan-
uary 1st, 1856 . We find him listed as the proprietor of a City Mail and Express Post at 30 Dearborn Street, in the Chicago Directory of 1856-1857.

The post evidently had an existence of about one year.

The stamp, which is impressed on a vermilion-red glazed surfaced paper, is very rare. Being type-set varieties may be found, particularly in the punctuation after the word "Dispatch."

The cancellation used was a single circle, within which are the words: Moody's Dispatch, mo. hour, year. Both black and blue ink were employed in impressing the cancelling device.

## MOODY'S PENNY DISPATCH.



One Type Only. 1856. Typeset.
One Cent Vermilion-red glazed surfaced paper.

## COUNTERFEITS.

We note but one counterfeit in the general type of the original. This can be readily told, however, from the fact that its size is about 2 mm . larger than original, and the word "CHICAGO" is in a type double the size of that word on the authentic emission; original shows this word in very small type. Various counterfeits of other types exist.


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## Part I-1859-1892.

## IISTORICAL.

In 1859 when the postal authorities issued a special series of stamps (crowned eagle type) for all the French Colonies, our colonial empire comprehended only the following possessions (Algeria is purposely omitted as it has always used the stamps of the mother country):

## AFRICA.

Assinie, a maritime town of northern Guinea, 50 kilometres to the east of Grand Bassam. The first French settlement was founded in 1700 by Chevalier d'Amon, in the name of the African Company, but it was not until 1742 that the supremacy of France was officially recognized over the territory of the town of Assinie, to which were joined the settlements of Grand Bassam and Dabou. Notwithstanding the treaty that Admiral Bouet-Villaumez, commandant oî the West African naval station, had obtained from the native kings, he was obliged to make three expeditions, in 1849, 1852 and 1853 to take actual possession of the country.

In 1859, the post of Assinie was composed of a block house flanked by four bastions armed with naval guns and enclosing cabins to shelter the garrison.

The territory of Assinie is now a part of the Ivory Coast colony.

Gabon, on the west coast of equatorial Africa. The first French post on the right bank of the estuary formed by the mouth of the Coma river, was settled in 1842 . The remainder of the estuary was annexed in 1844.

The territory of Cape Lopez and of lower Ogooue did not come into our possession until 1862 in accord with treaties made with the tribal chiefs.

The colony of Gabon was explored over all the course of the Ogooue river after 1875 by Savorgnan de Brazza, who founded many new stations.

Goree, an island in the Atlantic ocean, with an area of 36 hectares, on the Senegambia coast opposite Dakar, 167 kilometers south of Saint Louis.

The town of Goree occupied threequarters of the area of the island and was defended by batteries and other works; its streets were narrow, crooked and steep, with houses built of basalt and generally having only one story surmounted by a terrace above the ground floor.

The island of Goree was occupied from 1617 to 1677 by the Dutch who gave it is name "goude rede" (good roadstead).

In 1677 the French Admiral d'Estrees captured the place. The English were established there from 1758 to 1763 and from 1800 to 1814 . It was given up to France in 1814.

The island of Goree now belongs to the colony of Senegal.

Mayotte, an island in the Indian ocean ( 366 square kilometers) at the northern entrance of the Mozambique passage between the island of Madagascar and the coast of Africa.

This island, colonized by the Arabs, was visited in 1505 by the Portuguese, in 1607 by the Dutch. The Sakalaves (natives of Madagascar) made frequent incursions there. By the treaty of April 25, 1841, Captain Passot placed the island under French rule. Mayotte was officially declared a French colony in 1843.

Nossi Be, an island of the Indian ocean on the northwest coast of Madagas-
car (195 square kilometers) inhabited by Sakalaves comiug from Madagascar.

The island of Nossi Be, now attached to the colony of Madagascar, has belonged to us since 1841.

Obock, a territory of the east coast of Africa situated opposite Aden.

The territory of Obock was acquired by France in 1855. It was then bounded by the Ras Doumeirah on the north, the Rood Ali on the south; the sea on the east and on the west by a chain of mountains extending from the Ras Doumeirah to the gulf of Tadjourah.

Reunion, an island in the Indian ocean (area 2511 sq . kil.), the westernmost of the Mascarenes.

It was discovered iu 1545 by Mascarenhas, the Portuguese, who gave it his name; the French occupied it in 1642. Later Colbert ceded it to the East India Colonial Company who gave it the name of Bourbon in honor of the kings of France.

The mildness of the climate, the fertility of the soil, makes of this island a land very suitable for colonization, hut it is completely devoid of good ports. Its neighhor, where we established ourselves in 1721, supplies them. The "Isle of France," so was named our new possession, offered excellent anchorages. The two islands were both settled by French colonists and prospered rapidly under the administration of a man of genius, Mahe de la Bourdonnais, whose portrait figures on the English stamps of the island of Mauritius and does not appear on any French stamp!

Mahe de la Bourdonnais was only thirty-five years of age when he was appointed governor of Bourbon and the Isle of France. llaking himself in turn farmer, engineer, soldier and sailor, he literally created these two colonies. During nine years he applied himself to developing their agriculture, industry and commerce. He introduced the manioc, sugar cane, coffee, cotton. At the same time he fortified them and built barracks and arsenals.

In 1743 war broke out with England, who attacked our possessions in Hindustan. La Bourdonnais from his own resources fitted out a squadron. Driven by a storm upon the coast of Madagascar, he there repaired his damaged ships and again put to sea. He attacked the British fleet in the Bay of Bengal and put it to flight. Two thousand men sufficed him to attack and capture the city of Madras which contained a hundred thousand.

By negotiating with the English without the consent of the governor general of the Indies, La Bourdonnais had exceeded his powers. He was disavowed. Furious, he left Hindustan and returned to France, where the king called him.

La Bourdonnais thought he could explain and obtain justice, but not wishing to hear him, they threw into the Bastile the man who had covered our flag with glory. He remained there four years. In 1752 he was released and permitted to present his defense. He was then declared innocent. But worn out by the physical and mental suffering's he had endured, he died three years later in the greatest destitution.

In 1810 during the wars of the empire the English occupied the Mascarenes. At the peace of 1815 , the island of Bourbon only-of which the name had been changed under the revolution to that of Reunion-was restored to us; England kept the Isle of France on account of its excellent harbor and gave it the name of Mauritius.

At this time, Reunion again took the name of Bourbon, which it gave up definitely in 1848.

Senegal, a district of 250,000 square kilometres in Senegambia (West Africa).

The colony of Senegal is the oldest of the French possessions; it dates, iu effect, from 1360 , at which time seamell from Dieppe established their trading houses on the banks of the river. The English occupied it from 1763 to 1783 and from 1809 to 1815.

To the history of this colony is inti-
mately linked the name of General Faidherbe, who was governor for nine years from 1854 to 1865 and whose portrait adorns the stamps of the issue of 1906 of the French West African possessions. Before his arrival the real masters of the country were not the French but then robbers who infested the whole region and the petty negro kings to whom we were paying tribute. Faidherbe freed it of these shameful customs, planting our dominion solidly on both hanks of the Senegal river and repulsing a terrible invasion from the interior. The Toucouleurs, mohammedan negroes, led by Omar, a fanatical prophet, attacked our post of Medine on the upper Senegal. Faidherbe inflicted such a lessoll upon them that he took away from them the hope of another attempt. The Tourcouleurs were driven towards the east.

That which was the glory of Faidherbe, even more than his military success was his wise administration. Saint Louis, which was and still is the capital of the Senegal, and where he erected the residence of the governor, was connected with the main land by three bridges and joined to the neighboring ports by roads and telegraph lines; barracks, a bank, a museum, a printing office, a newspaper, schools where the blacks came to learn our language, were established there. The School of the Otages, where the children of the negro chiefs were instructed, where they made themselves familiar with our manners and customs rendered the greatest service.

From the beginning, Faidherbe realized the importance of Dakar, which he made a port, and which today is more populous than Saint Louis.

Faidherbe knew that Senegal was worth nothing if we did not open up the interior of Africa. Consequently he organized numerous expeditions which made known the glorious name of France and the Sahara and the Soudan.
(To be continued).

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## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

## THE EDITOR.

It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varieties will submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.

UNITED ISTATES. Mekeel's Weekly lists the 1 cent surface print with a distinct double impression. The plates were 9674 and 9676 and the pane was from the southeast corner of the sheet.

The Postal Bulletin of January 31st, contains the announcement of the intent of the department to utilize the large stock of 3 cent stamped envelopes on hand by surcharging them. The following extracts from the notice will show how it is to be done:
"The department is authorizing postmasters to change the denomination of tileir unsold 3. cent stamped envelopes to 2 cents by running them through cancelling machines equipped with special dies bearing the numeral " 2 " in place of the regular postmarking cancelling dies.

The dies which are being prepared print uron the 3 cent stamped envelopes a large donble line numeral 2 with e:ther horizontal or vertical lines beneath it to cancel the original nnmerals 3 . Some of the 3 cent envelopes however are overprinted " 2 cents" the large figure 2 appearing at the left of the 3 cent stamp and the word "cents" running across it. The overprinting is done with either black or red ink.

ARGENTINE. The Stamp Lover lists the following of the current type on unwatermarked paper. Perforate $131 / 2$ $\times 121 / 2$. Surface printed at the Casa de Moneda, Buenos Aires.

3 centavos, green
4 centavos, lilac
10 centavos, gray green
20 centavos, ultramarine
30 centavos, carmine
AZERBAIJAN. The new issue to which reference was made last month is chronicled by several of our European exchanges.

10 kopecs, green, black and red

> 40 kopecs, green, black and yellow 60 kopecs, red, black and yellow 2 roubles, red, black and yellow 5 roubles, red, black and yellow 10 roubles, green, black and yellow $25^{\circ}$ roubles, blue, black and red.
> 50 roubles, olive green, black and red

All have the name in Turkish at the top and in French at the bottom.

Azerbaijan was formerly the northern province of Persia but has declared itself an independent republic. It is situated south of the Caucasus and is bounded on the east by the Caspian sea, on the west by Armenia and Kurdistan, on the south by Persia. It is very fertile and has a population of about a million and a half inhabitants.

BATUM. Stamp Collecting chronic.es the 1 and 3 kopecs Russia overrrinted "Batum State" in Russian type and "BRITISH OCCUPATION" in English with new value. The number repoited printed is given in brackets.

10 rubles on 1 kopec, orange (5100)

15 rubles on 3 kopecs, rose (2400)
BELGIUM. The tin hat set is showing up rapidly and to date I have heard of tile foliowing values:

10 centimes, carmine
15 ceutimes, black violet
5 centimes, green
20 centimes, slate
25 centimes, blue
35 centimes, brown
40 centimes, vermilion
ธ0 centimes, violet brown
1 franc, orange
2 francs, violet
5 francs, claret
10 francs, lilac
The government printing office at Malines (Mechlin) which was destroyed by the Germans has beell restored and
luture printing will be done there and not at Haarlem where the early issues of this design were printed. The 10 centimes is now printed in sheets of 100 instead of 25 as at first.

BULGARIA. Mr. H. R. Lloyd has shown me the 5 stotinki of the Boris type.

5 stotinki, pale green
CANAL ZONE. J. P. Coveleski informs me that two new-postage due stamps have been issned. As hefore they are surcharged on Panama stamps in red. The figure on the 2 cent value is different from the previous issue; the 4 cents our informant had not seen rersonally.

2 cents, red on olive brown
4 cents, red on olive brown
Mr. Coveleski wishes me to make it plain that all stamps sold in the Zone offices and at Panama are sold at $\mathbf{U}$. S. gold prices and not for silver as many have thought.

CAROLINE ISLANDS. Theodore Champion lists another valne on the watermarked paper with the note that it was never sent out to the islands.

3 pfennig, brown
CHINA. Regarding the contradictory official statements concerning the $\mathbf{1}^{1 / 2}$ and 13 cent values to which we alluded in December, Messrs. Whitfield King $\&$ Co. announce that the letter received by them was sent in error, and that the stamps have been issued as was otherwise announced.
$11 / 2$ cents, violet
13 cents, brown
COLOMBIA. The Echo de la Timbrologie chronicles the 2 cents of the 1917 issue with the surcharge Ier
Servicio
Postal
Aereo
6-18-19
C ${ }^{\text {ECHOLOSLOVAK STATE. Mr. T. J. }}$ Tyrrell sends me a 5 deniers perforate $131 / 2$ which should be added to the list in our eDcember issue.

Mr. Brewer Corcoran has shown me a new set of surcharges on Austrian
and Hungarian stamps. The illustration renders description unnecessary.


On Austria, crown or arms type:
3 heller, violet
5 heller, green
6 heller, orange
40 heller, olive green
50 heller, blue green
60 heller, deep blue
80 heller, orange brown
90 heller, red violet
1 crown, carmine on yellow
On Kaiser Karl type:
10 hellêr, carmine
15 heller, carmine
20 heller, blue green
25 heller, blue
30 heller, violet
On newspaper, type N 9 :
2 heller, brown
On due stamps type D4:
5 heller, rose red
10 heller, rose red
15 heller, rose red
On due stamp of 1917:
50 heller, chocolate
On special delivery 1917:
2 hellers, claret on yellow
5 hellers, green on yellow
On Hungary; gleaners type:
2 fillers, brown
3 fillers, red brown
5 fillers, green
On Hungary; Kaiser Karl type:
10 fillers, scarlet
20 fillers, brown
Let us hope that the above is the entire set!

DENMARK. From various exchanges the following list of new values of the current type has been compiled. Watermark cross, perforate 14.

27 ore, black and red
30 ore, black and green

40 ore, black and violet
50 ore, black and vermilion
to ore, brown and blue
ESTHONIA. A Swedish dealer adretising in Stamp Collecting gives the following quantities of the Russian stamps which were surcharged "Eesti Post" last May:

1 kopec, 1833 perf. and imperf.
2 kopec, 2680 perf. and imperf.
3 kopec, 2059 perf. and imperf.
5 kopec, 3803 perf.
10 kopec, 962 perf.
15 kopec, 1197 perf.
25 kopec, 998 perf.
35 kopec, 12 perf.
50 kopec, 344 perf.
1 rouble, 320 perf. and imperf.
3.50 rouble, 56 imperf.

5 rouble, 40 imperf.
10 rouble, 11 imperf.
The Bolshevick authorities are said to be responsible for a new set with numerals of value in the center 'Eesti Post" at top and "Virumaa" at the bottom. I hope to be able to illustrate next month.

5 kopec, yellow orange
35 kopec, red
40 kopec, brown
50 kopec, blue
1 rouble, black
3 rouble, violet
10 rouble, crimson lake
FINLAND. Changes in the denominations of certain values to make the colors conform to Postal Union regulations are recorded in the foreign periodicals. The surcharge consists of the new value in figures on the lion and over each of the original figures of value. I am indebted to the Economist Etamp Co. for the 50 penni.

10 on 5 peani, green
20 on 10 penni, rose
fio on 25 penni, blue
75 on 20 penni, orange
New values in the approved colors are announced in a Postal Circular dated November 14.

[^7]25 penni, brown
50 penni, blue
75 penni, yellow
The latter value is intended for parcel post use particularly. The colors of the rest of the set are not to be changed.

FIUME. The charity stamps listed by us last August-September have received a surcharge in black reading "Valore globale" and the valne.


5 cent on 5 c , green
10 cent on 10 c , rose
15 cent on 15 c , grey
20 cent on 20 c , orange


45 cent on 45 c , olive green
60 cent on $60 c$, carmine
So cent on S0c, violet
1 corona on 1 cor, blue green


2 corona on 2 cor, red brown
3 corona on 3 cor, brown
5 corona on 5 cor, bistre
10 corona on 10 cor, black violet The surcharge is in two lines on the first and last types and in three lines on the ship values.

FRANCE. The 1 centime stamp has been appearing in a very dark blue shade it is reported. L'Echo de la Tim-
brologie reports the 20 and 40 cent. Recouvrements without surcharge.

GOLD COAST. Some interesting figures are found in the annual reports of the colonial postmasters. The report for this colony for 1917 , just published shows a falling off of $£ 575$ in the receipts for sale of stamps and also in the number of letters etc. dispatched. There are 103 offices in the colony of which 66 are postal agencies.

GREECE. Stamp Collecting is informed by an Athens correspondent that the Cydonia and Rodosto issues were unauthorized and entirely speculative and that the "official" documents concerning them were fakes! For this relief much thanks.

GUATEMALA. Mr. Robert C. Munroe has shown me a cover bearing one of the "Reconstruccion" stamps referred to in our December issue.
$121 / 2$ centavos, carmine
HUNGARY. One of these days I am going to get out a special number to chronicle the various revolutionary and occupation issues of this poor country. It will be a bouncer too judging by what has already come to my attention. Here is a brief summary.

## Koztarsasag

Magyar Posta
Bolshevic portraits
Tanacs etc.
Nemzeti
French occupation
Jugoslav occupation
Roumanian occupation
Serbian occupation
Baranya
Czechoslovak occupation
To my mind some of these require considerable investigation before they are to be formally recognized as legitimate. The vast number of different varieties surcharged and the small quantities of some values make them smell very unpalatable.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND. (Benadir). Two of the Italian parcel post stamps are reported by the Revista Mensile to have been surcharged for this colony.

5 centesimi, brown
10 centesimi, deep blue

JAPAN. It was intended to open the air service mail between Tokio and Osaka on October 4 but the weather was not favorable and as it was worse on the following day the flight was abandoned and the letters sent by rail. The stamps whicb were sold only at first and second class offices in the two cities were sold out in a few hours. The edition is reported to have consisted of 40,000 copies. The experiment was to have been renewed October 20 but I have seen no account of it as yet.

JOHORE. The Pbilatelic Magazine lists the following values as having appeared on Crown C. A. paper instead of the rosette watermark hitherto used.

5 cents, violet and olive green
25 cents, violet and green
50 cents, lilac and red
JAMAICA. The Stamp Lover lists the following with surcharge WAR STAMP in one line in red.

## $1 / 2$ penny, green

3 pence, purple on yellow
KUBAN. To the Ekaterinodar series should be added the following:

7 roubles, grey green and rose
LATVIA. Two high value stamps have been issued of the same type etc. as the others. They are on unwatermarked paper and roughly perforated $111 / 2$.


3 roubles, blne and vermilion
5 roubles, orange \& mauve brown We take the colors from Stamp Collecting but Whitfield King's list gives them slate and orange, and olive and orange.

Two stamps have been issued to commemorate the first anniversary of the independence of the country. They measure $50 \times 37 \mathrm{~mm}$. and show an emblematic female figure bolding a sword in her hand. At the foot is LATVIJAS PASTS, Lettish posts, and the value; in a wreath on which the lady rests
her left arm is the date 191818 Nov. 1919. The 10 kopec value is on plain paper but the rouble is printed on the back of un Enished Bolshevik bank notes with $\operatorname{cog}$ wheels as the main part of the design and inscriptions which translated read Workers, Deputies Council, Workers of āll countries united. I am indebted to Mr . Karl Koslovski for a sight of a block of six of this last which ne recently received from relatives in Riga.

LIBERIA. Messrs. Bright \& Son advertise a new set of Registration stamps triangular in shape but do not give the colors. The value is 10 cents and they are issued for Monrovia, Robertsport, Harper, Grenville and Buchanan.

LICHTENSTEIN. A press dispatch from Geneva reports that the principality is dying economically as there is no business. Hotels and the principal shops are closed. Nobody accepts Austrian money, Swiss currency only being recognized. Emigration is said to be increasing at an alarming rate.

Wonder if the above has anything to do with the report published in Champion's Bulletin that a new set of stamps comprising all the values up to 5 crowns is in course of preparation.

MADAGASCAR. The parcel post provisional chronicled in our January list did not last long as it is reported that there were only 2000 of them printed. For a further supply a reproduction in lithography was made of the fiscal tax stamp which was printed in rose and then overprinted in three lines "Madagascar et Dependendances - 0 fr. 10 - Colis Postaux." Of this provisional 8000 were printed. Rouletted.

10 centimes, rose and black
A supply of new stamps has since been received from France which are similar to those of Reunion but without the name which is to be added in the colony.

MARIANNE ISLANDS. Here also is a stamp which the war evidently prevented from being sent out to the islands.

3 pfeunig, brown

MARSHALL ISLANDS. And still another reminder of those lost colonies.

3 pfennig, brown
MEXICO. A correspondent of Theodore Champion informs him that the 5 pesos green and black have been retired from sale and after having been surcharged with a figure 5 are to be used for newspaper postage in a similar manner to our own periodicals.

NETHERLANDS. As reported in our last issue the 30 cent has been surcharged. The overprint is in two lines and consists of the words "Veertig Cent" and "Zestig Cent," the first in red and the other in black.

40 cents on 30 c ., lilac and brown
60 cents on $30 c$., lilac and brown
NEW ZEALAND. The Australian Philatelist says they have been informed that as soon as the stock of stamps perforated $14 \times 131 / 2$ are used up the next printing will be perforated $14 \times 15$ and that probably the surcharged stamps for the dependencies will follow suit.


Here are the designs of the Victory set. The sheets of these stamps according to the Postage Stamp contain 140 or 160 stamps each arranged $7 \times 20$
or $8 \times 20$. It is not stated which values belong to which.


NORWAY. Mr. Brewer Corcoran has shown me the 30 ore in a new color.

30 ore, black brown
PANAMA. The Stanp Lover reports the $21 / 2$ centavo overprinted RETARDO diagonally from left to right.
$21 / 2$ centavos, vermilion
PARAGUAY. The 40 centavos postage due stamps has been overprinted "Habilitado 1918 " in two lines.

40 centavos, brown
PERSIA. Messrs. Bright \& Son refort having received some of the current set overprinted "1919 Provisoire". 5 chahi, claret
12 chahi, dull blue
12 chahi, pale blue
POLAND. The quantities printed of the Posen stamps listed last month are quoted by Champion as follows:

| 2 pf | 84,000 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $71 / 2 \mathrm{pf}$ | 400,000 |
| 20 pf | 500,000 |
| 25 pf | 150,000 |
| 40 pf | 370,000 |

The same authority gives statistics for the recently issued due stamps but as these figures are quite probably only for the first printing I will not quote them at present.

PORTUGAL. The following stamps of the current type are listed by the Stamp Lover. Perforate $15 \times 14$.

6 centavos, lilac red
12 centavos, deep violet
$131 / 2$ centavos, blue
14 centavos, blue on yellow
18 centavos, brown on yellow
During the royalist rebellion at Oporto last year, a set of four values of stamps were issued which do not seem
to have been given much credence by the chroniclers. From the Kumin-Beul catalogue I take the following list. The design consists of the arms in the center with Reino de Portugal arched above and Correios at the top; Reis at the bottom with numerals at either side. They come perforate and imperforate.
> $21 / 2$ reis, black brown
> 5 reis, black
> 10 reis, brown
> 35 reis, green

From Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste I take the following decree regarding these stamps.

## Decree No. 67.

The Governing Junta of the Kingdom in the name of the King has decreed:

Art. 1. From the day of the publication of the present decree there will be put in circulation postage stamps issued by the Governing Conncil of the Kingdom.

Art. 2. The old postage stamps will be retired from circulation as rapidly as the stamps of the new type can be put on sale.

Art. 3. The old postage stamps retired from circulation in consequence of the terms of the preceding article will have no value for prepayment from the time the stamps of the new type are put on sale.

There are excepted from the terms of this article correspondence intended for foreign countries.

Ministers and Secretaries of State will publish and enforce this decree.

Porto, 12 February 1919.
REUNION. On account of the 1 centime stamps being sold out it became necessary to resort to a handstsamp to prepay the postage on newspapers in the colony. In the Journal Official for August 1 st. appeared the following decree, the translation of which I take from Stamp Collecting:

## POSTS, TELEGRAPHS \& TELEPHONES DECREE.

Authorizing provisionally the payment
in cash for the franking of the newspapers of the Colony, forwarded separately under wrapper by the publishers.

The Deputy Governor of the Isle of the Reunion seeing article 9 of the Senatus Consultu of 3rd May, 1854, seeing the temporary insufficiency of the stock of 0.01 stamps, on the report of the Postmaster General, orders

Art. 1. Provisionally, the newspapers forwarded by the publishers separately under wrappers shall be handed in and the postage paid for in cash.

Art. 2. To this effect, the publishers shall hand in the wrappers together with a statement to the Post Office of Saint Denis, at least twenty four hours before their use, in order to have same provided with the stamp "P. P." (Port Paye-Postage Paid) and a special dating stamp.

Art. 3. Each wrapper shall contain not more than one paper. The consiguments of several newspapers under the same wrapper shall continue to be franked with postage stamps.

Art. 4. The General Secretary and the Chief of Service of the Post Office are entrusted, each one in what he is concerned, with the execution of this decree, which shall be registered and sent everywhere necessary and published in the official bulletin of the Colony.
(signed) Brochard.
Saint Denis, 25 th July, 1919.
ROUAD. L'Echo de la Timbrologie reports that the stamps of this island are now in use at the French post cifice in Port Said.

ROUMANIA. The same journal reports the following new stamps bearing portrait of King Ferdinand. Perforate $111 / 2 \times 131 / 2$.

1 bani, black
5 bani, green
10 bani, carmine
15 bani, red brown
25 bani, blue
40 bani, bistre
50 bani, vermilion
1 leu, green
2 leu, orange
Like the previous issue the frame occupies the greater part of the stamp.

RUSSIA. The army of the northwest having had to retreat into Esthonia has heen disarmed and the stamps described by us last month are consequently obsolete. The Ietters OKCA are said to be the initials of "Odjelny Korpus Cevernoy Armii" or separate corps northern army.


In Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste I find a list of stamps issued by General Awalow Bermondt of the army of the west. They are surcharged on the stamps of Latvija, the overprint consisting of a Russian cross in a circle. There are no less than three editions of these surcharges, the two first being handstamped and the last lithographed. Of the two former issues the quantities vary from 100 to 250 each while of the lithographed set there are from 2800 to 16000 except the 10 kopec of which there were only 400 . They look a little fishy to me and I refrain from going into any more details until I learn more about them. Particularly since $I$ have just received from the Economist Stamp Co. a set of the

annexed design which is said to be issued by the western army.

5 kopecs, hrown
10 kopecs, blue
15 kopecs, red
20 kopecs, violet
30 kopecs, orange
50 kopecs, pale blue
60 kopecs, yellow green
These are evidently lithographed and are unperforated.

Wainwright Randall sends me among other Russian stamps recently received by him from isiberia a block of four of what are claimed to be Bolshevik stamps used by the "Reds" this past summer between Omsk and Samara.


They are printed in black and perforated 10 .

SIAAI. The 6 satangs of the 1912 issue has been overprinted with a new value, both in English and the vernacular.

5 satangs on 6s., carmine rose
SILESIA. The following item from the New York Times will be of interest.

German troops began evacuation of Upper Silesia today in accordance with the terms of the Peace Treaty, which requires that the movement begin within fifteen days from its ratification.

The first allied troops are expected to reach Oppein on Jan. 30. Evacuation will be accomplished by zones, each of which will remain under a provisional military administration under the Inter-Allied Commission.

The treaty for the occupation of Upper Silesia by a total of 18,000 allied troops. English, French and Italian troops will be used.

The allotment or distribution of troops in other territory has not been determined. It is not proposed to introduce a censorship of mails or newspapers in Upper Silesia, the Inter-Alified Commission planning to issue individual postage stamps for the district and to permit normal conditions to continue undisturbed.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. Several exchanges report the 2 cents of the King George type.

2 cents, green
SWEDEN. Stamp Collecting is informed by Th. Allard that the official stamps were withdrawn from use January 1 st.
SWITZERLAND. The 1919 "Pro

Juventute" stamps_contirue the series of cantonal arms commenced last year. The 10 centimés shows the arms of Vaud while the $7 \frac{1}{2}$ and 15 centimes present those of the two half cantons of Nidvald and Obwald better known as $_{3}$ Unterwalden.
$71 / 2$ centimes, gray, red and black
10 centimes, red,'green and black
15 centimes, violet, red and black All are on cream tinted paper. Each sells for 5 centimes over the value.

SYRIA. The stamps of the French Levant have been surcharged T. E. O. (Occupied enemy territory) and new value in milliemes and piastres.

1 millieme on 1c., gray
2 millieme on $2 \dot{c}$., violet brown
3 millieme on 3c., orange
4 millième on 15 c ., vermilion
5 millieme on $5 c$., green
1 piastre on 25 c ., blue
Four other piastre values are reported but no details as to colors etc. are at hand. The quantities range from 450 to 9450 .

THRACE. LiEcho is informed of the surcharging of a number of Bulgarian stamps with THRACE INTERALLIEE in two lines. I am not able to identify just what stamps have been surcharged as I was not fortunate to get a YvertTellier catalogue before the edition was sold out and all references are to their numbers.

> 1 stotinki, grey black
> 2 stotinki, grey
> 5 stotinki, green (Boris)
> 10 stotinki, rose
> 15 stotinki, violet
> 25 stotinki, blue and black
> 1 lev, dark brown
> 2 lev, yellow brown
> 3 lev, claret
> Postage due:
> 5 stotinki, green
> 10 stotinki, violet
> 50 stotinki, blue

These stamps were only used at the offices in Xanthi, Gumuldjina, Sofoulou and Dimitoka and disappeared rapidly.

TURKEY. A long list of surcharges has appeared to commemorate the ac-
cession of the anniversary of the accession of the present Sultan, Mohammed VI. Translated the inscription reads, "Anniversary of His Majesty July 3, $133 t-1918$," the first time 1 believe that the date has been given except in Mohammedan chronology. I omit the list until I can better. identify the stames.

UKRAINE. Stamp Collecting has seen a new value for this country. It is large oblong in shape with numerals of value on either side of a curved word in Russian characters below the equivalent of Ukraine Post the whole being enclosed in an ornamental scroll supporting the trident.

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20 rubles, dull red.
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## REVENUE NOTES.

The following statistics from the Bureau report shows the stamps delivered during the fiscal year July 1, 1918 -June 30, 1919 .
llaying Cards
Series of 1894
Overprinted 8 cents
Class A

| Dcemmentary |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 cent | 11,600,000 |
| 2 " | 10,000,000 |
| 4 | 4,000,000 |
| 10 | 4,000,000 |
| 20 | $2,000,000$ |
| 25 | 4,000,000 |
| 30 dollars | 30,000 |
| 60 | 8,000 |
| 100 | 4,000 |
| 1000 " | 1,920 |


| Htock Tramsfer |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | cents | 2,800,000 |
| 20 | " | $3,200,000$ |
| 25 | " | 2,200,000 |
| 1 | dollar | 1,050,000 |
| 2 | " | 1,650;000 |
| 50 | " | S,000 |
| 60 | " | 9,000 |
| 100 |  | 8,000 |
| 500 | " | 640 |

## Wuture Delivery

2 cents

9,600,000
$10,200,000$ $15,560,000$

11,600,000
10,000,000
4,000,000
$4,000,000$
2,000,000
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4,000
1,920
,800,000
$3,200,000$
2,200,000
1,050,000
1,650;000
S,000
9,000
640
$7,800,000$

| 4 | $"$ | $4,400,000$ |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 10 | $"$ | $1,200,000$ |
| 20 | " | $4,800,000$ |
| 40 | $"$ | 800,000 |
| 50 | $"$ | $2,800,000$ |
| 80 | $"$ | 200,000 |
| 1 |  | 570,000 |
| 10 | ". | 150,000 |
| 30 | $"$ | 26,000 |
| 50 | $"$ | 8,000 |
| 60 | $"$ | 9,000 |
| 500 | $"$ | 640 |

Cigarette Tubes 1 cent
$1,400,000$
Narcotic
1 cent
2 "
3 "
4 "
5 "
8 "
10 '"
25 "
1 dollar
Proprietary
1 cent
247,200,000
221,050,000
$60,000,000$
36,800,000
7,400,000
4,000,000
$4,000,000$
2,600,000
$2,600,000$
Eugene Klein sends me a block of four of the current 2 cents Documentary doubly printed. It shows the two prints very plainly and makes one wonder whether he isn't "seeing things." It comes from plate 1984 , lower right pane.

Canada has a set of revenue stamps that was issued for the Province of Quebec last August which have the numeral of value in a circle in the center and also in the upper corners. PROVINCE OF QUEBEC in wavy label at top, LIQUOR at left, LIQUEURS at right, PROHIBITION below. The stamps represent a five per cent tax on permitted sales and the purchaser pays
the tax. The stamps measure $42 \times 47$ mm . and are perforated 12.

1 cent, orange
2 cent, blue
5 cent, reddish brown
10 cent, bistre brown
10 cent, black
20 cent, vermilion
50 cent, dark brown
1 dollar, olive green
5 dollar, blue green
10 dollar, slate violet ${ }^{\prime}$
Mrs. Onghtred who sends me the above information says that it is practically impossibie to get used specimens.

Mrs. Onghtred also sends me specimens of the "stamps" issued in consequence of the law taxing matches which went into effect in May 1918. The stam'p consists of two circles the inner containing the value in figures and the outer the inscription WAR EXCISE TAX PAID. The size of the stamp varies according to the size of the box or label. As the stamp forms part of the advertisement printed on the box etc. there will be quite a field for specialists. I have seen the following:

Eddy's Silent Non Poisonons Match. 2 cents, blne green
5 cents, blue
5 cents, red and green
E. B. Eddy.

1 cent violet on yellow. (Handstamped)
Dominion Mobawk Silent Match. 5 cents red
Star Silent Matches.
3 cents blue
"The Diana."
1 cent, red on yellow
Ocean Liner.
1 cent, black on yellow.
L. Whiteley.

1 cent, black on yellow, (adhesive)
The handstamped variety was due to the requirement that stock on hand be stamped when the law went into effect. Now the stamp is printed at the same time as the rest of the label etc.

There are also 8 and 10 cent values but I have not seen them.

## U. S. STAMPS PRINTED.

The following figures from the annual report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing show what stamps were printed during the year ending June 30, 1919.

| POSTAGE |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Series of 1902 |  |
| 2 dollars | 127,321 |
| 5 "، | 67,645 |


| Series of $\mathbf{1 9 0 8}$ |  |
| :---: | ---: |
| 3 cents | $3,873,252,991$ |
| 3 | " |
| 3 | " |

Series of 1911

| 1 cent | 4,065,309,091 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 " | $\dagger 179,178,360$ |
| 1 | * $388,828,500$ |
| 1 " | $\dagger$ +25,458,960 |
| 2 | $\dagger 25,458,960$ |
| 2 | 3,922,003,794 |
| 2 | $\dagger 86,243,760$ |
| 2 | * $475,167,000$ |
| 8 | 76,451,294 |
| 10 | 229,684,694 |
| 15 | 45,799,044 |
| 50 " | 10,972,434 |
| 1 dollar | 2,896,127 |

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Series of } 1914 \\ 7 \text { cents } & 60,845,694\end{array}$
9 " $42,896,694$

12 " $43,646,694$
20 " $52,771,894$
30 " $19,746,294$
Series of 1915
11 cents
$20,191,994$
Series of 1917
2 dollars 40,561

5 " 41,821

| 6 cents | $2,612,394$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 13 ". | $12,695,494$ |
| 16 ". | $2,836,394$ |
| $24 \quad$ ". | 815,694 |

Series of 1919
3 cents (Victory) $91,619,394$

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## International Office of The Universal Postal Union.

No. $3225 / 146$.
Berne, October 11, 1919. Sir:-

I have the honor to transcribe to you below, under the head of information, a copy of a letter, relative to the postal relations of the zone of Schleswig, which the International Commission for the supervision of the Plebischite in Schleswig has addressed to the President of the Swiss Confederation and which has just been transmitted to me by the Swiss political department.
"Mr. President:-
"In application of article 109, section XII, Schleswig, of the treaty of peace of Versailles, of June 28,1919 , a zone of Schleswig, designated in detail in the said article, will be placed under the authority of an International Commission, while there will be held the plebiscite mentioued in the same article.
"Referring to this arrangement, we have the honor to inform your Excellency that the zone in question will be considered, in its postal relations, as forming a part of Germany, so that the postal relations may be made without a chauge and through the application of the same rates, etc,. as those valid in the relations with Germany, so that the mail and tie arrangements relating to accounting will remain unchanged.
"However, there will be employed in the said zone special postage stamps bearing the words 'Schleswig Plebiscite' and issued by direction of the Commission.
"In making known to Your Excellency what precedes, we would be greatly obliged if you bring it to the knowledge of the Administration of the Universal Postal Union through the intermediary of its International Office, to which office the Commission will be willing to transmit directly the necessary number of the said postage stamps for distrihution among the Administrations of the Postal Union."

I may add that the postage stamps of which mention is made in this letter will be distributed shortly among the Administrations of the Union.

Will you agree with me, Sir, in the assurances of my highest considerations.

The Director,
RUFFY.
Berne, November 5, 1919.
Sir:-
I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, on the part of the Offices interested, three specimens of each of the new postal values enumerated hereafter:

## 1st. GEIRMANY.

(a) German and Wurtemberg lostal Territory: Postage stamps of 10,15 and 25 pfennig and postal cards of 10 pfennig. These values have been issued as a souvenir of the German National Assembly (1919);
(b) Wurtemberg. Service of the State: Postage stamps of 2 on $21 / 2$ pfennig, 35 pfennig, 50 on 50 pfennig and envelope of 25 pfennig for money orders; postage stamps of $21 / 2,3,5,71 / 2$, $10,15,20,25,35,40,50$ pfennig and 1 mark; postal cards of $51 / 2,71 / 2$ and 10 pfennig and envelope of 25 pfennig for money orders. The 16 last values bear in surcharge the mention "Volksstaat Wurttemherg";
(c) Writemberg. Service of the district authorities: Postage stamps of 2 on $2 \frac{1}{2}$ pfennig and 35 pfennig; postal card of 10 pfennig; postage stamps of $21 / 2,3,5,71 / 2,10,15,20,25,35$ and 50 pfennig and postal cards of $51 / 2,71 / 2$, $71 / 2$ on $51 / 2$ and 10 pfennig. The 14 last values bear in surcharge the mention "Volksstaat Wurrtemberg";

2nd. AUSTRALIA (COMNONWEAL....TH); Stamped envelope of $11 / 2$ pence;
3rd. DENMARK: Postage stamp of $3 \bar{j}$ ore;

4th. ABYSSINIA: Postage stamp of 4 guerches on 4 talaris;
5th. GREAT BRITAIN.
(a) Barbados: Postal card of $1 / 2$ penny.
(b) St. Lucia: Postage stamp of 1 shilling;

6th. BRITISH INDIA: Postage stamps of $11 / 2$ annas; stamped envelope of $1 / 2$ anna, in two sizes;
7th. JAPAN: Postage stamps of 6,8 , 30 and 50 sen, placed in circulation on the 16 th of August, 1919; Sth. NEW ZEALAND.
(a) Aitutaki: Postage stamps of $11 / 2$ and 3 pence;
(b) Niue: Postage stamps of $11 / 2$ and 3 pence;
(c) Penrhyu (Island): Postage stamps of $11 / 2$ and 3 pence;
(d) Rarotonga: Postage stamp of 3 pence;
9th. ROUMLANIA: Postage stamps of $5,10,15,25$ and 40 bani, issued July 1,1919 , for the use of the Roumanian post office in Constantinople;
10th. KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES: Postage stamps of $3,5,10,20,25,40$, 50,60 heller, 1 crown, 2 and 5 crowns, for the use of the territories of this kingdom where the coin of the crown is still current. The old Serbian values (issued at Corfu) will continue to be valid in the territories of the kingdom where the coin of the dinar circulates.
11th. SWEDEN: Stamped envelopes of 2 and 4 ore bearing respectively the snrcharge 3 and 5 ore; postal card of 10 ore with paid response and letter card of 10 on 12 ore;
12th. URUGUAY: Postage stamps of $2,4,5,8,20$ and 23 centesimos, issued as souvenirs of the termination of the world war;
The Office of Urignay considers that these stamps should not be regarded as commemorative postage stamps of which there is question in article 11,
\#1, of the principal Convention, and proposes to use them in the international service concurrently with the other stamps now in use.

Referring to my circular No. $2325{ }^{\circ}$ 146 of October 11th last, I have likewise the honor to transmit to you under this cover, at the request of the International Commission for the Supervision of the Plebiscite in Schleswig, three specimens of each of the postal values designated below, for the use of the zone of Schleswig, viz.:
(a) Ordinary postage stamps of $21 / 2$, $5,71 / 2,10,15,20,25,35,40,75$ pfennig, $1,2,5$ and 10 marks; ordinary postal cards of $7 \frac{1}{2}, 10$ and 15 pfennig;
(b) Postage stamps of $21 / 2,5,71 / 2$, $10,15,20,25,35,40,75$ pfennig, 1, 2, 5 and 10 marks, and postal cards of $71 / 2$, 10 and 15 pfennig, bearing in surcharge the letters "C. I. S.", for the correspondence of the said Commission.

Will you agree with me, Sir, in the assurances of my highest considerations.

> The Vice-Director,
> ROTTNER.

Notes on Berue Circular by J. B. Leavy. GERMANY.
(a) Stamps issued by the Weimar Assembly, chronicled page 457 , Sept., with addition of postal card in same design as postage stamp, 10 pfennig deep rose on buff.
(b) Stamps chronicled on page 467, Sept., and page 337, June, with addition of money order envelope stamped in same design as postage stamp, 25 pfennig yellow brown on dark manila, and money order envelope and postal cards in same design as stamps and bearing the same overprint, 25 pfennig yellow brown on dark manila, $51 / 2$ pfennig violet brown, $71 / 2$ pfennig orange, 10 pfennig rose, all buff single cards.
(c) Stamps chronicled on page 467 Sept., with addition of postal card of. 10 pfennig rose on buff and overprinted postal cards of $51 / 2$ pfennig reddish brown, $71 / 2$ pfennig or-
ange, 10 pfennig rose, the first on manila, the last two on buff, and $51 / 2$ pfennig postal cards on manila surcharged with large $71 / 2$ in center of stamp design.
AUSTRALIA. Stamped envelope $I^{11 / 2}$ pence chocolate on gray, design samé as described page 302 May, change of color only.
DENMARK. Current design, 35 ore deep yellow \& black.
ABYSSINIA. 4 guerches, in native characters and English, surcharged in indigo in two lines on 4 talaris gray brown \& lilac rose.
GREAT BRITAIN.
(a) Barbados. Postal cards in same design as postage stamp. $1 / 2$ penny green on buff single card.
(b) St. Lucia. Current design. 1 shilling terra cotta.
BRITISH INDIA.
Design similar to current set. $11 / 2$ annas deep gray brown.
Stamped envelope current design. $1 / 2$ anna green on grayish white. $1 / 2$ anna green on pale manila.
JAPAN.
Design of current 4 sen. 6 sen chocolate, 8 sen gray.
Design of current 1 yen. 30 sen orange brown, 50 sen brown.
NEW ZEALAND.
(a) Aitutaki. $11 / 2$ pence chronicled rage 337 , June; 3 pence surface printing, violet brown (indigo).
(b) Niue. $11 / 2$ pence chronicled page 338, June; 3 pence chronicled page 23, Oct.
(c) Penrhyn slland. $11 / 2$ pence chronicled page 338 , June; 3 pence nronirled page 23 , Oc $\dot{i}$.
(d) Rarotonga. Chronicled page 23, Oct.
ROUMANIA. Chronicled page 20, Oct., with exception of 15 bani, which is on 1908 -14 issue, 15 bani red brown (black).
KINGDOM SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES. (Jugo-Slavia). Designs as illustrated July, Aug., Sept., 3, $5,25,40,60$ heller, 1, 2, 5 krone, perf. $111 / 2$; 10 heller bright red,
saw tooth perf. $131 / 2 ; 20$ heller dark brown, saw tooth perf. $131 / 2$ hy roulette $131 / 2$; 50 beller deep bluish green, roulette $131 / 2$ by perf. $111 / 2$.
SWEDEN. Stamped envelopes in design of current 1 ore postage stamp surcharged with large numeral beneath which is ORE in Roman capitals.
3 ore on 2 ore red orange on white (brown).
5 ore on 4 ore violet on white (green).
Postal card and letter sbeet design of 10 ore postage stamp enlarged.

10 ore scarlet on white reply card.
10 on 12 ore rose on pale green letter sheet.
URUGUAY. Chronicled on page 466 , Sept.
SCHLESWIG PLEBISCITE. Central design of white circle containing the two lions of Jutland in color, a bower of leaves in square design surrounds the circle, across the top, on a horizontally lined ground, appears the word PLEBISCIT in graduating capitals, the $P$ and $T$ being the tallest and the $B$ and $I$ the shortest, small horizontally lined squares in lower corners contain numeral of denomination and Pf , in left and right respectively, between the two squares appears the word SLESVIG. All inscriptions and the lions are in solid color on the denominations $21 / 2$ to 20 , on those of 25 to 75 all inscriptions and leaves are in white, while the lions are drawn in shading. The design measures $171 / 2$ by 20 mm . surface printed on white wove watermarked multiple crosses, perforated 14 by 15 .
$21 / 2$ pfennig gray
5 pfennig green
$71 / 2$ pfennig yellow brown
10 pfennig deep rose
15 pfennig deep red violet
20 pfennig deep blue
25 pfennig dull orange
35 pfennig gray brown
40 pfennig violet
75 pfennig turquoise greea.

Large stamp measuring $371 / 2$ by $201 / 2$ mm. Central medallion of a view in Jutland at bottom of which the two lions are holding a shield with white ground bearing the numeral of denomination and word MARK in color. Outside the medallion, at top, appears the word SLESVIG in graduating Roman capitals, at either side of medallion branches of leaves, and at bottom the word PLEBISCIT in Roman capitals, all in white on color. Surface printed on white wove paper, watermarked multiple crosses, perforated 14 by 15 .

1 mark gray brown
2 mark deep blue
5 mark green
10 mark red
(b) All the above stamps overprinted, in indigo, C .I. $S$ in serif capitals, periods being on either side of the $I$ only and half way between top and bottom.
Postal cards in same design as stamps.
$71 / 2$ pfennig yellow brown on cream
10 pfennig deep rose on cream
15 pfennig red violet ou cream
Same three cards with C I S overprint.

Namrin-An 1sland of Plosphate.
In an article contributed to The London Daily Mail, Thomas 1. McMahon, F. R. G. S., gives what may be assumed to be an authentic account of what he calls "the little spot of earth that nearly upset the Peace Conference," a tiny island iu the loneliest part of the Central Pacific.

This island, called Nauru, is, the writer adds, worth many millions of money on account of its millions of tons of Fhosphate-rock.
"A mere pinch of this magic tropical product put into the most impoverished soil has an amazing effect upon plant life. In Australia, where some 200,000 tons is used annually, it doubled the wheat crop.
"In Japan farming cannot now do without the aid of this fertilizer; Japanese farmers are keen buyers of the product. Indeed, every nation that
farms extensively is placing orders for phosphate-rock.
"Nauru is only 12 miles in circumference, 5,000 acres in extent. It is 33 miles to the south of the Equator, 2,300 miles from New Zealand, 2,000 miles from Australia, 3,000 from Japan, and 4,700 miles from America. It is the Treasure Island Australia claims, New Zealand wants, and Japan demanded as part of the Marshalls, but to which Britain has established the most right.
"Before the war Nauru was German territory and attached to the German group of islands, the Marshalls. Under German administration the natives were cruelly neglected and their number dwindled to a mere 2,000 . Today under energetic and humane British administration the natives are one of the healthiest and most progressive races in the whole South Pacific. They have been weaned from their idle ways and encouraged to improve their villages, make aud mend roads, and give up the unsanitary practice of burying their dead in their houses or at the front or back doors.

Hundreds of natives now work in the phosphate fields, are paid very high wages, and have the most comfortahle living conditions,
"The native cocoanut plantations, neglected in the German time, are now cleared, improved, and profitable. The natives are renowned for their pleasant manners-one reason why the original name of the island was 'Pleasant.'"

## Confer on Postal Changes.

MADRID, Dec. 25.-The Spanish Commission on the International Postal Congress, which body will hold its first meeting since the war next Autumn in Madrid, has returned from a visit to various European capitals where the pro-. gram for the congress was discussed with officials of the Governments.

Among other things, the congress will consider a proposed increase in the tariff on international mails and will endeavor to make arrangements to facilitate the interchange of mail matter by the nations. Rules for aerial postal services also will be drawn np.

## New Plate Numbers.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. M. Fisher, Acting Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we continue our record of plate numbers.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.-Postmaster General Burleson has approved pending bills to reduce the rate of local firstclass letter postage to a penny an ounce. A letter for delivery within the postal limits of the office in which it is mailed would take a one cent stamp instead of a two cent stamp.

Mr. Burleson has advised Congressmen that the present two cent charge on that class of mail exceeds the cost of handling and that he recommends the reduction because he believes the postal service should not be conducted for profit.

The reduction of last July whereby letters went back to the normal rate of two cents and postal cards to one cent, the Postmaster General says, resulted in a large increase in that class of mail and he believes one cent local letter delivery would not reduce the total postal revenue more than $\$ 14,000,000$ a year.

## Not to Change State Name.

To the Editor of The New York Times:
In a special dispatcl to the New York Times, dated Washington, Dec. 20, and published in yesterday's issue of your paper, it is intimated that "the Serdians are desirous of changing the name of their State, which officially is the 'Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes,' to 'Greater Serbia.'"

I beg to inform you that there is no foundation whatever for such a statement.

## S. Y. GROUITCH,

Minister of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.
Wasbington, Dec. 22, 1919.


## CZECHOSLOVAK STATE.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

 Washington, D. C.December 12, 1919.
Mr. William C. Stone,
American Philatelic Saciety,
21 Princeton St.,
Springfield, Mass.
Mr dear Sir:
I have your inquiry of December 6th.
In cases where a standard of transliteration has been established, I know of no better criterion for the spelling of place-names than that adopted by the people of the country in question.

Following the receipt of your letter, I have asked the Czechoslovak Bureau of Information in Washington its ruling on the spelling of the name of that country, and am informed that Czechoslovakia should be spelled without the hyphen, but that the preferred form is The Czechoslovak Republic, rather than Czechoslovakia. In a pampblet recently published by Mr. Charles Pergler, who is a new appointee of President Masaryk, the term "Czechoslovak State" is given as the title of his work.

Very truly yours,
GILBERT H. GROSVENOR, Director and Editor.

## CZECHOSLOVAK POSTAL RATES.

This department has been advised that the rates of postage applicable to articles mailed in the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia and addressed for delivery in the United States are as follows: Ordinary letters, 50 deniers of a crown up to 20 grams, and above the first unit of weight, 30 deniers of a crown per 20 grams; single postal cards or each part of the postal card with paid reply, 20 deniers; printed matter, per 50 grams, 10 deniers of a crown; commercial papers, per 50 grams, 10 deniers of a crown, with a minimum of 50 deniers of a crown per article; samples of merchandise, per 50 grams, 10 deniers of a crown, with a minimum of 50 deniers of a crown per article.

It is permitted to inclose in the same article printed matter, samples of merchaudise, and commercial papers. If the article is composed of printed matter and samples of merchandise, the rate of 10 deniers of a crown per 50 grams, with a minimuin of 20 deniers of a crown per article. If it be composed, on the contrary, of printed matter or samples of merchandise and commercial papers, the rate is 10 deniers of a crown per 50 grams, with a minimum of 50 deniers of a crown.

Registry fee, carriage of notice of receipt, and the tax charged under the head of inquiries relative to registered articles, 50 deniers of a crown.

The Postal Administration of the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia has adopted 2 deniers of a crown as the equivalent of 1 centime.

The withdrawal of correspondence and change of address are allowed in the exchange of mails between the United States and the Republic of CzechoSlovakia. - (U. S. Postal Guide.)


Here are the designs of the stamps listed on pages 74 and 89 of the December issue.

## FIFTY NEW REPUBLICS.

## O. P. AUSTIN,

Statistician, National City Bank, $\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{N}}$. Y.
New York, Dec. 19.
The business world at the beginning of 1920 finds itself confronted witil fitty new political divisions witb newly defined areas, new ethnic groupings of population, and therefore wili: new in-
dustrial and commercial activities, uew forms of government, new political managers and lawmakers, new forms of currency and new relations to world commerce, industry and finauce.

Thirty of these new political divisions have declared themselves as republics; others as kingdoms or under the direct control of local rulers; others, classified as "colonies, protectorates and dependencies," have passed under new political control; and still others are awaiting anxiously the determination as to the political power which is to exercise the "mandate" under which their political and industrial future is to be developed.

Of these fifty new divisions, thirty occupy that formerly great industrial and commercial area, Central Europe, and the remainder are scattered over Africa, Asia, and the islauds of the Pacific. They aggregate one-fifth of the land area and have one-fifth of the population of the globe, and their imports and exports formed one-fifth of the total international trade immediately preceding: the war.

## Twenty Republics in Russia.

Twenty of the new republics have been established upon a territory formerly that of a single empire, Rnssia; a dozen others have been created from sections of three other empires, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey; and the remainder, which is practically a score in number, represents pre-war "colonies," protectorates or dependencies" of Germany and Tukey respectively. Most of these new political divisions lie within the interior of Europe, separated by long distances from the ocean; their railroads disorganized; their currency in a state of extreme disorder; their population unaccustomed to the new form of govermment; their legislators inexperienced in national and international affairs of goverument.

What will the world, the industrial, the financial and the commercial world do with them and for them?

This question cannot now be answered with anything like accuracy or even a safe prediction. We can, however, take a hurried survey of the respective areas in question, the type of their population, their former commercial, industrial and financial power, and perhaps from these facts draw some conclusion as to the future, or at least get into concrete form the chief factors of the problem or problems as to their future or respective futures.

While it may be assumed that the $335,000,000$ industrious people of this area, who bave created in the past an international trade of $\$ 8,000,000,000$, are still of the same industrial disposition, it is important to consider the new grouping which has been made in the matter of ethnic stocks, form of government, experience or otherwise as lawmakers, transportation facilities, industrial power and therefore commercial prospects.

One of the most distinguished American authorities on world political and ethnic history, Prof. Edwin A. Grosvenor, professor of modern government and international law in Amherst College and for twenty years professor of history in the Roberts College at Constantinople, discussing the new groupings of people in the area in question, says:
"For the first time in human experience, the effort is being made by the victors after a great war to trace new frontiers in accordance with the racial aspirations and affinities of the peoples involved. Because of the impossibility of defining exactly the limits of a race, many heart burnings are inevitable in the new adjustment of European boundaries. * * * The old order has passed away. A new Enrope is in the making. Neither a year nor a generation will suffice to make it. * * * Europe, though so old, is for the greater part young and inexperienced in selfgovernment and political duty and opportunity. The gait of more than one newly enfranchised people will resemble the uncertain walk of a just-awakened child."

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| Czeeno-slovakia | 60.000 | 13,000,000 | 1918 | Lepublic | Austria-Hungary | Slavic |
| Jugo-slar | 85,000 | $10,500,000$ | 1918 | Kingaom | hungary, Ser bla, Bos., Herze., Mont. | Slavic, Serbs, Croats |
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| Livonia | 17,000 | 1,650,000 | 1918 | liepublic | Russia | Slavic |
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| Letvia | 9,000 | 1,500,000 | 1918 | -ituble | russia | Letts (Balto-Slavs) |
| Lithnania | 90.000 | $10,000,000$ | 1918 | Republic | Russia | Slavic, Germanic |
| White Linssia | 140,000 | $5,000,000$ | 1918 | いepublic | Russia | Slavic |
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| Don Rep, | 63,000 | 4,000,000 | 1918 | Military gover't | Russia | Slavic, Cossack |
| Kuban liep. | 36,000 | 3,000,000 | 1918 | Riepublic | Iiussia | Slavic |
| Tauride Rep. | 23,000 | 1,800,000 | 1918 | lepublic | Russia | Slavic, Tartar |
| Terek Rep. | 28,000 | 1,300,000 | 1918 | fiepublic | Russia | 'turko-Tartar |
| Tatar-Bashkir Rep. | 175.000 | 9,000,000 | 1918 | Military | Russia R | Turko-Tartar |
| Yakutsk Fiep. | 1,000,000 | 400,000 | 1918 | Military | Siberian Russia | Yakuts, Cossack |
| Rep. of Siberia | Undet'd | Undet'd | 1917 | Military | Siberian Russia | Slav, Mongol, Tartar |
| Rep. of Georgia | 40,000 | $2,500,000$ | 1918 | Republic | Russia, Turkey | Georgian, Armenian |
| Rep, of Turkestan | 400.000 | 6,500,000 | 1918 | Military | Inssia | Turko-Tartar |
| Eastern Karelia . | 68,000 | 250,000 | 1919 | Military | Russia | Balto-Slavic |
| Finland | 125.000 | $3,500,000$ | 1917 | Republic | Russia | Finns |
| Murman Region | 35,000 | 100,000 | 1918 | Military | Russia | Finns |
| German Rep. | 175,000 | $60,000,000$ | 1918 | Republic | Germany | Cermanic |
| German Aus. | 28,000 | $10,000,000$ | 1918 | Republic | Austria | Germanic |
| Hungarian Rep. | 33,000 | 9,000,000 | 1918 | Soviet republic | Hungary | Magyar |
| $\dagger$ Rumania | 110.000 | $12,500.000$ | 1919 | Kingdom | Rumania, Hungary, Bessarabia | Rumanians, Magyars |
| Turkey in Europe | 10.000 | 1,900.000 |  | Undetermined | Turkey | Turkish |
| Anatolir, Asia Minor | 145,000 | $5,000,000$ |  | Undetermined | Turkey | Turkish |
| Armenia, Asia Minor | 75.000 | 2,500,000 | 1918 | Undetermined | Turkey | Armenians |
| Mesopotamia, Asia M1. | 143.000 | 2,000,000 | 1917 | British admin. | Turkey | Turks, Arabs, Persian |
| Syria. Asia Minor | 37,000 | 1,000,000 | 1919 | Cndetermined | Turkey | Syrian, Turkish |
| Palestine, Asia Minor | 16,000 | 500,000 | 1917 | Eritish admin. | Turkey | Turks, Arabs, Jews |
| Fingdom of Hejaz | 96,500 | 300,000 | 1916 | Kingdom | Turkey | Arabs, Turks |
| ejd and Hasa, Arabia | No data | Nodata | 1913 | Empirate | Turkey | Arabs |
| Jabel Shammar, Arabla | No data | No data | 1918 | Empirate | Turkey | Bedouin |
| Asir. Arabia | No data | Nodata | 1918 | Principate | Turkey | Arabs |
| Yemen. Arabia | Nodata | No data | 1918 | Imamate | Turkey | Arabs |
| Koweit, Arabia | No data | No data | 1918 | Sultanate | Turkey | Arabs |
| Oman, Arabia | 82.000 | 500,000 | 1913 | G. Brit. \& Fra. | Turkey | Arabs |
| Egypt | 350,000 | $12.000,000$ | 1914 | Creat Britain | Turkey | Egyptians |
| German East Africa | 384,000 | $8,000,000$ | 1918 | Great Britain | German colony | Bantu |
| Terman S. W. Africa | 322,000 | 200,000 | 1915 | British S. Africa | German colony | Hottentots |
| Kamerun | 191,000 | 2,500,000 | 1916 | Brit. and French | German colony | Sudanese |
|  | 33,000 70.000 | $1,000,000$ | 1914 | Allied Military | German colony | Hamitic |
| Kaiser Wilhelm Land.. | 70.000 | 250,000 | 1918 | Australia | German colony | Malay |
| Ger. Samoan Islands ... | 1,200 | 40,000 | 1918 | Australia ${ }^{\text {Mandate }}$ - British | German colony | Samoan |
| for. S Pacific Islands.. | 15.000 | 350.000 | 1918 | Aundate-British | German colony | Samoan Malay |
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MISENT BILLETS
ET NUMERAIRE

At left:
LA GIRATA POSTALE
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E NUMERARIO
At right:

> LES VIREMENTS
> POSTAUX ECONO-
> MISENT BILLETS

## ET NUMERAIRE.

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DE CHEQUES
POSTAUX
At right:

> NEEMT EEM
> POSTCHECK
> REKENING

And one from the Netherlands:
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## EDITORIAL.

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society will hold a public exhibition of postage stamps at the Public Museum in that city from February 13 th to 23 rd. In connection with this exhibit an out-oftown visitors night is planned for Saturday evening, February 21st. All members of the American Philatelic Society are cordially invited to attend this meeting and to visit the exhibition. Those who expect to attend will please inform the Secretary, Mr. Ira Edwards, Public Museum, Milwaukee.

We have had many queries about the cut illustrating Mr. Atherton's article in the November number. Through an oversight the pencil line showing the crack in the plate was not inked nver and so did not come out in the cut. As no proof was seen by the editor owing to the rush it was overlooked. It will he reprinted later.

Most of our readers are familiar with the Philatelic Index published at Normal, Illinois by C. A. Burner. It prices practically all the leading auction sales of the year and thus keeps collectors posted as to the state of the market. Mr. Burner is making an appeal for support and certainly $\$ 1.00$ is very low when the prices asked by dealers for priced catalogs is considered. Send in your subscription and support this excellent work.

I am in receipt of a prospectus of " A Descriptive Catalogue of the Postage Stamps and Post and Letter Cards of Siam" soon to be issued by the Siam Philatelic Society. Price 3.75 ticals. Address the secretary, R. S. le May, British Legation, Bangkok, Siam.

The editor is of the opinion that if the secretaries of our various branches in sending in the reports of their neetings would make them in the form of a reading notice instead of the formal report that is now used they would be
more apt to be read. There is much space taken up now by mere formalities which do not interest anyone while if the matter were written as a news item it would be much more attractive. Please give it a trial next month.

The provisions of the peace treaty provide that a commission shall be constituted within fifteen days of the coming into effect of the treaty to delimit the bounds of the new Free City of Danzig. As it is probable that stamps will soon be issued the editor would appreciate it very much if some one of our members would send in a concise sketch of the history etc. of the city to appear in our next issue.
J. E. Guest of Minneapolis, who succeeds Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer as Sales Superintendent of our iSociety, wishes to state for the benefit of members who have requested circuits that the applications will be filled at the earliest possible date. At present there are not enough books on hand to fill all requests, but the members are responding an din a short time there will be enough for all. Mr. Wolsieffer is sending in a number of books and this action on his part should be sufficient to convince the doubtful members that the sales department is ān excellent medium to dispose of their duplicates.

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## WAR SAVINGS PLANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Secretary Glass today announced plans for the sale of the 1920 War Savings securities. They will be put on sale on Jan. 1 at Post Offices and other agencies, the latter of which will consist principally of incorporated banks and trust companies. Mr. Glass stated that in view, especially, of the gratifying increase in recent months in the sale of 1919 securities, following the post-war reaction, it was expected that during the coming year securities would be bought in large volume and that the Government's movement for thrift, saving and investment in Government securities would continue to show good results.

From the beginning of the movement, in December, 1917, to Dec. 15, 1919, the Treasury has received from the sale of tbe War Savings securities a cash total of $\$ 1,126,480,731$.

The 1920, securities consist of the twenty-five-cent Thrift Stamp, which bears no interest and is used to evidence payments on account of War Savings Stamps and certificates; the fivedollar War Savings Stamp and the registered Treasury Savings Certificate, in denominations of $\$ 100$ and $\$ 1,000$, maturity value. The issue price of the War Savings Stamp is $\$ 4.12$ in January, and increases 1 cent a month to $\$ 4.23$ in December. The issue price of the liundred dollar certificate is $\$ 82.40$ in January, and increases at the rate of 20 cents a month to $\$ 84.00$ in December. The thonsand-dollar certificate will be sold for $\$ 824$ in January, and the rrice increases at the rate of $\$ 2$ a month to $\$ 846$ in December.

The 1920 securities will be substantially the same in terms and conditions as those of the 1919 issue, but some alterations have been made in the form. The 1920 War Savings Stamp, for example, will be carmine in color, will bear the head of George Washington, and the size will approximate the larger stamp used in 1918.-N. Y. Times.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice-Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 6.

## Applications Pending.

February 1, 1920.
Bauder, Louis de
Blumel, Alfred Jos.
Brown, Geo. R.
Campbell, Gordon J.
Charmatz, Chas. B.
Dempsey, Andrew
Hale, Oscar H.
Hart, Ed. F.
Hedenberg, Wm. L.
Hunt, Henry B.
Jepp, A. E.
Kaufmann, H. J.
Kimble, Ralph A.
Klotzbach, Harry E.
Moreland, Geo. M.
Parker, Charles H.
Price, Wm. F.
Scheuer, Jacoh H.
Sherman, R. P.
Slansky, J.
Stetson, Richard N.
Thompson, Chas. S.
Woodruff, W. W.
Applications for Reinstatement Pending 4616 Cbitraro, Henry
3447 Hart, Montgomery I.
2125 Schreiher, F. D.

## Applications Posted.

Bartholomew, H. Barton, 2173 Winchell Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio; Age 49; Machinist; Reference: Carroll D. Piper, Wolfeboro, N. H.; Proposed by Howard E. Day, \# 5010.
Bartlett, Courtland G., Jr., 112 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I.; Age 36; Asst. Mgr. Mutual Life Ins. Co.; Reference: Industrial Trust Co., Providence, R. I.; Proposed by W. F. Goerner, \#553.
Beals, James B., Angus Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.; Age 32 ; Bond Salesman; Reference: R. B. Shepard, Treas. French VanSlyke Co., St. Paul, Minn.; Proopsed by George M. Brack, \#4125.

Burger, G. A., 90 Nassau St., New York City; Age legal; Stamp Dealer, Burger \& Co.; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau \& Co. \& L. Mier, New York; Proposed hy H. H. Wilson, \#3563.
Chase; J. T., Box 236, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Age 38; Mgr. Roanoke Rapids Power Co.; Reference: Economist Stamp Co., New York; Proposed hy P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Clay, Francis H., 1101 Park St., Tarentum, Pa.; Age 42; Foundry Supt. Allegheny Steel Co.; Reference: Allegheny Valley Chamher of Commerce, Tarentum, Pa.; Proposed hy the Secretary, \# 1925.
Collins, William Howes, Upper Montclair, N. J.; Age 11; Student; Reference: Industries Publicity Corpn., New York City; Guaranteed by A. P. Howes, Pres. Howes Publishing Co., Inc.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.

Cooper, James P., P. O. Box 289, Memphis, Tenn.; Age 23; Cotton Buyer; Reference: United Stamp Co., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed hy Wm. Seering, \# 5060.
Cserny, John R., Van Noy Dept., Coru Products Refining Co., Argo, Ill.; Age 34; Cashier; Reference: State Bank of Clearing, Argo, Ill.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Dement, C. F., Walla Walla, Wash.; Age 40 ; Hardware Salesman; Reference: John A. Vanderpoel (Iole Dione); Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.

Ellefsen, Alfred, 932 Railway St., Enderlin, N. Dak.; Age 29; Reference: Alfred Harper, Harper Dry Goods Co., Enderlin, N. D.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Fifield, Edson J., 155 Nyac Ave., Pelham, N. Y.; Age 28; Reference: Frank M. Coffin, Gen. Mgr., WheelerMcDowell Elevator Co., 97 Varick St.,

New York; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Free, Wilson W., 713 National Court, ISheboygan, Wis.; Age 34; Stationery Engnl:; Reference: Otto Kaufmann, Sheboygan, Wis.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Friswold, Carroll, Cooperstown, N.Dak.; Age 22; Asst. Cashr. First Natl. Bk. of Cooperstown, N. D.; Reference: First State Bank of Cooperstown; Proposed by H. P. Atherton, \#3842. Goss, Anstin A., Box 278 , Brownsville, Tex.; Age $\pm 7$; Soldier, Chief Clerk Signal Officer; Reference: Capt. E. K. Sterling, Camp U. S. Troops, Brownsville, Tex.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Greenwood, F. E., Fulton, N. Y.; Age 34; Jeweler; Reference: H. S. Twichell, 225 W. 5th St., Erie, Pa.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Herrup, Herbert B., 100 Windsor Ave., Hartford, Conn.; Age 21; Stenographer, Aetna Life Ins. Co.; Reference: J. 1. Seide, 756 Main St., Hartford, Conn.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#3s.
Johnston, J. C., 191 King St., St. John, N. B.; Hail Address, Box 21, Vanceboro, Me.: Age 61; Passenger Conductor C. P. R. R.; Reference: W. H. Smith, Vice Pres. Robertson, Foster \& Smith, St. John, N. B., Canada; Proposed by C. P. Sutton, \#5212.
Ǩuehne, Frank, Jr., 101 Georgia St., Sistersville, W. Va.; Age 27; Mfgr. Soft Drinks; Reference: Peoples National Bank, Sistersville, W.Va.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Mitchill, J. D., Box 708, Orlando, Fla.; Age 63; Expert accountant; Reference: M. Ohlman, W. P. Brown, J. C. Morgenthau, New York; Proposed hy P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Moroni, Warwick C., 154 W. 13th St., New York City; Age 34; Accountant; Reference: Banca Tocci, 89 Park St., New York; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \#2279.
Terhune, Herbert Mason, 240 Graham Ave., Paterson, N. J.; Age 28; Drug Clerk; Reference: Charles T. Walters, Druggist, Paterson, N. J.; Proposed by Cornel Kmentt, \#4712.

Thomson, Ivan Lloyd, 625 W . Lincoln St., Pontiac, Ill.; Age 24; Pharmacist; Reference: Livingston County Natl. Bank, Pontiac, Ill.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Turnbull, Johu, Ironton, Ohio; Age 40; P. O. Clerk; Reference: First National Bank and Wendover Neefus, Hndson, N. Y.; Proposed by J. E. Cuest, \#4215.
Applications for Reinstatement.
1819 Baker, Ferd L., 1223 W. Minnehaha ist., St. Paul, Minn.; Age 49 ; Manfgs. Agt.; Reference: R. E. Leonard, Secy. Rotary Clnb, St. Paul, Minn.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
4097 Barker, Roy S., 923 Hospital Trust Bldg., Providence, R. I.; Age 49 ; Bond Salesman, Sartorius \& Co., Providence, R. I.; Reference: E. J. Horton \& Co., Providence, R. I.; Proposed by W. F. Goerner, \#553.
3841 Bartleson, Rasmus, 3424 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.; Age 29; Pharmacist; Reference: J. R. Bruce, Central Bank Bldg., St. Panl, Minn.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925. 2570 Wickman, Henry M., 42 Manchester Terrace, Springfield, Mass.; Age legal; Insurance Clerk, Mass. Mutual; Reference: Springfield Safe Deposit \& Trust Co.; Proposed by Wm. C. Stone, \#49.

New Stockholders.
5437 Jeannede, Nick., Hotel Utica, Utica, N. Y.
5438 Andres, Paul G., Box 592, East Lansing, Mich.
5439 Baker, Reid $\operatorname{si} ., 1322$ F St., Washington, D. C.
5440 Bosman, Jacques, 316 W. 102 St., New York City.
Ave., Detroit, Mich.
5441 Candler, Henry E., 441 Burns
5442 Chase, Frank D., 612 Stratford Place, Chicago, Ill.
5443 Fotterall, Wm. F., Port Kennedy, Pa .
5444 Glassell, Steve A., Beverly Hills, Calif.
5445 Hill, Ellsworth O. C., 224 Cooper St., Camden, N. J.
$5+46$ Huster, .O. K., 101 Holly St., Cranford, N. J.

5447 McDermitt, S. S., 1617 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.
5448 Powell, Daniel L., Jr., 736 East Lawn Ave., Detroit, Mich.
5449 Rheimberg, M. S., 35 W. 72 St., New York City.
5450 Rhoades, Caroline N., 686 Railroad Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa.
5451 Sloan, Percy H., 1307 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.
5452 Spaeth, Chas., 706 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Rochester, N.Y.
5453 Sperling, Emil M., 725 5th Ave., New York City.
5454 Wolffe, Martin L., Peyton, Colo.

## Reinstated.

2187 Hardy, Jas. S., 4522 Forrestville Ave., Chicago, Ill.
4219 Moseley, E.A., 1904 Tower Grove Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
531 Toccos, Michel D., Cavalla,Greece.

## Resignations Received.

4704 Brown, E. B., 55 Chambers St., New Haven, Conn.
5070 Kingsley, C. G., 6 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
3147 Obrecht, Rev. E. M., Trappist, Ky.
1467 Waitt, J. E., 4 Mt. Warren, Roxbury, Mass.
5018 Strong, Henry C., Box 370, Manila, P. I.

## Resignations Accepted.

4642 Allen, Gertrude, 206 Monroe St., Hackettstown, N. J.
5221 Eddy, C. F., Scotland, Ont., Canada.
3936 Gregg, E. J., 484 14th Ave., Detroit, Mich.
4980 Hostos, E. C. de, San Juan, P. R.
2901 Kronmann, Rudolf, Kongensgade 63, Copenhagen, Denmark.
4905 Lopez, Capt. Pascual, Las Cascadas, Canal Zone.

## Heath Reported.

4997 Paul. Miss Gertrude, Jr., 2210 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. Change of Address.
585 Barnum, W. H. from Cleveland, O. to Union Paper \& Twine Co., Detroit, iMch.
3050 Cohen, Felix from Box 981 to Box 1823 , Alexandria, Egypt.

4828 Day, Percy M. from 560 8th St. to Box 462 , San Bernardino, Cal.
2399 Emmert, W. H. from New Oxford to 5902 Ellsworth St., Philadelphia, Pa .
4930 Fry, H. M. from 124 N. 7 Ave. to 726 Ave. H, Bethlehem, Pa.
2454 Green, Dick, from Quantico, Va. to 56311 Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah.
5350 Green, M. M. from Cincinnati, O. to 324 East Ave. 60, Los Angeles, Calif.
5241 Goldstein, oJs. from 2315 Peters Ave. to 1833 General Pershing, New Orleans, La.
1965 Habman, F. from Philadelphia to Box 3, Altoona, Pa.
5181 Hindsley, Norman from Box 380 to 32338 Ave. West, Calgary, Alb., Canada.
4627 Holliday, C. W. from 225 Main Ave. to 625 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J.

4693 Hoskins, H. Preston from Box 4693 to Box 471, Detroit, Mich.
3504 Israel, S. L. from Havana, Cuba to 61 Hamilton Terrace, New York City.
1578 Jefferis, Dr. B. G. from Magnolia Springs, Ala. to 1574 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.
4691 Lloyd, Michael J. from Box 117 to 1351 Hayden Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
4411 Menager, L. C. from Route B, Box 3, to 2990 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
4005 Moewr, R. H. from San Francisco to 1108 Laurel St., Berkeley, Calif.
630 Phinney, O. H. from San Diego to Grossmont, Calif.
5174 Pike, A. H. from Station G to 50 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y.
5363 Roberts, Howard C. from 513 W. Main to 320 W. Main St., Norristown, Pa .
4653 Schumacher, August H. from 1306 Louisiana St. to 907 Harold St., Houston, Tex.
5302 Solostb, Dr. Robt. E. from Strand Theatre Bldg. to 118 W . Washington St., Phoenix, Ariz.
536t Sulman, S. H. from Panama to Obispo \#50, Havana, Cuba.

3120 Vanderpoel, John A. from Spokane to Bellevue, Wash.
3304 Warner, A. M. from 445 Locust St. to 316 Pine St., Johnstown, Pa.
4675 Wheat, A. F., M. D., from Macon, Ga. to 1837 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.

2594 Worrilow, Col. U. G. from Los Angeles to Army Recruiting Sta.; Oklanoma City, Okla.

## Membership Summary.

Membership January 1, 1920
1723
New Stockholders
Reinstated
3

1744
Resignations accepted 6
Lost by death
$1 \quad 7$
Total Membership Feb. 1, 1920
1737 Life Membership.
The following bave been added to Life Membership:
31-1672 Chambers, Robert F., 104 Irring Ave., Providence, R. I.
32-1644 Jonnston, Thos. R., Saltsburg, Pa.
33-3607 Neefus, Wendover, Hudson, N. Y.

3:-4968 Lichtenstein, Alfred F., 134 Cedar St., New York City.
$35-4615$ Gibson, Henry C., 2001 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## Summary.

Previously Reported
30
New Life Members
5
Life Membership Feb. 1, 1920
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

> An Oriental Offer at Best American Prices.
> Egypt 1914: compl. set $1-200 \mathrm{~m}$, $\$ 0.50$
Sudan $02-11: 1,2,3,4,5 \mathrm{~m}, 1,2,5,0.6$

- 10 sets, used ......................... 5.25
Cilicia T. E. O. on Turkish, 8 diff.
Palestine rouletted ipi blue \& 5 m
on 1 pi blue on registered
postcard of Jerusalem, used 1.40
- 191s: $1,2,3,4,5 \mathrm{~m}, 1,2 \mathrm{pi}$ used. 0.20
-     - 5, 9, 10, 20 pi, used ...............65
Gibraltar 1912: 1 sh and 2 sh used. 0.60

I have for sale a fine lot of the stamped envelopes of the Philippine Islands, issued since 1906 , postally used and bearing singles \& blocks of the better stamps. Condition is-PEFiFECTION. I can also supply these used from the U. S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China. Correspondence invited. Fine postage stamps on approval, against commercial reference. W. F. Slusser, Fort Washington, Maryland. Member American Stamp Dealers' Ass'n.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

## Jan. 30, 1920. -Officers:-

To the Members of the American Philatelic Society:
As approximately one-half of my term as your President has elapsed, it seems fitting that I should make a brief report to the members regarding the affairs of our Society.
-Sales Department:-
You have all no donbt noted from the American Philatelist that our new Sales Superintendent, Mr. J. E. Guest, has qualified and is ready for business. It is, therefore, your own fault if you do not take advantage of the opportunities oeffred by this Department to either dispose of your duplicates or to purchase stamps missing in your collections.

## -American Philatelist:-

The Society is indeed fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Wm. C. Stone as Editor of onr paper, and he has already proven that he is capable and intends to keep the standard high. If you think llr. Stone is getting out an interesting and high class paper, enconaage him by writing him to tiat efic t.

The other Officers and Committees are taking care of their cluties, and progress is being made.
-ilembership:-
Mr. A. A. Jones of Herrin, 1ll. has accepted the Chairmanship of the Recruiting Committee, and $I$ hope from now on our membership will increase at a more satisfactory rate. On Ang. 1st we had 1,679 members and on Jan. 1st, 1,723 , an increase of only 44 mem bers during five months. This will not do. We should have 2,000 members when we convene in Providence next August. I am positively not a candidate for re-election, but would like to go out of office with 2,000 members in good standing when my term expires Sept. 1st, 1920. I, therefore, appeal to you all to do what you can to accomplish this object. Secretary Davis will be glad to send you application blanks on request.

Yours fraternally,
H. H. WILSON, President.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

 FOR THE NONTH OF'JANUARY, 1920.
## Stock Fund.

Balance
Balance
Receipts
Disburse-
ments

| Balance | Insurance Fund. |  | \$1976.27 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$1994.99 |  |  |
| Disburse | ents | 18.72 |  |  |
|  | Exelange | Account. |  |  |
| Balance |  | \$ 7.81 |  |  |
| Receipts |  | . 15 | \$ | 7.96 |

Suspense Account.
\$ 27.70
$3.20 \$ 30.90$
$\$ 11204.19$
Amezican Philatelist Account.
Depit Balance $\$ 2707.66$
Receipts $\quad \$ 96.72$
Disbursements
$98.86 \quad 2.14 \quad \$ 2709.80$
$\$ 8494.39$
Resources.

## Bonds

Cash
$\$ 5489.34$
$3005.05 \quad \$ 8494.39$

## POSTAL CARD DEPARTMENT.

BELGIUN. A new 5 centime card has been issued of the current type withont Sunday coupon. The inscriptions are bilingual and the frame is a double line with "lazy" S's between as the cow boys would say.

5 centimes yellow green on buff.
BOSN1A. The 10 heller card has been surcharged KRALIEVSTVO-Srba Hrvata-Hovexaa and ned value.

20 on 10 heller, carmine on yellow
The military card has also been surcharged DRZAVA-S. H. S. $10 \mathrm{~h}-\mathrm{BOS}-$ NA HERCEGOVINA.

10 heller black on gray
Surcharged in Cyrillic characters: BOCHA H-XEPLETOBMHA in a frame.

10 heller, black on gray
Third surcharge-KHAAEBCTBOC. X. C 10 X

10 heller, black on gray
Fourth surcharge-KPAAEBCTBO-Cpta-XXXouruaya- 10 X .

10 heller rose on rose
Cards bearing the stamps of the eagle type and bearing the inscriptions KARTA POCZTOWA "Adres Wysylajacego" have been issued.

15 filler, carmine on buff
This card has also been surcharged for use at the office in Constantinople.

RUSSIA. The 3 kopec card has been surcharged for use in Batoun-BATYM 06 Kop 35 Kop.

35 kepecs on $3 k$, red on buff
SIAM. Two cards with stamps of 1914 type printed by Waterloo \& Sons have been issued.

2 satangs, brown and red on buff
3 satangs, green and red on buff
GREECE. The postal cards with views have been surcharged for military use with a Greek? inscription.

ITALY. A new letter card bas appeared with stamy of the type of the 5 c .

15 centesimi, gray on cream
POLAND. Austrian cards surcharged POCZTA POLSKA has been issued. There are several minor varieties in the spacings between the two words of the surcharge.

15 h on 8 hellers, green on cream
15 h on 10 hellers, claret on cream
The 5 heller Austria has also been surcharged with the Polish arms and a new value.

20 h on 5 hellers, green on gray
The "Gen. Gouv. Warchau" surcharge POLSKA POCZTA has received new sur-charge of OSTROW and OSTROLENKA and new value.

15 filler on $71 / 2$ pf orange on cream (3000)

15 filler on $71 / 2$ pf orange on cream (1000)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A card with the "castle" stamp has appeared.

10 deniers, red violet on rose.
JUGOSLAVJA. Hungarian military cards have received the black surcharge KPAIUEVSTVO SHS and value.

10 filler, black on gray blue
15 filler, black on gray blue
LIECHTENSTELN. There is a ten heller card of the arms type of 1917-18. 10 heller, carmine brown on buff

Note. For most of the above information I am indebted to. "L'Amateur de Cartes \& d'Envelopes" which now forms a supplement to "L'Echangiste Universel." I hope our members will send me in news of new cards also.

## South American Stamps.

Now that the scarcity of paper and pigments due to war conditions is less marked, a number of South American republics are once more issuing stamps in great variety. The most elaborate of the new issues comes from Uruguay - a panoramic view of Montevideo, reproduced from a telepholograph.

None of them, however, can compart, in the way of minute detail, with a series issued ten years ago by the Chilean Government depicting scenes in the history of Chile, such as the signing of the oath of independence and a number of battles on land and sea. Another Chilean series comprises portraits of men famous in the annals of the country, ranging from Columbus to Balmaceda. -Detroit News.

## PRECANCEL NOTES.

DR. C. W. HENNAN.

Mr. Fred Raff shows me a copy of the $12 c$ Washington, D. C. precanceled similar to the new New York City. The Washington is abibreviated Wasin. lle also shows me a copy of the 1 c perf. 11 North Milwaukee, Wis. similar to Universal type 16 . Mr. Raff has a 1c Nohlesville, Ind. precancelled in red ink.

Mr. Don M. Harris sends me samples of the new Corpus Christi, Texas. The following values were precancelled at Christmas: $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}, 3 \mathrm{c}, 4 \mathrm{c}, 5 \mathrm{c}, 7 \mathrm{c}, 8 \mathrm{c}$, $10 \mathrm{c}, 20 \mathrm{c}, 30 \mathrm{c}, 50 \mathrm{c}$, and 3 c Victory. Only 63 of the Victory were precancelled as this was all that was in stock. These were precancelled with the usual rubber hand stamp, which covers 25 stamps, so overlapping may be found. He writes that only a few hundred of the ordinary values were precancelled, and none of these were sold to the public, being placed on Xmas packages only.

Zion City, Ill., home of Voliva and his sect, now designates itself Zion. Among my Christmas precancels I found a few values including the $4 \mathrm{c}, 15 \mathrm{c}, 20 \mathrm{c}$, and $30 c$ precancelled Zion, Ills. in type similar to the Chicago handstamped. I also found the $4 c$ and the 20 c from Chico, Calif. in the same type.

Mr. P. F. Roherson writes that Peoria, Ill. has precancelled the 6 c and $\mathbf{1 6 c}$ Aeroplane with the current type. The 6c comes double. The precancellation is horizontal and misses some stamps entire $y$, as the ordinary postage plate was used.

It is reported that Herrin, Ill. precanceled the current values up to and including the 15 c at Xmas time. A few days ago I received the le inverted cancelled with magenta ink.

Mr. F. B. McGown forwards me a selection which includes the 3 c coil, nornal and inverted, Toledo, Ohio, with the information that they are overstocked and want to use them up. He also sends me the 16 c Aeroplane read-
ing up, and the 13 c normal. These are all cancelled with the rubher roller that is in use there.

Mr. Benjamin Cadbury, A. P. S. No. 5206, mails me a list of cities using the 1c surface priuted. Are you interested? If so send me a list of those you have using Bushnell's universal types and I will arrange it for publication. Make the list out today and send it on.

I have a 2 c perf. 11 precancelled Henderson, Ky. The printer must have been afflicted with Si. Vitus dance as it has been hit about six times.

A correspondent has asked for a list of precancelled Airplane stamps. Who can send us a list -(Editor).

Otto C. Reyman sends word that the 10 cent Special Delivery stamp has been pre-cancelled at East Pittsburgh, Pä. The same setting is used as for the regular adhesives which makes one full and a part of two other impressions fall on each stamp.

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OTTO C. REYMANN, A. P. S. \#3773.
The twenty-fourth edition of the Yvert-Tellier-Champion Catalog reached me around the middle of October. I must have been among the favored few who received their copy so early, because the publishers state that it had been impossible for them to finish completely the manufacture of the whole edition by October first, the date originally announced for the mailing of the catalog. But in order not to disappoint the great army of collectors and dealers they distribnted the number finished among all orders on hand which enabled them to send one-third of the total quantity ordered and the balance will be distributed as soon as circumstances permit. There bas been such an unprecedented demand for this justly appreciated work that the whole edition has been sold out by the Publishers to collectors and dealers. No less than 30,000 copies were distributed all over the world in less than 15 days after they had come off the press. The publishers with characteristic French modesty "wish to see in this ropularity nothing more than an encouragement to better their work in the future and bring it as near to perfection as possible."

The question of perfection as applied to a stamp catalog in my opinion can be viewed from two sides, namely completeness of listing of all stamps that legitimately have done postal duty and correctness as weil as completeness of prices for such stamps as are listed. As for the first requisite, Yvert \& Tellier's catalog has always enumerated a great niany more stamps than other general catalogs and the users of the "French Cat." as an nnimitable writer and publisher in the stampic field has nicknamed it, have in no mean way benefitted by this listing and pricing of numerous shades, perforation varieties, minor varieties in plates and printing. Besides this catalog gives information on Telegrapi and Telephone stamps and official seals which is not found in the Standard Catalog for instance.

There seems to be a tendency among all catalog writers, and Yvert \& Tellier are no exception, to rather eliminate much useful information concerning minor varieties, etc. than to elaborate it. Whether they are driven to this step through the rising cost of production and a desire to keep the size of their works within convenient dimensions or through the great number of newly issued stamps which thanks to modern merchandising methods in the form of numerous new issue services are within easy reach of the average collector, I have not yet been able to determine in a satisfactory way, bnt the earnest student of stamps cannot help, but regret this tendency to curtail instead to extend. Even today much valuable data and information of general interest seem to remain secrets of the specialists and the elected few. The catalogs do not contain it and handbooks covering their subject exhaustively are far too few.

The 1920 edition contains as newcomers, fully illnstrated, such countries as Arabia, (Hejaz), Bagdad, Bushire, Cilicia, Esthonia, Fiume, (no less than 89 varieties are listed), Iraq, Kionga, Lithnania, Livonia, Mesopotamia, Nan-
ru, North West Pacific Islands, Oubangui, Poland, (224 stamps listed), Rarotonga, Rouad, Tcheco-Slovaquia, Trent and Trieste, Trentino, Ukraine, Venezia Giulia, Jugo-Slavia, (111 stamps catalogued), Deutrch-Oesterreich. The stamps issued during the duration of the war by the countries which were at war with France, viz. Germany, Anstria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, hiave been listed and priced upon the very general request of collectors and dealers alike. The publishers deserve great credit for this, because it must have been difficult for them to obtain reliable information concerning all issues legitimately made and still harder appears to have been the task of arriving at fair catalog prices, because it must be borne in mind that the sale and even the importation into France of stamps issued by enemy countries was forbidden until very recently. Some countries have been rewritten to bring them in accord with the results of recent special studies and the War and Red Cross stamps ot all countries of tine World have been included and are priced.

Concerning the question of prices, it has always been a distinguishing feature of the Yvert \& Tellier catalog that almost all stamps that are listed are also priced in used and unused condition and long lines of blank spaces as are only too frequently encountered in the Standard Catalog for example are happily conspicuous by their absence. Ever recent issues, the quotations of which it is not always eash to establish on a fair valuation basis, are generally priced and thus give the collectors and dealers a comparative idea of their scarcity or abundance and conseruently of their value. In this respect the publishers encountered another unlooked for difficulty, caused through the continued depreciation of foreign exchange with no indivation available that might be useful in determiuing, how far the value of the French franc in which all prices are given, might tall below its par value.
( 5 francs $181 / 2$ centimes were equal to one U.S. dollar before the war against 14.50 at the present moment) and for that reason the publishers state that the prices of current issues must be corrected in accordance with the fluctuations of the exchange market and that the catalog prices for current issues are by far too low having been determined around the month of May. The state of foreign exchange has thus become an important factor entering every purchase and sale of stamps in foreign countries.

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## UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS.

A CONCISE HISTORY AND MEMORANDUM.<br>HENRY C. NEEDHAM.

## NEW YORK CITY EXPRESS POST.

J. and E. Brooks, Publishers and Stationers, local agents of Gay \& Company, No. 1 Nassau Street, New York City, conducted this Post and Express business from 1846 to at least 1848. Their stamps are very rare and we have not been able to gather sufficient data to satisfy ourselves as to the length of time the stamps were in use. The design is quite similar to that of Boyd's post. It was evidently engraved on steel; number in sheet unknown.

The mail and express matter was delivered locally or dispatched to the Post Office or by special messengers to Newport, Fall River, Providence, Boston, also to New Haven, Hartford, \&c.

Varieties exist, particularly noticeahle in the comma after the word "Post," and the omission of the hyphen between "New" and "York."

The green stamp is impresed on a glazed surfaced paper; the orange one on a white wove.

Such enclosures as we have seen show usage during the year 1847 only.

We have seen one cover addressed to the Father of the proprietors, Rec. Charles Brooks, 12 Bedford Street, Boston. No counterfeits are known.


One Type Only. 1847. Varieties,
2c Green glazed surfaced paper.
2c Orange.

## ONE CENT DESPATCH.

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'Joseph H. Wiley of Washington, D. C., was the prime mover in establishing this Post. He acted as agent for McClintock's Express, 394 D Street near 7 th, Washington, D. C.

Alexander McClintock of Baltimore, Md., was the financial backer of the enterprize which seems to have been a side issue as he was engaged in the coal business.

Wiley was evidently a hustler as is quite clear from the large business he was soon ahle to develop. He soon moved his office to No. 417 Pennsylvania Avenue. Following is a copy of an original circular of the Post:
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Uufortunately no date is shown on this circular; it is believed, however, that it was issued in 1856 . It will be noted that "Georgetown" is erased by pen. Evidently at about the time stamps were first issued there was an office of the Post in Georgetown. We have seen a copy of the stamp (now in Senator Ackerman's Collection) surcharged in manuscript "Georgetown' with a pen line through the words "Washington City."

It is claimed that the Post was first established in 1852. In our opinion, however, stamps were not issued until 1855 or 1856 and continued to be used for less than one year.


## ONE CENT DESPATCH.

Type I. Washington, D. C. 1856. 1c Violet on White.

## Type II. Baltimore, Md., Washington <br> Oity erased. 1856.

1c Red on White.

## COUNTERFEITS.

Numerous counterfeits exist. Type smaller than original; hat and feather too close to oval; border varies from original.

## ONE CENT DISPATCH.

## Baltimore, Md.

Ricketts \& Hall, No. 4 Rechabite Hall, Fayette and Frederick Streets, Baltimore, conducted a Local Post and Delivery business during the year 1857.

It is claimed that they succeeded to the business of Isaac Cook who in 18534 had offices at the same address. The building where this Post was located has recently been sold to the City and is about to be razed. We hope to secure additional data from the files of the estate formerly owning the building.

Mr. Howard C. Beck in 1913 found a copy of the stamp on original cover at Washington.

We have seen two copies off cover; one having been trimmed, the name and address of the proprietors eliminated.

No counterfeits are known.

## ONE CENT DISPATCH.

## One Type Only.

1c Red on Blue.

NOTE. We have been unable to secure an illustration of this stamp for use here, but when these articles are reissued in book form we hope to include one. The only cut we have seen is in the Philatelic Journal of America, 21:38.

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## New York City.

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Stamps were lithographed by G. Hayward \& Co., Boston; sold at six cents each, twenty for $\$ 1.00$.

The word "Free" under certain of the stamps might not indicate a separate variety. We cannot quite fathom the reason why this word appears on some of the stamps and not on others.

For years the stamps have been listed on straw and pink paper. We have never seen undoubted originals on other than the greenish paper, and, in our opinion, the early lists were evidently compiled from stamps in some collection containing other than authentic emissions.

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## OVERTON \& COMPANY.

## Type I. 1844.

No value (6c) Greenish paper.
Type II. 1844.
No value (6c) Greenish paper.
"Free."


## COUNTERFEITS.

Many exist; a sure test is the beak of the dove; in original this is shaped somewhat like that of a parrot and ex? d; downward. Shading on the wings of the dove in original does not fully cover these members; neck of dove in orizinal is also shaded. Counterfeits are on a light bluish paper instead of a greenish paper.


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# CONFEDERATE POSTAL LEGISLATION. 

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## PROVISIONAL CONGRESS.

First Session (Continued). February 23, 1861.

*     *         * the following message was received from the Presitient: Executive Depariment, Montgomery, Ala., February 23, 1861.

Mr. President: The President has this day and approved and signed

An act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes.

> ROBERT JOSSELYN, Private Secretary.

Chap. XIII. An Act to prescribe the Rates of Postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That from and after such period as the Postmaster General may by proclamation announce, there shall be charged the following rates of postage, to-wit: For every single sealed letter, and for every letter in manuscript or paper of any kind, upon which information shall be asked for or communicated in writing, or by marks or signs, conveyed in the mail for any distance between places within the Confederate States of America, not exceeding five hundred miles, five cents; and for any distance exceeding five hundred miles, double that rate; and every letter or parcel not exceeding half an cunce in weight shall be deemed a single letter, and every additional weight of half an ounce, or additiona! weight of less than half an ounce, shall be charged with an additional single postage; and all packages containing other than printed or written matter--and money packages are included in this class-shall be rated by weight as letters are rated, and shall be charged double the rates of postage on letters; and all drop letters, or letters placed in any post-office not for transmission, but for delivery only, shall be charged with postage at the rate of two cents each;
and in all the foregoing cases the postage must be pre-paid by stamps; and all letters which shall hereafter be advertised as remaining over or uncalled for in any post-office, shall be charged with two cents each in addition to the regular postage, both to be accounted for as other postages of this Confederacy.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all newspapers not exceeding three ounces in weight, sent from the office of publication to actual and bona fide subscribers, shall be charged with postage as follows, to-wit: The postage on the regular numbers of a newspaper published weekly, within the State where published, shall be six and one-half cents per quarter; and papers published semi-weekly, double that rate; and papers published thrice a week, treble that rate; and papers published daily, six times that rate; and the postage on all newspapers to actual subscribers' without the State where published, shall be charged double the foregoing rates. And periodicals sent from the office of publication to actual and bona fide subscribers, slall be charged with postage as follows, to wit: The postage on the regular numbers of a periodical not exceeding one and a half ounc̣es in weight and published monthly, within the State where published, shall be three cents per quarter; if published semi-monthly, double that rate; and for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, double the foregoing rates shall be charged; and periodicals published quarterly or bi-monthly shall be charged one cent an ounce; and the postage on all periodicals without the State where published shall be double the above specified rates; and regular subscribers to newspapers and periodicals shall be required to pay one quarter's postage in advance. And there shall be charged upon every other newspaper, and each circular not sealed, handbill, engraving, pamphlet, periodical and magazine, which shall be unconnected
with any manuscript or written matter, not exceeding three ounces in weight, two cents; and for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, two cents additional; and in all cases the postage shall be prepaid by stamps. And books, bound or unbound, not weighing over four pounds, shall be deemed mailable matter, and shall be charged with postage, to be prepaid by stamps, at two cents an ounce for any distance. The publishers of newspapers or periodicals may send to each other, from their respective offices of publication, free of postage, one copy of each publication.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to provide and furnish to all deputy postmasters, and to all other persons applying and paying therefor, suitable postage stamps and stamped envelopes, of the denomination of two cents, five cents, and twenty cents, to facilitate the pre-payment of postages provided for in this act; and any person who shall forge or counterfeit any postage stamp provided or furnished under the provisions of this or any former act, whether the same are impressed or printed on or attached to envelopes or not, or any die, plate, or engraving therefor, or shall make or print, or knowingly use or sell, or have in his possession, with intent to use or sell, any such false, forged or counterfeited die, plate, engraving or postage stamp, or who shall make or print, or authorize or procure to be made or printed, any postage stamps of the kind provided and furnished by the Postmaster General as aforesaid, without the especial authority and direction of the Post Office Department, or who, after such postage stamps have been printed, shall, with intent to defraud the revenues of the Post Office Department, deliver any postage stamps to any person or persons, other than such as shall be authorized to receive the same by an instrument of writing, duly executed under the hand of the Postmaster General and the seal of the Post Office Department, shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of felony, and
be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and the expenses of procuring and providing all such postage stamps and letter envelopes as sare provided for or authorized by this act, shall be paid, after being adjusted by the Auditor of the PostOffice Department, on the certificate of tle Postmaster General out of any money in the treasury arising from the revenues of the Post Office Department.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of every postmasterto cause to be defaced, in such manner as the Postmaster General shall direct, all postage stamps of this Confederacy attached to letters deposited in his office for delivery, or to be sent by mail; and if any postmaster sending letters in the mail, with such postage stamps attached, shall omit to deface the same, it shall be the duty of the postmaster, to whose office such letter shall be sent for delivery, to deface the stamps and report the delinquent postmaster to the Postmaster General. And if any person shall use or attempt to use in pre-payment of postage any postage stamps which shall have been before used for like purposes, such person shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered in the name of the Confederate States of America in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That from and after the day when this act goes into effect the franking privilege shall be abolished: Provided, That the Postmaster General and his chief clerks and Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department shall be and they are hereby authorized to transmit through the mail, free of postage, any letters, packages or other matters relating exclusively to their official duties partment; but they shall, in every such or to the business of the Post Office Decase, endorse on the back of the letter or package to be sent free of postage, over their own signatures, the words "Official Business." And for any such endorsement falsely made, the person
so offending shall forfeit and pay three hundred dollars. And provided further, The several deputy postmasters throughout the Confederate States shall he and hereby are authorized to send through the mail, free of postage, all letters and packages which it may be their duty or they may have occasion to transmit to any person or place, and which shall relate exclusively to the husiness of their respective offices or to the business of the Post Office Department hut in every such case the deputy postmaster sending any such letter or package shall endorse thereon, over his own signature, the words "Post Office Business," and for any and every such endorsement, falsely made, the person making the same shall forfeit and pay three hundred dollars.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the third section of an act eutitled "An act further to amend an act entitled 'An act to reduce and modify the rates of postage in the United Etates, and for other purposes, pased March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one,'" approved March 3d, 1855, whereby the letter registration system was estabisher, be and is hereby repealed, from and after the day when this act goes into effect.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That no letters shall be carried by the express or other chartered companies, unless the same shall be pre-paid by heing enclosed in a stamped envelope of this Confederacy; and any company violating the provisions of this act shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered hy action of debt in any court of this Confederacy having cognizance thereof, in the name and for the use of this Confederacy.
ecs. 8. Be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General of the Confederate States be and is herehy authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the transmission of mails between the territories of this and other governments, subject to the approval of the President, until postal treaties can be effectd.

Approved February 23, 1861.

Febfuary 25.
The Congress having gone into executive session, the following communication was received from the President:

Confederate States of America Executive Department
Montgomery, Ala., February 25, 1861. Hon. Howell Cobh, President of the Congress.

Sir: I berehy transmit for the advice of the Congress the following nominations, to wit:

Henry T. Ellett of Mississippi to be Postmaster General.
Judah P. Benjamin of Louisiana to be Attorney General.
S. R. Mallory of Florida to be Secretary of the Navy.

## Jeff'n Davis.

The Congress then proceeded to act upon the said communication.

And the question being,
Will the Congress advise and consent to the nomination of Henry T. Ellett to be oPstmaster General?

It was nnanimously decided in the affirmative.

Feb. 27, 1861.
Mr. Chilton introduced
A bill to authorize the collection of postages on mail matter carried in steamships hetween any port or ports in Europe and any port or ports in the Confederate States of America;

Which was read two times, and on motion of Mr. Rhett was referred to the Committee on Postal Affairs.

Feb. 28, 1861.
Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on . Postal Affairs, reported a

Bill supplemental to "An act to regulate the rates of postage and for other purposes;"

Which was read the first and second times, engrossed, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Shorter, from the Committee on Engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed and enrolled

An act supplemental to regulate the rates of postages, and for other purposes.

March 1.
A message was received from the President fhrough his Private Secretary that he had approved and signed

An act supplemental to an act to regulate the rates of postage, and for other purposes.

Chapter XXIII. An Act Supplemental to an act to Regulate the Rates of Postage, and for other purposes.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That until postage stamps and stamped envelopes can be procured and distributed, the Postmaster General may order the postage of the Confederacy to be prepaid in money, under such rules and regulatious as he may adopt.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That until otherwise provided by law, the Postmaster General may contract with any line of steamers for the transportation of mail matter between the ports of this Confederacy and the ports of foreign governments; Provided, That the rates of postage shall not exceed the rates allowed by the present laws of the United States for similar service, and the compensation to be paid shall not exceed the income from postage on such matter. (Approved March 1, 1861).

## March 5.

Mr. Nishet presented to Congress a letter on the subject of postage; which was referred to the Committee on Postal Affairs.

March 6, 1861.
Mr. Stephens offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the standing committee of this hody on * * * Postal Affairs * * * shall consist of six members, and the President be authorized to fill them to this number;

Which was agreed to; and
In pursuance thereof the Chair made the following appointments:

*     *         * Postal Affairs, Mr. Ochiltree. * * *

March 6.
Congress proceeded to the consideration of

A bill to create the clerical force of the several Executive Departments of the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes

The following clause having been read, to wit:

To the Post Office Department there shall be a chief clerk, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and ten other clerks, five of whom shall receive salaries each of twelve hundred dollars, and five shall receive salaries each of one thousand dollars per annum. And there shall be one messenger, at an annual salary of five hundred dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the same was amended by inserting after the words "there shall be," when they first occur, the words "an assistant postmaster general, at a salary of three thousand dollars, and."

## March 6.

The Congress having gone into executive session, the following communication was received from the President:

Executive Department,
March 6, 1861.
Hon. Howell Cobb,

## President of the Congress.

Sir: I hereby nominate for the advice and consent of the Congress, John H. Reagan, of Texas, to be Postmaster General of the Confederate States of America.

## Jefferson Davis.

And the question being,
Will Congress advise and consent to the said nomination?
It was unanimously decided in the affirmative.
So Congress does advise and consent that John H. Reagan, of Texas, be Postmaster General of the Confederate States of America.

## March 7.

A message was received from the President that he had approved and signed

An act to create the clerical force of the several Executive Departments of the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes.

Chapter XXX. An Act to create the Clerical Force of the several Executive Departments of the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the clerical force of the several departments of the Confederate States of America shall consist of the following officers:

To the Post Office Department there shall be an Assistant Postmaster General with a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, and a chief clerk at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and ten other clerks, five of whom shall receive salaries each of twelve hundred, and five shall receive salaries each of one thousand dollars per annum. And there shall be one messenger, at an annual salary of five hundred dollars.

That the * * * Postmaster Gen-
Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, eral are hereby authorized to employ such other clerical force in their respective departments as the exigencies, of the public service may absolutely require, being limited in the compensation to the lower grade of salary for clerks provided for in this bill; they are also empowered to employ such laborers for their respective offices as may be required, not exceeding one for each of the executive departments, and whose compensation shall not exceed one dollar and fifty cents per day. (Approved March 7, 1861.)

## March 8.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Postal Affairs, reported

A bill to organize the Post Office Department; which was read a first and second time and, on motion of Mr . Barnwell, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

## March 9.

Mr. Toombs, from the Committee on Finance, to which committee was referred

A bill to be entitled "An act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department" reported the same back with a recommendation that it pass.

Congress proceeded to its consideration.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; which having been done and the bill read a third time, was passed.

Mr. Shorter, from the Committee on Engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed and enrolled

An act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department

A message was received from the President that he had approved and signed

An act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department, the secrecy on which last named act was ordered to be removed.

Chapter XXXV. An Act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That to the Post Office Department there shall be a chief of the contract bureau, a chief of the appointment burean, and a chief of the finance bureau, each of whom shall be entitled to an annual salary of two thonsand five hundred dollars; also a chief clerk, who shall be entitled to an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars; also a draftsman, for such time as his services may be required, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, or at that rate for a shorter pe-
riod than one year; also the clerks at an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars each, and ten additional clerks at an annual salary of one thousand dollar's each. And the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to exploy such other clerical force in his department as the exigencies of the public service may absolutely demand, the salaries of such superadded clerks to be so employed by him not to exceed one thousand dollars each; but this power, together with the tenure of such apppointees, shall extend no longer than the end of the first session of the next Congress. And he may also employ one messenger, at an annual salary of five hundred dollars; and also two lahorers, at an expense of not more than one dollar and fifty cents each per day.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That so much of an act entitled "An Act to create the clerical force of the several executive departments of the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes" as relates to the Post Office Department of the Confederate States be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. And he it further enacted, That the Postmaster General shall have the general power to transfer the clerks authorized by this act from any one bureau to another, according to the exigencies of the public service. (Approved Marcb 9,1861 ).

Mr. Cobb introduced the following bill:

A bill in relation to unSday mail service.

Section 1. The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the Postmaster General, in the renewal or making contracts for carrying the mails within the Confederate States, shall not require of any contractor to carry or deliver any mails on Sunday. Nor shall be require any deputy postmaster to make up, distribute, receive, or deliver any mail matter or to keep open any post office on that day.

Mr. Withers moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Postal Affairs, and
at the instance of South Carolina, the yeas and nays thereon were taken and recorded, as follows:

Alabama_-Yea: Messrs. Walher, Smith, Curry, Hale and McRae. Nay: Messrs. Chilton, Shorter, and Flarn.

Florida-Nay: Messrs. Morton and Anderson.
ell Cobb, Bartow, Nisbet, Hill, Wright,
Georgia-Nay: Messrs. Toombs, HowThomas R. R. Cobb, and Stephens.

Louisiana divided--Yea: Messrs. Perkins, Kenner, and Sparrow. Nay: Messrs. De Cclouct, Conrad, and Marshall.

Mississippi-Yea: Messrs. Barry and Harrison. Nay: Messrs. Harris, Wilson, and Clayton.
Chestnut, Miles, Withers, and Boyce.
South Carolina divided-Yea: Messrs. Nay: Messrs. Rhett, Barnwell, Keitt, and Memminger.

Texas-Yea: Messrs. Reagan and Ochiltree. Nay: MMr. Waul.

Yea: Alabama and Texas, 2.
Nay: Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi, 3.

Divided: Louisiana and Soutb Carolina, 2.

The motion was lost.
Mr: Kenner offered the following amendment, to wit:

Provided, That inasmuch as the people of the States of Louisiana and Texas recognize perfect freedom of conscience and freedom of religious action to worship their Maker at such times and on such days as they think proper, the contracts for carrying the mails in these States he exempted from the provissions of this act.

Mr. Conrad moved to lay the bill and anendment on the table.

Mr. Nisbet called the question; which was seconded, and the motion to lay on the table was lost.

The yeas and nays of the entire body were ordered to be taken, and are as follows:

Yea: Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, 3.

Nay: Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, 3.

Divided: South Carolina, 1 ,
On motion of Mr . Cobb, the bill and amendment were then referred to the Committee on Postal Affairs.

## March 13.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Postal Affairs, reported

A bill vesting certail powers in the Postmaster General; which was read a first and second time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

## March 13.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the bill vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General.

On motion of Mr. Chilton, the same was amenđed by adding thereto two additional sections, to be numbered sections 5 and 6, respectively.

The bill was engrossed as amended, read a third time, and passed.

## March 5.1

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed and enrolled

An act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General.

Chapter XLIII. An Act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial expenses of Government, for the year ending fourth of February, eighteen hundred and sixtytwo.

The Congress of the Confederate States o fAmerica do enact,

That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the objects hereafter expressed, for the year ending the fourth of February, eigbteen hundred and sixty-two, namely:

Post Office Department.-For compensation of the Postmaster General, clerks and messengers in his office, twenty nine thousand nine hundred dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses of the Post Office Department, fifteen thousand dollars. (Approved March 15, 1861.)

## March 16.

A message was received from the President submitting estimates for *** and the Post Office Department; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President:

Executive Department, March 16, 1861.
Mr. President: The President on yesterday approved and signed the following acts passed by the Congress, to wit:

An act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General.

## ROBERT JOSSELYN, Private Secretary.

Chapter XLIX. An Act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That in the discontinuConfederate States, as now carride on ance of the postal service in any of the by the government of the United States, before the Postmaster General of this Confederacy shall have prepared the new service under the provisions of the act already passed by this Congress, it shall be lawful for the said Postmaster General to renew, provisionally, the contracts under which the service is now performed, and to continue in office the several postmasters and other officers how employed in such postal service, until he is prepared to replace said service and such officers by new contracts and appointments.

Sec. 2. That the Postmaster General at a time to be fixed by him, is hereby authorized to advertise and enter into contracts for carrying the mail with due celerity, certainty and security, on the post routes within the Confederate States, other than railroads and steam-
boats, in accordance with the acts passed by this Congress.

Sec. 3. That after such contracts shall have been entered into, on and after a day to be designated hy the proclamation of the Postmaster General, all conveyance of mails within the limits of the Confederate States, except by authority of the Postmaster General, is hereby prohibited.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General have power to issue circular instructions to the several postmasters and other officers still performing service under the appointment of the United States, in order to enforce the rendition of the proper accounts and payment of monies collected by them per account of the United States, until the Postmaster General shall have issued his proclamation announcing that the former service is discontinued and is replaced by the new service organized under the authority of this government.

Sec. 5. That it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General to allow express and other chartered companies to carry letters and all mail matter of every description, whether the same be enclosed in stamped envelopes or prepaid by stamps or money; but if the same be prepaid in money, the money shall be paid to some postmaster, who shall stamp the same paid, and shall account to the Post Office Department for the same, in the same manner as for letters sent by the mail; but if prepaid by stamps, then the express or other company receiving such letters for delivery shall obliterate such stamps under the penalty of five hundred dollars for each failure, to be recovered by action of debt in any court having jurisdiction thereof, in the name of the Postmaster General, for the use of the Confederate States; but if said letters or mail matter shall he received by such express or other company, not for delivery, but to be mailed, then the matter so carried shall be prepaid at the same rate that the existing law requires it to be paid from the point where it may be received by such company to the point of its
destination, and the postmaster, where such company may mail the same, shall deface the stamps upon the same.

ISec. 6. Be it further enacted, That each agent of any company who may carry letters under the provisions of this act, shall be required to take an oath that he will faithfully comply with the law of the Confederate States relating to the carrying of letters or other mail matter and obliterating postage stamps, which oath may be administered by any justice of the peace, and shall be in writing, and signed by such agent or messenger, and filed in the Post Office Department.

Approved March 15, 1861.
Chap. LXVI. An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department, for the fiscal year ending the first of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the following sums be appropriated for the Post Office Department for the year ending the first of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, out of any moneys in the Treasury, arising from the revenues of the service of said department, namely: For transportation of the mails inland, one million one hundred and two thousand, two hundred and eighteen dollars and forty-nine cents; for compensation of postmasters, thre hundred thousand dollars; for clerk of post offices, one hundred thousand dollars; for ship, steamboat and way letters, five thousand dollars; for office furniture for Post Offices, two thousand dollars; for advertising, fifteen thousand dollars; for mail bags, ten thousand dollars; for paper blanks, ten thousand dollars; for printing blanks, three thousand dollars; for wrapping paper, eight thousand dollars; for mail locks, keys and stamps, ten thousand dollars; for mail depredations and special agents, twenty thousand dollars; for miscellaneous payments, forty thousand dollars; for postage stamps and stamped envelopes, twenty-five thousand dollars; for payment on account of foreign
mail service, seventy-five thousand dollars; for payment of letter carriers, two thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. That the sum of three hundred and twenty thousand and sixty dollars thirty six cents be, and the same is lereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending the first of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Approved March 16, 1861.
(End of First Session.)

## A MENORY TEST.

How many of these questions can you answer from memory within about thirty minutes time? It is one of the educational quizzes which the Springfield Stamp Club has had sprung upon it by the entertainment committee at one of its recent meetings.
12. What set of U. S. stamps was the first to be demonetized?
13. What is called among U. S. collectors the mourning stamp?
14. What is the only U. S. adhesive stamp to hear as part of its inscription "UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES, U. S."'?
15. What U. S. stamps in Scott are the first to be priced by the set and are not priced singly?
16. For what do the initials J. B. in the upper corners of Sarawak \#1 stand?
17. On what stamps is pictured a medicinal spring?
18. What was the last province issuing stamps to enter the Dominion of Canada?
19. What is the rarest stamp of North America?
20. What stamp bears the inscription "within City Limits"?

## LONDON POSTAL ADDRESSES.

1. What is the significance of the in- $\sim$ prompt delivery of mail London has scription SUVLA BAY on the cur- $\mid$ For the purpose of facilitating rent 1 cent stamp of Newfound- 3 land
2. Where is Bushire?
3. What unique watermark do we find on the stamps of Tonga?
4. Who, at one time living on Staten Island engaged In making candles, is prominently pictured on a European stamp?
5. What are the two nearest post offices to Washington, D. C. in which you may purchase £1 postage stamps?
6. Locate the Portuguese colony of St. Thomas and Prince Islands.
7. Name all the U. S. Presidents who are not pictured on regular adhesize issues.
8. What is the last U. S. stamp listed in Scott as having a grill?
9. What is the first U. S. stamp described as salmon red?
10. Under what date is a U. S. 4 cent value first mentioned in Scott?
11. What denomination of U. S. stamp was in use for 22 years, dropped for 6 years, and put into use again for 44 years? been divided in certain geographical postal divisions, and these divisions should be indicated on covers of communications, parcels, etc. The city proper is known as the "E. C." (east central) district; west of that is the "W. C." (west central) district; still farther west the "W." (west) district; east of "E. C." is designated by "E." On the north there are two districts, indicated geographically hy the letters "N. W." and "N." and on the south, the "S. E." and "S. W." districts. There is no "S." division.

In addition to the foregoing local divisions, there has been instituted a further "key" plan under which each of the above districts has heen divided 3, or E. C. 2. The splitting up of the into numbered areas, such as W. 1, W. geographically lettered districts into these small numbered areas has led to considerable improvement in quick sorting and delivery, and the postal authorities have issued warnings that the omission of such numbers may lead to otherwise unavoidable delay.-(U. S. Commerce Reports.)

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Hugo F. W. Janowski, Milwaukee, wraces: "I'he sample purchase met with my entire satistaction. Enclosed is check tor fifty pounds more."
"I have bought many lots of the mission mixtures and use them for precancells only and they pay out well everytime."-Fred S. Kaft, Chicago.
"." $\perp$ he mission lot was the best 1 ever uad. Hinclosed is check for two more oass,' -W. H. Wcripture, Jr., Lawyer, Liome, New York.
inission stamps received and much pleased with them."-A. J. Harris, thawkins, lexas.

Enclosed is M. O. for another lot of mission stamps to be sent direct-tome. Last lot filled a big wooden box and my spare time is spent 'fishing' for suades of the $4,5,6,8,9,11,50$, 20 , 56 , $\psi 1$ and $\$ 2$ values. 'speared' a number' of good foreign so tar. I only hope the next lot will prove as interesting." -Augist Fieck, Oklahoma City, Okja.
trancisco Bidegain, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "The St. Mary's mission stamps pleased greatly and in going over them again I have found many good things 1 overlooked betore. Biggest snap $I$ ever got."

Fred Gutjahr, stamp dealer, Jersey Uity, N. J.: "Precancells more than paid tor entire purchase and I secured enongh clean stamps that should net me $\$ 00.00$ on my approvals.,
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"Those mission stamps take that GRUDGE ont of a fellow's system that those weight stamps sold by stamp dealers have placed in."-Wm. Knostman, mercliant, Spokane, Washington. man, merchant, Spokane, washington. e,r DETROIT has purchased many bags of these stamps. He writes on Sept. 16th, 1918: "I found a dandy 5 CENT RED ERROR used in my last lot-enclosed check for another 25 lbs ."

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## THE STAMPS OF THE FRENCH COLONIES.

## Translated from "Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste."

## (Continued from page 157.)

## ASIA.

Cochin China which was formerly a part of the kingdom of Annam, with an area of 59,457 square kilometers. French Cochin China forms the end of the peninsula of lndo China and is bounded on the west by the gulf of Siam and on the east by the China sea. Cape Camao forms the southern point.

The first relations between France and Cochin China date from near the close of the eighteenth century. Mgr. Pigneaux, a missionary bishop from Adran had enough influence with the emperor of Annam, Gya Long, to persuade him to ask for aid from France in view of an insurrection which threatened his throne. An Anamite ambassador went to France and was received at the court of Louis XVI. (1787). The emperor Gya Long ceded the port of Tourane and the island of Poulo Condor and France agreed to send a squadron to defend the empire. The revolution however prevented this project.

The successors of Gya Long, Ming Mang (1820-1841), Thien-tsi (18411847) and the famous Tn Duc, were found not to be of the same conciliatory disposition and rendered themselves culpable by the most cruel treatment of the Europeans, and particularly the Christian missionaries.

An expedition was determined upon by France and Spain. In 1858 troops landed and occupied Hue, and in 1859 , Saigon, the capital of lower Cochin China fell into our possession.

The Cochin China possessions of France in 1859 comprised only the territories of these two towns and it was not until 1862 after the capture of Mytho, Bien Hoa and Vinh Long that the emperor Tu Duc signed a treaty of peace and ceded to France three provinces of Cochin China (Saigon, Mytho and Bien Hoa).

Intrigues plotted by the mandarins
and incessant revolts by the natives resulted in another expedition in 1867 which had for a result the annexation to Frauce of three other provinces (Vinh Long, Chau Doc and Ha Tien).

French Cochin China from that time had definite frontiers.

French India comprising the territories of Pondicherry, Karikal, Yanaon, Mahe and Chandernagor.

The site of Pondicherry, where there was at that time not even a village, was purchased in 1693, from the king of Bedjapore by Commandant Martin, to replace St. Thomas, which had been lost to Holland. The English made varions attacks npon the new settlement which has belonged to us definitely since 1816 .

The city of Karikal, on the Coromandel coast, was ceded to France in 1739 , captured by the English in 1803 and restored to France in 1814 by the treaty of Paris.

The settlement of Yanaon has belonged to France since 1752. The English took it from them but restored it in 1817. In 1839 three quarters of the population perished in a terrible hurricane which was accompanied by a tidal wave.

The city of Mahe, at the south of the Malabar coast on the gulf of Oman, was acquired by the French in 1725. It was occupied by the English from 1760 to 1783 and from 1793 to 1817 . The area of Mahe is only 585 liectares.

Finally the city of Chandernagor, in the Bengal, had belonged to France from 1676 to 168 s . It was captured by the English in 1757 and was retaken in 1763 by the French who have held it rlefinitely since 1793.

The French establishments in India, unhappily reduced to the possession of five cities with their unimportant territories, recall the memories of two great Frenchmen, Dupleix, and Mahe de la

Bourdonnais whose brilliant exploits we have mentioned in our last number concerning our colony of Reunion.

Joseph Francis Dupleix was born in 1697 at Landrecies (Nord). His father, who was director of the Company of the Indies sent him to Asia. Dupleix was noted for his intelligence and activity and became in 1742 governor general of the French Indies. He located himself at Pondicherry on the east coast of the Deccan.

The country was then rent with civil wars. Dupleix determined to intervene in these conflicts and to make the conquered parties pay by giving a vast empire to France.

But to fight he needed soldiers. Dupleix procured them in the same country.

First he drilled the Hindoos under European discipline and they made excellent soldiers-sepoys.

The English located at Madras, to the north of Pondicherry, watched with anxiety the progress of the French Company: 72 ships belonging to Dupleix, his parents or their friends, ploughed the Indian ocean and British commerce perished, suppressed 'by this terrible opposition. England looked for enemies to Dupleix and the Austriall succession having brought France and Great Britain to blows the war also broke out in India.

La Bourdonnais hastened from the Isle of France (Mauritius) with a fleet, attacked the English fleet with brilliant success and captured Madras. Unhappily he did not get along well with Dupleix. Their respective powers badly defined by the government made them practically equal which later developed into rivalry. La Bourdonnais returned to France.

The enmity of these two men tarnished their glory. But the blame rebounds upon the incapable government of Louis XV, who never knew his own mind. He did not wish to have one man responsible for the success of an enterprise; equality of command meant rivalry of the chiefs and division of the forces.

After the departure of La Bourdonnais the English aroused a natice prince against Dupleix who attacked Madras with 10,000 men and heavy artillery. The French army composed of 230 Europeans and 700 sepoys only put them to flight. Dupleix besieged by the English in Pondicherry obliged them to beat a retreat.

At the peace of Aix la Chapelle (1748) Louis XV. gave up Madr'as to England, saying he did not wish to treat as a merchant hut as a sovereign. France lost thus by the foolish pride of its ruler the advantages assured it by the successes of La Bourdonnais and Dupleix.
'Meanwhile hostilities continued in India. The French added victory to victory. Dupleix made himself obeyed throughout the entire Deccan and the English city of Madras was no more than an imperceptible dof in the midst of this vast French empire.

Dupleix was now at the height of his power. He took the title of Nabob and the natives rendered the homage due to this title. On ceremonial occasions he was carried in a palanquin by the side of which were the highest Hindu princes and he himself was clad in Indian costume of a most brilliant hue. It was thus that Dupleix wislied to show to the people by the magnificence of his escort the power of his country.

In France unfortunately they did not comprehend the projects of this great man. They laughed at his luxury, at his title of Nabob and regarded his great plan as a piece of folly.

The English were wiser. They saw that if Dupleix remained in India they themselves would later be driven from the country. They demanded of the weak king the recall of this man of vast ideas who wished to make his king the most powerful monarch in the world.

To ward off the war Louis XV. recalled Dupleix, who departed without a word of anger. He thought he would have justice rendered to him in France! He was insulted, threatened, called a rehel and accused of treason.

For nine years he defended himself against his enemies, consuming his reason in this desperate struggle and died in the most profound misery in 1763 , the same year as the treaty of Paris which consummated the ruin of French India and the final victory of the English.
(To be continned.)

## NEW BULGARIAN POSTAL RATES.

(Consul Graham Kemper, Sofia, Nov. 7, 1919).

Beginning November 10, 1919, a new schedule of domestic rates goes into effect in Bulgaria, affecting the telegraph, telephone and postal services.

The new rates of postage for letters and postal cards are 25 stotinki (5 cents) for each 15 grams or fraction thereof; local letters pay 20 stotinki ( 4 cents); douhle postage is charged on short-paid letters. Registered letters pay 50 stotinki ( 9.65 cents) in addition to regular postage, and an additional 50 stotinki is charged for return receipt. The rate on newspapers mailed separately is 5 stotinki ( 1 cent) up to 50 grams; in packages, 10 stotinki up to 100 grams; hut official organs of political parties and of professional unions and organizations are exempt from the increase and still pay 2 stotinki ( $2-5$ ths of 1 cent) up to 50 grams. Periodicals other than newspapers are charged 5 stotinki for each 100 grams or fraction thereof. The new rate for printed matter and merchandise in general is 20 stotinki ( 4 cents) for each 100 grams or fraction thereof. Par-cel-post rates are 2 leva ( $\$ 0.386$ ) np to 3 kilos and 4 leva ( $\$ 0.772$ ) up to 5 kilos.

Postal money orders are issued also at increased rates, the schedule being as follows: For amounts not more than 25 leva (\$4.82), 40 stotinki (7.72 cents); for amounts up to 50 leva ( $\$ 9.65$ ), 60 stotinki ( 11.6 cents); for amounts up to 100 leva ( $\$ 19.30$ ), 1.20 leva ( $\$ 0.23$ ); for each additional 100 leva or fractional part thereof, 20 stotinki (4 cents).

On each postal savings account a tax of 2 leva ( $\$ 0.386$ ) is levied at the time of initial deposit. The minimum single deposit is fixed at 1 lev , and the maximum total deposit is 5,000 leva ( $\$ 965$ ) for individuals and 20,000 leva ( $\$ 3,860$ ) for societies.

The new rate for telegrams is 20 stotinki ( 4 cents) per word, with a minimum of 2 leva ( $\$ 0.386$ ). Donble rates are charged if receipt is demanded.

Telephone subscribers are divided inincluded Government offices and prito three classes. In the first class are vate houses; in the second class, mercantile establishments and the offices of physicians, lawyers, editors, printers, etc.; the third class comprises hotels, restaurants, cafes, clubs, theaters, banks, factories, etc. Subscribers of the first class pay 250 leva (\$48.25) per year; of the second class, 450 leva ( $\$ 86.85$ ) ; and of the third class, 800 leva ( $\$ 154.40$ ). The cost of installation is additional, and varies from 100 to 500 leva ( $\$ 19.30$ to $\$ 96.50$ ).
(All conversions above are made at normal exchange, 1 lev equals $\$ 0.193$. At the time of writing, however, the lev is worth only about 3 cents United States currency.) - U. S. Commerce Reports.

The constitution of the German Republic, Article 88, reads as follows:

The post and telegraph services, together with the telephone service, concern the nation exclusively. The postage stamp symbols shall be the same for the whole nation.

The Government Administration shall, with the consent of the National Council issue decrees laying down principles and duties in the use of means of communication. With the consent of the National Council it amy extend this authority to the Posfmaster General.

The Government Administration, with the consent of the State Council, shall appoint a supplementary council for advisory co-operation in postal, telegraph and telephone communications, and the regulation of prices.

## OFF-SET PLATES.



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## AZERBAIDJAN.

Wheu the Bolshevist revolution broke out in Russia in November 1917 the three districts of Georgia, Azerbaidjan and Russian Armenia formed the Federal Republic of Transcaucasia with a parliament or Seim of 132 members which met at Tiflis April 22, 1918 and declared the independence of the republic. Unfortunately friction developed and on May 26, 1918 the Seim declared the termination of the Federal Republic and laid down its authority. $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{n}}$ the same day Georgia organized an independent republic with its capital at Tiflis and the following day Azer-
baidjan and Armenia followed suit with their declarations.

Azerbaidjan occupies some 94,000 square kilometers in eastern Caucasia between Armenia and Russia. It was called the Land of Eternal Fires by the ancient Persians and was independent for many centuries. It came under the control of Russia about 1825 . Its leaders hope that in the near future the proviuce of Persian Azerbaidjan will be incorporated in the new state, containing as it does people of practically the same racial stock. This part of the ancient nation has belonged to Persia since the seventeenth century. The reople are of Iranian stock, related to the ancient Babylonians, neither Mongolian nor Semitic. They belong to the Mohammedan religion.

The new government selected a ministry of twelve and established the seat of government at Elizabethpol. An attempt to drive the Bolshiviki from the great oil port of Baku resulted unfavorably, some 12,000 lives being lost. Later with the aid of Turkish forces the city was finally recovered. On November 17,1918 on the invitation of the Azerbaidjan government British troops entered Baku where they remained until the close of 1919.

The parliament consists of 120 members chosen by universal suffrage, including even the Moslem women. (Condensed from Current History Magazine.)

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## EDITORLALS.

Will our advertisers kindly remember to put all copy on a separate piece of paper from that on which they write their letter? Otherwise it means that the editor has to eitber cut it out and paste it on a sheet of paper or else copy it. And while $I$ am speaking of advertisements I want to appeal to our dealer members who are not now represented in our colums to "come across" with an advt. in order that we may come nearer to meeting expenses. We have a good circulation, 1900 copies having been ordered of the last number, the January issue of 1835 being almost entirely exhausted. One of our advertisers in the "Wants \& Exchanges" department wrote me that'be spent 75 cents for his ad. and got ahout $\$ 75$ worth of stamps from answers to it. Our membership is growing and in all probability we shall print 2000 copies of the next issues.

The committee which reported an appropriation to Congress to aid in the Pilgrim Four Hundredth Anniversary this fall recommended legislation in favor of a commemorative set of stamps. It is too had that there is no known picture of the Mayflower but probably a "type" ship can be made to do. It may not he generally known either that the only one of the persons who came over on that ship of whom there is preserved a likeness is Governor Edward Winslow. But Old Plymouth can provide views enough. There is the Rock and the monument and Myles Standish's sword and platter etc. But perhaps Mr . Burleson doesn't want any advice!

I am pleased to announce that in our next issue we shall publish a list of U . S. Railroad Cancellations by Dr. Carroll Chase. It was intended for this issue but difficulties arose which necessitated putting it over to April.

Several illustrations of new issues were also ohliged to he held over on account of delay in having the cuts made.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH \#18.
At the December meeting the presentation of the prize offered by Branch \# 18 to the member of the A. P. S. securing the greatest number of recruits in 1918-19 was the special feature of the meeting.

Our new President, Dr. S. W. Woodhouse, Jr., qualified with a very appropriate and much applauded speech presenting to the winner, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the coveted gold piece. Our modest (and model) member P. M. accepted the prize only under the condition that he be permitted to donate it to the Branch to be offered again as a prize to the bona-fide, simon pure collector member of the A. P. S. who secures the biggest number of new mem;bers to the A. P. S. during 1919-20.

Officers of the A. P. S., Dealers, Sidedealers, or any memher connected with any publication or publicity bureau are excluded from the contest.

Mr. Percy MeGraw Mann was elected Circuit Sales Manager and instructed to apply for circuits to the Sales Superintendent.

Branch \#18 again extends an invitation to all A. P. s. members residing in or near Philadelphia to affiliate with this branch. A small nominal fee entitles you to all privileges. Attend one of the meetings and convince yourself. Meetings every fourth Tuesday, Fraternity Bldg., 1626 Arch St.

PHILIP DENGLER, Secretary.

## MLLWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Steps were taken at the annual meeting, on Jan. 16, 1920, of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, to form a junior branch, and to that end a committee was named which will canvass among the younger stamp collectors of Milwaukee and vicinity and iuterest them in organizing. It is felt that many valuable recruits for the more serious aspects of philately may thus be obtained.

Further stimulation of interest in the hobby will be brought about by an
exhibition which the society will hold in the Public Museum of Milwaukee from Feb. 13 to Feb. 23. Saturday, Feh. 20, will he set aside for out of town visitors, and it is planned to have something special for them in the evening.

At the annual election, the present officers were again chosen, as follows: President, Dr. Leon D. Peaslee; vicepresident, William J. Uihlein; secretary, Ira Edwards; treasurer, C. Vogelsang; librarian, Dr. William Linke. In addition, Aaron B. Rosenthal was chosen publicity secretary.

The program committee has prepared a schedule which will represent every phase of philatelic activity and take the memhers almost through the end of June. Efforts will be made to enter into closer relations with collectors in surrounding cities.

## AARON B. ROSENTHAL, Publicity Secretary.

## GARFIELD PERRX STAMP OLUB.

Branch No. 30.
The Annual Meeting and election of officers was held Dec. 18 th, 1919 at the Cluh Rooms in the Hippodrome Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by President M. MacLaren with thirteen members and one visitor present.

The result of the Annual Election is as follows: (each officer being elected by a unanimous vote.)

Mr. Louis Hanford, President.
Mr. James Young, Vice President.
Mr. Mileham Lewis, Treasurer.
Mr. Wilford Zink, Secretary.
These, together with Messrs. MacLaxen, Lloyd and Casper, constitute the Board of Directors.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P . M. M. H. LEWIS, Secretary.

## Annual Report of the Secretary.

The Club at present has a membership of 78 members, not including the Junior Branch which has been given up for the present, of which 16 are sus-
taining, 44 active and 18 Associate Members.

With the exception of the informal meetings held during July and August, there were 39 meetings held during the year with a total attendance of 610, average attendance about 16 , which is one of the best years the Club has ever known.

In membership the Club has gained as follows: 2 sustaining, 13 active and 2 associate, making a total of 17 new members against 24 new members of 1918, which included 12 Junior members.

On Nov. 2nd, 1919 , Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was elected by an unanimous vote as an honorary member of our Club.

Among the most important undertakings of our Club this past year are as follows: Holding meetings every Thursday evening with business meeting and auction on the first meeting of every month. Mr. Louis Hanford's offer of Jan. $16 \mathrm{th}, 1919$, of a collection of 5000 stamps to be known as the Club Collection was accepted and will be completed early in the coming year. Two Donation Auctions were held Feb. 20th, and Oct. 2nd, netting anound $\$ 175.00$ to the Club.

It is my wish that all the members will make the coming year a Prosperous and Successful year for the Gar-field-Perry $\operatorname{Stamp}$ Club.

Respectfully submitted,
MILEHAM H. LEWIS, Secretary.
The meeting of Jan. Sth, 1920 was called to order by President M. MacLaren at. 8.30 P. M. with seventeen members and one visitor present.

The reports of retiring officers were read and the application for membership of Mr. H. C. Allen was posted.

Mr. Louis Hanford was then inaugurated to office as President for 1920.

Mr. Preston was appointed Sales Manager for 1920 and the Club Room, Membership and Club Collection Committees were appointed for the ensuing year.

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## SPRINGFLELD STAML CLUB.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the club came February 8 th and was celebrated by a banquet at the Hotel Bridgeway on the evening of February 12th. President Prevost introduced B. August Oppenheimer as toastmaster, who in his opening remarks gave some very interesting definitions of wit. A number of members, particularly the few charter members present, responded to toasts more or less related to philately or the club. The Rev. Henry Lincoln Bailey who was called upon to speak on "Stamp Collecting in Heaven" prefaced his remarks with the statement that there was evidently no ladies auxiliary there, for the good book says there was silence in heaven for the space of an hour. Mr. Bailey's remarks were so good that $I$ am reprinting them in another column.

Yours truly, who was one of the founders of the club and its first president was very pleasautly surprised when Mr. Munroe on behalf of the members presented him with a gold mounted fountain pen.

The ladies present each received a gold plated pencil and the club members a fine leather bound Roessler: stock book appropriately inscribed in gilt letters on the cover.

Now that the anniversary is over the club is beginning to talk of plans for entertaining the society when it meets here for its 1922 convention.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Publicity Committee.

## Branclı No. 3.

PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY.
The 25 th Annual and 362 nd regular meeting of the Society was held in our Club Rooms, 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, on January 21st, 1920, and was called to order by President Blackwell, eighteen members and visitors being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Messrs. Doscher and Birkenfeld proposed for membership Mr. A. W. Colson of Berkeley.

Mr. Henry Roberts of San Francisco was elected to regular membership.

Mr. F. S. Clarke of San Francisco was dropped from membership in the Society for sufficient cause.

Mr. Doscher reported on behalf of the Banquet Committee, after hearing which the members present voted to postpone the annual dinner until a later date.

Mr. Nisbett proposed that a vote of thanks to Mr. Blackwell be spread upon the minutes in appreciation of the enjoyable evening spent in his home at the December meeting.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy made a report on behalf of the Committee on Nominations to the effect that the present officers be re-elected to serve the Society for the coming year. There being no further nominations the motion was adopted unanimously and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot as follows:-

President, Wm. Blackwell
Vice President, Henry B. Phillips
Vice President, Wm. H. Crocker
Secy. \& Treas., Matt C. Dillingham
After the regular business members were entertained hy a collection of War Issues shown by Mr. Daniel and a collection of Baden, Bavaria, Bremen and Brunswick shown by the Secretary.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MATT C. DILLINGHAM; Secretary.

The 363 rd (regular) meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society was held in its Club Rooms, 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, on February 18th, and was called to order by President Blackwell, twelve members being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mr. A. W. Colson of Berkeley, California, was elected to regular membership.

The Secretary reported that the competition for prizes in the series of exhibitions commencing in April was going to be a keen one, as so many of the members had entered their collec-
tions already and more were expected to do so.

Members were entertained by a collection of blocks of four of the current issue of the United States shown by Mr. Rex, and the Secretary showed his collection of Germany, Hamburg and Hanover.

The meeting adjourned at $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. MATT C. DILLINGHAM, Secretary.

## SPRINGFIELD BRANCH \# 28.

February 26, 1920.
At a special meeting of the Branch held at the residence of the President it was voted to place the following ticket in the field for the coming election of the American Philatelic Association:

President, Carroll Chase of New York. Board of Vice Presidents, Robert C. Munroe of Massachusetts, John W. Prevost of Massachusetts, Herbert P. Atherton of Massachusetts.
Secretary, H. A. Davis of Colorado. Treasurer, J. E. Scott of Michigan.
At Large, H. B. Phillips of California.
At Large, H. N. Mudge of Illinois.
At Large, Alvin Good of Ohio.
Respectfully submitted, WILLTAM C. STONE, Secretary of the Branch.

Note.-The Springfield Branch owes it to Dr. Chase to explain that while the nomination for the Presidency of the Society has been tendered him by the Branch, that he has not as yet seen his way clear to give an unqualified acceptance owing to the pressure of his professional affairs.

## FORGED STAMPS IN ITALY.

Milan, March 3.-The authorities recently noticed an immense decrease in the sale of postage stamps and an investigation followed. It was then discovered that a large number were forged. Thus far it is known that the forgeries number at least $1,000,000$.

## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

## THE EDITOR.

It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varieties will submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.

UNITED STATES. Secretary Davis sends a 2 cent stamp of the current issue which is possibly from a retouched die much after the pattern of the 3 cent. Differences can be noted in the drapery, button, shading around the eye, nose, ear and mouth, and the hair has been touched up. Mr. Davis says it came from the Detroit post office. It is a deep rich carmine in color.

Herbert S. Atherton has shown mè specimens of the 3 cent envelopes with the black surcharge and Mr. J. B. Leavy one with red. The latter is much the plainer but the lines of the figure are so fine that neither shows up well at all. A package procured at Boston shows all sorts of positions for the overprint, some of them being fully one half off the stamp.

ABYSSINIA. A subscriber to L'Echo de la Timbrologie writes that paper that the current set has been overprinted with a control mark. It seems that there has been considerable leakage and stamps sold in Europe to collectors have found their way to Abyssinia and been used for postage without the government receiving a solitary guerche. Hence the control mark. It is also reported that the present set was, printed without the government approval and that they are considerable "horhible," and that in order to use them up quickly the high values are to be surcharged with lower denominations.

AUSTRALIA. The Australian Philatelist reports that the 1 penny has reappeared on multiple paper of a dull white texture and printed in a bright carmine shade. The previous issue was on ivory white paper and in rosy pink. The first printing had the J. B. C. monogram in a circle on the margin while the latter issue has the T. S. Harrison imprint.

AZERBAIDJAN. In common with other journals we made the mistake of supposing that this new republic was formed from the Persian province of that name. But it seems that it is on the other side of the Caucasus and is made up of former Russian territory. In the Current History Magazine for March is an excellent account of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaidjan, the three republics of the Caucasus. A digest of this article will be found in another department of this number.

BATUM. Stamp Collecting reports that the following have received the overpriut BRITISH OCCUPATION in two lines in black.

5 kopecs, green
io kopecs, blue
25 kopecs, yellow
2 roubles, rose
3 roubles, mauve
5 roubles, brown
bavarta. The Journal Philatelique de Berne chronicles three provisional high values. The 1 mark, Ludwig III, has been printed in three different colors and then these have been overprinted "Freistaat Bayern" and the new value.
1.25 mark, green
1.50 mark, brown
2.50 mark, orange

The rate for letters in the interion having been raised to 20 pfennig the charity surcharge noted on the 5 and 10 pfennig has also been applied to the 20.

20 pfennig, blue
BELGIUM. Stamp Collecting says that when the stamp factory at Malines was taken by the Germans there were large quantities of unfinished stamps of the lower values on hand and it is from this supply that the unperforated varieties which are being offered have been derived.

The following notice will be of interest:
"The post office at Brussels (Place de la Monnaie) will soon put on sale Belgian postage stamps bearing in surcharge "Eupen Malmedy" and their corresponding value in pfennig. These stamps are those of $5,10,15,20,50$ centimes and 1 franc of the present issue which will be surcharged respectively $5,10,15,20,30,75$ pfennig and 1 m 25 . They can only be used for prepayment of correspondence deposited in the post offices of the circles of Eupen and of Malmedy."
J. B. Leavy writes that due to the manner in which the paper is fed to the press, whether with or across the grain, the new "tin helmet" stamps are appearing in two different sizes, one 23 by $26 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$., the other $221 / 2$ by 27 mm . Of the first measurement I have seen the 10,15 cent, and 2 francs; of the second the $5,10,20,25$, $35,40,50$ cent, and 1 franc. So far the 10 cent is the only denomination $I$ have seen in both measurements, the difference is very noticeable when the stamps are placed side by side and is no doubt the cause for the notice appearing in several foreigu papers that the 10 cent had been re-engraved. There are also three eprforations appearing in this series, 11 \#, $111 / 2$ by 11 , and 11 by $11 / 2$.

CEYLON. Early in 1919 the 3 cent stamp appeared printed from a new duty plate in which the $C$ after the 3 was larger than in the former duty plate corresponding in size with the $C$ on the 5 cent plate, while the former plates had the $C$ corresponding in size with the $C$ on the 2 cent plates. The new stamp is printed in sheets of 240 , four panes of 60 , all from key plate $I$. I printed in sheets of 240 , in four panes know that the first variety of $C$ was of 60 , the two top panes being from key plate 3 and the two bottom panes from key plate 4. I am, however, unaware of what other key plates or combination of key plates were used in connection with the first duty plate bearing the small C. Both the small and large $C$ varieties exist with the War Stamp overprint. (J. B. Leavy.)

CENTRAL AMERICA. The following dispatch from El Paso, Texas appeared in the daily press under date of February 25 . Let us hope it will prove true.
"El Paso, Tex., Feb. 25.-The republics of Central America have formed plans to unite themselves under one government beginning Sept. 15, 1921 , the centennial of their independence, according to Excelsior of Mexico City.

The movement was initiated in the republic of Salvador, and has been nurtured by the great Unionist party, according to the same newspaper. The chief opposition to the plan is said to come from President Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala, who is reported to have contended that the party is composed of reactionaries. A number of arrests have been made in this connection and as a result the political situation in Guatemala is in a ferment, Excelsior says."

CZECHOSLOVAK STATE. We have seen the type of the new 500 and 1000 deniers with portrait of President Masaryk. They are said to have been designed by the painter Svabinsky. We have seen no mention of the colors of either value.

The hope expressed last month regarding the recent surcharges is unfortunately not to be fulfilled. We listed 26 varieties and today we were told hy Mr. Corcoran that there was only 97 in the full set! We have not had time yet to check up the list and will chronicle the balance later.

DENMARK. Mr. J. B. Leavy informs us of the issuance of a new official stamp of the same design as the former values.

15 ore, light violet
Also of the following additional values of the new postage due set listed in our January list.

30 centimes, bright blue
50 centimes, gray
FRANCE. La Cote des Timbres says that they have seen a strip of five 1 franc stamps (IG. C.) imperforate. The sheet had evidently been misplaced in running through the perforating machine for the perforations commenced with the second row of stamps.

GERMALNY. The government is said to be contemplating doing away with the franking of official mail and issuing special stamps for use by all officials. Let us hope they will refrain from putting them on the market postmarked and with o. g.

GREECE. Michael Toccos sends us the first of the high values in the lithographed set. The design is not changed.

1 drachma, ultramarine.
HONDURAS. L'Echo de la Timbrologie illustrates a new 15 centavos stamp which bears as the central design an equestrian statue of some dignitary at present unknown to the chronicler. Perforate 12.

15 centavos, blue.
KAZERUN. Last fall there were chronicled in some journals certain "stamps" for this village located between Bushire and Shiraz. It seems that the German consul at Bushire fled to Kazerun when the British forces occupied the former city and in connection with Nasir-i-Diwan, the Kaluntur or village chief, established a censorship over the mails which were still allowed to pass over the roads. Letters which were allowed to pass were stamped with the Millet-i-Kazerun die which it would seem was nothing more or less than a censor mark.

LAARISTAN. The Kaluntar of this town, situated some 137 miles northwest of Bander Abbas had a square stamp made of brass which was used in a similar manner to that at Kazerun. Lieutenant Colonel Stewart the wellknown lndian philatelist has furnished the above facts to the editor of Stamp Collecting from which $I$ take these notes.

LATVIA. I have just this moment received from Karl Koslowski a specimen of a 10 k stamp issued to commemorate the deliverance of the government of Courland from the Germans as well as the "Reds." The design mexsures $25 \times 37 \mathrm{~mm}$. and consists of a very striking figure of a youth equipped with sword and buckler with his foot upon the neck of a most frightful looking dragon whose head he is ap-
parently about to cut off. The word Latvija appears in the upper left and the value at the bottom. White wove paper perforated $111 / 2$.


10 kopecs, red black and brown. Mr. Koslowski also writes that the scene is probably taken from the Lettish epic poem "Lahtschplehsis" whose hero is known all over Latvija as the champion of the oppressed. His return just now is certainly very timely and philately is again responsible for imparting a bit of information probably unknown to most readers.

There are two sizes of the 10 kopecs noted last month it seems. One measures $23 \times 45 \mathrm{~mm}$. and the other $18 \times 38$ mm . The first comes on plain paper, on horizontally laid, and on vertically laid cross lined paper. The other comes on plain paper and horizontally laid. I am also indebted to Mr. Koslowski for the above facts.

MACAO. Smith's Monthly Circular describes a new provisional issue cansed by the failure of supplies to arrive form the home government.
$1 / 2$ avo on 5 avos, lilac brown 6 avo on 25 reis, green (1915)
These stamps are sold at the post office with a small cut in each stamp extending from a quarter to a half the width or height of the stamp. According to the postal administrators of the colony this is done as a protection against speculators who if they wish them uncut must buy a complete collection of all stamps on sale at the office which would entail an expenditure of over one pound sterling (for each stamp we suppose!)

The 10 avos on 50 reis Dom Carlos with diagonal surcharge REPUBLICA
has again been surcharged "Imposto do Sello 2 avos" in black. The Circular calls this an official stamp but from the inscription $I$ should think it was more likely a fiscal issue.

NEW ZEALAND. The Australian Philatelist reports the receipt of the 3 penny, surface print with OFFICIAL surcharge.

3 pence, dark brown
PARAGUAY. The following statistics are taken from Madrid Filatelico.
" $H$ Habilitado 1918"
5 centavos, 424,400
10 centavos, 170,000
20 centavos, 179,750
40 centavos, 444,600
5 centavos on $40 \mathrm{c}, 300,000$
Habilitado en $0.30,1918$
30 centavos on $40 \mathrm{c}, 1,000,000$.
POLAND. From the Postage Stamp I take the following list of "local" overprints that have been reported on the "Gen. Gouv. Warschau" series. Most of them come in sets of ten values but some are lacking certain values. As these will probably be listed in the new catalog I will refrain from giving more than the list of names. The surcharge in all cases consists of the words "Poczta Polska" and bars in various positions.

Blonie
Brzeziny
Czernowitz
Grodzisk
Kalisz
Kolo
Lenczyca
llakow
Ostroleka
Ostrow
Otwock
Plonsk
Poddebice
Pultusk
Sieradz
Wlocawek
The prices asked for these sets is quite variable. Melville lists them at from two to four pounds sterling while German dealers offer them as low as 40 marks. They are largely philatelic varieties I suspect.

ROUMAN1A. The following list of occupation stamps is taken from Stamp Collecting and represents the first issue for use in those parts of Hungary occupied by the Roumanian army in November 1919. The figures were taken from the list sent to Berne.

Hungarian stamps overprinted with monogram and "Zona de Ocupatie Romana" in an oval.

2 filler, 28,800 blue sur.
3 filler, 58,100 blue sur.
6 filler, 27,100 red sur.
5 filler, 8,800 blue sur.
15 filler, 94,150 black sur.
25 filler, 8,800 black sur.
35 filler, 500 blue sur.
35 on 3 f. 20,000 blue sur.
40 filler, 10,700 blue sur.
45 on $2 \mathrm{f}, 20,000$ blue sur.
50 filler, 5,200 blue sur.
75 filler, 23,500 black sur.
S0 filler, 12,300 red sur.
1 korona, 8,700 blue sur.
2 korona, 23,776 black sur.
3 korona, 950 red sur.
3 korona, 300 , blue sur.
3 korona, 150 black sur.
5 korona, 1,216 black sur.
$3 k$ on $75 \mathrm{f}, 10,000$ black sur.
5 k on $75 \mathrm{f}, 15,000$ black sur.
10 korona, 80 blue sur.
10 k on $80 \mathrm{f}, 13,000$ red sur.
On Kostarsasag issue.
2 filler, 14,250 blue
4 filler, 23,700 red
5 filler, 63,100 blue
20 filler, 12,900 blue
40 filler, 21,300 blue
1 korona, 14,311 blue
3 korona, 4,217 red
3 korona, 200 black
3 korona, 400 blue
On Magyar Posta issue
5 filler, 86,000 blue
10 filler, 274,300 blue
20 filler, 236,100 blue
25 filler, 33,900 black
45 filler, 2,700 blue
5 korona, 15 blue
On Carl and Zita issue
10 filler, 300 blue
20 filler, 8,400 red
20 filler, 1,000 black

25 filler, 5,400 red
25 filler, 300 black
40 filler, 12,200 blue
On Karl and Zita "Kostarsasag" issue
25 filler, 12,100 red
25 filler, 800 black
50 filler, 18,400 blue
On War Charity issue 1916-7
10 filler, 10,700 blue
15 filler, 2,700 black
40 filler, 4,900 blue
On postage due stamps
1 filler, 460 black
2 filler, 22,300 black
5 filler, 55 black
6 filler, 140 black
10 filler, 41,400 black
12 filler, 110 black
15 filler, 2,200 black
20 filler, 10,400 black
30 filler, 3,300 black
Surcharged Kostarsasag
3 filler, 1,000 black
40 filler, 1,000 black
50 filler, 1,115 black
On Journal stamp
2 filler, 73,900 blue
On Express stamp
2 filler, 13,000 blue
en postal savings
10 filler, 700 red
RUSSIA. The following document rouches for the surcharged stamps mentioned last month. I translate from the Journal Philatelique de Berne.

## Obligatory Ordinance

of the Military Governor for the region occupied by the Volunteer Army of the West.

From the date of the publication of this ordinance there can only be used for the public service the stamps which bear the surcharge of the Volunteer Army of the West. The surcharge has the form of a circle. On the wavy ground of the circle is found a cross, at the left of this cross the letter " 3 " at the right the letter "A." I do not authorize the sale of these stamps excent so that each person shall not receive more than stamps enough to prepay a registered letter, an ordinary let-
ter or a cover with declared value. Schneidemann Military Governor Colonel of the Guard. Mitau, 15 October 1919.

These surcharges were on the stamps of Latvija including the three values of the Liberation of Riga set.

5 kap, red, 10,500
3 kap, violet, 8,700
10 kap, blue, 500
15 kap, green, 6,900
25 kap, grey, 3,900
35 kap , brown, 3,755
50 kap, violet, 3,710
75 kap, green, 4,390
5 kap, red, 16,400
10 kap , green, 15,650
35 kap, brown, 15,650
The following document relates to the third issue which was surcharged on the Russian stamps.

Commandant of the Region of the Army of the West. Official News and Publications. Notice.
As' the issue of definite postage stamps of a new design is delayed by reasons of a technical nature and in order to maintain the postal service there will be put on sale temporarily in the post offices from and after November 9 Russian postage stamps of the old design with a special surcharge.

The present postal rates remain in force. The value on these new temporary stamps is indicated in Russian money; specimens of the stamps are on exhihition in the post office at Mitau.

The sale of these stamps will be limited.

The Chief of the Committee.

## J. Kampe.

10 on 2 kopecs, 22,100
20 on 3 kopecs, imp. 17,100
30 on 4 kopecs, 7,000
40 on 5 kopecs, 9,000
in on 10 kopecs, 36,000
70 on 15 kopecs, 26,700
90 on 20 kopecs, 8,700
1 rub on $25 \mathrm{k}, 26,000$
1.50 ruhle on $35 \mathrm{kop}, 2500$

2 ruble on 50 kop, 8700
4 ruble on $70 \mathrm{kop}, 5700$

6 ruble on 2 rou., 5100
10 ruble on 3.50 r imp. 2750
The definite issue of which the above notice speaks is evidently the set listed and illustrated by us last month.

SYRIA. L'Echo de la Timbrologie reports four high values of the French Levant set with the T. E. O. surcharge across the right end.

2 piastres, bistre brown and lavendar
4 piastres, claret and olive green 8 piastres, grey violet \& yellow
20 piastres, dark blue and buff
Errors have been discovered in the low values, the $s$ in Milliemes being reversed while on some stamps the surcharge reads T. F. O.

THRACE. Regarding the surcharges noted last month Stamp Collecting says that the first issue was a diagonal handstamp THRACE OCCUPEE and that it was on the Bulgarian stamps of 1911.

1 stotinki, dark green, 10,000
2 stotinki, carmine \& black, 10,000
5 stotinki, green \& black, 100,000
10 stotinki, carm. \& black, 20,000
15 stotinki, light brown, 25,000
25 stotinki, blue \& black, 20,000 The second issue had a printed surcharge, red for the 1 stot. and black for the other valnes.

1 stotinki, dark green, $1,000,000$
2 stotinki, carm. \& black, 500,000
5 stotinki, green \& hlk. $1,200,000$
10 stotinki, carm. \& hlk., 500,000
15 stotinki, light brown, 200,000
25 stotinki, blne \& black 100,000
1 lev, dark brown 15,000
2 leva, violet \& black 5.000
3 leva, đ́ark violet \& hlk., 5,000
The third issue has the two line vertical surcharge THRACE INTERALLIEE.

[^13]10 stotinki, violet, 8,000
50 stotinki, blue, 8,000
According to L'Echo de la Timbrologie there were 20,000 each of the 5 and 10 s and 10,000 of the 50 s dues. No colors are given to the different denominations in the Echo so I can not say whether their figures refer to the second or third issue although from the context I am inclined to think the last issue is the one mentioned. The surcharge was executed at Sophia in the National Printing Office with Bulgarian and French officers to supervise it.

TONGA. Mr. Joseph Leavy informs me of the issue of a 2 penny stamp of the same design as the former with the exception that it bears the portrait of the present queen.

2 pence, violet and deep brown
TURKEY. Here is a delightful list of surcharges to commemorate the accassion of Mohammed VI. The overpiint consists of the sultans toughra in a circle with "His Majesty's Birthday 3 July 1334 1918" in Turkish characters. 1 give the numbers by Yvert \& Tellier as many of these were not listed in Scott's last edition.

2 paras violet 57250,000
5 raras orange 573500,000
5 on 2a olive $1442,251,850$
10 aras, green 57450,000
10 on 2a olive $1603,400,000$
20 paras, rose 57550,000
20 paras, carmine * 125,000
1 piastre violet $576 \quad 2,899,99 \mathrm{~s}$
1 piastre dark blue * 345,800
60 on 50 paras ultramarine 577 25,000
60 on 2 pi orange br. 42449,950
60 on 10 pa green $39 \mathrm{~S}, 190$
2 piastres, orange 57949,825
$21 / 2$ piastres orange and green 187 10.014

5 piastres blue green and black 58149.975

10 iastres vermilion 58220,000
10 pi on 20 a carmine * 25,000
25 piastres dark blue * 149,725
35 pi on 1 pi dark blue * 150,000
50 piastres carmine 19118,000
100 pi on 10 pa green * 100,000
250 pi on 25 pi dark blue * 25,000

Postage dues.
5 apras, claret 5510,000
20 paras, red 5610,000
1 piastre, blue 5710,000
2 piastre, grey blue 5810,000
The stamps marked with a * in the above list have never been issued withont the surcharge.
TURKS \& CAICOS ISLANDS. On overprint chronicled in October appearDecember 20, 1919, the local War Tax ed from a new setting in which the words War and Tax were placed, respectively, at the top and bottom of the stamp, instead of both at the bottom of the stamp. The setting is of sixty, as before, the first eight horizontal rows of six having the words soaced 11 mm . apart, while the top bottom rows of six have the words spaced $121 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. apart. The words are aligned with the T of Tax somewhat to the right of the $W$ of war on all the sixty subjects except Nos. 40 and 41 , on these the $T$ of Tax is aligned directly beneath the W of War. Minor varieties noted are:

No. 24. Broken A in Tax, printing as a triangle.
No. 41. Small a in War.
No. 42. W broken at bottom.
No. 54. 'A in Tax broken at right side.
1 penny scarlet
3 pence violet on yellow.
(J. B. Leavy).

## STAMP COLLECTING IN HEAVEN.

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but there may be stamp collecting. Like King George, earth's most famous philatelist, the Great King of that unknown country is collecting human specimens.

Many governments use portraits of present or past rulers on their stamps, but Russia never would till recent years because it seemed like lese majesty to deface the czar's picture by necessary eancellation. It is different in Hearen. There the Great Collector is concerned with restoration, cleansing us from all smudges and defilements we get in our earthly pilgrimage, and bringing out the divine image in us unmistakably again.

He is constantly "surcharging" his stamps, officially raising them to higher values. Sometimes it is in this life, lifting apparently commonplace people to prominence, like Lincoln, and always later when he promotes us from trivial earthly cares to the service of those who see his face.

Years ago the dies for printing stamps were individually hand engraved, so that in a sheet of 100 no two were microscopically duplicates. It is the fascinating game of many collectors to try to "replate" or reassemble those 100 stamps in just their old positions in the sheet. So the Great Collector works with iufinite patience and infinite love to replate all his issues, getting us all back into our original relations, no matter how far afield we may have gone, and never resting satisfied with 90 and 9 in his plate while there is one missing that he is determined sometime to recover.

NOTE. The above was the response of Rev. Henry Lincoln Bailey to a toast at the 25 th anniversary banquet of the Springfield Stamp Club.

## Germany Simplifies Coat of Arms.

BERLIN.-Dec. 24.-The German Government has chosen a new coat of arms for the republic. It consists of a black eagle on a gold and yellow hackground, without other ornamentation, the crown and other emblems having disappeared.

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I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, on the part of the Offices interested, three sperimens of each of the new postal values enumerated hereinafter:

1st. BELGIUM: Postage stamps of 15 centimes, 1 franc, 2 and 5 francs; Postage due stamps of $5,10,20,30$, 50 centimes;

2nd. DENMARK: Ordinary postage stamp of 60 ore; official postage stamp of 15 ore; simple postal cards of 7 on 3 ore and of 10 ore; double postal card of 7 on 3 ore; official postal card of 10 ore; letter card of 15 ore; stamped envelope of 15 ore;

3rd. FINLAND: Postage stamps of $5,10,20,25,50,75$ penni; 10 on 5 , 20 on 10,50 on 25 and 75 on 20 penni; postal cards of 20 and $20+20$ penni. (These values have been placed on sale since November 1st last. The old postage stamps of $5,10,20,25$ and 50 penni, as well as the old postal cards of 20 and $20+20$ penni will cease to be current on June 1, 1920);

4th. GREAT BRITAIN.
(a) East Africa and Ugianda: Stamped envelope of 10 cents;
(b) Nyassaland: Postal cards of $1 / 2$ penny and of 1 penny;
(c) Tonga: Postage stamp of 2 pence;

5th. LIBERIA: Postage stamps of the Red Cross of 1 cent, 2, 5, 10, 15, $20,25,30,50,75$ cents, 1 dollar, 2 and 5 dollars, bearing in surcharge "Two cents";

6th. NETHERLANDS: Postage stamps of $41 / 2$ and 7 cents, of 30 cent bearing in surcharge the words "Weertig" and "Cent" and of 30 cent bearing in surcharge the words "Zestig" and "Cent"; notice of change of address of $11 / 2$ cent;

7th. ROUMANIA: Postage stamp of 5 bani, called "de Ajutor", for the use of the Roumanian post office in Constantinople (this stamp is not used in the international service);

8th. TUNIS: Postage stamp of 30 centimes.

Referring to my circular of November 25 last, No. $380-/ 179$, I have the further honor to please request that you kindly:
(a) Transmit directly to The Administration of Posts, Reykjavik, Iceland, a triple collection of all the postal values (postage stamps, postal cards, wrappers and stamped envelopes, etc.) now actually in use in your service; and
(b) Send to me hereafter 383 specimens, instead of 380 as heretoforesee my circular of September 10,1919 , No. $2843 / 131$-of the new postal values of which you have desire to make distribution, so that the Office of Iceland may be comprised in the future in the distribution provided for in article XXXIX, \#2, 2nd, of the Rules of Execution of the principal Convention.

Will you agree with me, Sir, in assurances of my highest consideration. The Vice-Director, ROTTNER.

Berne, January 21, 1920. No. 284/11
Sir:-
I have the honor to forward you herewith, under the head of information, copy of a note which the French Embassy at Berne has addressed to the Swiss Political Department and which comes to me through that Department:
"Conforming with the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles of June 28, 1919, an International Commission will shortly take over the administration of the territories of Upper Silesia, subject to a plebiscite as designated in article 88 of the Treaty. So long as this Administration shall last, the postage stamps of Germany will not be valid in this territory; in accordance with the German authorities, they will be replaced by the stamps issued by the International Commission. These new stamps, the only ones admitted for the private correspondence within the country in question, will serve in conse-
quence for the prepayment of all sendings whatsoever emanating from this country (article II of the Universal Postal Convention).
"'The French Embassy has the honor to transmit herewith to the Political Department 250 copies of each of the fullowing new postage stamp values: $21 / 2$ Ffennigs, $3 p f$., 5 pf., 10 pf., $15 p f .$, 20 pf ., 50 pf., 1 mark and 5 marks. It would please them very much to have you send these values to the International Office of the Postal Union so that the latter may at once make the necessary communications to the countries of the Union.
"The French Embassy takes this occasion to renew to the Political Departrent, Etc."

I have likewise the honor to transmit to you herewith 2 specimens of each of the postage stamps mentioned in this note.

I have requested the Swiss Political Department to furnish me, if possible, 133 more examples of the values in question, in order that I may complete the distribution in conformance to article XXXIX, section 2 , \#2, of the Rules of execution of the principal Convention.
'Will you agree with me, Sir, in assurances of my highest consideration.

The Director,
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## DESCRIPTION

The design consists of a white oval containing large numerals of denomination and small sans-serif capitals pf at upper right of numerals, for the pfennig denominations; and numeral with word mark in small sans-serif capitals beneath it, for the mark denomination; all in color. The oval is surrounded by a narrow colored belt upon the upper half of which appears, in small sans-serif white capitals, the inscription COMMISSION de GOUVERNEMENT preceded and followed by a small white star; and upon the lower half the inscription HAUTE-SILESIE. Beneath the belted oval are two ribbons, that at left being curved in the
form of a reversed $S$ and bearing, in small sans-serif white capitals, the word OBER in the upper curve, and the word SCHLESIEN in the lower curve, both on colored ground, the central curve is white bearing four colored lines of shading running parallel with the outline of the ribbon; the ribbon at right is curved in the form of a natural $S$ and bears the word GORNY in the upper curve, and the word SLASK in the lower curve, with central curve as before. The entire design rests on a background of twentynine thick vertical colored lines surrounded by a frame, and measures $181 / 2$ by $221 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.

The stamps were printed at the Na tional Printing Office, Paris, on the French G. C. paper, are withut watermark, and perforated 14 by 13 \#.
$21 / 2$ pfennigs dark gray
3 pfennigs brown violet
5 pfennigs deep blue green
10 pfennigs brown red
15 pfennigs deep violet
00 pfennigs bright blue
50 pfennigs brown violet
1 mark red violet
5 mark orange vermilion

## POWELL'S GENUINE BONANZA

## 1,000 DIFFERENT UNDAMAGED

 Either mint or postally used. No envelopes, locals, reprints, eavelopes mar SEEBECKS-somethiak no one else can say NONE TORN OR DAMAGED-ank nny otlier for the snme Qunlity and see thelr prices sonr: Contuias fully $50 \%$ more real valne than any "1000 variety packet', and it's assembled fromi onr own stoek of FORTY YEARS' accumulation. The very last word in packet nssembling and delights the old and yonng whether his colleetion Is large or ninall. NONE SO GOOD: Cat. $\$ 30$. 110,000 sold:Edw. Peterson of N. Y. fonnd 45\% for his collection of over 5,000 surely you can do as well. You take no chances money hack if you want it BUY ONE-select those yon need pass the halance around to yonnt men in your community and help sprend phllatelic good elicer thint fceling is worth finr more than onr
PUSTPAID \& REGISTERED PRICE
OF $\$ 4.00$.
 "'Shere's no 'hoknm' la Powell's Packs.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice-Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 7.
March 1, 1920. Bennett, M. Toscan, Jr., 22 Forest St., Hartford, Conn.; Age 18; Student; Guaranteed by M. Toscan Bennett, Sr., 22 Forest St., Hartford, Conn.; Reference: Mrs. L. W. Kellogg, West Hartford, Conn., State Bank \& Trust Co., Hartford, Conn.; Proposed by Morgan W. Taylor, \#5432.
Blanfuss, William H., 12 Beverly Road, Buffalo, N. Y.; Age 44; Gen. Foreman; Reference: Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.; Proposed by Melvin J. Smith, \#5026.
Brown, Edwin C., 1408 W. 28 th St., Apt. 4, Minneapolis, Minn.; Age 28; Lawyer, Brown \& Guesmer; Reference: Harry S. Swensen, Metropolitan Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \#4215.
Browne, F. G., 321 N. Keystone Ave., River Forest, (Oak Park), Ill.; Age 50 ; Dept. Mgr. Rand McNally Co.; Reference: Mr. Stanley, Gen. Mgr. International Trade, Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Eric L. Walker, \#5143.
Cbipley, G. B., 705 LaSalle Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; Age 33; Insurance; Reference: Scruggs, Vandervoort \& Barney, St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Copland, Alexander C., Box 44, Richmond, Va.; Age 40 ; Civil Engineer; Reference: M. H. Garnett, Mens Furnishings, Richmnd, Va.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.
Crosby, Howard, Sr., 301 Blackstone Apts., Great Falls, Mont.; Age 67; Asst. Postmaster; Reference: First Natl. Bank, Great Falls, Mont.; Proposed by Andrew Andreassen, No. 5289.

Domanski, Vincent, Jr., 4545 N. Carlisle St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 27; Real Estate; Reference: John J. Conroy, 404 Bulletin Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Eugene Klein, No. 30-2275.
Eram, V. S., 6 Rue Lallier, Paris, France; Age 28; Stamp Dealer and

Commission Agt.; Reference: C. V. Webb, Secy., S. P. A.; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \# 2279.
Foster, John Harold, 515 State St., Watertown, N. Y.; Age 32; Auto 'Mechanic; Reference: D. G. Foster, Furnitnre Dealer, Watertown, N. Y:; Proposed by Howard E. Day, \#5010.
Foster, H. S., 6420 Norwood St., Pbiladelphia, Pa.; Age 35; Advertising Mgr. C. M. Collins Mig. Co.; Reference: First Natl. Bank of Elmer, N. J.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \# 8-38.
Foster, Richard S., Box 3106, Bridgeport. Conn.; Age 2S; Bookkeeper; Reference: R. O. Bennett, 1042 Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.

Gates, Chas. H., 14 Sturgis St., Worcester, Mass.; Age 41; Claim Adjuster Street R'y Co.; Reference: Denholm McKay Co., Worcester, Mass.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.

Hagenbaugh, Wm. L., 1146 W. 31 St., Los Angeles, Calif.; Age 41; Lieut. of Police; Reference: Jos. C. Northup, Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.; Proposed by Harry J. Lelande, \#4600.
Hall, Nichols, Crescent Hill, Springfield, Mass.; Age 16; Student; Guaranteed by Charles H. Hall, Pres. Chas. Hall, Inc., Springfield, Mass.; Proposed by James Brewer Corcoran, \#219.
Harvest, Henry W., 6065 Broadway, New York City; Age 41; Commercial Traveller; Reference: Lauson Piano Co., 372 E. 149 St., New York; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \#2279.
Hayes, Thos. J., 3233 Audubon Place, East St. Louis, Ill.; Age 34; Traffic Mgr. Renard Linoleum Rug Co.; Reference: Famous Barr Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.

Johansen, Axel J. M., Box 76, Cape Cottage, Me.; Age 32; Stamp Dealer; Reference: First National Bank, Portland, Me.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.

Koch, A. W., 303 Rockdale, Cincinnati, Ohio; Age. 60; National Sales Có.; Reference: Lincoln National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio; Proposed by Dr. A. E. Hussey, \#2492.

Laird, Rosser, Box 173, Sinton, Texas: Age 17; Student; Guaranteed by Kate Blasly, Sinton, Tex.; Reference: Sinton State Bank and F. Noyes, Alice, Tex.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Litt, Arthur O., American Legation, Port au Prince, Hayti; Age 33; American Legation; Reference: The Royal Bank of Canada, Port au Prince, Hayti; Proposed by A. W. Dnnning, \#251.
Lynes, Frank W., 2515 Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 43; Inspector; Reference: Jas. W. MoCully, Real estate, Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Percy McGraw Mann, \#3202.
Martin, N. Hill, 84 S. Front St., Memphis, Tenn.; Age 38; Cotton; Reference: Any Bank or Banker in Memphis, Tenn.; Proposed by A.A. Jones, \#4448.
May, H. E., Romeo, Colo.; Age 21; Clerk; Reference: J. A. Bradbury, 2912 W. Lake Pl., Denver, Colo.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
McNary, W. P., Bannock, Ohio; Age 45 ; Asst. Postmaster: Reference: R. S. MeMillen, Bannock, Ohio; Proposed by N. Joseph, \#5048.
Moore, Mrs. Ada T., East Lincoln Way, Lisboñ, Ohio; Age 60; Reference: The Firestone Bank, Lisbon, Obio; Proposed by H. A. Diamant, \#2036.
Mulhern, Paul W., 54 Green St., Boston 29, llass.; Age 27; Shipper; Reference: Dr. G. W. Gimmers, Castleton, N. Y.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Nicholas, J., 613 Buchanan St., San Francisco, Calif.; Age 19; Moulder; Guaranteed by E. G. Solth, Oakland, Calif.; Proposed by Edwin P. Seebohm, \#2047.
Platt, Theodore B., Box 435, Wilder, Vt.; Age 35; Railway Postal Clerk; Reference: Dr. R. J. Goss, Wilder, Vt.; Proposed by L.M. Hunt, \#5069.

Scbreiber, Anthony, 662 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.; Age 56; President Schreiber Products Co.; Reference: Percy G. Doane, Tribune Bldg., New York City; Proposed by N. Joseph, \#5048.
Stowell, H. T., 78 Georgetown St., Buffalo, N. Y.; Age 23; Chemist; Reference: C. E. Williams, Hooker El Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Proposed by Will H. Fedder, \#4458.
Sears, Allen, 1310 Scott St., Little Rock, Ark.; Age 27; Accountant, Crow-Burlingame Co.; Reference: R. C. Jacob, Sales Mgr., Crane Co., Little Rock, Ark.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Sinclaire, Francis S., 285 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.; Age 21; Student; Reference: Scientific Materials Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Proposed by James IB. Helme, \#5170.
Skinner, C. D., Jr., 11 Catalpa Rd., Providence, R. I.; Age 26; Clerk, Hazard Cotton Co.; Reference: Blackstone Canal Natl. Bank, Providence, R. I.; Proposed by W. F. Goerner, \#553.
Spencer, Hazelton, M. D., Box 666, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada; Age 50; Surgeon; Reference: Dr. A. R. Griffith, 221 Peel St., Montreal, Canada; Proposed by the Secretary, No. 1925.

Stanjer, E., 28 Ramillies Road, Bedford Park, London, W. 4, England; Age 55; Bankers Head Clerk; Reference: Fredk. K. Huth Co., 12 Token House Yard, London, Eng.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Tarler, S. A., M. D., 20 E. 97 th St., New York City; Age 57; Pbysician; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by N. Joseph, \#5048.

Tomson, Edward, 924 W. 5th St., Plainfield, N. J.; Age 17; Student; Guaranteed by Chas. E. Tomson; Reference: C. W. F. Attlee, Courier News, Plainfield, N. J.; Proposed by Frank E. Hadley, \#5222.

Vorheier, Emil, 813 Seguin St., New Braunfels, Texas; Age 36; Postoffice Clerk; Reference: R. E. Kloepper,

Cashr. New Braunfels State Bank; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
Hills, Charles S., 415 Tremble Bldg., Sioux City, Ia.; Age 42; Real estate \& Insurance, The Hills Agency; Reference: Sioux City Natl. Bank, Sioux City, Ia.; Proposed by Geo. L. Baldwin, \#2375.
Horney, W. R., Box 388, Centreville, Md.; Age 22; Bank Clerk; Reference: Centreville National Bank of Maryland; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.

## Applications for Reinstatement.

1785 Noel, W. G., 1310 E. I4th St., Kansas City, Mo.; Age 61; Artist; Reference: Waggener Paint \& Glass Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Proposed by W. H. Wilkinson, \#5044.

Ormston, M. O., 904 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.; Age 43; Mechanical Engineer; Reference: R. E. Baldwin, 6206 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by C. E. Severn, \#65.
Williams, C. H., 214 N. Jefferson St., Green Bay, Wis.; Age 50; Architect; Reference: Kellogg National Bank, Green Bay, Wis.; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \#4215.

## New Stockholders.

5455 Bauder, Louis De, 515 Oliver St., Toledo, Obio.
5456 Blumel, Alfred Jos., VIII Josephssa'cler 82, Vienna, Rep. Austria.
5457 Brown, George Royce, 118 Fenimore St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
5458 Campbell, Gordon J., 904 Summit Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
5459 Charmatz, Chas. B., Strand Hotel, 63 rd and Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.
5460 Dempsey, Andrew, 1233 S. 7th St., Terra Haute, Ind.
5461 Hale, Oscar H., Box 281, Philadelphia, Pa.
5462 Hart, Ed. F., E. F. Hart Co., Halifax, N. S.
5463 Hedenberg, 2 East Front Șt., Red Bank, N. J.

5464 Hunt, Herny B., 5727 Huntington Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.
5465 Jepp, A. E., Box 15, Spencer, Ia.
5466 Kaufmann, H. J., 1541 Brush St., Detroit, Mich.
5467 Kimble, Ralph A., West Maint St., Galesburg, Ill.
5468 Klotzhach, Harry E., Box 862, Buffalo, N. Y.
5469 Moreland, Geo. M., Tulot, Ark.
5470 Parker, Chas. H., 401 Convent Ave., New York City.
5471 Price, Wm. F., 7 Arnold Ave., Newport, R. I.
5472 Scheuer, Jacob H., 171 Madison Ave., New York City.
5473 Sherman, R. P., Adelaide Drive, Santa Monica, Calif.
5474 Slanskey, J., 9 W. Sherman St., Hutchinson, Kans.
5475 Stetson, R. N., Corcoran, Calif.
5476 Woodruff, W. W., 244 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Reinstated.

4616 Chitraro, Henry, 500 W. 123 St., New York City.
3447 Hart, Montgomery L., 410 Wynnewood Road, Pelham Manor, N. Y.

2125 Schreiber, F. D., 601 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

## Resignations Accepted.

4704 Brown, E. B., 55 Chambers St., New Haven, Conn.
5070 Kingsley, C. G., f N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
3147 Obrecht, Rev. E. M., Trappist, Ky.
5018 Strong, Henry C., Box 370, Manila, Philippines.

## Resignation Withdrawn.

1467 Waitt, J. E., 4 Mt. Warren, Roxbury, Mass.

## Deaths Reported.

2067 Klaffke, Gustave, 3622 Galena St., Milwankee, Wis.

5109 Rogers, C. S., 323 Ord tS., Kansas City, Mo.

## New Life Member.

$36-936$ Hopkins, S. B., 609 DeLeon St., Tampa, Fla.

## Change of Address.

4356 Ahern, W. S., from Masonic Temple to Foarqurean Temple Co., Richmond, Va.
2397 Alexander, J. E., from 1018 Spurgeou St. to 602 S. Broadway, Santa Ana, Calif.
5417 Borresen, Jno. S., from Kimballton to 623 W. Sth St., Cedar Falls, Ia.
4977 Clark, M. B., from Box 115 to 27 N. Franklin St., Lynn, Mass.
2655 Colson, E. A., from Ironton, O. to Box 282 , Ballston Road, Rosslyn, Va.
5021 Comfort, N. C., from Box 990 to Box 424, Manila, P. I.
4211 Crouch, Gordon H., from Park Crescent to 879 Dovercourt Rd., Toronto, Canada.
5148 Dewey, L. H., from Virginia Heights to Pulaska, Va., care Maple Shade Inn.
5216 Dickason, Donald E., from 925 College Pl. to 117 E. Liherty St., Wooster, O.
3425 Fischer, Dr. A. F., from 203 Mechanics Bldg. to R. 203, 948 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.
4104 Fischer, Chas. G., from 161 9th Ave. to 1040 14th St., San Francisco, Calif.
4697 Gordon, W. D., from New York to Care Mine \& Smelter Supply Co., Denver, Colo.
2667 Grafe, Gustav A., from 1212 Belmont Ave. to 2146 Grace St., Chicago, 111.
5242 Green, Otis, from Evanston, Ill. to Box 620, Clyde, Ohio.
4485 Haker, Otto, from 161 Glenholm Ave. to 24 Vimy Ridge Ave., Toronto, Canada.
3223 Harmon, R. G., from 8th \& Bran-
non Sts. to 1111 Balboa St., San Francisco, Calif.
3869 Heath, D. R., from Monroe, Mich. to 160 Rhodes Ave., Akron, 0.
1047 Johnson, Wm. A., from 1333 F St. to 1713 Eye St. N. W., Washington, $D$. C.
4537 Lacey, C. R. from 84 Yorkville Ave., Toronto to Weston, Ont., Canada.
4600 Lelande, H. J. from 421 Washington Bldg. to Irolo St., Los Angeles, Calif.
3665 Marcus, Henry C. from 1865 Sacramento St. to 236 Rialto Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.
5224 MacGuffin, R. D. from Harrisburg to 5807 Larchwood Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
4826 Noronha, Delf, from Baltimore, Md. to Box 172, Toronto, Ont., Canada.
5409 Randall, Wainwright from 81 Nepean St. to R. 91 , Y. M. C. A., Otawa, Canada.
5026 Smith, Melvin J. from 2211 Baily Ave. to 4 S Virgil Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

4029 Stevenson, W. L. from Flint, Mich. to Addison Hotel, Detroit, Mich.
5074 Tener, Jno. T., Jr., from 302 Marine Drive to 2476 13th Ave. W., Vancouver, B. C.
4623 Tuholske, Dr. Lister from 4453 McPherson Ave. to 4515 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
2250 Wagner, F. E., from Iroquois Bldg. to Our Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

## Membership Summary.



## OFFICLAL NOTLCES.

## Nominations for Board of Directors.

To the Stockholders of the American Pnilatelic Society.
Nominations of Candidates for the election of a Board of Directors to serve the Society for the fiscal year 1920-21 are now in order and will be received by the Secretary. The election to be held at the 35 th Annual Convention, Providence, R. I., Aug. 9th, 1920. The formal Call for the Annual Meeting and the appointment of Committees will be puhlished in an early number of the Journal by President H. H. Wilson.

Appointment of Recruiting Chairman.
President H. H. Wilson has appointed Mr. A. A. Jones, Herrin, Ill., as Chairman of the Recruiting Committee. H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## A Word from the Secretary.

To my co-workers I wish to express my deep gratitude and hearty appreciation for their splendid help and cooperation in recruiting since the beginning of the War. I accepted this post in connection with my Secretarial duties at that time as workers were scarce indeed.

Now that the war is over, I have asked President Wilson to be relieved of this work that I may have more time to devote to this office.

It is with some pride and pleasure that I present this my last report while acting as Recruiting Chairman. I have asked some of my helpers to boost this month and to boost hard. The number of new applications herewith presented shows how heartily they responded to this request, note there are including applications for reinstatement 46 applicants for membership. The time was never better for building up the membership of the Society and I truṣt every member will give $\mathrm{Mr}_{r}$. Jones their hearty support, and I bespeak for him
the same hearty good will and splendid help that has been given me. It is some satisfaction to know that I shall still be in touch with many of you as Secretary of the Society if not actively engaged in recruiting.
H. A. DAVLS, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Montli of February, 1920.

## Stock Fund

Balance
$\$ 5151.66$
Receipts
$18.00 \quad \$ 5169.66$

## General Fund

Balance
$\$ 4037.40$
Receipts
$\$ 214.70$
Disburse-
ments
$78.74 \quad 135.96 \times 4173.36$

## Insurance Fund

Balance
$\$ 1976.27$
Excliange Account

| Balance | $\$ 7.96$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Receipts | .25 | $\$$ | 8.21 |

## Suspense Account

Balance

Receipts $\quad$| $\$ 30.90$ |
| ---: |
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## Anserican Philatelist Account

Debit Balance $\$ 2709.80$

Receipts \$106.30
Disburse-
ments
470.61
$364.30 \quad \$ 3074.10$
$\$ 8286.30$

## Resources

| Bonds | $\$ 5489.34$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Cash | $2796.96 \$ 8286.30$ |

J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

Waated. The unusual in Hong Kong, Turks Islands and St. Helena including covers, blocks, etc. Will pay cash. Robert C. Munroe, Longmeadow, Springfield, Mass.

> Canada. Will exchange, buy or sell, pertect unused Canadian or Newfoundland or old issues on ariginal envelopes. Always correspond first. Randall, Y. M. C. A., Ottawa, Canada.

> Canada Telegraphs. Ten all different, mint, seventy-nve cents. Twenty-five foreign revenues fifteen cents. W. C. Stone, 21 princeton St., Springfield, Mass.

Higlk Grade Approvals one cent up. No trash. S. S. Mac⿻ermitt, 1617 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Member A.P.s.


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Wauted- $1887,2 \mathrm{ct}$. green cancellation, Numerals $13,21,27,29,31,33,34,35,36$, $37,39,40,41,43,45,47,49,51$ and upwards  4 ct . carmine, Nuinerals $11,13,14,15,17$, $23,25,27,30$ and upwards, Letters 15, 11, $1, K, O$, P to 2 . Will buy single copypay postage both ways. Herman W. Boers, зðy Maple St., Detroit, Mich.

APPiROVAL selections for Beginner or general collector; one cent approvals, high grade stamps. Feference or society number. S. S. MacDermitt, 1617 Mahoning Avenue, Xoungstown, Ohio.


FOR SALE. Japanese Peace or Coronation Stamps 25 c per set. Crown Prince $J u b i l e e$ sen and $11 / 2$ sen, 12 c a pair. All unused. Remit money order. Cheng sek Weng, Care Samuel Samuel \& Co., Ltd., Taipeh, Formosa.

WANTED FILANCE in single copies and blocks, all the stamps of $1849-60$ chiefly Nos. (Scott) 2, 5, 7, 7b, 8, 9, 10, 21, 36, all those of the 1870 issue, the teterbecheall the French Colonies prior to 1880 , chiefly $8,20,21,44$. 1 give in exchange rarities in 1st class condition such New York 848, Mexico 229, Guadalajara 68 on piece, Bahamas 7. Danish W. Indies 12, Virgin Is. 18, Dominican Rep. 2, Buenos Aires 1, 2, Peru 6-14 etc. Offers to Mr. Mallet, ${ }_{5}$, ' Surintendance, $S t$. Germain in Laye, France. Wanted Catalogues of Auction Sales.

1 have for saie a fine lot of the stamped envelopes of the Philippine lslands, issued since 1906 , postally nsed and bearing singles \& blocks of the better stamps. Condition is-PERFECTION. I can also supply these used from the U. S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China. Correspondence invited. Fine postage stamps on approvinvited. Fine postage stamps on approval against commercial reference. W. F.
Slusser,
Fort Member American Stamp Dealers' Ass'n.

Philatelle Liternture bought and sold. Tell me about your library and the ltems that you need. When you have anything to dispose of send me a complete list with prices. A. H. Pike, 80 Grant St., Buffalo, prices.

Cash Paid for postmarks and cancellations. Send description before shlpping. A. H. Pike, 80 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

1 wish to buy 2c Black Jacksons for my collection. Covers showing combinations, odd rates and cancellations especially desired at your own valuation. H. P. Atherton, Hitchcock Building, Springfield, Mass.

## WANTS AND EXCHANGES.

RATES.-Per line, includiug address, single insertion, 5 cents. Standing notices, one year, per line, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Minimum charge for yearly notice, 50 c .

Dr. T. Henry Tubman, A. P. S. \#3962, 746 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. White and Green Seal Sonora Mexican wanted, especially in sheets, for cash or will exchange rare old and other war Mexican; rare foreign and U.S. for same. Several thousand Hexican duplicates for sale or exchange.
U. S. 3e VERMILION: Scott's \#213 wanted in singles, pairs, strlps, blocks and covers, sheets and plate numbers, anything and everything in \#213. Please submit what you have, one or a thousand. If you have but one, it may be the one I am looking for. Submit with price, also lowest cash price for whole lot if many. If reasonable prices, casli by return mail; If not, stamps with your postage outlay returned at once. H. A. Davis, 11 Hamilton Apts., Denver, Colo.

> GUVEIXNENT ISSUES of Postal Cards and Letter Cards. Approval selections to responsible collectors. S. Schachne, Chillicothe, Ohio.

EXCHANGE. For anything good cat. 4c up I allow two-thlrds catalog. Satisfactory exchange, your selection, or your own stamps returned. Harry C. Bradley, Dorchester Center, Mass.

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WANTED-France \#44 \& Brazil \#7, in pairs and blocks. Also others of same issue in fine used condition. Highest prices paid. R. H. Mower, 609 Trust Bldg., Rockford, Ill.

WANTED FOR CASH, the local stamp issues of all countrles, including single coples, palrs, sheets, errors, etc. Sydney M. Mulhall, A. P. S. 3808, 444 F. Avenue, Coronado, Californla.


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Wanted for My Collection United States $20 t h$ Century Blocks of Four used, all denominations, shades, colored cancellations etc. Please submit on approval with price per block. Prompt returns. Louis M. Mier, 79 San Francisco Ave., Rutherford, N. J. (A. P. S. 1527).

DOUBLE to 100 TIMES LIST PAID. FOR such 3c U. S. 1851 as I need. I collect nothing else. Submit any you have for immediate cash. H. S. Bellinger, Litchfield, Conn. (A. P. S. 5312).

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## UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS.

A CONCISE HISTORY AND MEMORANDUM.

## HENRY C. NEEDHAM.

## PENNY EXPRESS COMPANY.

## Independent Mail Route.



The name "Penny Express Company" appearing on the stamps of this Post gives no indication of the place of usage or the name of the Company issuing the stamps. The figure " 5 " we cannot explain.

The Company was a part of the vast system of the Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company, duly incorporated under a special Act of the Territory of Colorado, approved February 5, 1866, Capital Three million Dollars. Chief executive office, 35 William Street, New York City; Benjamin Holladay, President; George K. Otis, Secretary. Aaron Bancroft was another official of the Company and apparently general organizer.

In 1867 the Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company, together with the Pioncer Stage Company, Wells Fargo \& Company, a New York joint stock corporation, with several other minor interests, consolidated and organized the joint stock corporation of Wells Fargo \& Company, capital stock Fifteen nillion Dollars; in 1872 reduced to Four million Dollars; increased at var-
ious times to twenty-four Million Dollars in 1915.

The line was started by Holladay on account of the discovery of gold in Idaho and Montana, and the Iarge volume of freight, passenger and mail traffic originating in Colorado, Utah, \&c. It took over the Butterfield Overland Dispatch, a line running over the Smoky Hill Route from Topeka and Leavenworth across Kansas to Denver. It owned or controlled about 3300 miles of Stage Lines. Mr. Holladay is said to have received for his interest in the business at the time of the consolidation with Wells Fargo \& Company one and a half million dollars in cash; three hundred thousand dollars in stock of the new Company, and six hundred thousand dollars in cash, the value of grain, hay, \&c., and equipment on lines.

The Overland Mail and Express business on the Stage lines largely ceased about May 10,1869 , when the tracks of the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads met.

In the Spring of 1866 (April 12th) Henry Reed, a born organizer and old expressman, who had conducted an express business in San Francisco, and had there been interested in the firm of Adanis \& Company, was sent to the West by the Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company to establish stations and place the business on a working basis. He was a man of very method:cal habits and kept a more or less complete diary during the time of such organization. This diary is now in our possession, all in his handwriting, and
we can do no better than to quote certain sections therefrom.

Sections of the Diary of Henry Reed, Superintendent Express Department. Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company.

Atchison, Kanss, May 24, 1866. Geo. K. Otis, Esq.,

Secy. \&c., \&c.
Sir:
We possess facilities for a half daily express from Atchison to Denver, irrespective of the passenger coaches and I am assured that full freight, say $21 / 2$ tons per week will readily be offered for express forwarding. Immediately on the arrival of my working materials from Slote \& Janes, now due, I will leave here to stock the offices of the Company on the line, and get the business in working order.

The Mails are closing bere at from 8 to 10 hours before the departure of the Coach. One express bag will be kept open till the coach is ready to start. This will as certainly give us a large letter business as it is certain that many people fail to do at once that which may be done in the future.
Resp'y, Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.
Atchison Kansas, May 27, 1866. Geo. K. Otis, Esq.,

Secy., \&c., \&c., N. Y. Sir:

I will leave here tomorrow morning for Denver-via Platte River route. Have supplied all the offices East of Denver with the Co.'s blanks, and will take the balance of the lot to Denver and make it the General Depot of supplies for the country South and West.
W. F. \& Co. send a bag over the line yet. Will you order them to discontinue it in New York, or shall I refuse it here, unless they use our envelopes. Their envelopes that I have examined do not contain over ten or a dozen letters. If I get no instructions to the contrary I shall insist on our envelope attachment to the letters they wish us to carry from Salt Lake East, or vice
versa. In other words they must pay toll for crossing our bridge.

Resp'y
Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.

Denver, C. T., June ., 1866.
Geo. K. Otis, Esq.,
Secy. \&c. H. O. H. \& Exp. Co., N. Y. Dear Sir:

In view of the change of the terminus of the Stage route from Atchison to Omaha and the Pacific R. R. making a da:ly from each of the last named places I shall order that our express hold all the territory west of the Missouri River, and will establish the express office at Kansas City. The continual advance of the Railroad West of the River, and the extension of the U. S. and other expresses now there, will in a few short years wipe out "The Holladay Co." I do not propose to reIinquish an inch of ground that we already possess, but will receive from the Eastern Companies at our different offices on the river such packages as they may have for offices on our line.

The Mail closes at Denver at 8 o'clock in the evening and the Stage for the East does not leave till 8 o'clock the following morning, giving us as favorable opportunities for letter express business here as we have at the office on the River.

Resp'y,
Henry Reed,
Supt. Exp. Dept.
Denver, C. T., June 5, 1866.
H. B. Parsons, Esq.,

Acting Agt.,
Atchison, Kan.
Dear Sir:
It :s altogether to the advantage of the Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company to keep possession of all the Express business West of the Missouri River; in that case we ought at once to establish an office at Kansas City, and receive from the Eastern Ex-
presses all the express matter they may have for our line at that point, the same as we now do at Omaha.

Any other policy on the part of our Company will eventually crowd us off the entire line. This country is full of field if we hold strongly to our present lines we need have no fear of competition in the new ones to be opened. Respectfully,
Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.
Memoranda from copy of letter of instructions sent to all agents on June 9, 1866:

The letter forwarding of the company should claim and receive your utmost attention. Well conducted it is, with all express companies in countries circumstanced as bis, the most profitable of all branches of the business. By keeping your letter bag open for the reception of all letters enclosed in the company's envelopes, until the hour of the departure of the coach from the office door, and making a delivery of all letters by carrier that may be received by express for your citizens in a few minutes after their arrival, you will encourage every man of enterprise in your district to become your patron.

> City of Denver, Colorado Territory, June 15, 1866.

Lewis Leland, Esq.,
Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.
My dear Lewis:
Mr. Meredih Howland (of the firm of Howland \& Aspinwall, N. York) and Mr. J. B. Bradford leave here today en route for San Francisco, and will call on you; from thence they intend to find a track around the Globe. Make them feel that San Francisco ranks high among the pleasant places of the earth.

Ever your friend, Henry Reed.
Note: Mr. Gilbert Jones of New York City found among the papers of Holland \& Aspinwall many fine items in the way of early Carriers, Postmasters and Locals, and the name of this
firm on envelopes and letter sheets is often met with.

Salt Lake City, June 26, 1866.
Homer B. Parsons, Esq.,
Acting Agent, \&c., \&c.
Atchison, K.
Sir:
It has been determined to have but one rate of postage or express charges for letter forwarding to all parts of the line which is covered by the Holladay O. M. \& Exp. Co., viz.: Ten cents on all letters weighing less than half ounce, and ten cents for each additional $1 / 2$ ounce or fractional part thereof. ou will be careful to affix an additional government stamp on letters enclosed in our envelopes that may weigh over single rates, one stamp of 3 cents for each rate of half ounce.

Charge yourself ten cents for the red stamps instead of twenty cts. as first verbally instructed by me.

Respy. yours,
Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.

Salt Lake, June 27, 1866.
Hugo Richard, Esq.,
Agt., Denver.
Sir:
It has been determined to have but one rate of postage or express charges for letter forwarding to all parts of the line which is covered by the H. O. M. \& E. Co., viz.

Ten cents on all letters weighing less
than $1 / 2$ ounce and ten cents for each additional $1 / 2$ ounce or fractional part thereof.
You will be careful to affix one additional government stamp on letters enclosed in our envelopes that may weigh over single rate-one stamp of three cents for each rate of $1 / 2$ ounce.

Respy. yours,
Henry Reed,
Supt. Exp. Dept.
Salt Lake City, June 28, 1866.
Hugo Richards, Esq.,
Agt., Denver.
Sir:
Herewith find schedule of Express

Messenger Service: Please conform until such time as experience may dictate a reconstruction and you receive advice thereof.

> Respy. yours,
> Henry Reed,
> Supt. Exp. Dept.

Salt Lake, June 27, 1866.
Messenger Service:

| Atchison to Denver | 3 messengers. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Denver to Salt Lake, | 3 messengers. |
| Sal Lake to Virginia | 2 messengers. |
| Bear River to Boise | 2 messengers. |

Going W. and No. total 10 messengers. 1st Div. Leave Atchison every Monday. Arriver Denver every Saturday
2nd Div. Leave Denver every Saturday Arrive Salt Lake every Friday Leave Salt Lake every Sunday (pass Bear River Sunday leave express for Boise)
3rd Div. Ar. Virginia every Thursday Lve. Bear River every Sunday 4th Div. Arrive Boise every Wednesday RETURNING:
4th Div. Leave Boise every Saturday Ar. Baer River every Tuesday
3rd Div. Leave Virginia every Friday Call Bear River every Tuesday Ar. Salt Lake every Wednesday
2nd Div. Leave Salt Lake every Friday Ar. Denver every Weduesday
1st Div. Leave Denver every Thursday Arrive Atchison every Tuesday Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.
Salt Lake City, July 1, 1866. Homer B. Parsons, Esq.,

Actg. Agent,
Atchison, Kansas.
Dear Sir:
Keep your Express letter bags running regularly with Denver-dailyand carry no letters unless covered by onr envelopes, except those written by Agents of the Company on Company's business.

Respy.
Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.

Salt Lake City, July 5, 1866. Hugo Richards, Esq.,

Agt.,
Denver.
Dear Sir:
Herewith I send you notices relative to the forwarding of letters by express. Please post conspicuously in your office. Send a copy of notice to Central City.

Respy.
Henry Reed,
Supt. Exp. Dept.
COPY OF NOTICE.
Office of the Holladay Overland Mail \& Express Company
Hereafter letters will not he forwarded hy Express unless enclosed in the Company's franked envelopes.

The envelopes are for sale at all the offices of the Company.

Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.
July 1,1866 .
Atchison, Kansas.
Aug. 12, 1866.
B. Holladay, Prest.,
H. O. M. \& Express Co., New York.
Sir:
I arrived here this morning from the West, via Omaha, at which place I arranged for a parcel and letter express with Council Bluffs.

It is more than "half a man's" work to find customers for franked envelopes, with rare exceptions this important source of profit-the franked envelopes -will not sell themselves. An agent must turn peddler selling a few in this place and a few in that and keep at it unceasingly.

Very respectfully,
Henry Reed, Supt. Exp. Dept.
Extracts from Report of Henry Reed, Aug. 30, 1866 :

The Country between Atchison, Fort Kearney and Denver, though sparsely populated, will afford a fair income to the Express business from the transmis-
sion of letters and parcels and that with but little additional expense in conducting it.

The Letter business continues to grow: already to keep up the supply we are in want of $\$ 30,000$ additional franks. The principal letter business will be done in Idaho and Montana though a fair business is done in Colorado.

I recommend that two grand divisions he made as follows:

First Division-to comprise Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Second Division-to be composed of Utah, Dacotah, Montana and Idaho.

The office of the Supt. of the First Division should be at Leavenworth, and that of the Second Division at Salt Lake City.

The Express business of the interior has a splendid future and one wbich is not far distant. The Rocky Mountains yielding her gold to the determined adverturer with munificient liberality invites the labor and intelligence of the old settled states to enjoy her untold wealth; she extends the invitation to the civilized world and the world of intelligence will not be slow to accept her generous proffer.

## Henry Reed,

 Supt. Exp. Dept.Henry Reed died in the State of New Jersey some years ago; six sheets of the red and blue stamps, hereafter mentioned, were found among his effects; none of the black, although it is stated that Mr. Reed, during his lifetime, gave away some of the black stamps. These stamps are apparently finely lithographed, the work prohably having been done by Slote \& Janes, 143 Fulton street, New York City; this concern having done most of the business in the way of stationery, printing, \&c., for the Holladay Oxerland Mail \& Express Company. The stamps were printed 32 to the sheet, 4 vertical x 8 horizontal.

It is quite apparent that but one die was prepared and but one stone made; that the intention originally was to charge five cents for the black stamp, ten cents for the blue and twenty cents for the red. We note that Mr. Reed ordered his supplies prior to leaving New York and before he was conversant with the situation and prevailing rates in the territory he was to develop; that after arriving on the ground he decided on one uniform rate of Ten cents, using all his supply of stamps as printed in the three colors and selling them at that uniform price. It has been thought for many years that this stamp was engraved; our firm conviction is, however, that it was lithographed.

For years the word "Penny" in the Western part of this country meant not the one cent copper piece but the half "bit" or five cent nickel. The copper penny was unknown. The half bit was seldom met w:th, the "short" bit or ten cent piece being the smallest currency generally used. The two bit piece, of course, was the well known quarter of a dollar.

## PENNY EXPRESS COMPANY.

One Type Only. 1866. Finely lithographed.

Black (10 cents)
Blue ( 10 cent)
Red (10 cent)
Note. We have seen the manuscript initials oi Henry Reed on the black stamp. There is in existence one $0 . \mathrm{g}$. sheet of this black stamp so initialled. The stamps were issued ungummed, the adhesive preparation being applied as required.

## COUNTERFEITS.

Many counterfeits exist. They are, however, very rough and on a heavy paper, originals being on thin wove paper of a delicate texture, finely lithographed and bearing the general appearance of engraving.

## OUR SURCHARGED STAMPED ENVELOPES.

## JOSEPH B. LEAVY.

When the postal rate was returned to 2 cents it was estimated that there remained on hand, in the various postal agencies throughout the country, 169.000,000 of the 3 cent stamped envelopes. The paper alone used in the manufacture of these envelopes representd an outlay of over $\$ 200,000$, so that it can readily be seen, that with the cost of manufacture added, this vast quantity of 3 cent stamped envelopes represented too great a sum for them to be returned for destruction and their total cost charged as a loss to the Post Office Department. Therefore the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the various agencies aud large post offices throughout the country, where stocks of the 3 cent stamped envelope rested, were requested to furnish estimates to the Post Office Department regarding the cost of supplying these envelopes with a printed surcharge reducing them to the 2 cent rate. These estimates were so excessive as to prove the printed surcharge to be unfeasable. It was then suggested that dies could be cut for the cancelling machines and the surplus 3 cent stamped envelope run through the machines and cancelled with a 2 cent surcharge, this proved feasable, as the only additional cost to the Post Office Department was the actual cost of the cancelling dies, the work of supplying the surcharge from the cancelling machines being done by the post office clerks in the usual performance of their daily duties, merely crowding some extra work upon the clerks and making sure that for a while there would be no slack hours.

Some dies were cut and work of an experimental nature was started in the Washington, D. C. office at the beginning of the year. The experimental work proved so satisfactory that the following circular was issued to postmasters over the signature of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

## NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS.

1.-Change of denomination.-The department is authorizing postmasters to change the denomination of their unsold 3 cent stamped envelopes to 2 cent, by running them through canceling machines equipped with special dies, hearing the numeral " 2 " in place of the regular postmarking-canceling dies.
2.-Purposes.-The principal purpases are, first, to conserve, during the prevailing condition of short paper production throughout the country, large quantities of paper which would otherwise be wasted; secondly, to save to the Government the cost of manufacture of the many millions of outstanding 3 cent envelopes, which must otherwise be destroyed and become a total loss; and, thirdly, to provide the public with stamped envelopes during the existing sbortage, which is due to the unprecedented sale that has followed the restoration of the 2 cent rate of letter postage.
3.-Description.-The dies which are heing provided print upon the 3 cent stamp envelopes a large, double-line numeral 2, with either horizontal or vertical lines beneath it to cancel the two original numerals 3 . Some of the 3 cent envelopes, however, are overprinted " 2 cents," the large figure " 2 " appearing at the left of the 3 cent stamp and the word "CENTS" running through it. The overprinting is done with either hlack or red ink.
4.-Authorizations.-As 2 cent dies are obtained from the die makers the department will send them to postmasters with authorization to overprint their stocks of 3 cent envelopes and full instructions for doing the work. They will also be instructed as to securing credit for 1 cent each on the envelopes so overprinted. .Postmasters are requested not to apply to the department
for anthorization to overprint their envelopes: the authorizations will be issued to them as 2 cent dies become available, in the order of quantities of 3 cent envelopes reported on hand in response to the instructions published in Notice No. 27, January Postal Guide.
5.-Valne. - Three-cent envelopes overprinted " 2 " shall be sold to the public by postmasters at the current prices of 2 cent envelopes listed on pages 35 and 36,1919 Postal Guide, and on price schedule Form 3200. The postage value of such overprinted envelopes shall be 2 cents.

The above circular was reprinted in the Postal Bulletin of January 31, 1920.

There are two types of canceling machines in use at various large post offices throughout the country, some offices being equipped with the Universal machine and other offices with the International machine. These machines being of different construction the canceling dies made for them are not interchangable, therefore, as a matter of easy distinction, it was decided to adopt somewhat different designs in the surcharge for each type of canceling machine.

Meanwhile the dies which printed a large figure 2 at the left of the stamp and the word CENTS running through the stamp were not considered satisfactory and dies of different design were ordered. As less than 500 envelopes had been surcharged from the die supplied for the Universal machine they were turned in to the redemption office and ultimately destroyed, none being delivered to the Washington office nor placed on sale to the public. Twenty thousand envelopes had, however, been surcharged by the die suppl:ed for the International machine, and as this was too large a quantity to be destroyed, with economy the watchword in the Department, they were ordered placed on sale at the Washington, D. C. office. To avoid speculation the sale was limited to 100 envelopes to a customer.

It was originally the intention to have the surcharging done entirely in
red ink, red being the color of the two cent denomination to which value the envelopes were being reduced, when, however, approximately thirty thousand had been surcharged in red, from the accepted die for the Universal machine, it was found that the ink clogged on the die and caused slurred and blobby surcharges, not running so freely and smoothly as the black ink, also that red ink was not available in the offices outside of Washington and would have to be especially supplied. It was then decided to do all surcharging in black ink ouly.

## LiniversaJ Machine Accepted Die.

Double line figure 2, with curved tail, figure measuring 9 by $81 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$., and placed 2 mm . above the center of three thin horizontal lines, each 30 :am. long and spaced 2 mm . apart. Total measurments of surcharge 30 by 14 mm .

## InternationaJ Machine Accepted Dic.

Double line figure 2 , with straight tail, figure measuring 6 by 7 mm ., while $13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. beneath, and 1 mm . to right and left of the figure, are four thin vertical lines, each $51 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. high and spaced 2 mm . apart. Total measurments of surcharge 26 by $141 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.

## International Machine Rejected Die.

Large double line figure 2 , with curved tail, figure measuring $81 / 2$ by $131 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$., while 2 mm . to the right center of the figure appears the word CENTS in sans-serif capitals 5 mm . high, the word measuring $181 / 2$ by 5 mnn . Total measurement of surcharge $191 / 2$ by $131 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.

The first of these surcharged envelopes went on sale at the Wasbington, D. C. office on January 28, 1920, they bore the surcharge cancellation of the Universal machine accepted die, in black, and the envelope was white paper, size 13. The 3 cent stamp being my listing Die B (Bartels' Die A).

On Fehruary 11, 1920, the red surcharge was placed on sale at the Washington, D. C. office, being also of the Universal machine accepted die type,
and the envelope white paper, designated size 8 , but in reality the special size $H$ according to Bartels' catalogue. The 3 cent stamp being my listing Die B (Bartels' Die A), and Fie F.

On March 13, 1920, the International Machine rejected die type was placed on sale at the Washington, D. C. office, the envelope being white paper, sizes 5 and.13. The 3 cent stamp being my listing D:e B (Bartels' Die A), and the surcharging being in black.

The International machine accepted die type was placed on sale in Washington, D. C. on March 3, 1920, The cnvelope being white paper, size 13. The 3 cent stamp being my listing Die B (Bartels' Die A), and Die F, and the surcharge being in black. This type of surcharge was, however, first issued to the public from Cleveland, sometime in February on both white and amber papers, and later in Februaly from Boston and New York on white paper.

The surcharge canceling dies are made by the manufacturers of the canceling machines and delivered to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, being sent out by the Stamp Division in accordance with the "Authorization" paragraph in the circular of notification quoted a short space back.

At present writing but one die of the accepted type has been delivered by the manufacturers of the Universal niachine, and this, after being used for a short time in Washington, was forwarded to St. Louis. The full quota of ten dies has been delivered by the manufacturers of the International machine, and at present writing six have been forwarded, the recipients being: Boston, Cleveland, Indianapolis, New York, Oklahoma City, and Philadelphia.

Both the Universal and International machines are in use at the Washington, D. C. office, and all types of surcharge issued were first printed at the Washington office, it is, therefore, erroneous to designate any one particular surcharge as the Washington type, and another as the Cleveland type, the three types of surcharge issued should be
classified as described above, namely: Universal machine, International machine, and International machine rejected die.

It is probable that in time all known dies and papers of the 3 cent stamped envelope will appear bearing the Universal and International surcharge cancellation.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

The 77 th edition of Scott's catalogue reached us on the 3rd. just in time for a write up this month. It contains between fifty and sixty pages more than the last edition and the time can not be far distant when it will have to be issued in two parts. I have not time to go into a comparison of prices but the tendency on the whole has been decidedly upward, especially with the older issues. Early Norway, Belgium, France, Great Britain, and our country in particular show large increases. The general "get up" of the catalogue is the same as in former years, the cover being a handsome brown. Some changes in arrangement have been made, Alsace and Lorraine now being under France as an "occupation issue" as is proper. As most of my readers will have the catalogue in their hands by the time this is in print I will refrain from wasting any more time and will only congratulate Messrs Luff and Clark on the excellent work they have done. Poss'bly I should include Mrs. Clark also.

Scott's Monthly Journal is the latest American philatelic journal and we extend the hand of fellowship with right good will for we are sadly in need of more first class philatelic papers. The first number contains a number of notes by Mr. Luff, an article exposing the recent Cydonia Rodosto, etc. occupation issues, and an excellent chronicle of new issues arranged as a supplement to ${ }^{\circ}$ the Standard catalogue. The price is $\$ 1.00$ per year but purchasers of the catalogue can obtai nit for half price by filling out a blank in the front of the catalogue.

The need of good bandbooks dealing with the stamps of the American continent has been apparent for a long time but no one seems brave enough to attempt the task except as far as iur own country and Canada and Mexico are concerned. A translation of Jean's work on Uruguay and Griebert's recent monograph are about all that has been published in the English language dealing with our neighbors to the south.

Chile has always been a favorite country with collectors and the handbook by Wilfred B. Haworth which "Stamp Collecting" has just issued will uleet with a warm welcome from those who are interested in the stamps of that country. The stamps of the first type in all their different printings are carefully described and there are excellent illustrations showing the details. Collectors of entires will be pleased with the inclusion of chapters dealing with this sadly overlooked branch of collecting and there are also chapters dealing with the British stamps used in Chile and the Chilean stamps used in Peru during the war of 1879-83. The handbook contains nearly two hundred pages and sells for 2 shillings and eight pence post paid. In all probabilities there will be some of our American dealers who will carry it in stock later.

Another useful handhook from the same press is the one dealing with "Auction prices of British Postage Stamps" compiled by Alexander $R$. Simpson. It is a compilation of the prices realized at the sales of some half dozen or more English auctioners during the season of 1918-1919 and is of particular value to those who wish to know the value of pairs, blocks, strips, on covers etc. A few British stamps "used abroad" are also listed. The price of the book is two shillings eight pence, post paid.

Our Transvaal member, Emil Tamsen, sends us a copy of an article on "The Rhodesian Provisionals of 1917" which he wrote for the Philatelic Maga-
zine in 1918 and which has been reprinted in monograph form. These provisionals it will be remembered were caused by a change of postal rates adding one halfpenny in-many cases to the former rate. This naturally created a b:g demand for halfpenny stamps with the result that the stock of that value was soon exhausted. A new supply not being obtainable without some delay it was necessary to resort to surcharges and the one penny was accordingly overprinted. The monograph gives the whole history of the affair with a full page illustration of an entire sheet of the stamps. As there is no price affixed I presume the pamphlet is for private distribution.

## CENSUS RETURNS.

Our federal government takes a census every ten years but it has been the practice for many years with Georges Brunel, the well known French philatelist, to tell us annually what the new issues of the past year have amounted to, and his latest tables appear in Le Timbre Poste for January. Space does not permit us to give all his figures but the following will prove of interest I think.

First comes a sumnary by continents compared with last year:

|  | 1918 | 1919 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Europe | 245 | 1611 |
| Asia | 175 | 426 |
| Africa | 184 | 218 |
| America | 134 | 231 |
| Oceania | 76 | 61 |
| Total | 814 | 2547 |

Another classification is as follows:
France and collonies ..... 325
Gt. Britain and colonies ..... 200
Spain and colonies ..... 51
Portugal and colonies ..... 100
Holland and colonies ..... 10
Italy and colonies ..... 225
New Europe ..... 711
Europe miscellaneous ..... 662

North America and W. I.
Central America
South America
Asia, Africa, Oceania
Still another table gives the colonies classified by continents and the following gives a comparison of the issues since 1900 .

|  | $1900-9$ | $\mathbf{1 0 - 1 4}$ | '15-18 | 1919 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Europe | 144 | 247 | 262 | 1611 |
| Asia | 156 | 167 | 128 | 426 |
| Africa | 231 | 371 | 224 | 218 |
| America | 228 | 224 | 226 | 231 |
| Oceania | 74 | 83 | 54 | 61 |
| Totals | 833 | 1092 | 894 | 2547 |

## Straits Settlements.

## I

From The Christian Science Monitor. The stamps of the Straits Settlements belong to a group of countries which, for some unexplained reason, are unpopular with the general run of collectors. It is always rather difficult to ascertain how it is that certain stamps are popular and others quite the reverse. There is no douht, however, that those countries which have had their postal issues written up are always sought for by the present day philatelist. This being so, perhaps a few notes on the adhesives of the Straits Settlements may help to promote a little enthusiasm on behalf of this hitherto neglected British colony.

Before going on to describe the first issue, it will be as well to make it quite clear that the stamps of the Straits Settlements are to be treated quite apart from the Federated Malay States and the other semi-independent states, which lave a postal administration of their own. The Straits Settlements of today consist of Singapore, Penang, and Malacca, and more recent additions include the Dingdings, the Keeling Islands, Christmas Island, and Lahuan-the last named having come under the administration of the Straits
as late as 1907 . Outside this administrative group we have the protected states of Kedah, Trengannu, Kelantan, Johore, and Brunei; and the Federated Malay States, which include Perak, Pahang, Selangor, and Negri Sembilan.

Curiously enough, philatelists appear to know far more about these smaller states than the parent state, or what we should describe as the Straits Settlements proper. Up to 1867, the Straits Settlements formed part of the government of India; but in April of that year it was handed over to the care of the Colonial Office. Before introducing the first issue it will be as well to mention the stamps in use previous to the change of 1867 . These were, of course, the Indian stamps with the elephant's head watermark; and these can only be distinguished by the postal cancellations. These are well worth noting.

Letters posted from Singapore bear the postmark "B. 172"; and those from Penang may be distinguished by the cancellation "B. 147."

## Indian Stamps in the Straits

The first issue was in use but a short time, and was of a semi-permanent nature only, Indian stamps being overprinted with a crown and new values in cents. In this way five Indian denominations were surcharged to do duty for nine in the Straits. The stamps of this series have never been common, especially used specimens; and the following quotations for each of the nine values, used for the years 1900 , 1905 , 1913 , and 1919 , are not without interest:

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1900 \\ \text { s. d. } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1905 \\ \text { s. } \mathrm{d} . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1913 \\ \text { s. d. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1919 \\ \text { s. d. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / \mathrm{c}$. | 40 | 40 | 100 | 126 |
| 2 c . |  | 100 | 100 | 166 |
| 3 c . | 40 | 76 | 100 | 166 |
| 4 c . | 00 | 160 | 200 | 300 |
| 6 c . | 300 | 200 | 300 | 550 |
| 8 c . | 40 | 76 | 76 | 126 |
| 12 c . | 250 | 200 | 200 | 400 |
| 24 c . | 60 | 100 | 100 | 200 |
| 32 c . | 46 | 120 | 120 | 21 |

In addition to the normal varieties quoted above there is a curious provisional which, at the time of its discovery, created a good deal of discussion. This is the "three half cents" on $1 / 2$ anna, blue, with the words "Tiree Halp" erased and a figure "2" added in ordinary ink. Used specimens are quoted at $£ 6$, but very little is known of its origin. It is not included in the French catalogue at all. There is a variety of the 12 cents with double surcharge, and this is now quoted at 70 s .

Cetween 1868 and 1872, a permanent issue made its appearance, but it is more than likely that the $8,12,24$, and 32 cents came out at the close of 1867. These stamps were surface printed by Messrs. de la Rue of London, on paper watermarked "Crown" over C. C. The perforation is the usual de la Rue 14 , but there is a scarce variety of the 96 cents, gray, perforated $121 / 2$. Of the nine values the last to appear was the 30 cents claret, which was required to meet a reduced letter rate to the United Kingdom, via Brindisi and Marseilles.

There were a good many provisionais issued during the early part of the Straits philatelic history, and these are accounted for by the changes in the postal rates and the postal administration, which is really under a dual com-nuand-Treasury and Posts. Between 1871 and 1879 there were a number of changes in the postal rates, all teuding toward reduction. In 1871 letters to the United Kingdom, via Marseilles, were 32 cents; in 1879 the cost was exactly one-fourth of that amount. The Straits joined the Postal Union in 1877 , and the reductions in the rates required new values; therefore 5,7 , and 10 cent denominations had to be supplied by surcharging quantities of the older values. To supply the 5 cents, a numher of 4 and $\$$ cents were surcharged; and in the same way the 32 cents were surcharged 7 cents. And the 6,12 , and 30 cents, supplied a 10 cent unit.

There are many varieties of both
type and setting. Toward the end of 1881, a regular 5 and also a 10 -cent stamp made their appearance, being supplied as before by de la Rue on the Crown C. C. watermarked paper.

## More Recent Issues

It was just about this time that the Crown C. A. paper began to be used, and three of the old denominations of $1868-2,4$, and 6 cents-appeared on the new paper. Before these had been in use long a rearrangement was made in the colors of the series, accounting for the comparative scarcity of the 2 cent Crown and 4 cent rose on the $G$. A. paper. The color of the 6 cent remained the same. Other stamps were also issued at the same time.

Between ' 83 and ' 91 the series, with colors altered, was complete, but meanwhile there had been further alterations in the postal tariff. Those reductions were in connection with newspapers, printed papers, post cards, and "privilege" letters. There was necessarily a great demand for 2 and 3 cent stamps, and, to meet the requirements, there was a further resort to surcharging the values not so generally in demand. The 5 cent blue, 8 cent orange, and the 32 cent pale red were surcharged "Two Cents," there being live distinct types of each. Then the 4 cent rose and the 12 cent blue were surcharged " 2 cents," and in 1866 a quantity of the 5 cent purple-hrown (Crown C. C.) was overprinted "3 cents." This was a year after a number of the 5 cent blue had been surcharged in the same way. Another 3 cent provisional was created by surcharging the 32 cent magenta "Three cents." The remaining provisionals of this period may be tabulated as follows:
"4 Cents" on 5c blue (1884); "4 Cents" in red on 5 cent blne (1884); " 4 Cents" in red on 5 cent blue, with additional large fignre " 4 " in red; " 8 Cents" on 12 ceut blue; the same on 12 cent purple; the same with additionple is also found with this surcharge al large figure in red. The 12 cent pur-
in blue, both with and without the large figure. In 1891 the 24 cent green was overprinted " 10 Cents," and the same year the 32 cent orange was surcharged "Thirty Cents."

The additional large figure was added because the small one of the original surcharge was so faint that it was difficult to see.

Philatelists are mentioned in the Postmaster-General's annual report for the year 1SS4. "The stamp-collecting craze," says this official, "is becoming more virulent tinan ever. During the year upward of $\$ 600$ worth of postage stamps and postcards were supplied by the office direct to dealers." From this we gather that the General Post Office at Singapore did quite a brisk business, and also that the Postmaster-General of the time was not a philatelist. The number of stamps sold to private individuals was limited to £100 worth a few years later.

When Siam joined the Postal Union in 1885 the estimated loss to the postal revenue of the Straits Settlements was $£ 2000$ a year, this being caused by the discontinuance of the use of Straits stamps to pay postage from Siam to the outer world. A uniform charge of one cent for each 2 ounces on all printed matter, commercial papers, samples, etc., was introduced in January, 1892 , and this concession coming into force before any quantity of one-cent stamps were available, another provisional naturally was introduced. The overprint was "one cent" in two lines, and to meet the demand no fewer than five different stamps were surcharged. These were the 2 c rose, 4 c brown, 6 c lilac, 8 c orange, and 12 c dull purple, and there are eight distinct varieties in the setting of the overprint. There is also a rare variety of the 1 c or 6 c , with double surcharge, one inverted. The varieties to look for in the setting of the overprint are narrow " N ," wide " $N$," first " $N$ " narrow, second wide, and vice versa. The Sc green was surcharged also, cut in one line, and a number of the 32c carmine rose was surcharg-
ed "three cents." This was really a special printing of the 32 c in this color and was only intended for use as a provisional. It is said that one pane ( 60 stamps) had the surcharge omitted, and specimens are quoted at $£ 20$.

The familiar De La Rue keyplate was adopted in 1892, when new 1c, 3 c , $25 \mathrm{c}, 50 \mathrm{c}$ and $\$ 5$ stamps were issued, the last three being quite new values. At the same time the 5 c appeared in brown (changed to magenta in 1899) and the $8 c$ in blue.

## Four-Cent Overprints

Four-cent stamps, in abeyance for several years, were again iu demand during 1899, and pending the arrival of a new 4 c value, some of the 5 c , both brown and blue, and the $8 c$ ultramarine were overprinted " 4 cents." There was also a special printing of the 5 c carmine which was overprinted " 4 cents" in one line. Why there should have been a special printing for surcharging purposes is not quite clear, and the administration of the time would appear to be at fault.

When the new 4 c carmine made its appearance, it was in the old type of 1868. This stamp closed the Victorian issues, and on the introduction of the king's heads drastic changes were instituted in the number of stamp duties. This was brought about by the adoption of stamps to serve both postal and revenue purposes, and the new issues were of the De La Rue keyplate variety, bearing the inscription "Postage and Revenue," The set includes a $\$ 100$ value, and it is difficult to see how an adhesive of so high a denomination could possibly be used for purely postal purposes. It is not generally known, however, that very high value stamps are often used for postal packets in the Straits Settlements. Large bundles of letters from Chinese coolies are sent to China at special rates. These letters are collected from the outlying districts where the Chinamen work, brought to Singapore or Penang, and are there put

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## The First King's Heads

The first king's heads to appear were from the King Edward VII keyplate, on crown C. A. paper in April, 1902, and these were the $3 c$ purple and orange, sc purple on blue. The other values appeared during July, August, and September, making a complete series of 13 denominations.

About 18 months later new designs for the $1,3,4$ and 8 cents were introduced. In 1905 the Edwards began to appear on the chalk-surfaced paper which has worried the collector not a little. A fresh supply of the 4 c was printed in carmine, in 1907, appearing on ordinary paper. The previous 4 c was purple, and this change of color was to conform to the rules of the Postal Union for penny postage. The Straits 3 c , however, was taken to he equal to 10 centimes, or one penny, so we find this value in carmine at a later date. When Labuan became incorporated with the Straits in 1907, the stock of the "crown" type stamps in use in this colony was overprinted 'Straits Settlements" in two lines. The 10 c value,
however, was an exception, the overprint in this case being in one line, and the $12 \mathrm{c}, 16 \mathrm{c}$, and 18 c were converted into 4 c stamps by the overprint "Four Cents."

These overprinted Labuan stamps were only obtainable at the post office there, but were available for postage to any part of the Straits. The numhers overprinted were as follows: 1c $6000,2 \mathrm{c} 4000,4 \mathrm{c} 10,000$, 8c 28,800 , 10c $41,700,25 \mathrm{c} 46,200,50 \mathrm{c} 42,600$, $\$ 1$ 45.800 , 4 c on $12 \mathrm{c} 25,700$, 4 c on 16 c $28,200,4 c$ on $18 c 48,400$. The $4 c$ on 16 c exists with a double surcharge, one red and one black. The normal surcharge for all the values, except this, is red, and in this case the norman overprint should be black.

Two values which have always been scarce are the 21 c and 45 c and these first made their appearance in 1911. The foremr is largely used on telegrams ( 7 words at 3 cents a word) and the latter is required chiefly for parcels.

## KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.

Dr. Hugo S. Thomson of Springfield has shown us specimens of the current United States stamps which are to all intents on double paper. All denominations have been found except the 8 and 30 cents. The paper is thick and stiff, and splits easily. Perforations range 10,11 and 12 . Details will appear next month.

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## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

THE EDITOR.

UNITED STATES. The two cent stamp printed from offset plates was put on sale at the Washington post office March 13 , we are informed by Joseph H. Leavy. The distinguishing mark of the stamp is the button on the toga, the first and second, and the fourth and fifth vertical lines of shading having been joined at top and bottom, giving the shading the form of a reversed and a normal $D$ with a vertical line between. The color of the stamp is quite different from the previous issues. No watermark, perforate 11.

2 cents, deep rose.

ALBANIA. L'Echo de la Timbrologie reports that while a definite issue is being prepared the country is making use of a series of stamps bearing the portrait of the Prince of Wied which was prepared but not issued on account of his hurried exit from the country. The stamps are to receive a surcharge of a double headed eagle to blot out the portrait before being put in use. The surcharging is being executed at the French government printing office on the boulevard Brune after which they will be sent to Scutari and put in use.

AUSTRIA. The following denominations of the current set have appeared in new colors in consequence of the depreciation of the currency having reudered certain changes in the rates and to conform to the postal union standard of colors.

5 heller, grey.
10 heller, scarlet.
15 heller, bistre.
20 heller, light green.
25 heller, violet.
40 heller, red.
60 heller, olive.
1 kronen, blue.


It is reported that the following denominations are to be added in the near future to the high values with the Parliament house design.

2.50 kronen, olive brown.

5 kronen, grey.
7.50 kronen, red.

20 kronen, ?
Meanwbile it has been found impossible to supply enough stamps to meet the demand and so large quantities of them have been put on sale imperforate to meet the demand. The following values are reported to date:


5 beller, yellow green.
5 heller, grey.
10 heller, carmine.
10 heller, scarlet.
15 heller, bistre.
25 heller, violet.
30 heller, brown.
40 heller, violet.
60 heller, olive.

The 6, 10 and 30 heller and 2, 3, 4, and 10 kronen are to be discontinued and three new denominations issued to take their place.

Annexed will be found the designs of the postage due stamps which we mentioned in our January issue.


5 heller, carmine.
10 heller, carmine.
15 heller, carmine.
20 heller, carmine.
30 heller, carmine.
40 beller, carmine.
50 heller, carmine.
1 kronen, blue.
5 kronen, blue.
10 kronen, blue.
Thanks are due to Mr. J. B. Leavy for information about a number of the above.

BAVARIA. The annexed cuts show what the new stamps look like although the details of the frame and background have been somiewhat changed in the

completed designs. We take our cuts from one of our foreign exchanges but just as we were ready to mail our copy to the printer Mr. W. C. Phillips sends us specimens of the 50 and $\overline{6} 0$ pfennig values.

The stamps are on paper watermarked with wavy lines and are perforated 14.

15 pfennig, carmine.
20 pfennig, violet.
40 pfennig, brown.
50 pfennig, red.
60 pfennig, green.
The 15,50 and 60 pf . are of the third type, the 20 and 40 of the first while the second is reserved according to L'Echo for the high values.

BATOUM. We have received from W. C. Phillips a 7 ruble stamp of the BRITISH OCCUPATION issue.

7 rubles, brick red.
BELGIUM. A number of the "tin hat" series of adhesives have been chronicled by some papers with a large letter "T" in surcharge for use as provisional postage due stamps. L'Echo says that it has been informed by some of its Belgian correspondents that these are purely fantastic and unofficial.

CEYLON. A nine cent stamp is said to be abont to be issued in consequence of a change of rates and the necessity of using two or more of the current denominations to make up that value.

CILICIA. W. C. Phillips sends us two large fiscal stamps whose original use was to seal boxes of cigaretts which have been overprinted "Occupation M'ljtaire Francaise Cilicie" around the four. sides with new value in the center. We will illnstrate next month.

70 paras on 5 paras, red.
$31 / 2$ piastres on 5 paras, red.

The French stamps have finally made their appearance surcharged "O. M. F. C.licie" for nse in the vilayet of Adana and its littoral. These are sold for Turkish paper money.

| 5 paras on 1 centime. | 75,000 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 10 paras on 5 centime. | 50,000 |
| 20 paras on 10 centime. | 30,000 |
| 1 piastre on 25 centime. | 50,000 |
| 2 piastre on 15 centime. | 10.000 |
| 5 piastre on 40 centime. | 5,000 |
| 10 piastre ou 50 centime. | 4,000 |
| 50 piastre on 1 franc. | 1,000 |
| 100 piastre on 5 centime. | 300 |

For use in the interior of the region and sold only for gold or silver there is a set surcharged "O. M. F. Cilicie-San-jac-Est."

5 paras on 2 centimes. 10,000
10 paras on 5 centimes. 10,000
20 paras on 10 centimes. 20,000
1 piastre on 25 centime. 50,000
2 piastre on 15 centime. 5,000
5 piastre on 40 centimes. 2,000
20 piastre on 1 franc. 1,000
CZECHOSLOVAK STATE. Mr. Joseph Leavy reports the following new varieties of the perforate $131 / 2$ set.

10 deniers, light green.
20 deniers, deep rose.
25 deniers, dark violet.
60 deniers, drab.
Just in time for inclusion in this 1ssue we have received from Wainwright Randall some stamps used by the Czechoslovak soldiers in Siberia. Mr. Randall writes "My Czechoslovak comrade, now in Vladivostok, sent the enclosed new stamps but did not state what values, whether Russian or Bohemian. The translation is "Army Post-
 The illustrations render description unnecessary. Perforate $111 / 2$.


DAHOMEY. L'Echangiste Universel reports that stamp booklets containing ten blocks of four 5 centime stamps are on sale in this colony. The price is 2 franes.

DANTZIG. Stamp Collecting is informed by one of its correspondents that the current German stamps are to be overprinted "Freistaat Dantzig" in German text, for use as a temporary series while permanent designs are being prepared.

Just as we go to press we note an "ad" in an English paper offering these. No details given.

ESTHONIA. The set of stamps bearing the inscription "Virumaa" is though by Whitfield King \& Co. to be of doubtful origin. The postal authorities in Esthonia know nothing about them and philatelists in the country are likewise ignorant of the ir origin. The Bolshevik forces in December 1918 occupied the district of Vilumaa but were driven out early in 1919. The stamps are thought to have emenated from some speculator in Germany.

ECUADOR. Robert C. Munroe has shown me a cover which bears among other stamps a "T"mbre Patriotico" of the 1911 issue overprinted in three lines CASA de CORREOS and in Champion's Bulletin we find the decree concerning the same.
"Article 1 of the decree of November 1, 1919 provides for the construction of a post office building in Quito and later in the other chief cities of the province. This article states that all matter passing through the post (letters, papers and parcels) intended for the interior or for foreign countries must bear in addition to the regular postage a special stamp of the value of 1 centavo bearing the surcharge Case de Correos. The proceeds of the sale of these stamps will he exclusively reserved for the purpose for which they have been issued. Mail matter not bearing this stamp will be charged double the value of this stamp upon delivery. In addition to the stamp shown us by Mr. Munroe we have seen Iisted the 1 centavo of 191517 and the 20 centavos of the 1917-18 fiscal issue.

1 centavo, carmine and blue.
1 centavo, orange.
20 centavo, grey green.
EAST SILESIA. This section of disputed territory which we see referred to frequently in the daily press as Teschen from its capital city is to have its future settled by means of a plebiscite as to whether it shall go to Czechoslovakia or Poland, both of whom claim it. During the time it is under the commission it will use stamps of both countries it is reported surcharged with "S. O. 1920" (Silesie Oriental). The country is rich in minerals and is also noted for its textile industries. The above information is from Mekeel's Weekly.

FIUME. L'Echangiste Universal chronicles four of the corona values with the surcharge 55 c . No details as to the exact wording of the overprint or the reason therefor.

55 c on 1 corona, orange.
55 c on 2 corona, blue.
55 c on 3 corona, vermilion.
55 c on 4 corona, brown.
FRANCE. From the New York Times of April 2 I take the following
dispatch from Paris dated the previous day:

New postal rates by which the people of France will pay 25 centimes instead of 15 on letters of domestic origin to points within this country came into effect today. Rates to foreign countries are not changed, and as a result one can send a letter from Paris to San Francisco as cheaply as to Versailles.

Domestic telegraph rates are also increased, while international messages are not affected. Thus a telegram to Lille costs 15 centimes a word, while the rate to Brussels is only $121 / 2$ centimes.

Subway fares have been increased from 30 centimes to 50 for first class, and from 20 to 30 for second class. Tramways and buses are also running under tariffs increased from 20 to 40 per cent.

GEORGIA. W. C. Phillips sends me a very pretty 3 ruble stamp of a new type. The color unfortunately is pale blue which does not lend itself well to photography so we shall have to postpone a cut for the present. The design represents a young lady facing to the left seated beside a shield ornamented with the familiar St. George, and holding in her right hand a staff. In the upper left corner is "Repuhlique Georgienne" in two lines with the value in the upper right. At the bottom in a white label is an inscription in the vernacular. Who will send us a translation? Perforated $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.

3 roubles, blue.
GREECE. N. A. Georgantas sends me a cover which in addition to two 25 lepta stamps bear also a new charity label which he informs me cane out at Christmas and is compulsory in the interior and also on post cards going abroad. The stamp measures $25 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$. and has for a central design a half length picture of a soldier in brown uniform with his left arm in a sling. He is facing to the left and the background is a large wreath with a red cross in the center. The Greek
letters P. I. P. are at the left of the wreath and the value in a straight line at the top. Lithographed, perforated or rather square roulette 13.

## 5 lepta, blue, red and brown.

HONDURAS. Scott's Monthly Journal lists a companion to the 15 c chronicled by us last month. The statue is said to be that of General Francisco Morazan whose portrait is found on the issue of 1878 and who was one of the liberators of the country and an early president. Stamp Collecting on the contrary calls it a statue of Francis Canosa. Which is right?

20 centavos, orange brown.
HUNGARY. The occupation stamps listed under Roumania last month should properly have been under Hungary. The type of the surcharge is as annexed.


The so-called Communist set (Tanacskozstarsasag) has been surcharged with a sheaf of wheat to commemorate the return of peace). The illustration obviates the necessity of further description.


2 fillers, brown orange.
3 fillers, red lilac.
4 fillers, slate grey.
5 fillers,yellow green.
6 fillers, blue green.
10 fillers, red.
15 fillers, violet.
20 fillers, dark brown.
25 fillers, dull blue.
40 fillers, olive green.
45 fillers, orange.
50 fillers, violet.
95 fillers, blue.
1 korona, claret.
1.20 korona, green.
1.40 korona, yellow green.

2 korona, brown and bistre.
3 korona, dark lilac.
5 korond, dark and light brown.
10 korona, violet brn and violet.
Postage due stamps.
2 fillers, green and black.
3 fillers, green and black.
10 fillers, green and black.
20 fillers, green and black.
40 fillers, green and black.
50 fillers, green and black.
The high values and the dues have two ears of corn and the date 1919 as the surcharge. The above list is from La Philateli Francaise.

ICELAND. A stamp bearing a portrait of Christian $X$. facing to the right is announced by W. T. Wilson. The frame etc. is similar to the 1907 issue. Perforate $14 \times 141 / 2$, watermark cross.

5 aur, green.
JUGO-SLAVIA. Stamp Collecting says that in the Slav language the numerals two, three and four, require a special case of the accompanying noun, different from that used with the other numerals. Hence we see 2 pare but 5 para; so presumably 1 kruna, and 2, 3 , or 4 kruns, or 5 kruna is quite correct for this country. Who says philately does not instruct.

LATVIA. Just a few days too late to include in our last chronicle Mr. Karl Koslowski informed us that there are four values in the Deliverance of Courland set described last month.

10 kopecs, red and brown.
25 kopecs, green and black.
35 kopecs, blue and black.
1 ruble, green, brown and black.
The design of the Independence stamp is shown below. We have received a 35 kopec value from W. C. Ph'llips and list the whole set again to show the varieties noted last month.


Wove paper.
10 pokecs, brown and rose ( $28 \times 38 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
10 kopecs, brown and rose ( $33 \times 45 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
Vertically laid paper.
10 kopecs, brown and rose ( $33 \times 45 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
Horizontally laid paper.
10 kopecs, brown and rose ( $33 \times 45 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
10 kopecs, brown and rose ( $28 \times 38 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
35 kopecs, black and green ( $28 \times 38 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
1 rouble, green and red ( $28 \times 38 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
The latter is printed on the blank side of unfinished Bolshevik bank notes and a block of nine will show the entre design of the reverse.

Mr. Koslowski writes that he has the Kerensky 35 and 70 kopecs of Russia used in Riga 27 Dec. 1919 and says that all previous issues of Russia are used in Latvia wherever they are to be found.

Stamp Collecting is informed by their Libau correspondent that the size of the sheets of the above varied very much. The large sized stamps came 55 to a sheet, the 1 rouble and small $10 \mathrm{k}, 78$, and the 35 k 169 . The Courland stamps were in sheets of 105 for the 10 and 25 k . and 190 for the 35 k . and 1 rouble.

NAURU. The Australian Philatelist says that the latest printings of the half crown value can be distinguished by a minute dot on the top in the center of the margin of each stamp. The stamp is slightly larger and the color is somewhat different.

NORWAY. A change is to be made in the inscription on the postage due stamps. The "at" of "at betale" is to be altered to "aa", and the " " of PORTOM压KE is to be altered to " $E$ ". All values are to be changed and a 30 ore added, but as there is a large sup-
ply of the 50 ore that will not appear at present.

NICARAGUA. Mr. Otto C. Reymann writes me that he has received a copy of the 1 centavo (Scott 350 , printed in the color of the $1 / 2$ centavo.

1 centavo, blue.
PERU. Mr. Robert C. Munroe has shown us a cover bearing a pair of 5 centavos stamps which have evidently been issued to celebrate the adoption of the new constitution.

They measure $29 \times 37 \mathrm{~mm}$ and have for the central design a portrait of Augusto B. Leguia, the present president of the republic. Arched around the portrait is "Conmemorativa de la Constitucion de 1919" with "Correos del Peru" below. above the portrait is a shield containing the national arms with "Patria" at left and "Nueva" at right. "Centavos" at bottom of stamp, numerals in all four corners. The stamp is lithographed and perforated 12.

5 centavos, yellow, brown and black.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie reports that the postage due stamps have been changed in color.

1 centavo, brown violet.
The 5 centavos is already known in this new color.

POLAND. A new 20 filler stamp bearing the portrait of Worlech Tramcrynski in an oval is reported by L'Echo. It is perforate 12.

20 filler, brown.
The same journal reports the issue of a series of official stamps of a uniform color, bright red, and bearing only the inscription "Poczta Polska" with numerals followed by no other indication of value, thus rendering it possible to use them in all sections of the country. What the central design is does not appear from the description given. The values are $3,5,10,15,25,50,100$ and 200 .

Filatelista Polski illustrates a pair of 15 heller, Kaiser Karl, surcharged with the Polish eagle and "Poctza Polska" above and "Skalat" below. Who can tell us anything about it?

PHILIPPINES. Mr. Joseph Leavy informs me that the 16 centavos unwatermarked and perforate 11 is now in use.

## 16 centavos, yellow olive.

The 8 centavos single line watermark perforate 10 is also reported by Mr. Leavy.

8 centavos, yellow brown.
PORTUGAL. Some new colors are announced of the current type.

6 cents, mauve.
12 cents, slate.
$131 / 2$ cents, blue gray.
ROUMANIA. The list of surcharges of the occupation stamps chronicled last month should properly have been under Hullgary. An illustration of the surcharge will be found here this month.

SAN MARINO. Il Bolletino Filatelico reports that a new set of ten values will soon appear designed by Professor Carlo Patrignani. The designs will symbolize the glories of the republic in its history and in its social activities! Whew!

SARRE. H. P. Atherton has shown us the following valnes of German stamps with the surcharge "Sarre" and a bar.

## Sarre

2 pfennig, grey
21/2 pfennig, grey
3 pfennig, bistre brown
5 pfennig, green
$71 / 2$ pfennig, orange
10 pfennig, carmine

15 pfennig, violet
20 pfennig, blue
25 pfennig, red \& blk on orange
30 pfennig, red \& black on buff
35 pfennig, red brown
40 pfennig, red and black
50 pfennig, carmine \& blk on buff
60 pfenn: g , lilac
75 pfennig, blue and black
80 pfennig, red \& black on rose
1 mark, carmine
SYRIA. The following is translated from Champion's Bulletin for February.
"The first issue on the stamps of France was in use only seven days and at the Beyruth office only; postal employees were not allowed to sell these stamps to the public and letters were franked at the post office windows. Many of our correspondents have sent us the quantities printed but the figures do not agree among them. While awaiting more accurate information we can affirm that the entire amount surcharged did not exceed 80,000 piastres.

The second series on the stamps of the French Levant is now completed by the issue of the 2 pi . on -50 cent. The four high values, $2,4, \delta$ and 20 pi . bear the surcharge T. E. O. on the left side transversely. Only the values up to 1 piastre inclusive are sold at the post office windows in the present zone of French occupation of Syria. It is probable that this issue will soon give place to another since the surcharge "Teritorres Ennemis Occupes', wounds the feelings of the inhabitants who do not wish to be considered as enemies. They talk about replacing this surcharge with the following: "Occupation militaire francaise."

In Cilicia and Palestine and also in the cties of Damascus, Aleppo, Homs and Hama the stamps of the English occupation of Palestine are in use. It is announced that for the four last cities there is a special issue preparing; it will consist it seems of the current Turkish stamps which will bear a surcharge. in the upper part in arabic characters "Sultan Hussein."

L'Echo just at hand confirms the last bit of news and chronicles the following with the surcharge "O. M. F. Syrie" and value in milliemes or piastres.

| 1 millieme, on 1c., grey | $(30,000)$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2 millieme, on 2c., brown | $(30,000)$ |
| 3 millieme, on 5c., green | $(7,500)$ |
| 20 piastres on 5 fr., | $(750)$ |

From W. C. Phillips we have received specimens of the above stamps and find there are two distinct styles of type. We have the 1 and 2 milliemes in an ordinary Roman type and the 1 , 2,3 and 5 m . in a much heavier style. They were unfortunately received too late to illustrate for this issue. The two first are said to have been issued at Beyrouth.

SYRIA. Mr. Phillips also sends us several values of the stamps issued by the Emir Feisal's new kingdom at Damascus. They are Turkish stamps with a surcharge in native characters which we are told means "Arabian Government." The figures in parenthesis are the Scott numbers.

We regret they were received too late to illustrate.

1 piastre, ultramarine (331)
10 paras, green (424)
50 paras, ultramarine (428)
1 piastre, violet and black (348)
1 piastre, violet and black (1216)
UPPER SILESIA. The annexed cut shows the design of the series of stamps lister last month on page 230. It will he noted that the name of the country is giren in three languages, German, French and Polish.


WESTERN UKRAINE. From Locher's Bulletin we take the following list of Austrian stamps surcharged "C. M.
T." and new value in a small rectangular frame with rounded corners.

On Stamps of 1908.
40 h on 3 h magenta.

On Stamps of 1916-18.
40 h on 3 h violet.
40 h on 5 h light green.
40 h on 6 h orange.
40 h on 10 h magenta.
40 h on 40 h olive green.
60 h on 40 h olive green.
60 h on 0 h deep blue.
60 h on 1 k carmine on yellow.
1 k 20 h on 50 h dark green.
1k20h on 60 deep blue.
1 k 20 h on 80 h orange brown.
1 k 20 h on 90 h red violet.
1 k 20 h on 1 k carmine on yellow.

On Stamps of 1917.
60 h on 15 h dull red.
60 h on 20 h dark green.
60 h on 25 h blue.
60 h on 30 h dull violet.

## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Austrian Postage Due Stamps Surcharged like Regular Issues.

On Stamps of 1916.
40 h on 5 h rose red. 40 h on 10 h rose red. 60 h on 15 h rose red. 60 h on 20 h rose red. 1 k 20 h on 25 h rose red. 1 k 20 h on 30 h rose red. 1 k 20 h on 1 k ultramarine.

On Stamps of 1917.
40 h on 15 h on 36 h violet.
40 h on 20 h on 54 h orange. 60 h on 15 h on 36 h violet. 60 h on 20 h on 54 h orange. 1 k 20 h on 20 h on 54 h orange. 1 k 20 h on 50 h on 42 h chocolate.

## POSTAL CARDS.

(The cards chronicled here unless otherwise noted are all from the postal card department of L'Echangiste Universel).

SPAIN. A card has been received bearing the effigy of Alphonso XIII with inscription in four lines TARJETA POSTAL-PARA—PORTUGAL Y GIB-RALTAR-ESPANA. These are three lines for the address.
5 centimos, dark green on bluish gray.
FIUME. The 10 centesimi cards of Italy have been surcharged FIUME and "cent di cor."

10c. di corona, red on cream.
ICELAND. The cards surcharged "I GILDI $02-03^{\prime \prime}$ have received an additional overprint of a brown figure " 5 ".

> 5 on 8 ore, lilac.
> 5 on 10 ore, rose.

LUXEMBURG. A card of the current type (arms) rendered necessary by a change of rates has been issued.
$71 / 2$ centimes, orange on cream.
SWEDEN. M. Cedergren sends a list of all cards, etc. which have appeared since 1914. The figures in parenthesis are dates of control.
1918. Effigy of Gustave V. at right, arms at left, BREVKORT, four lines for address the last being underlined. $140 \times 90$.

7 ore, olive green on greyish white
(618)
$8 \times 7$ ore, olive green on greyish white (718)
1919. Similar, BREVKORT-CARTE POSTALE in two lines, new arms below, four lines for address measuring 63 mm . the last being underlined. $140 \times 90$.

10 ore red on white. (619)
Official Cards.
1918. Current type. $140 \times 90$.

7 ore olive grey on greyish white (618)
1919. Similar.

10 ore red on grayish white (619)
Military Cards.
1916. Cards without date. 150 x 90 .

5 ore black on yellow.
0x0 ore black on brown.

## Letter Cards.

1918. Effigy of Gustave V. at right, arms at left, KORTBREV, four lines of address, two long and two short, the last line being underlined, perf. EE. Grey blue card $140 \times 90$.

7 ore, olive green. (618)
12 ore, claret. (518)
1919. Surcharged 1010 on previous card.

10 on 12 ore, claret. (218)
Type of 1918 issue.
15 ore, brown. (519).
Military Letter Card.
1914. No date, $140 \times 90$.

10 ore, carmine on rose.

## PROPOSES MATOH TAX.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.-A tax of 1 cent on every hundred matches, to be paid by the purchasers, was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Ackerman, Republican, New Jersey, as a means of raising revenue for a bonus for soldiers.

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MOROCCO 1917 I, 2, 3, 5, $10,15,20$, $25,30,35,40,45,50,75 \mathrm{c}$, $1 \mathrm{fr}^{*}$70

Parcel P. $5,10,20,25,40,50,75 \mathrm{c}$,
. 60


Dues 1917 1, $5,10,20,30,50 \mathrm{c}^{*}$
.23

ROUAD $1,2,3,4,10,15,20,25,30$,
TUNIS $1906{ }_{2}$ frs (picoriai) ( 50 c )....
.65
1906 P. P. 5 frs violet \& mauve. 197
SENEGAL 19 I 4 Ifr vio. \& blk used . 13
19142 frs red \& blue used.......
.13
.35

GUINEE $191340,50,75 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{i}$, 2 if rs used ${ }^{3} .7 \mathrm{~S}$
MARTINIQUE 1892 1fr green........ .42
1906 35c yellow (rare).......... . . 37
OHOCK $18935 \mathrm{c}, 10 \mathrm{c}^{*}$.
FRANCE 1900 efrs violet \& yellow . 05 19005 frs blue \& buff.............. 18
Orphans 2 c to $5 \mathrm{frs}^{*}$................. 2.65
ZANZIBAR $1 / 2$ on 5 c \# $2655 . . . . . .$. . 2.35
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## editorials.

Every philatelic society should have a publicity agent as one of its officerg. He should be one of the members who keeps in touch with all that is going on in the club and should also be one who can write a snappy article, condensed in a few brief sentences, of the proceedings at the meetings for insertion in the local newspapers. Most papers are glad to print such articles but will turn down any long articles that would be of interest to only a few. Pittsburgh has a regular stamp department in one of the local papers in which are given not only reports of the meetings of the society but brief articles on different philatelic topics with notes of new issues that are of general interest etc. Detroit has also utilized the Sunday press and also I believe some of the suburban papers.

Here in Springfield the social editors of the three dailies call up our publicity man the morning after each meeting and give us good readable reports. Members of the club are constantly hearing from friends regarding the items they have seen about the club. "It pays to advertise!"

Members changing their addresses should notify the Secretary and not the editor. The mailing list is made up from the membership list and when the change appears in the secretary's report then the list is corrected. Delays will ensue if any other course is followed. Our wretched postal service is largely to blame for the late appearance of the paper. Proof sent to the editor for correction takes sometimes a week to travel from Federalshurg to Springfield. Our foreign exchanges come with great irregularity and it is from them that we have to get most of our news of new issues. So bear with us and in time we hope to get out on the 15 th. as in the past. All copy for advertisements and reading matter should be in Springfield not later than the 30 th of each month.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 8.
April 1, 1920. Applications for Reinstatement Pending

## Applications Pending.

Ball, F. L.
Beck, Mrs. J. H.
Bennett, M. T. Jr.
Blanfuss, W. H.
Brown, E. C.
Browne, F. G.
Chipley, G. B.
Copland, A. C.
Crosby, Howard Sr.
Domanski, Vincent $\mathrm{J}_{\text {r }}$.
Eram, V. S.
Foster, H. S.
Foster, R. s.
Foster, J. H.
Gates, Chas. H.
Hagenbaugh, W. L.
Hall, Nichols
Harvest, H.W.
Hayes, Thos. J.
Johansen, A. J.
Koch,, A. W.
Laird, Rosser
Litt, Arthur 0 .
Lynes, F. W.
Martin, N. H.
May, H. E.
McNary, W. P.
Moore, Mrs. Ada T.
Mulhern, P. W.
Nicholas, J.
Platt, Theo. B.
Schreiber, Anthony
Stowell, H. T.
Sinclaire, F. S.
Skinner, C. D. Jr.
Spencer, Hazleton, M. D.
Stanjer E.
Tarler, S. A., M. D.
Tomson, Edw.
Vorheier, Emil
Hills, Chas. S.
Horney, W. R.

1785 Noel, W. G.
4398 Ormston, M. O.
4572 Sears, Allen
582 Williams, C. H.

## Applications Posted.

Adamson, Chas. W., 521 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, Calif. Age 31; Stamp Dealer; Reference: Wm. Cluff Co., Speer \& Mission St., San Francisco, Calif.; Proposed by Eugene Klein. \&30-2275.
Allison, C. D., Box 384, Harrison, Ark.; Age 54; Jersey Breeder; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by P. M. Worsieffer, \#8-38.
Baer, M. R., Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippines; Age legal; Com. Officer Philippine Scouts, U. S. Army; Reference: Manila Hotel Company, Manila, P. I.; Proposed by W. F. Slusser, \&4058.
Bazarsky, Alexander, 501 W. 124th St., New York City; Age 30; Artist; Golden Troupe; Reference: Meyer Golden Enterprises, New York City; Proposed by Otto Arco, \#4915.
Becker, Dr. A. F., Sioux Falls, S. D.; Age 38; Dentist; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by Howard E. Day, \#5010.
Bruns, Dr. R. Martin, 2274 Grand Concourse, New York City; Age 44; Physiclan and Surgeon; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau, New York; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Caley, Dr. G. R., Princeton, Minn.; Age 46; Physician; Reference: First National Bank, Princeton, Minn.; Proposed by The Secretary, \#1925.
Clarke, Ernest Wilder, 904 Lexington Bldg., Baltimore, Md.; Age 51; Civil Engineer; U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corp.; Reference: Mt. Pleasant Bank, Pleasantville, N.
Y.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#8-38.
Dingler, Herman O., 65 Geneva St., Newark, N. J.; Age legal; Clerk; Public Service Gas. Co.; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by Vahn Mozian, \#2279.
Dresser, R. W., 7813 Lockyear Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Age 26; Machinist; Johnson Perfection Burner Co.; Reference: Apex Elec. Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by A. W. Weigel, \#3065.
Fell, J. Howard, 1315 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age legal; Printing; Reference: Curtis \& Bro.; 165a 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Eugene Klein, \&30-2275.
Goldsmith, Jas. A., 3411 Smart Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; Age 23; Accountant; Reference: C. W. Adamson, 521 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Green, Fred, Box 24, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Age 29; Real Estate; Reference: L. J. Flerlage, 4229 Franklin Ave., Norwood, Ohio; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Gwinnell, Albert E., 178 Russell St., Worcester, Mass.; Age 35; Manager Ideal Lunch Co., Inc.; Reference: George S. Smith, 12 Union St., Worcester, Mass.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Haines, Stanton Jr., 2339 East Norris St., Philảdelphia, Pa.; Age 25; Inspector, E. G. Budd Mfg. Co.; Reference: Chas. Bambridge, 20 W. Penn St., Germantown, Phila., Pa.; Proposed by Geo. H. Youngs, \#4836.
Hall, G. Burnley, Lock Haven, Pa.; Age 27; Cashier; Fire Brick Co.; Reference: Rev. C. E. Reeve, Clearfield, Pa.; Proposed by Geo. T. Bush, \# 249 .
Halloran, J. E., 45773 St., Brooklyn. N. .; Age 48; Inspector of Customs, Treas. Dept., U. S. Govt.; Reference: Baldwin Schlessinger, 38 E. Houston St., New York; Proposed by Dr. Lionel Hartley, \# 1484.
Henry, W. C., 301 California Bldg., Los

Angeles, Calif.; Age 31; Stamp Dealer; Reference: Harry J. Lelande, Los Angeles, Calif.; Proposed by Jos. S. Davis, \#527.
Herkness, Benjamin L., 136-38 S. 4th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 35 ; Insurance; Herkness, Peyton \& Co.; Reference: W. F. Fell Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Eugene Klein, \#30-2275.
Hilbert, Lieut. Wnı. Edw., U. S. S. Ohio, care Postmaster, New York City; Age 23 ; Lieut. U. S. Navy; Reference: Annapolis Banking \& Trust Co., Annapolis, Md.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \# 8-38.
H:tt, Henry C., Box 863, Bremerton, Wash.; Age 35; Draftsman, Scientific Section Navy Yard Puget Sound; Reference: J. C. Matthews, Olympia, Wash.; Proposed by H. S. : Wintermute, \#5396.
Johnston, Wm. Staaley, 161 Reiter St., Pittsburgh, E. E., Pa.; Age 32; Mechanical Engineer; Reference: Wm. Schwarz, 432 4th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Proposed by N. A. Georgantas, \#5096.
Kiessling, Arno, 450 Biddle Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Age 43; Chief Clerk, Penna. R'y.; Reference: Wm. Schwarz, 422 4th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Proposed by N. A. Georgantas, \#5096.
Lapham, Harry C., 32 Converse St., Longmeadow, Mass.; Age 41; Dept. Mgr., Home Office Life Ins. Co.; Reference: Union Trust Co., W. H. Haskins, Treas., Springfield, Mass.; Proposed by Wm. C. Stone, \#49.
Larranaga, Roberto Garcia, Box 292. San Luis Potosi, Slp., Mexico; Age 24; Merchant; Member Herculano Pinero \& Co.; Reference: Diaque \& Navarro, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Cosme Fernandez, "La Mascota", San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Proposed by Robert E. Zesati, \#5034.
Margiunti, victor, Box 1279, New York City; Age 40; Bookkeeper; Reference: F. F. W. Caggi, 900 Sixth Ave., New York; Proposed by The Secretary, \# 1925.

Marshall, Albert R., Box 75, Burrage, Mass.; Age 38; Mechanic; Reference: Ralph C. Weeks, Paymaster Atlantic Dye Stuff Co., Burrago; Proposed by The Secretary, \#1925.
Miller, Michael, 704 Equitable Bldg., Baltimore, Md.; Age 31; Atty. and Counseller at Law; Reference: Franklin Stamp Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by The Secretary, \#1925.
Potter, John Austin, Box 801, Ada, Ohio; Age 27; Student Ohio Northern University; Reference: The Liberty Bank, Ada, Ohio; Proposed by The Secretary, \#1925.
Prendergast, Jas. J., 23 Saxton St., Boston, 25, Mass.; Age 59; Mechanical Engineer; Burton Gear Works; Reference: W. O. Wylie, Beverly, Mass.; Proposed by J. D. Hubel, \#4005.
Rudde, Chas. J., 810 Philadelphia St., Covington, Ky.; Age 37; Iron Moulder; Reference: C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by Dr. A. E. Hussey, \# 2492.
Weidmann, Otto L., Lake Boulevard, Lake Mahopac, N. Y.; Age 24; N. Y. Rep. of Bush Bros., Royersford, Pa.; Reference: Yonkers National Bank, Yonkers, N. Y.; Proposed by Wendover Neefus, \#33-3607.
Wells, Thomas L., 449 Park Ave., New York City; Age 55; Retired; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau, New York; Proposed by H. H. Wilson, \#3563.
Whelpley, Arthur G., 72 Beech St., Belleville, N. J.; Age 28; Mation Picture Operator; Reference: Dr. D. S. Tillou, 126 Washington Ave., Belleville, N. J.; Proposed by The Secretary, \#1925.
Woltmann, Arnold, Nokomis, Ill.; Age 33 ; Genl. Merchant; Reference: Nokomis National Bank, Nokomis, Ill.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Yeckel, Louis F., 3525 Kingsland Court, St. Louis, Mo.; Age 34; Finance and Real Estate; Reference: Lafayette South Side Bank, St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by. C. Gordon Fennell, \# 5421.

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Hussey, J. C., 1020 Valley Lane, (Avondale), Cincinnati, Ohio; Age 30 ; Sales Manager; Former \#2491; Reference: J. B. Doan, Pres. Am. Tool Works Co., Cincinnati, O.; Proposed by Dr. A. E. Hussey, \#2492.
Lovegren, D. M., 1334 Terry Ave., Seattle, Wash.; Age 33; Banking; Bank of California; Former \#4502; Reference: E. W. Brownell, Natl. Bank of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Sachs, C. W., 136 E. Como Ave., Columbus, Obio; Age 32 ; Purchasing Agt., Former \#3569; Reference: G. W. Linn \& Co., Columbus, Ohio; Proposed by Dr. C. W. Hennan, \#4849.

## New Stockholders.

5477 Thompson, Charles S., 4112 Budlong Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.
5478 Bartholomew, H. B., 2173 Winchell Ave., Cincinnati.
5479 Bartlett, C. G., 112 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I.
5480 Beals, Jas. B., Angus Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.
5481 Burger, G. M., 90 Nassau St., New York.
5482 Chase, J. T., Box 236, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
5483 Clay, Francis H., 1101 Park St., Tarentum, Pa.
5484* Collins, Wm. H., Upper Montclair, N. J.
5485 Cooper, Jas. P., Box 289, Memphis, Tenn.
5486 Cserny, Jno. R., Van Noy Dept., Corn Products Refining Co., Argo, Ill.
5487 Dement, C. F., Walla Walla, Wash.
5488 Ellefsen, Alfred, 932 Railway St., Enderlin, N. D.
5489 Fifield, Edson J., 155 Nyac Ave., Pelham, N. Y.
5490 Free, Wilson W., 713 National Court, Sheboygan, Wis.
5491 Friswold, Carroll, Cooperstown, N. D.

5492 Goss, Austin A., Box 278, Brownsville, Tex.

5493 Greenwood, F. E., Fulton, N. Y.
5494 Herrup, Herbert S., 100 Windsor Ave., Hartford, Conn.
5495 Johnston, J. C., Box 21, VanceMe.
5496 Kuehne, Frank Jr., 101 Georgia St., Sistersville, W. Va.
5497 Mitchell, J. D., Box 708, Orlando, Fla.
5498 Moroni, Warwick C., 154 W. 13 St., New York City.
5499 Terhune, Herbert Mason, 240 Graham Ave., Paterson, N. J.
5500 Thomson, Ivan Lloyd, 625 W. Lincoln St., Pontiac, Ill.
5501 Turnbull, John, Tronton, Ohio.

## Reinstated.

1819 Baker, F. L., 1223 W. Minnehaha St., St. Paul, Minn.
4097 Barker, Roy S., 923 Hospital Trust Bldg., Providence, R. I.
3841 Bartleson, Rasmus, 3424 17th Ave., S. Minneapolis, Minn.
2570 Wickman, Henry M., 42 Manchester Terrace, Springfield, Mass.

## Replaced on Roll.

3871 Evans, Thos. G., 1905 N. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, 111.
4704 Brown, E. B., 55 Chambers St., New Haven, Conn.
5070 Kingsley, C. G., 6 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
3521 Phelps, Z. Bennett, Security Mutual Bldg., Binghamton, N. Y.
4327 Chittenden, Dr. J. B., 99 Livingston St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
4905 Lopez, Pascual, Cayey, Porto Rico.

## Death Reported.

232 Humphrey, Henry D., Dedliam, Mass.

## Change of Address.

5440 Bosman, Jacquers, from 316 N. 102 St., to 111 W. 86th St., New York.

4947 Brookfield, R. M., from 2135 Porter St. to 1020 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5270 Durand, Josy, from Huntington, N. Y. to Penn Post Hotel, 31st Street and 8th Ave., New York City.
2954 Galbraith, J. A. from 16 Beaver St. to 79 Nassau St., New York City.
5194 Grahn, Henry V. from 2011 N. 22 St. to 1715 Diamond St., Phila., Pa.
4197 Knauer, Dr. J. G. from Reading, Pa. to Army Medical School, Wash. D. C.
3393 Lewis, J. A. from St. Louis, Mo. to care Irving Natl. Bank, Woolworth Bldg., New York City.
5198 Marthers, Harry S. from Bridgeport, Conn. to 81 William St., Middletown, Conn.
3521 Phelps, Z. Bennett, from Girard Ave. to Security Mutual Bldg., Binghamton, N. Y.
4081 Semmes, Thos. Jr., from 1804 Hanover St. to 915 Floyd Ave., Richmond, Va.
4497 Stark, Cap. Ora E. from Washington, D. C. to 1206 Pasec, Kansas City, Mo.
2098 Stevens, K. K. from 2110 Murray Ave. to care Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4366 Stuck, Oliver J. from 628 Melrose Ave., to 44 Casper Ave., Detroit, Mich.
3966 Twichell, Harry S. from Erie, Pa. to 418 Potomac Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
4382 Walker, E. H. from Carson City to T. M. Reno Chamber of Commerce, Reno, Nev.

## Membership Summary.

| Membership March 1, 1920 | 1756 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Reinstated | 4 |
| Replaced on Roll | 6 |
| New Stockholders | 25 |
|  | $\underline{1791}$ |

Total Membership April 1, $1920 \quad 1790$ H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Nominations.
To The Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:
Nominations of Candidates for the election of a Board of Directors to sarve the Society for the fiscal year 1920-21 are now in order and will be received by the secretary. The election to be beld at the 35 th Annual Meeting of the Society at Providence, R. I., August 10 , 1920 .
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## - Appointments.

Supplimenting the appointments named in the last issue of this Journal, Mr. H. M. Lewy, 2 Rector St., New York has been appointed Attorney to succeed Mr. Fred R. Schmalzriedt who has resigned on account of ill health.

The following have been appointed as members of the Recruiting Committee: A. A. Jones, Herrin, Ill, Chairman; C. Gordon Fennell, N. A. Georgantas and Otto Haker.
H. H. WILSON, President.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## REPOR'T OF THE TREASURER.

For the month of March, 1920.

## Stock Fund.

| Balance | $\$ 5169.66$ |
| :---: | ---: |
| Receipts | 22.00 |
|  | $\$ 5191.66$ |

## General Fund.

Balance $\quad \$ 4173.36$
Receipts $\$ 106.94$
Disbur'se-
ments $\quad 36.72 \quad 70.22 \$ 4243.58$


## American Philatelist Acc't.

Debit Balance $\$ 3074.10$
Receipts $\$ 47.31$
Disburse-
ments $\quad 122.63 \quad 75.32 \quad \$ 3149.42$
$\$ 8299.07$

## Resources.

Bonds
$\$ 5489.34$
Cash
2809.73
$\$ 8299.07$
J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

## NONINATIONS.

By The SpringíieId Branch.
President, Carroll Chase of New York.
Board of Vice Presidents, Robert C. Munroe of Massachusetts, John W. Prevost of Massachusetts, Herbert P.
Atherton of Massachusetts.
Secretary, H. A. Davis of Colorado.
Treasurer, J. E. Scott of Michigan.
International Secretary, Philip Dengler. of Pennsylvania.
At Large, H. B. Phillips of California.
At Large, Alvin Good of Ohio.


STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC. REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.
Of The American Philatelist published Monthly at Federalsburg, Maryland for Octoher 1st, 1919. County of Hampden. State of Massachusetts $\{$ ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the Couuty aforesaid, personally appeared William C. Stone, who, having been duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the Editor of The American Philatelist and that the follow:ng is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the ahove caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 433, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to w:t:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

Publisher American Philatelic Society.

Editor William C. Stone, 21 Princeton St., Springfield, Mass.

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Business Managers None.
2. That the owners are: (Give names and address of individual owners, or if a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of the total amount of stock).

American Philatelic Society.
3. That the known bondholders, mortagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state). None.
4. That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company but also, in cases where the stockholder or security holder appears upon the hooks of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing affiant's full knowledge and helief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that
of a hona fide owner; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any other person, association, or corporation has any, interest direct or indirect in the said stock, bonds, or other securities than as so stated by him.
5. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the six months preceding the date shown above is (not required). (This information is required from daily publications only).

WILLIAM C. STONE, Editor.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of March, 1920. (Seal)
A. Olin Sinclair,
Notary Public.

## PRECANCEL NOTES.

DR. C. W. HENNAN.

Malcolm H. Ganser shows me a block of the $2 c$ perf. 11 precancelled Philadelphia, Pa., with a double cancellation.
P. F. Robertson writes that Peoria, III., has again precancelled the 6 c and 16 c aero stamps. This time the cancellation reads down. Also reported by C. J. Hohenstein.

Here's a new one-Chicago, Ill. is precancelling the Official Seal with large type covering the entire stamp.

Mr. C. J. Hohenstein reports a strip of four Victories, precancelled Reno, Nev. in maroon ink.

## OBITUARY.

Mr. Karl Koslowski informs us of the death, February 7th, of F. W. Armstrong of Oglesby, Illinois. We have not received any details of his decease or of his biography. He joined the $A$. P. S. in Septemher, 1915 and his application gave his occupation as chemical engineer. He was about 32 years of age at the time of his death.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

## Pacific Philatelic Society,

 Branch No. 3.The Pacific Philatelic Society 235 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, held its March meeting as usual on the third Wednesday in the month and after the regular business was laid as:de the twenty members present were entertained by a magnificent general collection of stamps, all mint copies, exhibited by Henry W. Doscher. The first issue of Buenos Aires was complete; Lagos complete with the exception of two stamps; Hong Kong complete with but a few exceptions. The collection probably catalogs about $\$ 25000.00$ and is said to have taken only four years in assembling.

A competitive exhibition of the stamps of the "Americas and Possessions" will take place at the Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post St., San Francisco, on April 21st., for members and invited guests. At least ten large collections will be entered in the competition, mostly U. S. and Colonies, and it is expected that some very fine collections will be seen for the first time. The attached list of exbibitors will probably prove of interest.

## LIST OF EXHIBITORS.

Exhibit date.

## April 21-Americas and Possessions

Henry W. Doscher, U. S. Match and edicine
R. W. Rex, U. S. and Colonies
W. King, U. S. and Colonies
S. S. Stromberg, U. S. and Colonies

Chas. M. Hackmeier, U. S. and Colonies
A. F. Merell, U. S. and Colonies
L. Lazarus, Mexico, Central \& South America
Chas. W. Arp, Brazil
Wm. Blackwell, General
May 19-Europe and Colonies
Henry C. Marcus, Denmark

Chas. W. Arp, Germany \& Col. to 1900
incl., Sweden, Iceland
W. King, General
L. Lazarus, General

Wm. Blackwell, General
Jos. Birkenfeld, Germany
H. Ruellan, France
M. C. Dillingham, German \& Italian States to 1890.

## June 16-Oceania and Asia.

Wm. Blackwell, General
A. M. Colson, General
S. S. Stromberg, General
L. Lazarus, Samoa, Siam, Papua, Tonga

Sept. 15-War Issues
S. S. Stromberg, British
G. M. Nisbett, General

Jos. Birkenfeld, General
J. T. Daniel, General

## Oct. 20-England and Colonies

L. Iazar'us

Chas. W. Arp
Matt C. Dillingham
Wm. Blackwell
Chas. M. Hackmeier
S. S. Stromberg

## No. 17-Specialized Collections

L. Lazarus, Chile
M. H. Corini, Greece
A. F. Merell, U. S. Proofs and Essays

Henry C. Marcus, Danish West Indies
H. Ruellan, French Colonies

Chas. B. Turrill, Original War Covers
Henry B. Phillips, Western Franks and Lacals
Dr. F. Fischer, U. S. and Colonies, cut square Envelopes and Wrappers
M. C. Dillingham, Imperf. Issues of Europe to 1890
G. M. Nisbett, 3c Purple U. S.

Jos. Birkenfeld, German Colonies
Chas. M. Hackmeier, Newfoundland

## Passaic Stamp Club,

Branch No. 43.
The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the slub.

President, A. E. Landwalter; Secretary, C. W. Holliday.

Meetings of the club are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 87 Prospect St., Passaic, N. J.
C. W. HOLLIDAY, Sec'y.

625 Main Avenue.

## Michigan Stamp Club,

## Branch No, 47.

The following officers have been elected for 1920.

President, J. D. Hubel; Vice President, John Jungwirth; Secretary, H. J. Kaufman; Treasurer, N. C. Wood; Sales Manager, F. O'Rear; Auction Manager, Dell Underwood; Board of Trustees, H. Preston Hickey, M. English, Herman W. Boers; Publicity Representative. Herman W. Boers.

## Pittsburgh Philatelic Society, Branch No. 5.

The thirty-second annual stamp exhibition was held Fehruary $1 \overline{7}$ in the society's rooms at the Hotel Chatham with a membership of nearly 100 present. The first prize, a blue ribbon, was awarded to W. J. Price for a collection of 5 -cent and 10 -cent (1847) United States stamps, including many rare cancellations.
N. A. Georgantas was awarded the second prize of a red ribbon for a collection of proofs of first, second and third issues United States revenues, in blocks of four, with the engraver's name and plate number, as well as patentee of the paper to be used. This exhibit originally belonged to Hiram E. Deats of Boston, and is unique. It can never be duplicated. A white ribbon, the third prize, went to Edmund Bright for a collection of early United States prior to 1869 on covers, including many addressed to foreign countries, showing various combinations of denominations of prepay higher rates.

The exhibits winning first and second prizes will be entered by the Society at the annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans to be held in Pittsburgh in August, 1920.

A regular meeting was also held in the same manner on March 2nd, when a very profitable auction sale gave those present apportunity to secure many unusual bargains.

Very truly yours, W. S. JOHNSTON, Publicity Representative.

Postage Staups as a Possible Source of Infection.-Jacob Diner, M. D.
Not long ago, one of us was in need of some postage stamps. As usual, he went to a drug store and purchased the needed supply. The clerk who waited on him came out from behind the prescription counter and after ascertaining the wants, opened a drawer beneath one of the counters, gently moistened his left middle finger and picked up half a sheet of stamps from which he separated the required number.

The thought came to the buyer that he had received more than he was entitled to. He had not only received the number of stamps paid for but also a supply of saliva to which he could not lay any just claim.

We then decided to make an investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the bacteriological contents of postage stamps, as supplied in the general run of such transactions. For this purpose fifty sterile test tubes, each containing ten cubic centimeters sterile normal saline solution and plugged with sterile, non-absorbent, cotton were prepared.

In order to obtain a fair average picture, collections were made through widely distributed areas. Post office stations and substations, as well as drug stores and stationery stores were visited. In each of these either a two-cent or a one-cent stamp was purchased, and immediately after the purchase the stamp was placed in one of the testtubes.

On returning to the laboratory the
test-tubes were gently shaken and one cubic centimeter of the saline from each tube was plated on agar medium in the usual manner, using the pour method. After forty-eight hours incubation at 37.5 degrees C. the colonies were counted, where not too numerous. Smears were made from separate colonies and stained by Gram's method. Wherever indicated fishing was done and from the pure cultures so obtained differential media were inoculated and cultural characteristics noted.

We beg to report the following:

## Summary.

Fifty specimens were examined, of these-

| 1 | contained | 1 | colony |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 4 | $"$ | 2 | colonies |
| 2 | $"$ | 3 | $"$ |
| 3 | $"$ | 4 | $"$ |
| 1 | $"$ | 5 | $"$ |
| 3 | $"$ | 6 | $"$ |
| 2 | $"$ | 8 | $"$ |
| 2 | $"$ | 9 | $"$ |
| 3 | $"$ | 10 | $"$ |
| 1 | $"$ | 14 | $"$ |
| 1 | $"$ | 16 | $"$ |
| 2 | $"$ | 17 | $"$ |
| 1 | $"$ | 18 | $"$ |
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## U. S. Railroad Cancellations Prior To August 1, 1861.*

By CARROLL CHASE.

Four lists of railroad cancellations have previously appeared, but a new one now seems necessary because of additions and the identification of some of the undeciphered postmarks in previous lists. The table speaks for itself. The name of the railroad route did not always correspond with the name of the road or roads over which the letters were carried, so occasionally the name in the postmark is different from the name of any railroad then existing. Of course it often happened that stamps were used after the succeeding set had appeared, and when the stamp or cover w:th railroad cancellation show no year date it is placed under the column dated for that issue. The various colors of ink used for the postmarks are noted in these columns.

Unless otherwise stated in the last column beaded "Remarks," it should be understood that the cancellation is the ordinary circular form with the date (month and day only) in the center.

A few railroad cancellations have been seen only on stamped envelopes. These are placed under the headlng of the period in which they were probably used, and a note of this has been made in the column headed "Remarks.'

A list of partly identified postmarks follows the main list.

The list is of course, still incomplete though the great majority of the various roads using cancellations is now known. A considerable number of other colors and periods of use of postmarks already noted will yet come to light. It seems rather remarkable that
so many exist, but it must be remembered that the consolidation of the numerous short lines into the great systems of today had not yet taken place. It is interesting to note that red was the common color used before the 1851 issue came into use, but that after 1851 black rapidly superseded the red, as the latter color did not show up well on the three cent stamps.

Acknowledgement is made as follows for railroad cancellations and measurements kindly submitted since the previous lists appeared.

To Messrs. S. B. Ashbrook, H. P. Atherton, C. J. Barton, H. S. Bellinger, O. H. Clark, W. F. Goerner, C. A. Heath, E. S. Knapp, A. F. Kuehne, .K. C. B. Nevin, Elliott Perry, H. S. Redfield, S. W. Richey, Frank Sheer, Warner, W. S. White and E. A. Young. To Drs. J. M. Armstrong and William Evans and still again to Mr. M. Ray Sanborn for much kind assistance ln identifying railroads, etc.

The writer will be pleased to examine, for the purpose of listlng in a later revised table, any railroad cancellations for these periods only not here given. Or to have submitted on approval any such, or any listed that are marked with a star-the star indicating that the cancellation is not in the writer's collection; but, his 1847 collection having seen sold, the 1847 period railroad cancellations marked with a star are now wanted (for purchase) only on covers without stamps. Address Dr. Carroll Chase, 1170 Dean St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Emphasis is again placed on the fact that railroad cancellations on later lssues are not wanted.

[^18]| Name as it appears in the Postmark | $\begin{gathered} \text { Approximate } \\ \text { size } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Before } \\ & \text { July } 1 \text {, } \\ & 1847 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { "1847" } \\ \text { July 1" } \\ 1847 \text { to } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July 1, } \\ 1851 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { "1851" } \\ \text { July 1, } \\ 1851 \text {, } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Feb, } 24, \\ 1857 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} " 1857 " \\ \text { Feb. } 24, \\ 1857 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sep. } 1 \text { 1, } \\ 1861 \end{gathered}$ | Remarks |
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| Ala, \& Ten. Riv. R. R.. | 34 mm . $15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black* |  | Alabama \& Tennessee River R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue, stamped envelopes. |
| Alby. \& Buffalo R. R....... | $32 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Red* Blue |  |  | Albany \& Buffalo R. R. Slightly different from the 1851. The periods of "R. R." are raised-even with the middle of the letters. |
| Alby \& Buffalo R. R. . ..... | $32 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black \& Blue |  | Albany \& Buffalo R. R. I am not entirely sure of the blue one. Slightly different from the 1847. The periods of "R. R." are even with the bottom of the letters. |
| Atlantic \& St. L. R. R., | $32 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black* |  | Atlantic \& St. Lawrence R. R. See also "St. Lawrence \& Atlantic R. R." |
| $\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { Angusta \& Atlanta R. R.. } \\ \text { Augusta \& Atlanta R. R.. }\end{array}\right.$ | 33 mm .19 35 mm .15 $15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Red* | Green |  | The only vivid green railroadi cancellation seen. |
| Baltimore Railroad | $291 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. | Blue, Red \& Bluish Green* | Blue |  |  | The bluish-green has been seen on $a$ cover dated Sep. 17, 1841. The earliest known railroad cancellation. |
| Baltimore Rail Rd . | $291 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. | Red | Blue * \& |  |  |  |
| Raltimore R. R. ........ | $47 \mathrm{~mm} .113 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Red* | Black Black | Black | In one straight line. No date. |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Baltimore \& Ohio R. R. } \\ \text { Balt. \& Ohio Pail Rd. }\end{array}\right.$ | $321 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. $291 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Blue | Black |  | Baltimore \& Ohio R. R.* |
| Balt. \& Ohio R. R. | 33 mm . $19 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | \& Blue Black |  | Baltimore \& Ohio R. R. Now Rers |
|  | 33 mm . $191 / 2 \mathrm{mm.15/32} \mathrm{in}$. |  | Ped | Black | Black** | Belvidere Delaware R. R. New Jersey. Two slightlv dif. - nt types of both |
| $\{$ Boson \& Albany R, R. ..... | 30 mm . $13 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Red | Red \& Black |  | the 1847 \& 1851. |
| Boston \& Albany R. R. | $33 \mathrm{~mm} .19 / 32 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  | Black* | Plack |  |
| Boston \& Fall Flver R. R... | 32 mm . $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. in | . . . | Blue* | Red* |  | Boston \& Fitchburg R. R. |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Boston \& Ftchburg R R.... } \\ \text { Boston \& Fitchburg R. R.. }\end{array}\right.$ | $33 \mathrm{~mm} .19 / 32$ $33 \mathrm{~mm} .19 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Red* | Black \& |  | The red "1847" is on an undated cover |
|  | $33 \mathrm{mm} 19 /$.s - |  | Blue* | Blue |  | but probably belongs to this period. |
| foston \& Maine R. R. ..... | 34 mm . $111 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Red |  |  |
| \{ Boston \& Maine R. R. ..... | 32 mm . $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Blue* | Blue | Black | Two slightly different types of the blue 1851. |
| Boston \& Providence R. R.. | 37 mm . $17 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  |  | Black |  |
|  | 32mm. $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$, |  |  | Blue Rlack | Black | Cape Vincent \& Rome R. R |
| C. Z. \& C. R. R. Ohio. | 34 mm . $15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black |  | Cleveland Zanesville \& Cincinnati R.J. |
| Cayuga \& Susqh. R. R. | 33 mm . 19/32 in. |  |  | Rlack |  | Cayuga \& Susquehanna R. R. |

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\] \& Remarks \\
\hline Charlotte \& S. C. R. R. \& \(30 \mathrm{~mm} .13 / 16 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& \& \& Charlotte \& South Carolina R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes. \\
\hline Chicago \& Galena (Rail- \& 32 mm . \(11 / 1 \mathrm{in}\) in. \& \& \& Black \& \& \\
\hline  \& 34 mm . \(15 / 16 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& \& Black \& Chicago, St. Paul \& Fond Du Lac R. R. On cover bearing a 3 c 1851 stamp \\
\hline Cleveland \& Erie R. R. \& \(321 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& Black \& \& but dated Sep. 2, 1858. \\
\hline Cleveland \& Pittsh. R. R... Forwarded \& 32 \(31 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}\). \(11 / 4 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& Black \& \& Cleveland \& Pittsburgh R. R. \\
\hline Forwarded by C. \& P. H.
Rail Road.............\(~\) \& \(40 \times 26 \mathrm{~mm}\).
\(9 / 16 \times 1 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& Red, \& \& Clinton \& Port Hudson Railroad, Oval Double lined frame. \\
\hline Concord \& Montreal R. R... \& 34 mm . \(15 / 16 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& .3lue* \& Blue \& \& \\
\hline Concord \& Montreal R. R.. \&  \& \& \& Blue \& \& \\
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Conn. River R. R. \\
Cumb. Valley R. R..
\end{tabular} \& \({ }^{3} 421 / 9 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 16 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& \& Black \& Cumberland Valley R. R. \({ }^{\text {Connet }}\) \\
\hline E. T. \& G. R. R. . \& 32 mm . \(11 / 4 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& Black \& \& East Tennessee \& Georgia R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelone. \\
\hline East Tennessee\& Va. R. R... \& \(35 \mathrm{~mm} .1 \%\) in. \& \& \& Black * \& \& East Tennessee \& Virginia Rail Road. Seen only on 1853 issue, stamped envelopes. \\
\hline Eastern R. R. \& \(32 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& Blue* \& 限 \(\begin{aligned} \& \text { Blue } \\ \& \text { Black \& } \\ \& \text { Red }\end{aligned}\) \& \& Two slightly different types of both the blue and black 1851. \\
\hline Eastern R. R. Ms. Great Western R. R. ill..... \& 34 mm . \(111 / 32 \mathrm{in}\). 30 mm . \(15 / 32 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& Blue* \& Blue \& Biue \& "Ms:" means Massachusetts.
"Ill:" means Illinois. Se. Sen only on
1853 issue stamped envelopes, but
dated June 20. 1857. \\
\hline Greenville \& Columbia R. R. \& \(32 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& \& Red \& \({ }_{\text {Black }}\) \& \& \\
\hline Harlem R. R. N. Y. [Housatonic Rail Road 5 \& \[
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\& 34 \mathrm{~mm} .111 / 32 \mathrm{in.} . \\
\& 31 \mathrm{~mm} . \\
\& \hline 7 / 32 \mathrm{in} .
\end{aligned}
\] \& \& Red* \& Red \& \& Circular postmark. No date. Name ap-
pears between two circles. Large "5" in the center. Inner circle. 16 mm , or \(15 / 8 \mathrm{in}\). \\
\hline Housatonic Rail Road 5 .... \& \(301 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .13 / 16 \mathrm{ln}\). \& \& Red* \& \& \& Circular postmark. No date. Large " 5 " in center. \\
\hline \{ Housatonic Rail Road 5 .... \& 28 mm . \(1.3 / 32 \mathrm{in}\). \& \& Red* \& \& \& Circular postmark. Name appears between two circles. No date. Large " 5 " in center. Inner circle 17 mm . or \\
\hline Housatonic R. R. ..........

Housatonic R. R. \& $34 \mathrm{~mm} .13 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. $321 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .19 / 32 \mathrm{ln}$. \& \& Red*

Red \& Brown, \& Red Black \& | Black |
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| Black | \& 21/32 in. <br>

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| -- Housatonic R. | $35 \mathrm{~mm} \times 25 \mathrm{~mm}$. <br> $15 / 16 \ln . x 1$ in. |  |  | Black |  | Oval. The name of a town or city (various ones) shows at the top of the postmark. One of the towns is |
| Hudson River R. R. | $30 \mathrm{~mm} .1{ }^{1} 3 / 16 \mathrm{~mm}$. |  |  | Red | Black* |  |
| $\begin{cases}\text { Ill C. R. R. From De } \\ \text { S }\end{cases}$ | $301 / 2 \mathrm{mmm}$. ${ }^{13 / 8} \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  | Black |  | Illinois Central R. R. Shows year datc. |
| Ill C. R. R. From Tamaroa. | $301 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .13 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  |  | Black | Illinois Central R. R. Shows year date |
| R. R. <br> Indianopolis \& Bellefontaine | $32 \mathrm{~mm} .17 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black* |  | Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelope. Note wrong spelling of "Indianapolis." |
| Kenebeck \& Portland R. R.. | $33 \mathrm{~mm} .19 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black |  |  |
| Kentucky. Central R. R. ... <br> Lebanon Valley R. R. | ${ }_{34 \mathrm{~mm}}^{34 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 16 \mathrm{in} .} 11 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  |  | Black* |  |
| Lehigh valley R. R. R. | ${ }_{36 \mathrm{~mm}}^{34 \mathrm{~mm} .17 / 16} \mathrm{in}$ in. |  |  | Bl |  | Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes. |
|  | 32 mm. 29 mm. $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$ $1 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. |  | ${ }_{\text {Red }}{ }_{\text {Red }}{ }^{\text {² }}$ | Red |  | "L I. Rail Road N. Y." is between two circles. "5 cts"- 2 mm . high-in the center. Date (month \& day) written in by hand below the "5 cts." Inner circle $191 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.- $3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |
| L. I. Rail Road N. Y. 5 . | $29 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. |  | ${ }_{\text {Red }}^{\text {Reck }}$ ( ${ }_{\text {Blac }}$ |  |  | "L. I. Railroad N. Y,", is between two circles. Large " 5 " in the center. Date (month and day) written in by hand below the " 5 ." Inner circle $191 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .-3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |
| Long Island R. R. ..... | 34 mm . $15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Red ${ }_{\text {Black }}$ | Black | Black |  |
| Louisville \& Frankfort R.R. | $32 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black |  |  |
| Madison \& Indnpls R. R. .. | ${ }_{33 \mathrm{~mm} .}{ }^{3} 5 / 16 \mathrm{~mm}$. |  | Fiedi ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Black* <br> Black <br> Red |  | Madison \& Indianapolis R. R. Black seen only on 1853 issue stamped en- |
| Madison \& Indnpls R. R. .. | $\xrightarrow{39 \mathrm{~mm} .}$a <br> $32 \mathrm{~mm} .1 / 4$ <br> $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$ <br> 1 in. |  |  | Blue ${ }^{\text {Blue* }}$ |  | velopes. |
| Mad River \& Lak Erie R. R. | 34 mm . $15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  | Blue* | Blue* |  | Mad River \& Lake Erie R. R. |
| [ Mic. Central R. R. Mic. ... | $34.1 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .111 / 32 \mathrm{ln}$. |  | Black* \& Bluish- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Black } \\ & \& \text { Blue } \end{aligned}$ |  | Michigan Central Rail Road Michigan. |
| Michigan C. R.R. . | $321 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .19 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  | green* | Black* |  | Seen only on 1853 issue stamped en- velopes. |
| Lamar M.C.R.R. . | $341 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .111 / 32 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  | Black | . . . . . . . . . | Lamar, Michigan Central R.R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes. |


| Name as it appears in the | $\begin{gathered} \text { Approxlmate } \\ \text { slze } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Before } \\ & \text { July } \\ & 1847 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { "1847", } \\ \text { Julv } 1, \\ 1847, \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Julv } 1 . \\ 1851 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & " 1851 " \\ & \text { July } \\ & 1851, \\ & \text { to } \\ & \text { Fer. } 24 . \\ & 1857 . \end{aligned}$ | "1857" <br> Feb. 24. 1857 Sep. 1 . 1861 | Remarks |
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| Mich Southern R | 33 mm . $19 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Blue |  | Michigan Southern R. R. |
| Milwke \& Detroit R.R. | $34 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 16 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  | Black | Black | Milwaukee \& Detroit R. R. |
| Morris \& Essex R. R. | 32mm. ${ }^{31 / 4} 1 \mathrm{in}$. in . |  | Red* |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{32 \mathrm{~mm}}^{33 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 4} 1 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | B1ack |  |  |
| New Haven \& Bellows Falls R. R. | 33 mm . $19 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black |  | I am not entirely sure of 1851 cover. |
| N. Hav. \& Bellows Falls R.R. | $361 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. $17 / 16 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  | Black | Black |  |
| N. Haven \& Greenfield R. R. | 301/2mm. ${ }^{31 / 4} 1 \mathrm{~mm} .6 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Black |  | New Haven \& New London R. R. |
| N. Haven \& Springfleld R. R. | $\begin{aligned} & 34 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 16 \mathrm{in} . \\ & 32 \mathrm{~mm} .1 / 1 \mathrm{in} . \end{aligned}$ | Red | Red* | Black |  | New London Willimantic \& Palmer R. R. |
| N. O. J. \& G. N. R. R. | 34 mm . $111 / 32 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  |  | Black | New Orleans, Jackson \& Great Northern R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes. |
| N. O. J. \& Great No. R. R... | $36 \mathrm{~mm} .13 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  |  | Black | New Orleans, Jackson \& Great Northern R. R. |
| N. O. Jackson \& G. No. R.R. | $341 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  |  | Black | New Orleans, Jackson \& Great Northern R. R. I am not entirely sure of this one. |
| Via N. O. Jackson \& G. N. R. R. | 74mm. $229 / 32 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  |  | Blue | In one straight line. No date. New Orleans Jackson \& Great Northern R. R. |
| N. Orleans Opelousas \& G. W. Rallroad Co. | $28 \mathrm{~mm} .13 / 32 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  | Blue |  | No date. "Railroad Co" ln center, New Orleans Opelousas \& Great Western R. R. |
| New Orleans Opelousas \& G W. Rallroad Co. | $281 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .11 / 8 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  | Black* |  | No date. "Rallroad Co." in center bot- tom side up. New Orleans Opelousas \& Great Western R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes. |
| N. Y. \& Boston Stmb \& R. <br> R. R. ...................... | $36 \mathrm{~mm} .17 / 16 \mathrm{ln}$. |  |  |  | Black | Probably means New York \& Boston Steamboat \& Rail Road Route. |
| N. York \& Erle R. R. N. Y... | 33 mm . 19/32 ln . |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Dk Blue }}^{\text {Dlack }}$ |  |  |
| N. York \& Erie R. Road |  |  | Red* |  |  | am not entirely sure of this one. |
|  | 34 mm . $15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Blue* |  |  |
| N. York \& Harlem R. R. ... | 33 mm . $19 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. |  |  | Red \& Black |  | Black seen only on the 1853 lssue stamped envelopes. |




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| Wash. \& Phila. R. R. Watertown \& Rome R. $\underset{R}{ }$ R.... West \& Atlantic R. R. ..... <br> Westn \& Atlantic R. R. ... <br> Wilmington \& Raleigh Rall- <br>  <br> Zanesville \& Columbus R.R. | $33 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. $321 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. $34 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. <br> $311 / 2 \mathrm{~mm} .17 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. $30 \mathrm{~mm} .15 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. $331 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. $15 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. 32 mm . $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. |  | (elue \& | Black Red, Blue Red <br> Black <br> Blue <br> Blue <br> Black |  | "R. R." is at the top of the postmark. <br> Western \& Atlantic R. R. Seen only on 1853 stamped envelopes. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes. <br> Wilmington \& Raleigh R. R. Also seen on cover with no stamps except an Honour's Carrier. |
| Partly identified |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlant _- R. R.. ${ }_{\text {Cincinna }}$ | $31 \mathrm{~mm} .{ }^{?}{ }^{17 / 32 \mathrm{in} .}$ |  |  | $\overline{\text { Black }}$ | Black* | "Cincinnati \& ? R. R." Possibly "Clnnati \& Chicago R. R. cinnati \& Dayton R.,.R." or "Clnein- |
| Greenv - R. R. ........ |  |  |  | Black |  | May be "Greenville \& Columbia R. R.' the red and black 1851. Or may b but if so it is a different type from |
|  |  |  |  | Black* Black |  | Scen only on the 1853 issue or stamped envelopes. If this is "hio \& Pa. R. ed. |
| - \& Elmira R.R......... |  |  |  |  | ( $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dark } \\ & \text { Bluish } \\ & \text { Green }\end{aligned}$ | The color may originally have been ultramarine. |
| - ess Mail Eastport _- |  |  |  | Black |  | 2 types. Letters in "Eastport" 3 mm . high in one and 4 mm . hlgh in the high in one and it mm. high in the Eastport.' |
| \% \& clea = $\ldots \ldots . . .$. |  |  |  | Blue Black |  |  |
| - R. Richman |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## J. E. GUEST

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## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

THE EDITOR.


#### Abstract

It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varieties will submit them promptly for notation and descr:ption, due credit will in all cases be given.


UNITED STATES. The New York Times recently contained a Berlin dispatch dated April 24 which stated tiat the Berlin police had discovered a plot to manufacture counterfeit American money and postage stamps and had arrested an American named Philip Kopp of Pleasant Grove, Utab. The article is quite lengthy and goes into considerable detail but as it is copyrighted we can not produce it in full. Kopp claimed that he intended to use the plates by putting an advertisement around the representation of the five dollar stamp advertising his fruit business. Quite interesting if true.

Last month we were just able to insert a brief note of the fact that one of our Springfield collectors had succeeded in splitting nearly all the var ues of the current issue. The stamps do not ali lend themselves to this process but by selecting those which are on thick heavy paper if you have a little patience yon can peel them apart quite readily. They are not strictly on double paper like the well known 1870 issue, but owing to the highly calendered surface the soft interior of the paper gives way when pressure is brought to bear npon it in the right way. The Victory stamp can also be split.

ALBANIA. Herbert $S$. Atherton has shown us some of the stamps prepared for use nuder the reign of the Prince

of Wied but which were never issued on account of his having beeu forced
out of the country by a revolutionary movement.

The following values are said to constitute the set:

1 quint, grey
5 quint, green
10 quint, rose
20 quint, brown
25 quint, blue
50 quint, violet
The 1 gr . on 25 q . (Scott \#50) is reported by Zumstein \& Co. to have received an additional surcharge in violet

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"SHKODER 1919" (Scutari.)
    1 grosh on 1q., blue
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The series mentioned last month, surcharged on the Prince of Wied stamps of which the design is shown above is said to consist of the following denominations, a number of new values being created by au additional surcharge.

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1 quint, grey
2 on 10q, rose (red browu sur.)
2 on 10q, rose (green sur.)
5 quint, green
5 on 10q, rose (black sur.)
10 quint, rose
20 quint, brown
25 quint, blue
25 oll 10q, rose (blue sur.)
50 on 10q, rose (bistre sur.)
50 quint, violet
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ARMENIA. Several of our European exchanges describe a series of provisionals for this latest addition to our albums and catalogues. Russian stamps have been utilized by overprinting thèm with an Armenian inscription in a frame. The inscription, which resembles a letter $Z$ is said to be the initial letters of "Haygagãn Post" or Armenian Post. The surcharge comes in two sizes and some of the stamps are perforated, and some unperforated.

Small surcharge:
2, 3, 70 kopecs, imperf. black sur. $5,10-7,15,20,25 k$., 1 r. perf. black sur.
(The 5 and 25 are known inverted.)
$5,10-7,35,50,60 \mathrm{k} ., 1 \mathrm{r}$., violet sur.
Large surcharge:
2, 3, 60-1, $70 \mathrm{k} ., 1,31 / 2,5 \mathrm{r}$. , imperf hlack sur.
(The $3,70 \mathrm{k}, 1,31 / 2,5 \mathrm{r}$ exist inverted.)
$4,5,10-7,10,20,35,50 \mathrm{k} ., 1,31 / 2$. 5, 7, 10r., perf. black sur.
(The $5,10.50 \mathrm{k} ., 1,31 / 2,5 r$ exist inverted.)
$31 / 2 \mathrm{r}$. perf. violet sur.
IStamp Collecting, from which we take the above list, says the stamps were issued at Erivan and were only a provisional issue made while the entente mission was in session to inquire into the massacres. They were in use only a few days when the French anthorities took over control if the district. Of course there was only a limited issue of many of the value; and all that kind of talk. It seems to be another of the "unnecessary" issnes now so common.

AUSTRALIA. The Christian Science Monitor recently published an account of the England to Australia airplane flight and illustrated a stamp said to have been issued by the federal government to commemorate the delivery
of the first aerial mail from the mother country. This mail contained 320 letters and was carried all the way from London. Each letter when posted in Australia bore the aerial stamp which is larger than the ordinary postage stamp. It was designed by Lieutenant Courtney-Benson, one of the official artists of the Australian force, and shows a Vickers-Vimy aeroplane flying through the clouds, while beneath the machine are miniature maps of the British Isles and Australia. Between the maps is a burning torch, which may he intended to indicate the blazing of a new trail, the torch of the pioneer.

AUSTRIA. Theodore Cbampion lists two additional values of the postage due set illustrated by us last month.

20 heller, carmine
80 heller, carmine
The above as well as nearly all the values listed last month come hoth perforate and imperforate. Prohably all will come to light in time.

A new set of newspaper stamps of the annexed design has been issued,

specimens of which have been sent us hy W. C. Plillips. They are on plain wove paper and are unperforated.

2 heller, violet
4 heller, hrown
5 heller, green
12 heller, ultramarine
20 heller, orange
60 heller, pink
Stamp Collecting has received the 10 heller red and 15 heller olive yellow printed on thin grey cardhoard. it seems probable that these are for use as small change similar to the issues of Russia and the Ukraine. No mention is made as to whether they are perforated or not.

BAHAMAS. The "Peace" stamps are at band, thanks to W. C. Phillips, and the cut renders any description unnecessary. Multiple watermark, perforate 14.

$1 / 2$. penny green
1 penny carmine
2 penny grey
3 penny brown
1 shilling grey black
BATOUM. The rouble stamp of the tree type has appeared in a new color surcharged BRITÍSH OCAUPATION.

1 rouble, pale blue
This stamp is not known unsurcharged.

We have not heretofore listed the provisionals made by overprinting Russian stamps owing to the difficulty of describing them so as to convey a clear impression of what they were. The annexed cuts will help to make the matter plain and we annex a list of all we have heard of up to date. We are indebted to the Stamp Lover and Stamp Collecting for much of our information.

BATYMZ
BRITISH
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Russian stamps of 1918 overprinted as above. Imperforate.

10 rouhles on 3 k , red ( 5100 ) blue sur.
15 roubles on 1 k , yellow (2400) red sur.
Surcharge with small figures of value, similar to illustration of the 10 r . Black surcharge.

On 1908-12 issue. White wove paper, with intersecting chalk lines diagonally across paper. No watermark. Perforated 14, 14x15.

50 roubles on 3 k , rose
50 roubles on 4 k , rose
50 roubles on 5 k , dull purple
50 roubles on 15 k , ultramarine \& purple.
On 1918 issue. White wove paper, with intersecting chalk lines diagonally across paper. No watermark. Imperforate.

50 roubles on 1 k , yellow
50 roubles on 2 k , green
Surcharg ewith large figures of value. On 1908-12 issue. Perforated.

25 roubles on 5 k , dull purple
25 roubles on 25 k , lilac \& green
25 roubles on 50 k , green $\&$ lilac
50 roubles on $2 k$, green
50 roubles on 3 k , rose
50 roubles on 4 k , rose
50 roubles on $5 k$, dull purple
On 1917 provisionals.
25 roubles on 10 k on 7 k , dull blue
25 roubles on 20 k on 14 k , rose \& blue
On 1918 issue. Imperforate.
50 roubles on $2 k$, green
50 roubles on 3 k , rose
All the 25 r provisionals are also known with surcharge in blue.

Messis. Bright \& Son report the 50 r on $2 k$, perforated, with large surcharge inverted.

BAVARIA. To the values listed last month should be added the following:

5 pfennig, yellow green
10 pfennig, orange yellow
30 pfennig, blue
75 pfennig, mauve
There are also two new types for the mark values which we will illus$t$ 'rte next month. The values etc. are as follows:

1 mark red and grey
$11 / 4$ mark blue and olive
$11 / 2$ mark green and grey
? marks, blue
5 marks orange yellow
10 marks green
20 marks black
There are also several values fon official use which are oval in shape for the low values, while the mark values according to Stamp Collecting are "something like an opened oyster!"

5 pfennig, green
10 pfennig, red
15 pfennig, orange
20 pfennig, purple
30 pfennig, blue
1 mark, purple brown
5 marks, grey black
The 3 pfennig of the arms type,(Scott A5) has been received surcharged " 20 " in each of the four corners. 20 on 3 pfennig, brown
BELGIUM. The new series of parcel post stamps is as follows:

10 centimes, green
15 centimes, grey
20 centimes, red
25 centimes, bistre
30 centimes, lilac
40 centimes, orange
50 centimes, yellow-bistre
55 centimes, bistre
60 centimes. grey-violet
70 centimes, green
So centimes, red-brown
90 centimes, ultramarine
1 franc, olive
1.20 francs, green
1.40 francs, brown-black

2 francs, red
3 francs, lilac
4 francs
5 francs, brown
10 francs, brown
BULGARIA. Two more values of the Boris type are reported.

25 stotinki, blue
50 stotinki, brown
CAYMAN ISLANDS. A new war tax stamp has been manufactured by surcharging the 2 pence George V. in small sans serif capitals "War Stamp $11 / 2 d$ ". The surcharge was done in the government printing office at Kingston, Jamaica, we are informed by Stamp Collecting.
$11 / 2 \mathrm{p}$. on 2 pence, grey
CEYLON. The Journal Philateilique de Berne reports a one cent stamp of the cnrrent type replacing the surcharged provisionals.

1 cent, brown
CZECHOSLOVAK STATE. The two high value stamps with portrait of President Thomas Masaryk were issued

to commemorate his seventieth birthday March 7, and are said to have been on sale ouly two days.

500 deniers, grey on bluish
1000 deniers, brown on buif
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. A special delivery stamp bearing a picture of a bi-plane in full flight has been issued

for this republic. It is oblong in shape and is perforate 12 .

1 centavos, bine
DHNMARK. The 12 ore, issued in June 1918 and the 27 ore in December of the same year are reported by a correspondent of Stamp Collecting to have been withdrawn as changes in the postal ratès render them unnecessary.

ERITREA. The Revista Mensile announces the receipt of the new 15 centesimi with the usual overprint. Also a 50 centesimi Express stamp. This latter value has not yet been issued for the homeland.

15 centesimi, grey black
50 centesimi, rose
ESTHONIA. A new value of the "seagull" type is reported.

70 penni, violet blue
It. seems to be the fashion nowadays to institute airplane posts and get out special stamps for them. One of these days the authorities will find out that special stamps are not necessary and away they will go like our own which we are having to use on common every day mail.

A triangular stamp has been issued for use on the route between Revel and Helsingfors, England. It is triangular in shape and has a picture in the
center of a biplane in flight. White wove paper, imperforate.

5 marks, blue green, yellow and black
EUPEN-MALMEDY. These two little bits of Germany which were assigned to Belgium by the peace conference have been provided with special sets of stamps hy surcharging the regular Belgian stamps with the names of the districts and the value in German money.

5 pf . on 5 c ., green
10 pf , on 10 c ., carmine
15 pf . on 15 c ., violet
20 pf . on 20 c ., lilac
30 pf . on 25 c ., blue
75 pf . on 50 c ., carmine \& black
1.25 m . on 1 fr. , violet

These stamps were however in use for only a short time when they were repfaced by sets for each district overprinted only with the district name. This time the entire set was surcharged. For denominations and colors see Scott's catalogue under Belgium 10 S to 121 inclusive. A full set for each means just twice as much from collectors does it not?

FIUME. The Dr. Grossich stamp has received the "Valore globale" surcharge according to several of our exchanges.

25 c . on 25 c blue
From W. C. Phillips we have received a number of provisionals manufartured by surcharging the Fiume and Posta Fiume stamps with "Franco" and numerals of new value. There are several varieties of numerals.

On Fiume stamps.
5 on 20 cent, green
10 on 45 cent, orange
25 on 50 cent, green
55 on 1 corona, orange brown
55 on 2 corona, blue
55 on 3 corona, orange red
55 on 5 corona, brown
On Posta Fiume stamps.
5 on 25 cent, dark blue
15 on 45 cent, orange
15 on 30 cent, deep violet
15 on 60 cent, claret
25 on 50 cent, yellow green
55 on 10 corona, olive green

GEORGIA: There are two more values of the same design as the new 3 roubles which we listed last month. One of our exchanges calls the design a representation of an ancient empress while another says the figure is symbolic of the republic. The latter is more likely to be the correct interpretation.

2 roubles, brown red
5 roubles, yellow
GERMANY. Of the "bricklayer" type there is still another value.

30 pfennig, violet and vermilion
High value stamps of new denominations have been manufactured by adapting designs of the one and three mark stamps of the "Deutsches Reich" issue. The two first values are of the same type as the mark.
1.25 mark, green
1.50 mark, sepia
2.50 mark, rosine

They are all perforate 14 and are watermarked lozenges.

GREAT BRITAIN. According to the following dispatch of April 19th, there is a prospect of higher postal rates in the United Kingdom. We quote from the New York Times:
"J. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Excheqner, in introducing the budget in the Honse of Commons today, said the expenditures for 1920 were approximately $\{144,000,000$ in excess of the budget estimate of last year, but $£ 63,000,000$ below the revised estimate he made last October.

The Chancellor outlined proposed increases in taxation. He said he proposed to revise the postal charges, the letter rate being raised to $2 d$. for three ounces, an increase of a half penny. The newspaper postage will be doubled or 1 penny for six onnces. The minimum for telegrams will be 1 s . instead of 9 d ."

FUATEMALA. L'Echo announces two new provisionals made by overprinting stamps of the 1918 issue with "1920 2 centavos" in two lines.

2 c on 30 c , red and black (blne.)
2 c on 60 c olive and black (red.)


HUNGARY. W. C. Phillips sends us three stamps which we understand are sold for the henefit of returned prisoners of war. The first design represents the soldier all hundled up trudging through the snow, the second design represents a prison camp with the prisoners peering through the barbed wire fence while the third design represents the return to the arms of his loving family. The stamps are very

well executed and are said to be sold at a premium of 1,2 and 5 kroners respectively for the benefit fund. Perforate $11 \frac{1}{2}$.

40 filler, carmine
160 filler, brown
1 korona, blue
ICELAND. The stamp described last month is one of a set it seems. The following are listed by L'Echo de la Timbrologie:

8 aur, bistre
10 aur, red
20 aur, blue
25 aur, brown and green
30 aur, red and green
40 aur, lilac
ITALY. We had shown us recently a cover posted at Smyrna bearing a stamp of the current issue cancelled
with a postmark inscribed "Posta Militare" at the top and " 171 " below. The date was in the center. Collectors of war entires may be glad to know of this.

JUiGOSLAVIA. The 20 heller newspaper stamp of Bosnia (Scott 204) has been surcharged with a new value similar to the two and six heller already listed. The old value is blotted out by small circular disks instead of squares as before.

2 on 20 heller, green
Some values of the "chainbreaker" series are reported as having oeen retouched or re-engraved. Not having seen them I postpone a descriptiun. A 10 crown value similar to the 5 crowns is reported to be in preparation.

LITHUANIA. L'Echangiste Universel catalogues two values of commemurative stamps issued to celehrate the armistice. The cuts are so poorly printed that I am unable to give a very good description. The 20 s . is ohlong with "LIETUVA" at the top and the value at the bottom. The central design is not legible enough to describe. The 80 s . is rectangular and has for the central design a full length figure which evidently represents Vietory. Arched ahove is "LIETUVA 1918-11-16". Value below. Perforated 11.

20 skatiku, blue
80 skatiku, violet and red
The West End Philatelist says that the Commercial and Industrial Bank of Lithuania announces under date of February 16 th its intention to issue on behalf of the government a series of eleven postage stamps, commemorative of the anniversary of independence. The issue was to be on sale three days only and the printing limited to 30,000 copies. It is quite possible that the two stamps listed above belong to this set.

MARIENWERDER. Forty odd miles south of Dantzig on the right bank of the Vistula river is the town of Marienwerder, capital of the province or district of the same name. The protocol of last January provided that a plebiscite should he taken to decide whether the district should become a part of Poland or remain German territory. In-
stead of resorting to surcharges for a set of stamps to use during the interregnum a contract was given to a firm of engravers in Milan who have submitted a very striking design. In the center is a female figure standing on a stool inscribed "Populi Voluntas" and holding the flags of the principal allies. At the top "Commission Interalliee" and at the bottom "Marienwerder."

5 pfennig, green
10 pfennig, red
15 pfennig, grey
20 pfennig, orange
25 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig, orange
40 pfennig, brown
50 pfennig, violet
G0 piennig, carmine
75 pfennig, bistre
1 mark, green and brown
2 marks, dull lilac
3 marks, carmine
5 marks, blue and rose
MONACO. L'Echo de lia Timbrologie says that the occasion of the marriage of the duchess of Valentinois, granddaughter of the Prince of Monaco was the occasion of the issue of a lot of surcharged stamps which were sold at a premium for some charitable purpose. The surcharge was in three lines -"20 Mars $|1920| 5 c+5 c$ " the value of course varying for each stamp.
$2+3$ on $15+10 c$., carmine
$2+3$ on $25+15 \mathrm{c}$., blue
$2+3$ on $50+50 \mathrm{c}$., brown on bufi
$5+5$ on $1 \mathrm{f}+1 \mathrm{f}$., black on yellow
$5+5$ on $5 f+5 \mathrm{f}$., dull red
$15+10$ centimes, carmine
$25+15$ centimes, blue
$50+50$ centimes, brown on buff
$1 \mathrm{f}+1 \mathrm{f}$, black on yellow
$5 \mathrm{f}+5 \mathrm{f}$, dull red
The stamps surcharged are the "Orphelins" sets.

According to the Almanach de Gotha the Prince of Monaco has only one son, and as he is unmarried it seems difficult to account for the grand daughter.

POiLAND. The following document published in the West End Philatelist gives the authority for the issue of the "Levant" surcharges.

Polish PostaI Agency, Constantinople.
By arrangement with the Foreign Office a Polish postal agency has been established at the Polish Consulate, Constantinople, administered by the Consulate.

The Agency undertakes the delivery of correspondence, viz., letters, post cards, printed matter, commercial papers, samples, etc., either ordinary or registered, and delivers all letters dispatched from Poland to a Turkish address.

All correspondence is forwarded in diplomatic bags and is transferred to the General Post Office, Warsaw, by the Foreign Office. All letters from Poland are handed by the Warsaw Post Office to the courier department of the Foreign Office and forwarded to Constantinoole. The delivery of letters and distribntion in Turkey is undertaken by the Polish postal agency at Constantinople.

To frank letters from Turkey the Agency has been supplied by the General Post Office with a quantity of stamps overprinted in red LEVANT.

Warsaw, May 6th., 1919.
SARRE. In addition to the list of stamps given last month we are told that the stamps of the $1914-18$ issue of Bavaria have received a similar overrrint. The values given in the Stamp Lover are as follows:

White wove paper watermarked wavy lines (horizontally for all values excert 1,2 and 3 marks). Perforated $14 \times 141 / 2$ (pfennig values) or $111 / 2$ (mark values).
1920. 5 pfennig, yellow-green

10 pfennig, claret
15 pfennig, red
20 pfennig, blue
25 pfennig, grey
30 pfennig, orange
40 pfennig, olive
50 pfennig, brown-red
60 pfennig, blue-green
1 mark, brown
2 marks, violet
3 marks, red
5 marks, deep blue.
10 marks, deep-green

L'Echo de la Timbrologie also reports the $40,50,60$ and 75 pfennig of the current German issue with the surcharge SAARGEBIET.

SILESIA. (East). This district which is to vote on the question of whether to join Poland or the Czechoslovak State has been supplied with sets of stamps by each of the two countries. Each set consists of the current values of the issuing country with the surcharge "S. O. 1920" in two lines.

On olish stamps.
5 filler, green
10 filler, lilac
15 filler, carmine
25 filler, olive
50 filler, green
1 korona, green
2.50 korona, violet
$\bar{j}$ lorona, blue green
Our thanks are due Mr. W. C. Phillips for a set of the above stamps.

On Czechoslovak State stamps.
1 denier, brown
3 deniers, lilac
5 deniers, blue green*
10 deniers, yellow green*
15 deniers, bright rose*
20 deniers, blue green
25 deniers, violet
$\because 0$ deniers, blue green
25 deniers, violet
30 deniers, olive bistre
40 deniers, orange
50 deniers, violet
60 deniers, orange
75 deniers, grey
80 deniers, grey
100 deniers, brown
200 deniers, ultramarlne
300 deniers, green
400 deniers, violet
500 deniers, red brown
1000 deniers, violet
Journal stamps.
2 deniers, green
6 deniers, carmine

[^19]10 denlers, violet
20 deniers, ultramarlne
30 deniers, brown
Special Delivery stamps.
2 deniers, lilac on yellow
5 deniers, green on yellow
Postage Due stamps.
5 deniers, yellow bistre
10 deniers, yellow bistre
15 deniers, yellow bistre
20 deniers, yellow bistre
25 deniers, yellow bistre
30 deniers, yellow bistre
40 deniers, yellow bistre
50 deniers, yellow bistre
100 deniers, brown
500 deniers, green.
1000 deniers, violet
PARIS, May 4.-The Conference of Ambassadors this morning decided to postpone the plebiscite in the Tescher district of Upper Silesia for two months. The ball.oting to decide the nationality of the region will occur on July 12 instead of on May 12, the date origiually fixed.

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PHILADELPHIA CITY DESPATCH.

Philadelphia, Pa.

We have been unable to procure data as to the concern issuing this stamp. Early directories and files of the Philadelphia papers have been perused without result.

We have never seen the stamp on cover.

There is no information as to the date of issue, number in sheet, or the length of usage.

We list the stamp following precedent.

## PHILADELPHIA CITY DESPATCH.

One type. Type-set.

2c Lilac on white.
2c Gold on black.
2c Black on lavender.

## PINCKNEY'S EXPRESS POST.

New York City, N. Y.

As early as 1845 Charles C. Pinckney conducted a large real estate and insurance business at No. 96 Stanton Street, New York City; in 1849-1850 he was at No. 92 Stanton Street, and in 1S53-1S54 at No. 94 Stanton Street, with a branch office at No. 9 Nassau Street. Mr. Pinckney was evidently a man of enterprise and about 1850 he determined to compete with Aaron Swarts, the proprietor of the Chatham Square Post Office, a branch of the New York Post Office.

Pinckney issued stamps selling them at two cents each and collected and delivered mail matter for residents and business houses in the vicinity. His office on Stanton Street was between Orchard and Ludlow Streets, in what is now New York's East side and largely populated by foreigners, but at the
time the Post was organized it was a fine business and residential neighborhood.

The stamp is a great rarity-only three copies being known and two of them cut to shape. The earliest cover we have seen contains an enclosure dated July 9th, 1851; another October 3,1851 , and the third November 3 rd, 1851. These covers bear the usual New York cancellation impressed in red.

It is quite probable that the stamp was used for not more than one year.

No counterfeits are known.


## PINCKNEX'S EXPRESS POST.

One Type Only. 1851.
2c Black on green glazed surfaced paper.

PIPS DAILY MAIL.<br>Brooklyn, N. Y.

It seems strange that we are unable to find authentic data as to this Post.

Mr. William P. Brown, still living, states that in the late sixties he went to Brooklyn and called at the Stationery Shop, 86 Hamilton Avenue; he there found several of the stamps of the Post, but could procure no further information.

It is claimed that the stamp was issued in 1862. We find it mentioned by Moens in 1868 , and by Scott in the American Journal of Philately in 1872.

We have never seen the stamp used on cover. We have never seen the stamp described below as Black on white paper; we list the same, however, following precedent.


## PIPS DAILK MALL.

One Type Only; loop border; typeset; 1862.

1c Black on white paper.
1c Black on buff paper.
1c Black on yellow paper.
1c Black on dark blue paper.

## POMEROX \& COMPANY. POMEROY'S LETTER EXPRESS.

## Independent Mail Route.

This was one of the earliest, largest and most enterprising forwarding concerns in the country. Organized at Albany in 1841; George E. Pomeroy, Thaddeus Pomeroy, Henry Wells and Crawford Livingston, proprietors. Its route in that year was by rail from Albany to Auburn, New York, then by stage twenty-five miles to Geneva; thence over the Auburn and Rochester Railroad to Rochester, thence by stage about sixty miles to Lockport, thence thirty miles to Buffalo by private conveyance. A branch route ran from Rochester to Batavia over the Tonawanda Railroad, thence by stage forty miles to Buffalo. During this year there was one trip a week in each di-rection-time, three days and four nights.

The business was soon extended to New York via steamer. By 1843 there was a daily mail out of New York for Albany and the West, leaving from No. 2 Wall Street. At Albany connection was made with various Posts to Canada and the East. In 1844 New York Mail was often taken over and delivered Inmally by Boyd, and some of the mail for points along the Long 1sland Sound and for Philadelphia was handed to and delivered by the American Letter Mail Company.

In 1844 the people residing along
the route traversed by the messengers of Pomeroy \& Company agreed not to send letters by Government mail but to use the post of Pomeroy until the United States postage was reduced. At Utica the messengers were repeatedly arrested and at once bailed out by the citizens. Nearly the entire letter business out of Buffalo and Rochester, in 1844-1845, was carried by this concern.

Crawford Livingston died at Livingston, Columbia County, New York, in 1847. In 1848 bis interest was acquired by Johnston Livingston and Edward C. Winslow. Winslow died in January, 1850.

James C. Fargo entered the employ of this concern at the age of fifteen; he was born at Pompey, New York; died at New York City on February 8th, 1915, aged eighty-five years. He was Assistant to the Agent in charge of the business of Wells \& Company and Pomeroy \& Company at Buffalo. The agent was William G. Fargo, his brother.

In 1844 the New York office of the firm was at No. 2 Wall Street; in 1845 1846 at No. 10 Wall Street.

While the firm was originally organized under the name of Pomeroy \& Company, (the Western branch under the name of Wells \& Company), it later beoame known as Wells \& Pomeroy; Livingston, Wells \& Company; Livingston \& Fargo; Wells, Butterfield \& Company; Wells, Fargo \& Company; Livingston, Fargo \& Company; and the Eastern lines became the present Anderican Express Company loy consolidatio nwith Butterfield, Wesson \& Company and others in 1850. Henry Wells, President; William G. Fargo, Secretary.

In the New York Evening Post of Angust 21, 1843 , they announce a daily express for Albany, Troy, Buffalo, Cincinnati and the Canadas, via steamer line to Albany and the Railroads West.

In Hoffman's Albany Directory for 1843 they advertise a daily express between Albany and Buffalo and intermediate points, leaving each afternoon, Sundays excepted, and also that they
have established and are running, in addition to the Pomeroy Express, the following lines: Albany to New York, Schenectady, Oswego, Sackett's Harbor, Kingston, Canada West, and Ithaca daily.

On May 11th, 1844, they advertise under the name of Livingston, Wells \& Pomeroy, 5 Exchange Place, Albany, and 2 Wall Street, New York City; and under the advertisement appears the names of C. Livingston, New York; Henry Wells, Buffalo; Thaddens Pomeroy, Albany. They further announce that they connect with Wells' Express from Buffalo to Chicago; Pullen \& Company (now National Express Company) to Saratoga; Virgil \& Company to Montreal and Canada East, \&c., \&e.

On July 17, 1845, the following appears in the Albany Argus:
"The subscribers having purchased the interest of their former partners, George E. Pomeroy and Thaddeus Pomeroy, in the Express lines of Pomeroy \& Company, and Livingston, Wells and Pomeroy, hereby announce that the express forwarding and commission business will be continued in the name of the firm of Livingston \& Wells.

Ne wYork, April 9, 1845.
Signed, Crawford Livingston
Henry Wells."
Henry Wells, first President of the present American Express Company, successors to Pomeroy \& Company said that when he suggested to Harnden the feasibility of a Western Express, Mr. Harnden replied, 'If you want to run an Express to the Rocky Mountains you had better do it in your ownaccount; I choose to run an express where there is business." This was in 1841-2. Mr. Wells continuing says "that the Western Express which I had suggested to Mr. Harnden did not long remain a mere conception after its rejection by him. The first attempt to run a stage line from Albany to Buffalo was made under my direction by George 玉. Pomeroy in 1841. With Mr. Pomeroy and Crawford Liviugston we carried on the
enterprise under the name of Pomeroy \& Company. For eighieen months I performed all the work of express messenger and agent as weil as that of proprictor, and for two-thirds of that time did not lose a trip, and out of twenty-one nights have spent eighteen on the road. The trip between Albany and Buffalo was made at first once a week, then twice a week. In 1843 we undertook to maintain daily communication. The perils encountered, the hardships endured and the difficulties overcome in carrying out our plans cau now be searcely imagined by those who travel in comfortable cars on well managed railroads, but at that time the railroasd and all their appurtenances were in the crudest form. The line was laid with a strap rail, which is nothing more than a flat bar of iron fastened to sleepers and afforded no great security against a "run off". The spikes, too, were continually getting lonse under the pressure of the passing trains and the rails gradually worked upwards, often tearing through the bottom of the cars."
"So little encouraging was the prospect of remunerative business that for more than a year after we commenced running, one carpet sack held all the valuable packages and a medium sized trunk all the rest of the freight. We endeavored to increase our business by conveying fruit, fish, lobsters and oysters for fishermen and storekeepers on our route. In 1842-3 the United States Special Mail Agent on this route proposed to us to avail ourselves of the U. S. Mail accommodations, but we declined his overtures."

In 1842 the Company undertook to deliver letters along its route for onequarter the Government rate of postage. It very soon obtained a large portion of the business. Naturally the Goevrnment objected, but public sentiment supported the enterprise, and to the Company more than to any other single agency was due the increased accommodation and postal arrangements and reduction of Government postal rates. Quotations from Mr. Wells' speech will be found in his address
"The Rise, Progress and Present Condition of the Express 'System."

Henry Wells was born at Thetford, Vermont, on December 12, 1803, and died at Glasgow on December 10,1878 . Through his munificence Wells College, Aurora, New York, was established.

The stamps of the Post were first issued probably late in 1843 and continued in use for not more than eighteen months. Almost all specimens found on letter sheets show usage in 1844. Stamps were engraved and printed on a thin bond paper by John, E. Gavit, brother-in-law ol Mr. Pomeroy, at Albany, New York. Mr. Gavit later founded and became the first President of the American Bank Note Company. It is claimed that the plates from which the stamps were made were destroyed in a fire at Albany, after many reprints had been made therefrom; be that as it may, stamps alleged to be reprints abound. Full sheets in two panes, 4 horizontal $x 5$ vertical, can be readily obtained, not only in the original colors but also in a very beautiful seal brown.

The Post used no handstamp of its own; cancellation was either by pen strokes or manuscript "C" or by the letters "Cd." impressed evidently by a steel hammer die, and usually in red.


## POMEROY'S LETTEI ENI'RESS.

Type I. Engráved. 1843.
20 for $\$ 1.00$ yellow surfaced paper. olive yellow surfaced paper. black. blue. vermilion red. deep lake.

Type II. 1844. Value ( $\$ 1.00$ ) erased.

Yellow paper.

## COUNTER!PEITS.

There are no counterfeits of this stamp in anywise dangerous. The reprints, however, made by the same man who made the originals, and it is claimed from the same plates, are exactly like the original and cannot be distinguished. The size of the stamp varies in the original as well as reprints, caused by shrinkage of paper. The claim that originals were printed in one pane, 5 vertical $x 8$ horizontal, has been made; that the reprints were made from a new plate prepared from the original die, such plates showing two panes of twenty. The only safe course to pursue is to collect properly cancelled copies.

Annexed is a cut of the handstamp used by the Penny Express Company which was accidentally omitted from our last number.
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The War Stamps of the Allies by Douglas B. Armstrong and Charles H. Greenwood is an excellent historical record of the postage stamps issued by the Entente powers and their allies during the period 1914-1920. Among the issues may be mentioned the captured German colonies, Mesopotamia etc., Palestine, Trentino, Fiume, the occupation issues of Hungary and Asia Minor, and other issues. The nnmerous "War Tax" issues are not included. The book is one which will interest all whether they collect these issues or not and the amount of historical data contained makes it of great value for reference. It is published by "Stamp Collecting" and can be obtained from F. H. Vallency. Price $2 \operatorname{sh} 6 d$ post paid.

One thing the Great War has taught us is the location of many heretofore unknown countries. Were it not for the fact that the editor while reading some historical novels by the Polish author Sienkiewicz, some years ago, found numerous reference to the Ukraine, and to better understand the story looked up its location, he would have had to acknowledge himself stumped if anyone had asked him to locate the country.

Now it is well known to collectors and has already issued enough stamps to have a booklet written about them. The author is Douglas B. Armstrong and the book forms \#1 of the "New Europe Stamp Books." All the different forms of trident are illustrated and assigned to the city using them, and where known, the quantities issued are noted. It is a most useful little manual and well worth the shilling asked for it. It can be had from Mr. Vallency.

## 100,000 FRANCS FOR STAMP.

PARIS, May 20.-A copy of the extremely dare two-pence stamp of Mauritius, issue of 1847, was sold for 100,000 francs at the sale of a collection in the Hotel Grouot here yesterday.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 9.
May 1, 1920.

## Applications Pending.

Eram, V. S.
Hayes, Thos. J.
Litt, Artbur 0.
Martin, N. H. Tarler, Dr. S. A. Adamson, Chas. W.
Allison, C. D.
Baer, M. R.
Bazarsky, Alex.
Becker, Dr. A. F.
Bruns, Dr. R. M.
Caley, Dr. G. R.
Clarke, Ernest W.
Dingler, Herman 0.
Dresser, R. W.
Fell, J. H.
Goldsmith, Jas. A.
Green, Fred.
Gwinnell, A. E.
Haines, Stanton Jr.
Hall, G. B.
Halloran, J. E.
Henry, W. C.
Herkness, Benj. L.
Hilbert, Lt. W. E.
Hitt, Henry C.
Johnston, Wm. S.
Kiessling, Arno
Lapham, Harry C.
Larranaga, Robert G.
Margiunti, Victor.
Marsball, Albert R.
Miller, Michael.
Potter, Jno. A.
Prendergast, Jas. J.
Weidmann, Otto L.
Wells, Thos. L.
Whelpley, Artbur G.
Woltmann, Arnold.
Yeckel, Louis F.

## Applications for Reinstatement Pending.

2491 Hnssey, J. C.
4502 Lovegren, D. M.
3569 Sachs, C. W.

## Applications Posted.

Bemis, Lynward, A., 356 Belmont Ave., Springfield, Mass. ;Age legal; Machinist lnspector; Reference: Moore Drop Forging Co., Springfield, Mass.; Proposed by W. C. Stone, \#49.

Berry, R. W., U. S. Geographical Survey, Washington, D. C.; Age 40; Typographic Engineer; Reference: Am. Security \& Trnst Co., Washington, D. C.; Proposed by Eric L. Walker, \# 5143.
Brent, W. C., 66 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada; Age 42; Broker; Reference: Brent, Knox-\& Co., Toronto, Canada: Proposed by Otto Haker, \#4485.

Boone, Leslie A., care Orchard Read, Albemarle Park, Asheville, N. C.; Age 28; Reference: Battery Park Bank, Asheville, N. C.; Proposed by Jos. Gallant, \#5401.
Brown, Edwin S., 3161 Scanlon Road, Cleveland, Ohio; Age 24; Compositor; Reference: Pearl Street Sav. \& Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by W. J. Zink, \#4926.

Cabello, Alfonso, 94 Neptune St., Havana, Cuba; Age 34; Prof. of Business, La Nacional; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#444.
Conant, William, 2416 Court St., Auburn, Me.; Age 41; Shoe Shop; Reference: C. C. Abbott, 15 Cushman Pl., Auburn, Me.; Proposed by Reuel W. Smith, \#4941.

Crouch, Jas. E., 42 Firestone Park Sta., Akron, Ohio; Age 34; Rubber worker; Reference: Firestone Park Trust \& Saivngs Bank, Akron, Ohio; Proposed by D. R. Heath, \#3869.
Dack, Bruce, 509 W. 13th St., CoIumbus, Neb.; Age 14; Student; Guaranteed by Chas. H. Dack, Drnggist, Columbus, Neb.; Reference: Farmers State Bank, Colnmbus,Neb.; Proposed by H. A. Whipple, \#2467.

DeBruce, G. C., Tulot, Ark.; Age 35; Fur Dealer; Reference: Lady \& 'Thompson, Gen. Merchants, Tulot, Ark.; Proposed by Geo. M. Moreland, \#5469.
Deering, Chas. W. C., 2709 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii; Age 44; Reference: Bank of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii; Proposed by Bruce Cartwright, \#4224.
Emery, Geo. M., 4630 Sansom Street, PhiTadelphia, Pa.; Age 35; Newspaper Editor, North American; Feference: E. A. Van Valkenburg, care North American, Philadelphia, Pa.; rPoposed by Eugene K゙lein, \#302275.

Fallows, Paul H., Cascade, Mont.; Age 32; Broker; Reference: E. C. Dodd, LaGrange, Ill.; Proposed by Andrew Andressen, \#5259.
Fox, Jno. Laurence, 2427 Fifth St., San Diego, Calif.; Age 29; Lt. Com. U. S. Navy Retired. Manufacturers Agt. Reference: First Natl. Bank, San Diego, Calif.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Gilbert, E. H., Box 98 , Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Age 32; Engineer; Reference: R. C. Watson, 1106 Wood St., Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Goldstein, I., $9001 / 2$ Filbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 28; Stamp Dealer, Unique Stamp Co.; Reference: P. M. Wolsieffer, 21 S. 17 th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Percy McG. Mann, \#3202.

Harris, Herman A., 186 Harrison Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Age 30; Advertising Executive, Campbell Ewald Co., New York; Reference: John C. Delatush, 562 Newark Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \#2279.
-Jornes, Ferd., 3913 Mani St., Kansas City, Mo.; Age 42; Serg. Maj. 7th lnf., Stamp Dealer; Reference: N. J. McNellis, South Side Bank, Kansas City, Mo.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \# 4448.

Jungk, Walter A., 823 McPherson Ave., Alton, Ill.; Age 29 ; Secy. Dry Goods Co.; Reference: Jno. McAdams, Al-
ton Telegraph, Alton, Ill.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.
Kratz, Adolf, 449 Webster Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 40; Pres. Schrumm, Schrumm Co.; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
MacLeen, H. M. M., 33 Park St., Brockville, Ont., Canada; Age 22; Stamp Dealer and Editor; Reference: Canadian Bank of Commerce, Brockville, Ont.; Proposed by Otto Haker, \#4485.
Mckee, R. D., Hagerstown, Md.: Age 46; Hardware Dealer; Reference: Midland Linseed Products Co., Minneapolis, 'Ilinn.; Proposed hy Morgan W. Taylor, \#5432.
Maxwell, J. S., Box 1, Pittsburg, Kans.; Age 47; Banker, Natl. Bank of Commerce; Reference: D. T. Walker, Pittsburg, Kans.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
McLeRoy, M. H., 812 Thirteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Age 43; Telegraph Opr. Western Union Ca.; Reference: W. B. Ehipple, W. J. Tel. Co., Washington, D. C.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.
lline, R. Kenneth, 1217 Monroe Ave., N. W., Grand Rapids, Mich.; Age 17; Student; Guaranteed by C. W. Fiubert, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, 4 N. Union Ave.; Reference: J. L. Livingston, 1800 Wilbert Ave., Grand Rapids. Mich.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Morgan, H. W.. Calgary, Alta.. Canada; Age 38; Mgr. Mutual Brokers Ltd.; Reference: Canadian Bank of Commerce, Calgary, Canada; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \#4215.

Paul, Francís H. J., 35 Bow St., Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y.;"Age 42; Principal DeWitt Clinton High School, New York; Reference: Corn Exchange Bank, 5 5̈th St. \& Broadway, New York; Proposed by C. F. Richards, \# 18.
Payne, LeGrand, 102.6 Tecumseil St., Indianapolis, Ind.; Age 58; Bookkeeper; Reference: Henry F. Camphell, care H. C. S. Motor Car Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; Proposed by Ernest W. Schneider, \#4809.

Reynolds, Chas. S., 380 Floyd Avenue, Providence, R. I.; Age 50; Printer and Stationer; Reference: Frank M. Mason, Providence Institution for. Savings; Proposed by W. F. Goerner, \#553.
Rosenwald, Gilbert E., Las Vegas, N. 'hi; Age 35; Merchant; Reference: J. S. Brown Merc. Co., Denver, Col.; 'Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Smellie, John B., 4637 Magnolia Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 47; Sales Mgr. Robt. H. Ingersoll Bros.; Reference: Barkalow Bros., Denver, Colo.; Proposed by C. E. Severn, \#65.
Smith, Luther E., 1723 Pierce Bldg., St. Lonis, Mo.; Age 46; Lawyer: Reference: Dr. A. S. Barnes, Jr., St. Lonis, Mo.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.
Vawter, Charles D.. R. R. G. Box 41, Indianapolis, Ind.; Age 22; Banking. Cont. Natl. Bank; Reference: W. C. Fischer, 4515 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.; Proposed by E. J. Stanbrough, \#4631.
White, L. A., 34 Fort St. West, Detroit, Mich.; Age 36; Custom Shirt Mfg.; Reference: Philadelphia Stamp Company, 21 S. I7th St., Phila., Pa.; Proposed by Karl Koslowski, \#3783.
Wulfi, L. P., 2057 Vinton Ave., Memphis, Tenn.; Age 50; Decorator; Reference: Wm. Seering, 649 Robeson Pl., Memphis, Tenn.; Proposed by J. E. Gnest, \#4215.
Charni, Fred N., Brookville, Ind.; Age 27; Baker and Confectioner; Reference: Ernest Showalter, Brookville, Ind.: Proposed by A. A. Jones, \# 4448.

Fritschel, Rev. G. J., Strawberry Point, Ia.; Age 48; Clergy; Reference: Strawberry Point State Bank, Strawberry Point, Ia.; Proposed by J. E. Guest, \#4215.

## Applications for Reinstatement.

3073 Allen, E. O., 706 Pacific Ave., Houston, Tex.; Age 51; General Car Foreman; Reference: Sonth Texas Coml. Natl. Bank, Houston, Texas; Proposed by Howard E. Day, \#5010,

1075 Brownell, Jas. S., Woodstock, Ill. Age 40; Postmaster; Reference: Woodstock Natl. Bank, Woodstock, Vt.; Proposed by the Secretary, \# 1925.

2115 Gaerte, Fred E., 4501 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, 111.; Age 68; Stamp Dealer; Reference: C. E. Severn, 713 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#3S.
4272 Grimes, J. Gordon B., 206 Holeman Ave., Princton, Ky.; Age 31; Dairyman; Reference: W. F. Greany, San Francisco, Calif., P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by the Secretary, \#1925.

## New Stockholders.

5502 Ball, F. L., Fitchburg Gas \& Electric Co., Fitchburg, Mass.
5503 Beck, Mrs. J. H., 573 Park Ave., St. Panl, Minn.
5504 *Bennett, M. Toscan, 22 Forest St. Hartford, Conn.
5505 Blanfus, W. H., 12 Beverly Rd., Buffalo, N. Y.
5506 Brown, Edwin C., 1408 W. 28th St., New York City.
5507 Browne, F. G., 313 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
550 S Chipley, C. B., 705 LaSalle Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
5509 Copland, Alex. C., Box 44, Richmond, Va.
5510 Crosby, Howard Sr., 301 Blackstone Apts., Great Falls, Mont.
5511 Domanski, Vincent Jr., 4545 N. Carlisle St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5512 Foster, Harold, 515 State Street, Watertown, N. Y.
5513 Foster, Herbert S., 215 Cliveden Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
5514 Foster, Richard S., Box 3106 , Bridgeport, Conn.
5515 Gates, Chas. H., 14 Sturgess St., Worcester, Mass.
5516 Hagenbaugh, Wm. L., 1146 W. 3 I St., Los Angeles, Calif.
$5517^{*}$ Hall, Nichols, Crescent Hill, Springfield, Mass.
5518 Harvest, Henry, 6065 Broadway, New York City.

5519 Hills, Chas. S., 415 Trimble Bld., Sioux City, Ia.
5520 Norney, W. R., Box 388, Centreville, Md.
5521 Johansen, Axel, Box 76, Cape Cottage, Me.
5522 Kocj, A. W., 303 Rockdale, Ciucinnati, Ohio.
5523 Lynes, Frank W., 2515 Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
5524 May, H. E., Romeo, Colo.
5525 McNary, W. P., aBnnock, Ohio.
5526 Moore, Mrs. Ada T., E. Lincoln Way, Lisbon, Ohio.
5527 Mulhern, Paul W., 54 Green St., Boston, 29, Mass.
552 S*Nicholas, J., 613 Buchanan St., $_{6}$ San Francisco, Calif.
5529 Platt, Theo. B., Box 435 , Wilder, Vt.
5530 Schreiber, Anthony, 662 Filmore Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
5531 Sinclaire, Francis S., 285 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.
5532 Skinner, C. D., Jr., 11 Catalpa Rd., Providence, R. I.
5533 Spencer, Dr. Hazelton, Box 666 , Sherbrooke, Que., Canada.
5534 Stanjer, E., 28 Ramillier Road, Bedford Park, London, W., England.
5535 Stowell, H. T., 78 Georgetown St., Buffalo, N. Y.
$5536 *$ Tomson, Edw., 924 W. 5th St., Plainfield, N. J.
5537 Vorheier, Emil, 813 Sequin St., New Braunfels, Tex.

## Reinstated.

1785 Noel, W. G., 1310 E. 14 ht St., Kansas City, Mo.
4398 Ormstron, M. O., 904 N. Lasalle St., Chicago, Ill.
4573 Sears, Allen, 1310 scott St., Little Rock, Ark.

## Death Reported.

504 Battiste, Rev. Alex., Port Au Prince, Hayti.

## Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues.

5103 Abdill, Wm. V.
4835 Alston, J. C.
4226 Armstrong, H, C,

4506 Baldwin, W. F. *
4519 Banfield, Elwood
4741 Bowen, Harold K.
4870 Bradley, T. P.
4964 Brandt, Jno. B.
4866 Burner, Clarence A.
4629 Burrell, B. H.
4231 Burton, Kenneth E.
5145 Burzlaff, Emil
5020 Bushong, Marvin E.
4262 Butler, Ellis P.
4301 Clark, E. L.
2579 Close, Jackson J.
4146 Colburn, Wm. B.
5155 Coons, M. R.
4498 Cohl, Augustus
4083 Crabbs, L. B.
4978 Craddock, J. C.
5012 Doty, Chas. E.
5269 Dulmage, Dale.
4701 Ells, Dr. H. H.
4799 Fasnacht, L. C.
5178 Fehlig, Mrs. B. H.
2709 Field, W. H.
1360 Fischer, E. L.
5239 Fite, Jno. W.
4059 Fossett, Mary
5240 French, Geo. D.
4057 Fuhrmann, F. C.
4141 Fuss, Edwin W.
2900 Garbaccio, L. F.
4918 Gibbs. Harold N.
4503 Goodman, Chas. .J.
3337 Graff, Edw. A.
4127 Grant, Edith Rout
5124 Graves, Hubert N.
4606 Gregory, Chas. J
4744 Gregory, Gertie M.
643 Gregory, W. F.
4953 Grout, Don J.
4863 Hackett. Roger
5150 Hall, Harlan E
4791 Haller. Wnu.
5249 Hankins. W. N.
3548 Hart. Edw. G.
5274 Heffer, Frank G.
5077 Heffer, W. G.
4733 Hean, Ralph F.
4668 Higgins, Geo. E.
4838 Hill, Edw. G.
3795 Hill, Rev. Jno. Clark
5171 Hilterman, Geo. C.
3043 Hubbell, Grover C.
3953 Jaegle, C. J. Jr.
4064 Jumper, Chas. H.

3849 Justo, Henry. M.
5162 Kolberg, Otto
4864 Kornik, I. J.
5098 Lemont, Cedric W.
5113 Lester, Geo. M.
5015 Levey, Jerome
3639 Branch \#35
5084 Lutz, Mabelle
493 S MacLaren, M. T.
4807 Mardis, W. R.
4775 Masson, T. L.
5255 McMannus, Hugh
4696 McPherson, E. B.
4865 Merillat, L. A. Jr.
4989 Morrison, Chas. R.
5257 Newman, H. D.
4822 Newman, Samuel
5049 Nordeck, W. J.
2255 Osgood, Chas. S.
4957 Owens, Orlando
2727 Palmer, Maj. F. L.
4490 Perkins, Geo. H.
4410 Peters, Dr. Don P.
5227 Pile, F. Morgan
26 Rich, Jos. H.
5007 Ritter, Karl L.
4702 Robb, Wm.
5230 Roberts, C. M.
4338 Rote, S. A.
4999 Roth, J. R.
4908 Roth, Percy
4377 Rumford, C. P. M.
4063 Ryall, Geo. D.
4830 Salva, W. J.
4355 Schernikow, Ernest
5192 Schwantes, Herman
2517 Scypes, Roberts
4755 Sears, Richard
2026 Shircliffe, Arnold
4974 Stier, W. B.
5345 Stipes, R. A.
2544 Stollenwerk, Rev. R.
4724 Theamann, Chas.
5281 Thomson, D. J.
4589 Tibbens, H. U.
4984 Underwood, A. R.
$4 \varrho 17$ Vawter, W. S.
5261 Verrill, E. E.
5306 Waitley, Geo. R.
5043 Weinherg, Max
4912 Weingart, Dr. Wm.
5001 Wetherell, D. E.
3549 Whittaker, W. G.
4665 Wright, Rev. C. B. 4884 Yewell .Fulton E.

FOREIGN.
5218 Abbott, A. H.
5030 Averbach, A. F.
4928 Battemberg, D. de
328 Beil, Gustave
40 I'6 Bennett, Henry
4090 Bishop, Percy C.
4620 Bittencourt, B.
4823 Boers, A. G. A.
4117 Bossio, G. Pedro
767 Clark, Herbert
5115 Clarke, Edw. I.
4869 Coyette, A.
1993 Djurling, H.
549 Evans, E. B.
5232 Fiacre, H. F.
4638 Garcia y, Fred
4439 Geronimakis, C. S.
4309 Gilbert Lodge, E.
522 Giwelb, Morris
5053 Grau, R. H.
2572 Hagen, Fred
4954 Hamilton, A. W.
4725 Hargraft, G. N.
4875 Herdman, N.
547 Hinton, T. H.
3890 Jot, Peter O.
4345 Julia, J. J.
2461 Kay, A. B.
3211 Kobayagawa, Jun.
2975 Lambichi, M. E.
2637 Larsson, Jno.
4664 Lerche, C.
5024 Martin, H.
4669 McQuillin, C. W.
4714 Mills, W. E.
4634 Morpurgo, Carlo
4834 Orejan, M. G.
4943 Penney, J. W.
4099 Perrotta, Jose
4494 Price, W. H.
5072 Rachitoff, M.
4621 Restin, G.
4129 Rho, P. F.
4726 Sahlin, Gosta
2314 Siddall, Theo.
4609 Steen-Johnson, S.
2884 Thumin, Jos.
5136 Tomas, Dr. S.
4883 Torin, H. J.
4992 Veneziani, E.
5304 Stilwell, A. E.
4893 Whitfield, Geo.
5158 Wing, Ching Sit

3089 Wouwer, J. van de
2437 Gribble, John
3942 Calvert, Eugene
4555 Sinclaire, Dr. A. N.
5067 Perez, Gilbert
5173 Moye, Henry

## Change of Address.

143 Adenaw, J. K., from New York City to Litchfield, Conn.
5458 Campbell, Gordon J. from 904 Summitt Ave. to 602 Summit Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
4633 Casper, Max from New York City to 2934 Sonth Boulevard, Dallas, Texas.
2898 Chapman, Lt. Lyle B. from San Pedro, Calif., to Corregidor, Philippines.
5011 Dominian, Leon from New York City to Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

2531 Doyle, G. A. from Waterbury, Conn. to Bax 655, Indianapolis, Ind.
4712 Kmentt, Cornel from Bogota, N. J. to Box 231, Goodrich St. Station, Akron, Ohio.
2988 Lazarus, Louis from Oakland, Calif. to 2700 Webster St., Berkelèy, Calif.
1421 Mitchell, Dr. W. J. from Wichita, Kans, to Paonia, Colo.
2379 Perry, Andrew R. from Providence. R. I. to 65 Ferris Ave., Rumford, R. I.
885 Pickard, F. W. from Wilmington, 'Del. to Lansdowne Are. \& Bailey Rd., Lansdowne, Pa.
3445 Plummer, Edwin L. from 117 W. 17 th St. to 145 W. 14 th St., Anderson, lnd.
4959 Riederer, Herman S. from Tamaqua, Pa. to 553 Elizabeth Ave., Newark, N. J.
5394 Sague, J. D. from Central Palma to Cristo, Oriente, Cuba.
5410 Schon, Otto from Brooklyn, N. Y. to 43 Siney Ave., Jamaica, N. Y.
4543 Seldes, Geo. H. from New York to Chicago Tribune, 420 rue Saeute, Honore, Paris, France.

1563 Simmons, Saml. R. from 309 W .
51 st to 421 E. 140 th St., New York. 2295 Suits, May E. from 803 Oakland Ave. to 991 Buffum, Milwaukee, Wis.
5500 Thomson, Ivan $\mathbb{L}$. from Pontiac to 210 N. Park St., Streator, Ill.
5093 Tiedemann, Ronald from 130 Saratoga Ave. to 201 A McDougal St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
5325 Young, Frank C. from Derby, Conn. to 125 W. 33 rd St., N. Y. City.

## Membership Snmmary.

Membership April 1, $1920 \quad 1790$
New Stockholders 36
Reinstated 3
1829
Deceased
1
Dropped for non-payment of dues 172 173

Total Membership May 1, $1920 \quad 1656$

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The following members have been nominated for election as Directors for the fiscal year 1920-21:

President, Carroll Chase of New York.
Board of Vice Presidents, Robert C. Munroe of Massachusetts, John W. Prevost of Massachusetts, Herbert P.
Atherton of Massachusetts.
Secretary, H. A. Davis of Colorado.
Treasurer, J. E. Scott of Michigan.
International Secretary, Philip Dengler of Pennsylvania.
At Large, H. B. Phillips of California.
At Large, H. N. Mudge of Illinois.
At Large, Alvin Good of Ohio.
H. A. DAVlS, Secretary.


## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1920.


Insurance Find.
Balance

Suspense Account.

Balance Receipts

$$
\begin{array}{rll}
\$ \quad 36.50 & \\
& 2.00 \$ 38.50
\end{array}
$$

American Philatelist Account.

| Debit Bala | ce | \$3149.42 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts | 19.60 |  |  |
| Disbursements | 119.14 | 99.54 | \$3248.96 |
|  |  |  | \$8226.84 |

## Resources.

Bonds
Cash
$\$ 5489.34$
$2737.50 \quad \$ 8226.84$

| Balance | $\$$ | 8.21 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Receipts |  | .10 | $\$$ |

## OBITUARY.

REV, ALENANDER BATTISTE.

Through the kindness of A. W. Dunning we are advised of the death of Rev. Alexander Battiste, of Port au Prince, Haiti, who pased away at 4 o'clock on the morning of April 6th, at the age of 80 years.

Rev. Mr. Battiste joined the A. P. S. in November 1893 and was consequently at the time of his death, one of our oldest members. He was priest of the Orthodox Apostolic Church of Haiti and was at one time in the consular service of the United States, having held the offices of deputy and vice consul. He leave; a widow and, judging from the notice received, two children and grandchildren. The funeral was held in Holy Trinity Church, Port au Prince April 8th.


## SOCIETY NEWS.

## GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB.

March 3, 1920.
The meeting was called to order by President Hanford at 8:00 P. M. with 17 members present and 2 visitors including Mr. Mozian of New York. The Thirtieth Anniversary Committee reported that Mr. B. F. Egan would be unable to hold his March Auction in Cleveland the day of the Anniversary Banquet. It was then decided to have the Cleveland Stamp Co. hold an auction instead.

An Auction followed the Directors Meeting, Mr. Mozian auctioned off two lots of stamps which he donated to the Club. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Mozian for his liberal donation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.
During the month of March an average of 17 members attended the meetings.

## Anniversary Meeting.

Tis Club celebrated its Thirtieth Anniversary on Saturday, March 20 th, at the Cleveland Hotel, forty-two members and 11 out of town visitors being present. The following out of town visitore were present: A. C. Stewart, B. C. Wear, L. J. Flerlage, Geo. W. Linn, O. A. Schenk, R. J. Wagner, Dr. W. L. Babcock. Fred Michael, D. R. Heath, J. C. Hoffstetter, and A. E. LeRoy.

An exhiöt of the stamps of NewEurope placed in in the lobby of the hotel attracted much attention.

In the afternoon an auction of 200 lots of postage stamps was held hy the Cleveland Stamp Co., sixty-six collectors attending the auction. The bidding was spirited and prices realized were high.

A banquet was given in the evening attended by fifty-three members and guests. Floral decorations and smokes were provided. A six piece orchestra and a male quartet enlivened the affaị. Mrِ. Louis Hanford, President of
the Club, presided as toastmaster, and the guests of honor were W. H. Schneider and W. W. MacLaren, two of the four surviving founders of the Club, who held their first meeting thirty years before. The four survivors were presented with Life Membership Cards. Mr. W. W. MacLaren was also presented with the Hanford Cup for his untiring services in the Club.

Dr. W. L. Babcock told of his stamp experiences in France and Mr. A. E. LeRoy exhibited his wonderful collection of Cape of Good Hope Triangles.

Banquet closed at 11:00 P. M.

## April Meetings.

Meeting called to order by Vice Pres. Young at $8: 20 \mathrm{P}$. M. with fifteen members present and five visitors. Thirteen applications for membership in the Club were ordered posted. Mr. Whittakêr, who proposed ten of the tbirteen applicants, challenged the entire Club to race with him in the campaign for new members. Needless to say the Club took up on his challenge:

An auction followed the Directors Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00 P. M.
April 8th. Meeting opened with sixteen members present and seven visitors. Entertainment for the evening consisted of an exhibition of the stamps of Great Britain by Mr. Geuder.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00 P . M.
Meeting of April 15 th was attended by eighteen members ond five visitors. Program for the eveuing consisted of an exhibition of the One Cent 1851 of U. S. in conjunction with a short lecture on this stamp by Mr. Good.

Meeting of April 22 nd called to order with seventeen members present and nine visitors. Mr. Geuder exhibited collection of France.
W. J. ZINK, Sec̣retary.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC. REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.
Of The American Philatelist published Monthly at Federalsburg, Maryland for April 1st, 1920. County of Hampden. State of Massachusetts $\}$ ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared William C. Stone, who, having been duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the Editor of The American Philatelist and that the follow:ng is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied In section 433, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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No. S48-52.<br>Berne, March S, 1920.

Sir:-
I have the honor to communicate with you, under the head of information, copy of a note that the Royal Italian Legation, at Berne, has addressed to the Federal Political Department and which that Department has just forwarded to me:
"Conforming with provisions of the Treaty of Versailles of June 2S, 1919, an International Commission will soon take over the Administration of the territories of Marienwerder subject to a plebiscite designated in the aforesaid treaty. For the duration of this Administration, the German postage stamps will not be valid in these territories; in accord with the German authorities, they will be replaced by the stamps issued by the Interuational Commission. These new stamps, admitted only for private corlespondence in the country in question, small therefore serve for the prepayment of all sendings coming from that country (article II of the Universal Postal Convention).
"The Royal Italian Legation has the honor to transmit herewith to the Political Department 383 stamps of each of the following new postage stamps: 25 pfennigs, 10 pf ., 5 pf ., $50 \mathrm{pf} ., 15 \mathrm{pf}$., and 367 stamps of 20 pfennigs. Reserving to itself the right to send the other 1 6stamps of 20 pfennigs with the shortest delay.
"It would moreover be much pleased if these stamps were kindly given to the International Office of the Universal Postal Union so that the latter may immediately make the necessary communications to the countries of the Union.
"The Royal Italian Legation in thanking in advance the Federal Political Department, takes the occasion to renew assurances of the highest considerations."

I have likewise the honor:
1st. To transmit to you herewith:
(a) 3 specimens of each of the postage stamps mentioned in this note;
(b) 1 extra specimen of each of the postage stamps of $21 / 2,3,5,10,15$, 20, 50 pfennigs; 1 mark and 5 marks for use in the territories of Upper Silesia subject to a plebiscite (see my circulur of Jannary 21 last, No. 284-11); 2nd. To inform you:
(a) On the part of the Italian Office that the use of the postage stamps bearing in surcharge the letters B. L. P., for the assistance of the blind or crippled military (see my circular of December 4, 1919, No. 3913-192), has been suspended;
(b) On the part of the British Office, that said office does not desire to receive more than 66 specimens (in place of 67) of the postal values distributed by the International Office.

I would in consequence be much obliged if you would send me hereafter 382 specimens (in place of 383)see circular of December 31, 1919 No. 4236-214-of all the values that you desire to place in distribution.

Will yout agree with me, Sir, in assurances of the highest consideratious.

The Director,
DECOPPET.

No. 635-38.
Berne, February 20, 1920.
Sir:-
1 have the honor to transmit to you herewith, on the part of the Offices interested, three specimens of each of the new postal values enumerated hereafter:

1. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Postage stamps of $3,6,13$ and 16 cents, 2 and 5 dollars:
2. BELGIUM:
(a) Postage stamps of $5,20,25,35$, 40,50 centimes and 10 francs;
(b) Postage stamps of $5,10,15,20$, 30 and 75 pfennig and 1 mark 25 pfennig, for the use of the offices situated in the districts of Eupen and of Malmeday;
3. BRAZIL: Official postage stamps of $10,50,100,200$ and 500 reis; postal card of 50 reis and stamped wrappers of 20 and 40 reis;
4. GREAT BRITAIN:
(a) East Africa and Uganda: Stamped envelope of 35 cents for registered sendings;
(b) Seychelles: Postage stamps of 5 , 25 and 50 cents, 1 rupee and 5 rupees;
5. PORTUGUESE COLONIES:
(a) Portuguese Guinea: Postage stamps of 400 and 700 reis with the portrait of Dom Carlos, bearing in surcharge the word "Republica"; postage due stamps of $10,20,30,50,100,130$, 200 and 500 reis, bearing in surcharge the word "Republica";
(b) Mozambique Company: Postage stamps of $1 / 2$ and $I$ centavo, $2,3,5$, $6,10,13,20$ and 50 centavos.
(c) St. Thomas and Prince Islands: Postage stamps of $1 / 2$ centavo on $21 / 2$ centavos, 1 centavo on $21 / 2$ centavos, $21 / 2$ centavos on $21 / 2$ centavos, $21 / 2$ on 15 centavos (Provisorio), with portrait of Dom Carlos and bearing in surcharge the word""Republica"; postage stamps of $1 / 2$ centavo on $1 / 4$ centavo, 2 centavos on $1 / 4$ centavo, and $21 / 2$ centavos on $1 / 4$ centavo, with effigie of the Republic;
(d) Postage stamps (War Tax) of "Rps. 0:00:05, 48; 0:01:09, 94; 0:02: $03,43^{\prime \prime}$ and of 2,9 and 11 avos ( 6 stamps in total), for the use of the Portuguese colonies of India, of Ma-$c^{-a}$ and of Timor;
(e) Postage stamps (War Tax) of $I$ centavo, 4 and 5 centavos, for the use of the Portuguese colonies in Africa;
6. ROUMANIA:
(a) Roumania: Postage stamps of 1 ban, $5,10,15,25,40$ and 50 bani, 1 leu and 2 lei; domestic postal card of 10 bani and money order card of 5 bani (these values have the portrait of H. M. the King Ferdinand; the old values continue to be current until disposed of);
(ib) Hungarian territories occupied by the Roumanian army: Hungarian postage stamps of $2,2,2,2,3,4,5,5$, $5,6,10,10,15,20,20,20,25,25,25$,

3 on $35,40,40,40,2$ on $45,50,75$ and 80 filler, 1 krone, 1 krone, 2 kronen, 3 kronen on 75 filler, 5 kronen on 75 filler and 10 kronen on 80 filler; postage due stamps of 2,10 and 20 filler (total 36 stamps bearing in surcharge the mention "Zona de Ocupatie Romana 1919');
(c) Transylvania: Hungarian postage stamps of $2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,4$, $5,5,5,5+2,6,6,6,10,10,10,10$, $10,10,15,15,20,20,20,20,20,25$, $25,25,25,35,40,40,40,40,50,50$, 50,75 and 80 filler or bani; 1 krone or leu, I krone or leu, $2,3,3,5,5,5$, and 10 kronen or lei; postage stamps of $1+2,2+2,3+2,5+2,6+2,20+$ $2,25+2$ and $35+2$ filler, bearing in surcharge 1 leu (Arviz); postage due stamps of $2,5,6,10,12,15,20$ and 30 filler or bani (total: 71 stamps bearing in surcharge the mention "Regatul Romaniei").

Tine values mentioned under the letters (b) and (c), number 6 ahove, are distributed at the express request of the Roumanian Office;
7. SWEDEN: Postal card of 10 ore;
8. TURKEY: Postage stamp of 5 piastres.

I have moreover the honor to give you below copy of a letter that I have just received from the Office of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slu ${ }^{2}$ venes:
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I would therefore be much obliged
to you to kindly transmit directly to the Director General of the Posts, at Belgrade, the stamps which it will be possible for you to place at the disposal of the said Office.

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## P. O. PAID.

Philadelphia, Pa. (?)
We have heen unable to authenticate this little stamp, although it is undoubtedly a legitimate emission of a Local Post or of a Carrier Department of a Government Post Office.

We judge the place of issue was Philadelphia from the fact that the stamp, listed helow, on Buff paper is on the same grade, color and character of paper as is the Carrier stamp issued by the Philadelphia Post Office for carrier service. Original was evidently type set, the frame lines showing breaks in each corner indicating that four pieces of type were used in the make-up.

We have never seen a cover bearing the stamp and cannot determine the exact date of issue. It was, however, probably about the year 1852 .

## P. O, PAD

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## P. O. PATD.

Type set. One Type Only.
1c Black on white pelure.
1c Black on bluish pelure.
1c Black on buff pelure.

## PRICE'S CITY EXPRESS.

New York City, N. Y.
James E. St. John Price, office No. 18 Liberty Street, New York City, was the Father and developer of this Post. As early as 1850-1 he had an office at

No. 16 Liherty Street, and continued to do business there and at No. 18 until ahout 1860. As far as we have been able to determine his stamps of Type I were issued about 1857, and Type II about 1858 . These dates, however, are approximate as the stamp on cover is excessively rare. Nearly all of the stamps were used on circulars.

Original remainders of Type II exist.


PRICE'S CITY EXPRESS.
Type I. Engraved. 1857-1858.
2c Black on vermilion glazed paper.
2c Black on green glazed paper.
Type Il. Engraved. 1858.
2c Black on green glazed paper.

## COUNTERFEITS.

Type I has been counterfeited in a most artistic manner; until we examine the figure " 2 " we have often been misled. One counterfeit also shows the " $R$ " in the word "Price" joining the letter "I."

In Type II the counterfeits are made from a rough lithographed stone.

Various fraudulent stamps, of types other than above mentioned, bearing the name of this Post were prepared and sold both in Boston and New York.

## PRICE'S EIGHTH AVENUE POST OFFICE.

New York, N. I.

James Price established this Post at No. 350 Eighth Avenue, New York City, in 1852 . His first stamp will be found noted in the article "Eighth Avenne Post Office, New York City." This stamp bearing Mr. Price's name, and now under consideration, was evidently issued early in 1854 . We have seen two copies on cover showing the New York cancellation of April 14th and 29 th of that year. The first cover, here mentioned, was found by a summer vacationist at Newburgh, Orange County, New York, among the correspondence of William L. Chapman, in the Summer of 191 S . We have seen another cover bearing an enclosure dated February, 1854.

The stamp was in use for a period of less than twelve months, as in the Fall of 1854 the Post was sold to Panl C. Rnssell who took possession on or about January 1st, 1855.

The stamp is very rare. It was evidently made from a wood block.

No counterfeits are known.
The stamp was sold to the public at 2 cents each.

## -pidees eighth anenue post office.

One Type Only. 1854.
No value (2c) Red on bluish gray.

## PRIEST'S PAID DISPATCH.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Solomon Priest was the organizer of this delivery company and established his office at No. 141 Chestnnt Street, Philadelphia, Pa., about 1851. His residence was at No. 35 Noble Street. He evidently issued stamps early in the career of the Post for we have a cover showing enclosure dated Angust 7 th, 1851.

The earliest stamps were on a colored surfaced paper and impressed with silver and gold. This paper shows a slight glazing; the later issnes are on an unglazed wove paper colored through, and these show a peculiar spot or period in the letter "P" of "PAID." Stamps were evidently made from a wood block.

Innnmerable coñnterfeits exist; all of them more or less fine. Look, however, for the period above mentioned, and particularly the letter " $R$ " in the proprietor's name. The curl or tail to the " $R$ " should be shor't and sharp.

There may be types and varieties other than we know.

Stamps were sold at 2 cents each.


## PRIEST'S PAID DISPATCH.

Type I. I'851.
No value (2c) Silver on vermilion glazed surfaced heavy wove paper.
No value (2c) Gold on blnish glazed surfaced heavy wove paper.
No valne (2c) Black on yellow wove paper.
No valne (2c) Black on rose wove paper.
No value (2c) Black on blne wove paper.

Type II. 1853-5.

# PRINCE'S LETTER DISPATCH. 

Portland, Me.

Organized by J. H. Prince of Portland, Maine, about 1861 . Even prior to this date Mr. Prince conducted a general express business between his home city and Boston by steamer ronte. At this time regular Government mail closed at the Post Office at Portland at 3 P. M., while the steamer for Boston left at seven in the evening. The Post thus offered the merchants of Portland an opportunity to send mail at a later hour than by way
of the Government Post. Letters reached Boston early the following morning and were dropped in the Post Office in time to leave by the early outgoing mails. Occasionally letters were delivered to Mr . Prince at an hour too late to make the boat connection; he then sent the correspondence through the regular outgoing Government mail.

The Post ceased to exist July 4th, 1866.

The plates from which the stamps were printed were destroyed about that time. There were some few sheets of remainders which were soon marketed. The stamps were printed from an engraved plate; 40 to the sheet, 8 vertical hy 5 horizontal.

Stamps were sold at two cents each.


## PRINCE'S LETTER DISPATCH.

One type only. 1861.
No value (2c) Black.

## COUNTERFEITS.

Very good counterfeits exist printed by lithography. Also stamps of a different type lithographed on various colored papers. These last show the name E. D. PRINCE.

## COUNTERFEIT 1919 WAR-SAVINGS STAMP.

1. A very dangerous counterfeit of the blue war-savings stamp, series 1919 has been discovered.
2. It is printed from a steel plate on a good grade of paper, and is a close reproduction of the genuine. There are a number of defects, however, some of which are as follows:

The left cheek of Franklin bas a pronounced swelling.

The lower one of the two left dots below the portrait is comparatively indistinct.

The vertical opening between the lines in the lower left part of the numeral " 2 " in "1924" is closed.
3. The swelling in the cheek of Franklin is the most marked defect. Most of the other differences are so slight that expert examination is required to detect them.
4. The Chief of the Secret Service, Treasury Department, will send speciment of the counterfeit, so far as they are available, to Secret Service operatives throughout the country, together with a known genuine 1919 war-savings stamp.
5. Postmasters are directed to select an officer or employee of known exceptional abilities and judgment, and have him acquaint himself with the characteristics of the counterfeit as described in paragraph 2 bereof.
6. When application is made for payment of 1919 war-savings certificates, the applicant should be notified to present the certificates promptly for examination, with the statement that this step is necessary becanse of the existence of a dangerous counterfeit.
7. An interim receipt should be given the applicant to be taken up later on payment. Each certificate should be marked plainly with the name and address of applicant. The stamps should thel be examined carefnlly by the officer or employee selected as instructed in paragraph 5 hereof.
8. A certificate may contain both genuine and counterfeit stamps. Careful examination shonld therefore be made of each stamp.
9. If the stamps are undoubtedly genuine, the certificate sliould be paid on expiration of the 10 days' notice, provided the application otherwise conforms to regulations on the subject.
10. If doubt of the genuineness of the stamps exists, they should be sent promptly by registered mail with a statement of the facts of the Post Office inspector in charge, who will submit them to the nearest Secret Service operative.
11. It is not necessary to make examinations of 1919 war-savings stamps registered hefore January 1, 1920, as the counterfeit was issued after that date.-(U. S. Official Postal Guide.)


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## SAIN'T PIERRE-MIQUELON.

JOHN W. PREVOST.<br>Read hefore the Springfield (Mass.) Stamp Cluh.

When the entertainment committee delegated me to furnish entertainment for one evening this fall and suggested as a subject an American French colony, my thoughts naturally turned to St. Pierre-Miquelon for two reasons. First, it is the oldest and most interesting colony, and the only one in North America, and secondly, since my stamps of St. Pierre won a blue ribhon in Boston in 1906, I felt that I had a better showing of its stamps, than of any other.

Now, I wanted to show you a good map of the islands. On looking at the map one sees ordinarily the islands are mere dots on the surface of the water, and 1 was in dispair, but finally, through the kindness of Mr. Monroe, I secured a very good map issued by the Service Geographique des Colonies. This man was reproduced on my pages by our clever fellow memher, Mr. Morgan, (This advertising is free, Mr. Morgan, but I advise you to charge more for future jobs than you did for this.) It was called to my attention by Mr. Morgan that the Island of Great Miquelon bears a striking resemblance in outline to the continent of South America. I also wanted to show pictures of the Islands. I wrote to a correspondent in St. John's, Newfoundland, asking for photographs or illustrated post cards, hut he was unable to get a single view in St. John's, but he sent me a fairly good map, hetter than any I had ever seen except the French map. I finally thought of the American Consul. We have to thank him for the very fine lot of views, which you are looking at tonight, and also for a very nice letter of which I shall read you an extract.

The St. Pierre-Miquelon group consists of the following islands: Great Miquelon and Little Miquelon or Langley, the island of St. Pierre, Dog Island, Grand Colombier and Green Is-
land. The area of the entire group is about 93 square miles. Few of us have much idea of area, when mentioned as a certain number of square miles, and for this reason, I wish to make a comparison, so familiar that you will have a real idea of the size of the islands. The area of our city is ahout 38 square miles, therefore the area of this interesting colony is only about $21 / 2$ times the size of Springfield, with which you are all so familiar. You will also see the almost utter uselessness of horses and automobiles in the colony and can envy the St. Pierroises, the small size of the good roads tax.

Great Miquelon and Langley with an area of 45,542 acres were separate islands previous to 1783 , but are now connected hy a dangerous sand bar. The tide formerly used to flow over this sandhar. The wrecks of vessels have aided in the rapid building up of these dunes. It is said that you walk from one island to the other on the bones of ships. Both islands are rugged masses of granite, with a few small streams and lakelets and a thin covering of soil and very scanty vegetation. The islands are almost treeless. The largest river is called La Belle Riviere.

The island of St. Pierre has an area of 6,420 acres. The St. Pierrois like to give the area in acres as 6,420 acres sounds much grander than 10 square miles. It has a good harbor and roadstead. The roadstead is protected by Dog Island, and affords shelter to the largest vessels except in north east storms. The small hut very busy town of St. Pierre had a population of 4209 In 1917. The town is built on the side of a steep hill overlooking the harhor, and is mainly of wood. It has a Cathedral of wood, and an English Chapel, a government house and various administrative offices including the terminus of the French Atlantic Cable.

The only industry is fishing, unless smuggling is so considered. The Colony is on the decline since Newfoundland passed the celebrated Bait Bill, which prohibits all inhabitants of Newfoundland from selling bait to the St. Pierre fisherman. This has caused the lise of a brisk smuggling business in bait. The colony is however very important to France, as it has long served as a training school for French sailol's. For this reason, as well as for the sentimental reason, that it is France's last hold on the North American Continent, I believe that the rumor that after this war, the islands may be ceded to England is without foundation.

There are but four post offices in the entire group: St. Pierre, Langlade, Miquelon and Isle aux Chiens. It would seem to he easy to secure a postmark from each of these offices but in all my collecting experience I have never seen any mark but that of St. Pierre. (Since this paper was delivered Mr. Prevost has secured covers from each of the ahove offices.)

The inhabitants are French, so that one can almost imagine he is in a village in Brittany, when in St. Pierre, and St. Pierre is only 48 hours from Broadway, if you can make the proper connections. There are no hotels in St. Pierre, but to offset this, there are a f̂ew pensions or private boarding houses, to care for the traveler.

There are many cafes in St. Pierre, and a great variety of liquors can be obtained, from the very vilest to the finest vintages of France, and at prices that are marvelously cheap. I am told that much of the liquor that gets into prohibition llaine, comes from St. Pierre, hut I helieve that the St. Pierrois smuggle only their poorest into Maine. This is hearsay for I never was in Maine, but once, and then not long enough to find out for myself.

No other colonial possession has known such vicissitudes of fortune as this little French Colony. It is the oldest borm of the Motherland, and the sole remainder of the vast empire, lost
to France by the criminal weakness of corrupt rulers and legislators, who regarded "La Nouvelle France" as "only a few acres of snow". St. Pierre historically, is a veritable replica in miniature of the Motherland. It has had its Revolution, its Reign of Terror, its Liberty Tree, and even its "Coup d' Etat."

It has occupied a large place in French colonial annals, and has been a "Cause de guerre" many times between France and its greatest colonial rival, England. $3 S 0$ years ago, in Jacques Cartiers cruising days, it already bore its present-day name. It was settled in 1604 , as near as I can find out. St. Pierre witnessed its first assault by the British fleet in 1702, and its fort, mounting six guns was destroyed by the British squadron under the command of Capt. Leake.
(By the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, England obtained possession of Acadia, Newfoundland and St. Pierre. St. Pierre remained in possession of the English for 50 years, and was restored to France by the treaty of Paris in 1763. This treaty forbade the fortification of the islands in the following terms: "His most Christian Majesty, the King of France, engages not to fortify these islands, nor to erect buildings upon them, but they are merely for the convenience of the fishermen and only a guard of fifty men shall be kept upon the islands for their protection.

Between 1763 and 1776 , St. Pierre made great forward strides owing to its trade with the New England States, and then began the contraband trade (smuggling), which has played so important a part in its history.

In 1778 a British Squadron under Rear Admiral Montague again took possession of the jslands without any resistance on the part of the inhabitants, but by the treaty of Versailles in 1783 , it was restored to France. St. Pierre, like the Nlotherland in Revolutionary days had its General Assembly and its Committee of Notahles. During the regime of the Assembly a Jac-
obin Club existed under the title of Le Club des Amis de la Constitution, and for a while there was actually a Reign of Terror. In a riot caused by members of the Club a woman named Genevieve Larache was killed. April 8 , 1793 was a memorable day at St. Pierre. A big spruce tree was brought from the Newfoundland shore and it was solemnly planted in the public square as a Tree of Liberty. The toy Republic came to an abrupt end for St. Pierre was again occupied by the British and its population was deported to Halifax.

The Peace o famiens in 1802 again transferred the colony to France, but within a year it again reverted to England. At this period, many Newfoundland families settled in St. Pierre, and today there are many in the colony bearing Irish and Scotch names who speak only French.

The treaty of Pais in 1815 again restored St. Pierre to France, under whose jurisdiction it has since remained. The exiled sons returned from Halifax, and trade immediately revived.

In 1851 a little Coup d' Etat aroused the dormant political activities of the Colonies. It was brought about by a malcontent Captain, who organized the Republican factions against the exactions of the Imperialists. The and the Captain fell in the clutches of movement was short lived however, the law and was deported from the islands.

There has always been keen rivalry between the Newfoundland and St. Pierre fishermen; and some years ago, Newfoundland enacted the famous Bait Bill, the enforcement of which has wrought havoc to the French fishermen and caused the decline of St. Pierre.

In 1908 The Catholic Bretons, who were much dissatisfied with the Separation Legislation, organized a demonstration and paraded the streets one thousand strong, demanding redress from the Administration. To show what else they might do, they carried an American flag, and visited the American Consulate, suggesting, if not actu-
ally proclaiming that annexation to the United States was a possibility. The Administration became alarmed, telegraphed at once to the Colony Minister at Paris. The French Government sent a Governor, M. P. Diderot, with a cruiser. He was given plenepotentiary powers. Conditions have not yet changed, so as to satisfy the Catholic faction.

A word about St. Pierre in connection with the world war. Many a native must almost have forgotten how much a part of France St. Pierre was till August 1914. Then the order of mobilization came, and was posted, just as in any city or village of France on the other side o fthis same Atlantic Ocean. For mayy years St. Pierre had served France only as a fishing station for her fleet of fishermen on the Grand Banks. But with the declaration of war, came a new responsibility for the St. Pierrois. In the 310th. year of the Settlement of St. Pierre, no longer did his French citizenship mean simply drinking good wine, eating better bread than his neighbors of Newfoundland, using more gestures than his cousins of Cape Breton Island, and parading with the tricolor on every July 14. In 1914 heing a French citizen even in St. Pierre, meant helping to defend France against the invader. On August 11, 1914, a steam trawler bore the first contingent, 90 men, from St. Pierre. On Feb. 6, 1915 the second contingent set out, 350 men, this time making the ocean crossing aboard a transatlantic lines, which slowed down off St. Pierre and took aboard these most welcome passengers. Thus was St. Pierre stripped of her effective manhood. But the French ministry thoughtfully considered the case of this, their last North American Colony, even as the Teutons were pounding at their gates. They did not wholly forget, their "Colonials from afar," come back, as one St. Pierrois expressed it, to show that the country could count upon all her children to defend her, even those who dwelt farthest from the old home.

The ministry decided against permitting the Colony to be fatally weakened
through its patriotic service, so back to St. Pierre were sent the soldiers over 35 years of age, and the fathers of four or more children. They are subject to recall if the country needs them badly enough, but for a time at least they are saved to St. Pierre and their wives and children.

Lieut. E. Benatre though he was over 50 years of age, and the father of 10 children did not however return to St. Pierre. At the outbreak of the war, Mr. Benatre, a lawyer, and also a veteran who wore in his button hole the Ribbon of the Legion of Honor, volunteered for service. He was well over the military age, and he might also have pleaded his large family as an excuse for not serving, but Lieut. Benatre was a trained soldier and France had need of such as he. M. Benatre will never return to St. Pierre.

But it is more cheerful to think of the St. Pieerois, who still living, still fighting, wear on their breasts the war cross and military medal. France has not been too generous in bestowing these decorations. To their wearers they mean much. To others and the world they mean French determination, devotion and patriotism, a patriotism tried, tested and proved in an inferno of cannonading, a misery of trench life, a hell of poison gas, seas of liquid fire, poured out by an enemy, who can destroy life but cannot appal the manhood of France.

In conclusion, permit me to read to you an extract from the letter sent me by our American Consul at St. Pierre, Mr. Samuel Hamilton Wiley. He says, ''I am enclosing a copy of a newspaper printed here, giving an account of the celebration held here on the entry of the United States into the war in Europe. I believe that the entry of the United States into the war was hailed with no more enthusiasm anywherè than here. The feeling of friendship for the United States on the part of the St. Pierroises is second only to that for their Mother Country. The inhabitants of this little colony have born born themselves with the utmost credit in this war. Practically every male of military age is in France. Many of
the colonists have fallen, fighting bravely. Nearly all soldiers returned on leave or on account of wounds have been decorated. The St. Pierre fishermen are the picked sailors of the French Navy, It is said that not a French ship has gone down without levying a toll of life from St. Pierre. The French Admiral Gauchet was the son of a fisherman of Isle aux Chiens. He was born and spent his youth on the little island and in following the calling of a fisherman learned the rudiments of his naval career. It is a striking example of the love of country which is so strong an integral part of a Frenchman's character, to see the readiness with which these simple fishermen go to fight their country's battles; these men, most of whom have never been in France, many of whom have never been off the particular little island on which they were born, not even to visit other islands of the group in plain sight of their birthplace."

I would like very much to read from this copy of "La Vigie," the account of this celebration, the toast to our Consul and his eloquent reply, but I must leave you a little time to look at the views he so kindly sent me, and also you want a little time to see the stamps. I shall say notbing about the stamps as I think you will find the pages sufficiently annotated, but I am ready to answer your questions so far as I am able. The collection contains every major variety liste din Scott's Catalogue, and a fairly decent sprinkling of mnor varieties.
(At the close of the paper Mr. Prevost displayed his collection of the stamps of the colony which included practically a complete collection, used and unused, including many covers. He also exhibited a number of interesting pictures of the islands.


## CONFEDERATE POSTAL LEGISLATION.

Compiled by WILLiAM C. STONE.

## PROVISIONAL CONGRESS.

Second Session.

April 29, 1861.
The following message was received from the President, viz:

Montgomery, April 29, 1861. Gentlemen of the Congress; * * *

The Postmaster General has already succeeded in organizing his Department to such an extent as to be in readiness to assume the direction of our ,ostal affairs on the occurrence of the enntingency contemplated by the Act of March 15,1861 , or even soon if desired by Congress. The various books and circulars have been prepared and measures taken to secure supplies of blanks, postage stamps, stamped envelopes, mail bags, locks, keys, etc. He presents a detailed classification and arrangement of his clerical force, and asks for its increase. An Auditor of the Treasury for this Department is necessary, and a plan is submitted for the organization of his bureau. The great number and magnitude of the accounts of this department require an increase of the clerical force in the accounting branch in the Treasury. The revenues of this Department are collected and disbursed in modes peculiar to itself, and require a special bureau to secure a proper accountability in the administration of its finances. I call your attention to the additional legislation required for this Department; to the recommendation for changes in the law fixing the rates of postage on newspapers, periodicals and sealed packages of certain kinds, and specially to the recommendations of the Secretary, in which I concur, that you provide at once for the assumption by him of the control of our entire postal service.

## May 1.

The Committee on Printing recommend.

That the report of the Postmaster General and exhibits be submitted to the chairman of the Committee on Postal Affairs, to select therefrom, in connection with the Postmaster General such matters as they see proper and have as many copies thereof printed for the use of the Congress and the Department as they may decide to be necessary.

The report was agreed to.

## May 6.

Mr. Chilton from the Committee on Postal Affairs reported

A bill to establish and organize a bureau in connection with the Department of the Treasury for the Post Office Department; which was read a first and second time, placed on the Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chilton from the same committee also reported

A bill to amend an act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General, approved Marc h15, 1861;
which was read a first and second time, ordered to be placed on the Calendar, and to be printed.

## May 7.

Mr. Chilton from the Committee on Postal Affairs, reported

A bill to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1861; which was ordered to be placed on the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Chilton from the same committee also reported

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department", approved March 9, 1861;
which was placed on the Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

## May 9.

Congress proceeded to the consideration of

A bill to amend an act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General, approved March 15, 1861. The bill was engrossed, read a third time, and passed. The following message was received from the President, through his Private Secretary, Mr. Josselyn:

Mr. President: The President * * and this day approved and signed * *

An act to amend an act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General, approved March 15, 1861.

Chap. 1. An act to amend "An act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General," approved March 14, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact That the provisions of "An act vesting certain powers in the Postmaster General" approved March fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, be so amended as that he be and hereby is authorized, on and after a day to be named by him in a proclamation to be issued by him for that purpose, to take the entire charge and direction of the postal service of the Confederate States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General be and he liereby is authorized and empowered to annual contracts, or to discontinue or curtail the service and pay on them. when he shall deem it advisable to dispense with the service, in whole or in part, or to place a higher or different grade of service on the route, or when the public interests shall require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause, he allowing one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with, in full of all damages to the contractor.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the railroads in the Confederate States be and they hereby are divided into three classes, on the following. bases, viz: The great through lines connecting important points and carry-
ing heavy mails, to be class number one; completed railroads connecting leas important points, but carrying heavy mails for local distribution, to be class number two; and roads on which less important mails are conveyed, short branch roads, and such unfinished roads as do carry great mails or connect important points, shall be class number three.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That in contracts made with railroad companies for carrying the mail once a day, on schedules to be agreed upon; the Postmaster General may allow them compensation not exceeding the following rates, viz; On first class roads, one hundred and fifty dollars per mile; on second class roads, one hundred dollars per mile; and on third class roads, fifty dollars per mile; the amount of compensation to be determined by the importance and value of the services to be performed: Provided, That if one half of the services on any railroad ls required to be performed in the night time, it shall be lawiul for the Postmaster General to pay twenty five per cent in addition to the above named maximum rates of pay: Provided, further, That the agents, messengers, and other travelling employees of the postoffice department shall pass free of charge over such roads, respectively; and this act shall take effect and be of force from and after its passage.

Approved ay 9,1861.

## May 11.

Mr. Cobb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Postal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of allowing all letters from our soldiers not in garrison to be carried in the mail free of postage which was adopted.

Congress proceeded to the consideration of

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act further to provide for the organiza-
tion of the Post Office Department", approved March $9,1861$.

The last section thereof being as follows:

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the clerk charged with the disbursement of the contingent and salary funds of the Department be allowed an additional compensation of ———dollars per annum; and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

On motion of Mr. Chilton, the same was amended by filling the blank with the words "two hundred."

The bill as amended was then engrossed, read a third time and passed.

Congress then proceeded to the consideration of

A bill to establish and orgnize a bureau in connection with the Department of the Treasury, to be known as the Office of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department.

The first clause of the first section being as follows:

That there shall be established in connection with the Department of the Treasury a bureau which shall be known as the Office of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department.

Mr. Crawford moved to amend by striking therefrom the words "the Auditor of" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "chief clerk for."

Pending which motion, on motion of Mr. Crawford, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Postal Affairs.

Congress proceeded to the consideration of

A bill to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved Februrary 23, 1861. The bill was engrossed, read a third time and passed.

## May 13.

Mr. Shorter, from the Committee on Engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed and enrolled

An act to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1861.

Mr. Chilton, from the Committee on Postal Affairs, to which was recommitted the bill to establish and organize a bureau in connection with the Department of the Treasury to be known as the Office of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department, reported a substitute, viz:

A bill to provide for auditing the accounts of the Post Office Department.

On motion of r. Chilton, the word "fourteen" in the words "and shall appoint fourteen additional clerks with salar: es of twelve hundred dollars each, "was stricken out and the word "fifteen" inserted.

The substitute was then adopted in lieu of the original bill, and was engrossed, read a third time and passed.

## May 14.

A message was received from the President that he had approved and signed

An act to amend an act entitled "An act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department," approved March 9, 1861 ; also

An act to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1861.

Chap. XII. An act to amend an act entitled "An act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department," approved March 9, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That from and after the passage of this act, the annual salary of the chief of the contract bureau, the chief of the appointment bureau, and the chief of the finance bureau shall be three thousand dollars; and that hereafter as the office of either of them shall be vacated, the appointment of his successor shall be
mad eby the President of the Confeder'ate States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Congress; and the clerks, draftsmen and other employees of the department shall be appointed by the Postmaster General.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That is incase of the death, resignation, absence or removal from office of the Postmaster General all his powers and duties shall devolve on and be performed hy the chief of the contract bureau, until a successor shall be appointed and arrive at the general post office to perform the business, or until the return of the Postmaster General: Urovided, however, The said chief of the contract bureau shall make no permanent appointment of clerks.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be allowed to each of the hureaus of the department, and also to the inspection office, a principal clerk at an annual salary of fourteen hundred dollars each. And the Postemploy ten additional clerks, at an anmaster General is hereby authorized to nul salary of twelve hundred dollars each; also four clerks, at an annual salary of one thousand dollars each; also five hundred dollars.
one watchman, at an annual salary of
Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the clerk charged with the disbursement of the contingent and salary funds of the department, be allowed an additional compensation of two hundred dollars per annum; and this act take effect and be of force from and after its passage.

Approved May 11, 1861.
Chap. XIII. An Act to amend "An Act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes," approved February 23, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That so much of the first section of an act entitled "An Act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America and for other purposes," ap-
proved February twenty third one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, as relates to sealed packages, contain ing other than printed or written matter, including money packages, be and the same is hereby amended as to require that such packages shall be rated by weight, and charged the rates of letter postage.

Sec. 2. And be it further renacted, That the second section of said act be amended as follows, to wit: That all newspapers published within the Confederate States not exceeding three ounces in weight, and sent from the office of publication to actual and bona fide subscribers within the Confederate States, shall be charged with postage as follows, to wit: The postage on the regular numbers of a newspaper published weekly shall he ten cents per quarter; published semi weekly double that amount; papers published thrice a week, treble that amount; papers published six times a week six times that amount; and papers puhlished daily, seven times that amount. And on newspapers weighing more than three ounces there shall be charged on each additional ounce in addition to the foregoing rates, on those published once a week five cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce per quarter; on those published twice a week ten cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce per quarter; on those published three times a week fifteen cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce per quarter; on those published six times a week thirty cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce per quarter; on those published daily thirty five cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce per quarter. And periodicals published published oftener than bi monthly shall be charged as newspapers. And other periodicals sent from the office of publication to actual and bona fide subscribers shall be charged with postage as follows to wit: The postage on the regular numbers of a periodical published within the Confederate States, not exceeding one and one half ounce in weight and published monthly, shall
be two and one half cents per quarter, and for every additional ounce or fract:on of an ounce two and one half cents additional; if published semi monthly, double that amount; and periodicals published quarterly or bi monthly shall be charged two cents per ounce; and regular subscribers to newspapers and periodicals shall be required to pay one quarters postage thereon in advance, at the office of delivery, unless paid at the office where published. And there shall he charged upon every other newspaper and each circular not sealed, handbill, engraving, pamphlet, periodical and magazine, which shall be unconnected with any manuscript or written matter, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, and publisbed within the Confederate States, two cents; and for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce two cents additional; and in all cases the postage shall be prepaid by stamps, or otherwise, as the Postmaster General shall direct. And books, bound or unhound, not weighing over four pounds, shall be deemed mailable matter, and shall be charged with postage to be prepaid by stamps or otherwise as the Postmaster General shall direct. at two cents an ounce for any distance. And upon all newspapers, periodicals a.nd books, as aforesaid ,published bevond the limits of the Confederate States, there shall be charged postage at double the foregoing specified rates. The publishers of newspapers or periodicals within the Confederate States may send and receive to and from each other, from their respective offices of publication, one copy of each publication free of postage. All newspapers. unsealed circulars, or other unsealed printed transient matter, placed in any post office not for transmission but for delivery only, shall be charged postage at the rate of one cent each.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted., That the third section of the above recited act be and the same is hereby so amended, as to authorize the Postmaster General to provide and furnish ten cent stamps and stamped envelopes;
and that the provisions, restrictions and penalties prescribed by said section of said act for violation of the same in relation to two, five and twenty cent stamps and stamped envelopes, shall, in all respects, apply to the denomination of stamps and stamped envelopes herein provided for.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the proviso contained in the fifth section of the said act be so amended as to extend to the chiefs of the contract, appointment and finance bureaus of the Postoffice Department the privilege therein conferred upon the Postmaster General, his chief clerk, and the auditor of the treasury for the Post Office Department, of transmitting through the mails, free of postage, any letters, packages or other matters relating exclusively to their official duties or to the Post Office Department, subject to the restrictions and penalties prescribed by the said proviso; and this act shall take effect from and after its possage.
(Approved May 13, 1861.)

## March 17.

A message was received from the President that he had approved and signed

An act to provide for auditing the ac- ${ }^{-}$ counts of the Post Office Department.
(Note. This Act contains no matter of postal value and is therefore omitted.)

The chair laid before Congress a message from the President submitting estimates for appropriations made by the Postmaster General for the service of his department for the year ending February 4, 1862, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

## May 18.

Mr. Stephens moved that an additional member be added to the Committees * * * * on Postal Affairs * * .

The motion prevailed.
The Chair appointed * * * * Mr. Rust of Arkansas on the Committee on Postal Affairs * * *.

## May 20.

A message was received from the President, through his Private Secretary, Mr. Josselyn, that he bad approved and signed.

An act to authorize the extension of the postal service of the Confederate States in certain cases and upon certain conditions.

Chap. XXIX. An act to authorize the extension of the mail service of the Confederate States in certain cases and upon certain conditions.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the Postmaster General be and he is hereby authorized, to extend the mail service of the Confederate States over all such states and territories as shall, by their legislature or exccutive authority, request the same to be done, between this and the meeting of the next session of the Congress; and that this act shall take effect and be in farce from and after its passage.
(Approved May 20, 1861).

## Mr. Hemphill introduced

A bill to allow a sum of money to each member of Congress for postage expenses
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## May 21.

Mr. Toombs, from the Committee on Finance to which was referred the bill relative to the pay of members of Congress for postage, reported adversely to the same and recommended that the bill lie on the table and that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the same.

The report was agreed to.

The following message was received from the President

> Executive Department,
> May $21,1861$.

Mr. President: The President has this day approved and signed

An act to provide for certain deficiencies in the appropriations for the Post Office Department for the year ending February 18, 1862.

Robert Josselyn, Private Secretary.
Chapter XXXVIII. An act to provide for certain deficiencies in the appropriations for the Post Office Department for the year ending February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty one.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the following sums shall be and are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the service of the Post Office Department, for the year euding February 18, 1862; For increased compensation of $t$ he chiefs of the contract, apprintment and finance bureaus, one thousand one hundred and six dollars and one cent. For compensation of the disbursing clerk one hundred forty seven dollars and forty seven cents. For compensation of watchmen, three hundred and sixty eight dollars and sixty seven cents. For compensation of four principal clerks at fourteen undred dollars each, four thousand and thirty six dollars and eighty cents. For compensation of ten clerks at twelve hundred dollars each, eight thousand seven hundred and forty nine dollars twenty cents. For compensation of four clerks at one thousand dollars each, two thousand nine hundred and sixteen dollars and forty cents. To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the compensation of the Post Master General, the clerks and messengers in his office, made by the act approved the ninth day of March eighteen hundred and sixty one, and entitled "An act further to provide for the organization of the Post Office Department," ten thousand dollars. For the compensation of agents, and for cost
of materials, and constructing, repairing, and operating telegraph lines, and for other expenses which may be incurred under said act, thirty thousand dollars. Provided, That the Postmaster General is herehy authorized, with the approval of the President, to employ officers of the telegraph companies as agents to perform the services specified in the act entitled "An act relative to telegraph lines in the Confederate States", approved the eleventh day of May eighteen hundred and sixty one. But the compensation allowed to such agents shall in no case exceed that provided for other agents by said act, and shall be fixed by the Postmaster General with the approbation of the President.
(Approved May 21, 1861.)
(End of Second Session.)

## A. E. F. POSI OFFICES.

At the request of one of our members we reprint here a list of the army post offices with distinguishing numbers which was published in the daily press soon after the armistlce. The list was made public by authority of General March:

701-St. Nazaire.
702 -Paris.
703 -Gondrecourt.
704 -Valdahon.
705 -Bordeaux.
706 -Chaumont.
707 -Mailly.
708 -Nevers.
709-26th Division.
$710-2 d$ Division.
711-Coetquain.
712 -Ish-sur-Tille.
713--Gievres.
713A-Remorantin.
714-Langres.
715-42d Division.
716 -Brest.
717-Tours.
718-Saumur.
719 -Haussimont.
720 - Burbonne-les-Baines.
721-Dijon.

722-La Courtine.
723-Clermont-Ferrand.
723A-Chatel Guyon.
724 -Issoudun.
725-St. Maixent.
726 -Blois.
727-41st Div. (depot.)
728-1st Army Art.
729-1st Division.
730 -Chatillon-sur-Seine.
731-Nefchateau.
731 A -Colombey-les-Belles.
732 -Vittel.
733-Angers.
734 -Via A. P. O. 712, 32d Division.
734 A -Champlette.
735-La Rochelle.
735 A —Rochefort.
736-Aix-les-Baines.
737 -Costné.
738-Chateau Roux.
739-77th Division.
$740-3 d$ Division.
741-Mehun.
742-82d Division.
$743-35$ th Division.
$744-$ Via A. P. O. 712, 28 th Division.
745 -5th Division.
746 -4th Division.
747 -Sorcy.
748-27th Division.
749-30th Division.
$750-33$ d Division.
751-Boulogne.
752 -Marseilles.
753 -Limoges.
754 -Via A. P. O. 712, 3d Corps.
$755-7$ Sth Division.
756 - 80 th Division.
757 -Nogent-en-Bassigny.
75 S-Liffel-le-Grand.
759-1st Corps.
760 -(Base Sec. No. 4) Havre.
761-89th Division.
762-83d Division.
763-67th Division.
764 -Epinal.
$765-29$ th Divislon.
766-72d Division.
767 -Nantes.
768 -Sherbourg.
769-5th Army Corps.
770-90th División.
771-79th Divlslon.
772-Verneuil.

773-76th Division (depot.)
774-1st Army.
$775-4$ th Corps.
$776-91$ st Division.
777-6th Division.
778 -Le Courneau.
779 -Meucon.
780 -Mars sur Allier.
781-Vishy.
782-Chateau-Thierry.
783-6th Corps.
784-Toul.
785-Allerey.
786 -Clamecy.
787-Azcroilles.
788-40th Division.
789-85th Division.
$790-2 d$ Army Corps.
791-81st Division.
792-7th Corps.
$793-7$ th Division.
794-Perigeux.
795 - 88 th Division.
796-36th Division.
797 -Orleans.
798 -Mesves sur Loire.
799 -St. Malo.
827-31st Division.
831-38th Division.
901 -Via A. P. O. 702, Milano, ltaly.
902 -Bourges.
903 -Vitroy.
904-39th Division.
905 - 84 th Division.
906 - 87 th Division.
907 -Bar le Duc.
908 -Sougy.
909-Beaune.
910 -Chateau du Loir.
911 -Libourn.
912-34th Division.
913 -Bar sur Aube.
914 -Heippes.
915 -Nancy.
916 - 86 th Division.
917-Chatenay-sur-Seine.
918-2d Army.
919-Rimoucourt.
$920-\mathrm{Chalons-sur-Marne}$.
921-St. Dizier.
922 -Angouleme.
923 -Grenoble.
924 -Le Blanc.
925 -Cour Cheverny.

927-3d Army.
928-La Valbonne.
930 -Advance G. H. Q.
931-8th Corps.
$932-9$ th Corps.

## MANUEL ESTRADA CABRERA.

In 1898 when President Barrios of Guatemala was assassinated, the "Segundo Designado" or second Vice President was an ambitious lawyer bearing the name at the head of this article. He was a native of the city of Quezaltenango, born November 21, 1857, and had held the offices of Governor of the province of Retalhuleu and Chief Justice of his native city. After the death of President Barrios he is reported to bave walked into the room where the leading men of the late administration were consulting, laid a revolver down on the tahle and said, "Gentlemen, I am President of Guatemala!" And from that day until April, 1920 when he was forced to take refuge in the American Legation, he successfully held the reins of power although many attempts were made to oust him both by legal means and by violence. But be seemed to have been born under a lucky star for time and again he escaped the assassin by the merest trifle. An excellent sketch of him in the New York Times for April 18, narrates many instances of his almost miraculous escape from death. He held the reins with a tight hand and ruled with despotic power. Francia of Paraguay and Diaz of Mexico alone beld power longer than he. While be ruled like a despot yet he did much for the country. The laws were reformed and liberalized, agriculture fostered, a modern system of education introduced and many important public works and buildings constructed. But of late there has been a repetition of the uprisings that have broken out from time to time and on April 16, 1920, he was overthrown and is now awaiting trial. The recently issued $\$ 1.50$ stamp bears an excellent portrait of him.

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## EDITORIAL.

The April issue of Scott's Monthly Journal contained an editorial by Kent B. Stiles upon "Repairing Damaged Stamps" which we consider of so great importance that we reproduce it in full. It should command the attention of every true philatelist and the editor hopes our Society at its coming convention may take some steps to register its approval of the sentiments there expressed.
"A questionable practice in philately is the transforming of damaged stamps into seemingly perfect specimens. This is something which is too commonly
done. It is a policy which all reputable collectors and dealers frown upon, and rightly so. It is a wicked deception on the philatelic public and a species of dishonesty which hurts the hobby.

It is a truth to say that there are today more repaired stamps on the market than ever before. The process of concealing the damage is generally so skilfully accomplished as to fool not alone the amateur collector but the less exeprienced dealer as well. The result is often that an honest dealer unwittingly sells for a high price what he believes to be a perfect copy. The purchaser is the sufferer if he finds it out and is too high-minded to dispose of the damaged goods as something wholesome. If he does not discover that he has been victimized, the person to whom he sells the stamp may then be the sufferer.

The remedy to eliminate this harmful custom is to have the caption "This stamp has been repaired" placed in indelihle ink with a rubber handstamp on the reverse side of every patched-up copy. This proclaims a stamp for all time what it actually is. It protects both dealer and collector, and in every instance of sale it serves as a standard guarantee of the honesty of the person who sells.

It is deplorable that every professional repairer of stamps does not place this printed guarantee on the adhesives he mends. Why does he not do so? To quote from the frank explanation made by one repairer:
'I bave a dealer-customer who is constantly sending me stamps to be repaired. These are invariably stamps which in perfect condition would bring high prices. As an instance, he sent me a copy worth $\$ 100$ originally, but a corner was missing and he could sell it for only $\$ 5$ or $\$ 6$. He was willing to pay me $\$ 5$ to supply the missing corner so that the average collector would think the stamp was perfect. This dealer told me that his customers positively would not buy any stamp which had a statement on the back saying it was a repaired copy.'

The inference is an obvious oneand it accounts for the many repaired specimens reposing in collections today in America and abroad.

The expert repairer has his profession down to a science. He can mend so cleverly that the customary tests applied to stamps under suspicion will not disclose anything wrong. The rejuvenated copies can he soaked, immersed in benzine or other liquid, or boiled, and nothing happens to reveal what has been done. Because this is so, the need is emphatic for adoption universally of a trade practice of placing a printed statement on the back of every repaired stamp.

We make a careful examination of all stamps which come into our possession. Whenever we discover one which has heen mended, the caption of condemnation, 'This stamp has heen repaired,' is placed on its reverse side. And no stamp which is damaged is ever repaired for or by Scott's!"'

A very handy scale for determining the gauge of perforations has been devised by Captain Lawrence and is being marketed by Fred J. Melville, Ltd. The scale consists of three heavy upright lines, the two right hand ones of which curve olf to the right. Across these lines are horizontal lines at regular distances. By sliding a stamp up these vertical lines untll it reaches a certain position the correct vauge can be quickly ascertained. It is a novel idea and seems to work very well.

We have received a copy of the "Jaarboekje" of the Vereeniging van Postzegelverzanelasrs Hollandia of Amsterdanı. As it is printed in Dutch and our staff does not possess an interpreter who can read that language we must pass it by with only a brief note. It contains the reports of the officers for 1919 , the list of members and a supplement to the catalog of the library of the Union.

## TWO-CENT POSTAL CARDS REVALUED ONE CENT.

1. Chauge of denomination.-The department is authorizing postmasters to change the denomination of their unsold 2 -cent postal cards to 1 cent by running them through canceling machines equipped with special dies bearing the numeral " 1 " and the word "cent" in place of the regular post-marking-canceling dies.
2. Purpose.-The principal purposes are to conserve, during the prevailing condition of short paper production throughout the country, large quantities of paper which would otherwise be wasted and to save the Government the cost of manufacture of the many millions of outstanding 2-cent postal cards which must otherwise be a total loss.
3. Description.-The dies which are being provided print upon the 2 -cent stamp on postal cards a large doubleline numeral 1, with the word "cent" underneath rumning through the two original numerals " 2 " and word "cents." The revaluing is done with black ink.
4. Authorizations.-As 1-cent dies are obtained from the die makers the department will send them to postmasters with authorization to revalue their stocks of 2 -cent postal cards and full instructions for doing the work. They will also be instructed as to securing credit for 1 cent each on the postal cards as revalued. Postmasters are requested not to apply to the department for authorization to revalue their postal cards; the authorizatiosn will he issued to them as 1 -cent dies become available, in the order of quantities of 2 -cent postal cards reported on hand in response to the instructions published in Notice No. 27, January Postal Guide.
5. Postage and selling value.-The postage value and selling price to the public of 2 -cent postal cards revalued " 1 cent" shall he 1 cent each.
6. Redemption.-Two-cent postal cards revalued 1 -cent shall be redeemed at the redemption rate for 1 -cent postal cards, under the provisions of Faragraphs 5,6 , and 8 , section 344 , Postal Laws and Regnlations. The possibility of "skips" in revaluing in canceling machines makes it necessary to refuse redemption of 2 -cent postal cards except at the redemption rate for 1 -cent cards. If redemption of 2 -cent postal cards that have not been revalued is claimed at the rate for 2 -cent postal cards, a statement of the time, place, and other circumstances of their purchase should be made by the holder and sworn to before a postal official. This statement shonld be snbmitted to the department for ruling before redemption is made, the postal cards meantime to be held in the cnstody of the postmaster.-(U. S. Official Postal Guide.)

## PAOIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A special competitive stamp exhibition was held by this Society on Wednesday, April 21st. The competition was for members only, but members were permitted to invite friends. There were ten exhihitors of "Americas and Possessions" and abont forty members and visitors were present. The exhibition was held in the Directors' Room of th eMechanics' Institute, which owns the largest private library in San Francisco.

Mr. H. W. Doscher captured the first prize, a silver cup, with his fine collection of Match and Medicine stamps. Two-thirds of the collection consists of mint copies and it is complete with the exception of about forty stamps. Among other thnigs we noticed the following:

[^22]2c Blue, Rings (nent)
4c Black, Rings (perf)
4c Black, Edward Wilder (uncut complete)
Mr. Lonis Lazarus received second prize with his Mexico, Central and South America, and President Wm. Blackwell came third with his general collection, only a few points behind Mr. Lazarns. The other exhibitors received honorary mention.

On May 19th. another exhihition was held and a bumper attendance was the result. The evening was devoted to "Enropean Stamps" and a dozen or more very fine collections were in the competition.

The first prize, a silver cnp, went to Matt C. Dillingham for his collection of "Old German and Italian States." The collection was rich in shades and marginal notes describing scarce cancellations, minor varieties and plate irregularities made it interesting for the general collector going throngh its pages. Pairs, strips, blocks and stamps on original covers were mingled with the single specimens thronghout the collection. The rarities were well represented both on and off cover.

Henry C. Marcus ran a very close second with his highly specialized collection of Denmark, which is one of the largest in the country. A great many of the stamps were shown in pairs, strips and entire mint sheets and copious notes descrined the various types.
H. Reullan received third prize for his French collection consisting of used specimens for the most part, the various shades being shown, the condition of every stamp leaving nothing to be desired.

The exhibit was held at the Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post Street, where all the exhibitions are being held, this being an ideal place for the purpose, being centrally located and easy of access. The June exhibition on the 16 th of next month will consist of "Oceania and Asia" and some good things are alreạdy entered for competition.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 10.
June 1, 1920. Applications for Reinstatement Pending

## Applications Pending.

Adamson, C. W.
Bazarsky, Alex.
Becker, Dr. A. F.
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Hayes, Thos. J.
Laird, Rosser
Litt, Arthur 0.
Martin, N. H.
Tarler, Dr. S. A.
Bemis, Lynward A.
Berry, R. W.
Brent, W. C.
Boone, L. A.
Brown, Edwin S.
Cabello, Alfonso
Conant, William
Crouch, Jas. E.
Dack, Bruce
De'Bruce, G. C.
Deering, C. W. C.
Emery, Geo. M.
Fallows, Paul H.
Fox, Jno. L.
Gilbert, E. H.
Goldstein, I .
Harris, Herman A.
Jornes, Ferd.
Junjk, Walter A.
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Smellie, Jno. B.
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Wulff, L. P.
Charni, Fred N.

3073 Allen, E. O.
1075 Brownell, J. S.
4161 Fritschel, Rev. G. J.
2115 Gaerte, Fred E.
4272 Grimes, J. G. B.
582 Williams, C. H.

## New Applications Posted.

Adams, Thos. E., Box 978, Lowell, Mass.; Age 52; Adams Supply Co.;
Reference: Eroon Barlow, Central
St., Lowell, Mass.; Proposed by A. A:
Jones, \#4448.
Beckett, Philip N., 109 Union St., Calais, Me.; Age 23; Salesman, Beckett \& Co.; Reference: Cliff Greason, Greason Clothing Store, Calais, Me.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Bernard, Jean Leon, 13 Rue de Bellefond, Paris IX, France; Age 47; Stamp Dealer; Reference: W.C. Phillips \& Co., Hartford, Conn. Marks Stamp Co., Toronio, Canada; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Bosley, M. E., Box 554, Kenilworth,Ill.; Age 30 ; Vice Pres., D. W. Bosley Co.; Reference: Scott Stamp \& Coin Co., New York; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Bott, Frederick F., 431 Marlboro Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 29; Bookkeeper, Thos. E. Currie; Reference: Wm. E. Currie, 20 McGraw Bldg., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Karl Koslowski, \#3783.
Burr, Gilbert M., R. F. D. \# 4, Meshoppen, Pa.; Age 37; Farmer; Reference: J. C. Hahn, Cashr. 1st Natl. Bank, Meshoppen, Pa.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, \# 1925.

Carrington, Paul R., 502 Broad St., Newark, N. J.; Age 47; Ast. Treas. Fairlie \& Wilson Coal Co.; Reference: L. Bamberger \& Co., Newark, N. J.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.

Cooper, Laurence Arthur, 261 Main St., Au'burn, Me.; Age 24; Asst. Foreman, Wise \& Cooper Co.; Reference: C. C. Abbott, Auburn, Me.; Proposed by Reuel W. Smith, \#4941.
Cragin, Abbott B., care Hollingsworth \& Whitney Co., Waterville, Me.; Age 46 ; Order Clerk; Reference: Kenebec Trust Co., Waterville, Me.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \# 5421.
Cumbie, J. R., Box 626, Omaha, Tex.; Age 18; Bookkeeper, Beasley \& Wright; Reference: Beasley \& Wright, Gen. Mdse., Omaha, Tex.; Proposed by and Guaranteed by Geo. M. Mooreland, \#5469.

Daugherty, Herbert S., 1325 Charro St., San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Age 21; Chief Clerk to R. R. Supt.; Reference: W. C. Henry, 301 Calif. Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, \# 1925.

Devlin, Fred'k. M., 9th \& Jefferson Sts., Pbiladelphia, Pa.; Age 45; V. Pres. \& Treas. Phil. Hdw. \& Natl. Iron Works Co.; Reference: D. H. McGookin \& Co., 1630 N. 9th St., Phila., Pa.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Dick, Rev. A. G., 311 N. 7th St., Leavenworth, Kans.; Age 42; Minister; Reference: Wulfekuhler State Bank, Leavenworth, Kans.; Proposed by W. H. Wilkinson, \#5044.

Foex, H. E., 361 Wellington St., Chatham, Ont., Canada; Age 41; Supt. Sugar Ref.; Reference: Standard Bank, Chatham, Ont., Canada; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Foster, Geo. H., 2108 Dorchester Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Age 17; Student; Dealer, Foster Stamp Co.; Guaranteed by May H. Bartlett, Guardian, 2108 Dorchester Rd.; Reference: Dorchester Pharmacy, Dorchester Rd. \& Flatbush Ave.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennèll, \#5421.
Frankel, Edwin M., Angus Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.; Age 39; Dept. Mgr.; Reference: O. J. Olsen, care Hahn \& Olsen, St. Paul, Minn.; Proposed by E. J. Gifford, \#4077.

Grandy, Winfred M., 611 Main St., Plantsville, Conn.; Age 20; Clerk, N.
Y., N. H. \& H. R. R. Co.; Reference: Chas. W. Bailey, Frt. Agt., Southington, Conn.; Guaranteed by Willard J. Gould, 52 Main St., Merchant, Southington, Conn.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.

Griffin, Raymond A., Box 345, Rochester, N. Y.; Age 23; Stationary Engineer; Reference: Scott Stamp \& Coin Co., New York City; Proposed by A. A. Joness, \#4448.

Haas, Philip, Box 706 , R. D. 1, White Plains, N. Y.; Age 15; Guaranteed by L. G. Haas, Mgng. Director Uinted Malaysian Rubber Co., 2 Rector St., New York City; Proposed by H. M. Lewy, \# 2175.
Habicht, Herman R., 161 Hudson St., New York City; Age 27; Exporter \& Importer, Habicht \& Co.; Reference: B. Oltman \& Co., New York City. Cambridge Fruit Co., Cambridge, Mass.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, \#38.
Hoffman, Wm., R. F. D. \#6, Box 133, Springfield, Mo.; Age 24; Farmer; Reference: Bertram B. Jones, Box 8, Corte Madero, Calif.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.
James, Ray Clinton, Box 475, New London, Conn.; Age 24; Machinist; Reference: T. U. LaPointe Co., 35 Pe quot Ave., New London, Conn.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Kaufman, Benjamin, care Kaufman Straus Co., Louisville, Ky.; Age 39; Vice Pres. Dept. Store; Reference: Natl. Bank of Ky., Louisville, Ky.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, No. 5421.

Kiser, Glen E., Novinger, Mo.; Age 29; Ed. \& Pub. Novinger Herald; Reference: Graham Paper Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell. \#5421.
Klosowski, Rev. Michael, Box 28. Pound, Wis.; Age 42; Clergyman; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by H. A. Davis, \# 1925.

Koller, Edw. J., 413 E. 146 th St., New York City; Age 41; Stamp Exchange Mgr.; Reference: Baldwin Schlesinger, 38 Houston St., New York; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \#2279.

Landgrebe, Milton W., 525 California St., San Francisco, Calif.; Age 23; Real Estate Agt.; Reference: P. J. S. Caskins, 525 Calif. St., San FrancisCo., Calif.; Proposed by C. Gordou Fennell, \# 5421.
Leeming, Thos. H., 530 Dallas Rd., Victoria, B. C., Canada; Age 47; Provincial Assessor; Reference: Sidney Child, Hibiber Boue Bldg., Victoria, B. C.; Proposed by Thos. S. Futcher, \# 2374.
Light, Carl, 1310 Seventh St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Age 24; Salesman; Reference: Tres. Buenger Trapp Bros. Co, 86 Burleigh St., Mil., Wis.; Proposed by W. O. Staab, \# 1789.
Machold, Wm. F., 6820 Quincy St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 14; Student; Reference: A. H. Riddle, Stephen Girard Bldg., Phila., Pa.; Guaranteed by Chas. E. Machold; Proposed by Jos. Gallant, \#5401.
MacLafferty, Jas. W., 319 DeQueen St., Mena, Ark.; Age 15; Student; Guaranteed by W. S. MacLafferty, Mena, Ark.; Reference: Nena Insurance Co., Mena, Ark.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.
Mauer, Eugene J., 1624 Wisconsin St., Racine, Wis.; Age 16; Student; Guaranteed by Mrs. Josephine Mauer; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Maurice, Charles A., 18 Murray St., New York City; Age 55; Pres. \& Treas. Economy Clean Travel Supply Co.; Reference: Hugh Clark, Scott Stamp \& Coin Co., New York City; Proposed by W. R. M'Coy, \#4507.
Mertz, Franklin C., 1615 Clinton St., Aurora, Colo.; Age 43; Mechanle; Reference: C. A. Nast, Denver, Colo.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, \# 1925.
Seyffarth, Fred, 435 Ralph St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Age 43; Stationer; Reference: L. E. Waterman Co., 191 Broadway, New York; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.

Shannoll, R. W., Box 1204, Jacksonville, Fla.; Age 29; Advertising \& Broker, Shannon Adv. Co.; Reference: Fred L. Evans, 42 W. Adams St., Jacksonville, Fla.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.

Slater, William E., 8 Bank Place, Utica, N. Y.; Age 41; Optometrist and Opticlan, Slater Optical Shop; Reference: Citizens Trust Co., Utica, N. Y.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \# 5421.
Staeb, Werner O., 557 Park Place, Lyndhurst, N. J.; Age 28; Bank Clerk; Reference: J. M. Bartels, 99 Nassau St., New York City; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \#2279.
'Stearns, Jno. E., 27 St. James Park, Los Angeles, Calif.; Age 69; Retired; Reference: Los Angeles Trust \& Savings Bank; Proposed by James Guy, \# 2141.
Tamony, Peter J., 2866 24th St., San Franclsco, Calif.; Age 18; Clerk; Reference: Croker Natl. Bank, San Francisco, Calif.; Guaranteed by Mrs. H. Tamony; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.
Trouchet, Francois, Camp Lewis, Wash. Age 38; Soldier; Reference: Army Bank of Greene Park, Camp Lewis, Wash.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, No. 4448.

Wand, Thos. H., Box 580, Paonia, Col.: Age 30 ; Farmer; Reference: Geo. A. Shlpley, Paonia, Colo.; Proposed oy Dr. W. I. Mitchell, \#13-1421.
Wells, Jos. V. K., Box 166, Mansfield, Pa.; Age 19; Stamp Dealer, Home of the Postage Stamp; Reference: W. W. Allen, Cashr. 1st Natl. Bank, Mansfield, Pa.; Guaranteed by J. Van Kirk Wells, Clergyman, Mansfield, Pa.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, No. 4448.

Wilke, W. S., 523 N. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.; Age 35; Comptroller; Reference: Wheeler Bros. \& Plerce, Los Angeles, Calif.; Proposed by Dr. A. E. Hussey, \#2492.

Willock, Tbos. F., 329 Washington St., Peeksklli, N. Y.; Age 34; Clvil Engineer; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by Harry L. Preston, \#4958.
Willson, G. M., 705 First Ave., Seattle, Wash.; Age 59; Teacher Psychology; Reference: Dr. Edmond A. Gearhardt, Seaboard Bldg., Seattle, Wash. Proposed by W. Schwede, \#3369.

Wood, Loren M., 5954 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.; Age 36; Partner, Wood \& Lane Co.; Reference: W. A. Sisson, St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell, \#5421.
Sommaripa, A., 30 Bedford Square W. C. 1, London, Eng.; Age 21; Student of Political Economy; Reference: M. Shertokovski, Rep. Russian Ship Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, \# 2279.

## Applications for Reinstatement.

Mooers, Edwin, 90 Barrie St., Kingston, Ont., Canada; Age 54; Assessment Commissioner; Reference: A. J. Macdonnell, Bank of Montreal, Kingston, Ont.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, No. 4448.

Noll, G. A., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Age 57; Painter \& Decorator; Reference: Cyrus W. Moorehouse, Sheriff Dutchess Co., N. Y.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, \#4448.
Wagner, Chas. P., 900 Lincoln Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.; Age 43; College Prof.; Reference: Wm. H. Butts, English School, U. of M., Ann Arhor, Mich.; Proposed by A. A. Jones, No. 4448.

## New StockhoIders.

5538 Allison, C. D., Box 384, Harrison, Ark.
5539 Baer, M. R., Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippines.
5540 Bruns, Dr. R. M., 2274 Grand Concourse, New York City.
5541 Caley, Dr. G. R., Princton, Minn.
5542 Clarke, Ernest W., 904 Lexington Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
5543 Dingler, Herman, 69 Geneva St., Newark, N. J.
5544 Dresser, R. W., 7813 Lockyear Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
5545 Fell, J. Howard, 1315 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5546 Goldsmith, Jas. A., Box 313 , Kansas iCty, Mo.
5547 Green, Fred, Box 24, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
5548 Gwinnell, Albert E., 178 Russell St., Worcester, Mass.

5549 Haines, Stanton J., 2339 E. Norris St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5550 Hall, G. Burnley, Lock Haven, Pa.
5551 Halloran, J. E., $457^{\circ} 73$ rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
5552 Henry, W. C., 301 California Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.
5553 Herkness, Benj. L., 136 S. 4th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5554 Hilbert, Lt. W. E., U. S. S. Ohio, care Postmaster, New York City.
5555 Hitt, Heury C., Box 863, Bremerton, Wash.
5556 Johnston, Wm. S., 161 Reiter St., Pittsburgh, E. E., Pa.
5557 Kiessling, Arno, 450 Biddle Ave., Wilkins'burg, Pa.
5558 Lapham, Harry C., 32 Converse St., Longmeadow, Mass.
5559 Larranaga, Robto G., Box 292, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
5560 Margiunti, Victor, Box 1279, New York City.
5561 Marshall, Albert R., Box 78, Bussage, Mass.
5562 Miller, Micliael, 704 Equitable Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
5563 Potter, John Austin, Box 801, Ada, Ohio.
5564 Prendergast, Jas. J., 23 Saxton St., Boston, 25, Mass.
5565 Ruded, Chas. J., 810 Philadelphia St., Covington, Ky.
5566 Weidmann, Otto L., Lake Mahopac, Lake Blvd., N. Y.
5567 Wells, Thos. L., 449 Park Ave., New York City.
5568 Whelpley, Arthur G., 72 Beecin St., Belleville, N. J.
5569 Woltmann, Arnold, Nokomis, 111.
5570 Yeckel, Louis F., 3525 Kingsland Court, St. Louis, Mo.

## Reinstsated.

2491 Hussey, J. C., 1020 Valley Lane, (Avondale), Cincinnati, Ohio.
4502 Lovegren, D. M., 1334 Terry Ave., Seattle, Wash.
3569 Sachs, C. W., 136 E. Como Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

## Replace on Roll.

4064 Jumper, Chas. H., 70 Willow St., Plainfield, N. J.

4664 Lerche, C., Amagerbrogade 8, Copenhagen, Denmark.
5037 Perez, Gilbert, Bureau of Education, Manila, P. I.
2314 Siddall, Theo., Shanghai, China.

## Death Reported.

4612 Armstrong, F. W., Box 384, Oglesby, Ill.

## New Life Member.

37-4946 Billings, Franklin S., Woodstock, Vt.

## Membership Summary.

Membership May 1st, $1920 \quad 1656$
New Stockholders
Reinstated
3
Replaced on Roll

Death Reported
Total Membership June 1, 1920

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## NOTICE TO BRANCH SECRETARIES.

Will you please see to it that your Annual Reports reach me at Denver on or before August 1. May we have a report from every Branch this year? H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## NOMINATIONS.

The following members have been nominated for election as Directors for the fiscal year 1920-21:

President, Carroll Chase of New York. Board of Vice Presidents, Robert C. IMunroe of Massachusetts, John W. Prevost of Massachusetts, Herbert P. Atberton of Massachusetts.
Secretary, H. A. Davis of Colorado.
Treasnrer, J. E. Scott of Michigan.
International Secretary, Eugene Klein of Pennsylvania.
At Large, H. B. Phillips of California. At Large, Alvin Good of Ohio.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## ENDORSEMENT OF NOMINATIONS.

The Detroit Philatelic Branch \#25 has endorsed the nominations made by the Springfield Branch \#28.

## CALL FOR CONVENTION.

May 25, 1920.
To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:
The Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be called to order at Providence, Rhode Island, on Tuesday the tenth day of August, 1920 , at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Credentials:

Mr. Charlés E. Hatfield, Chairman,
Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer,
Mr. Jerome Fleischer,
Mr. George R. Brown,
Mr. Charles Dayton Skinner, Jr.
I hereby appoint the following memhers to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Mr. A. B. Slater, Chairman,
Mr. Roy S. Barker, Vice-Chairman,
Mr. Frank M. Mason,
Mr. Robert F. Chambers,
Mr. Courtland G. Bartlett, Jr.
Announcement of the Convention Headquarters, Committees, etc. will be made in due season in the American Philatelist.
H. N. WILSON, President.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## PROVIDENCE AUGUST 10-12.

Read the. convention program and then make your plans to go. Send in your name to the editor for the next issue.

THINK OF THE OLAM BAKE:

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE NONTH OF MAY, 1920.


## REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Minneapolis, Minn., May first, 1920. Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Society:

I herewith tender ny report for the quarter ending April 30 th, 1920.

Total net value of:
On hand February 1st, 1920 :
673 Books \$16,891.53
Received 2-1-20 to 4-30-20:

| 222 Books | $\$ 5,340.37$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 895 Books | $\$ 22,23 \mathrm{I} .90$ |

Retired during quarter:
41 Books
906.9 S

854 Books in circulation
$\$ 21,324.92$
Statement on books retired:-
Sales
$\$ 449.16$

| Insurance to.Treas. $\$ r$ | 9.34 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Commission | 55.98 |
| Postage charged <br> $\quad$ members | 3.56 |
| Cash remittances | 380.28 |

New books are coming in a little more rapidly but there are not yet enough on hand to supply all demands for circuits. Especially is this true of Books of U. S. Stamps. With a long waiting list for these circuits it is almost impossihle to get the circuits to members as often as they wish them.

This is an ideal time for members to enter books of any kind of desirable stamps. Also if you have never had a circuit sent your way and do not know the extreme pleasure and satisfaction of purchasing stamps for your collection thru the sales department give me an opportunity to make you acquainted with this greatest benefit of your membership.

I am at your service, ALWAYS,
J. E. GUEST, Sales Supt,

## CONVENTION PROGRAM.

Providence, R. I., June 1, 1920.
The American Philatelist, William C. Stone, Editor, 21 Princeton St., Springfield, Mass.
Dear Sir:
I have received from President $H$. $H$. Wilson, a copy of the "Call for Convention" and request that he be forwarded a copy of the programme, which is as follows:

Headquarters, Narragansett Hotel.
Monday, Aug. 9th, Registering of Arrivals.

Tuesday, Aug. 10th, 10 A. M., Business meeting; 2:30 P. M., Trolley trip to Rocky Point; 8:00 P. M. (not fully determined), Address.

Wednesday, Aug. 11th, All day's trip to Newport by boat, Business meeting on board the boat; 12:30 P. M., Clam Bake at Easton's Beach; Official Photograph; (Return about 7 o'clock); 8:30 P. M., Stamp Bourse and Exhibition at the Narragansett Hotel.

Thursday, Aug. $12 \mathrm{th}, 10$ A. M., Business meeting; P. M., Auto trip to Roger Williams Park, with lecture there; 7:30 P. M., Banquet.

## Hotel Rates:

Narragansett Hotel:
Single Rooms without bath $\$ 2.50$
Double Rooms without bath 4.00
Single Rooms with bath 3.50
Double Rooms with bath 5.50
Rooms with twin heds and bath 6.00 Suites
12.00

Crown Hotel:
Single Rooms with bath $\$ 4.00$
Double Rooms with bath 6.00
Hotel Dreyfus:
Single Rooms without bath $\$ 2.75$
Double Rooms without bath \$4.00-5.00
Single Rooms with bath $3.50-4.00$
Double Rooms with bath $5.00-6.00$
Respectfully, ROY S. BARKER, Seçy,

## ALL ABOARD FOR PROVIDENCE.

The following members have announced their intention of heing present at the convention. If you are going send the editor your name.

William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass. Brewer Corcoran, Springfield, Mass.
B. A. Oppenheimer, Springfield, Mass. John W. Prevost, Springfield, Mass.
H. S. Atherton, Holyoke, Mass.

Karl Koslowski, Detroit, Mich.

## PROXIES AND BALLOTS.

The editor wishes to call attention of our members to the necessity of promptly marking their Proxies and Ballots. While there is no contest on it is only right to show the nominees that you approve of them by giving them a large vote of confidence. With seventeen hundred members it does not look well to have only a few hundred votes cast.

Sign your prox $y$ and send it to some member who is going to attend. The editor will be there and will he glad to fulfill any special instructions members may send with their proxies. Do not make out proxies in favor of the Directors as they are not eligible to vote them. The lack of enough proxies has several times prevented necessary legislation through lack of inability to amend the by-laws, which requires a certain per cent. of the members to be represented at the convention in person or by proxy.

## ÚRGES BIG SHIPS ON STAMPS.

New York, March 12.-A request that pictures of the Leviathan and other vessels be printed on one and twocent stamps, in order to rouse interest in the American merchant marine, has bean sent to the postmaster general by P. H. W. Ross, president of the National Merchant Marine League. "The American public must be psychologized in order that the United States he kept a leading maritime nation," said Ross.

# International Postage Stamp Album 

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The loose leaf editions of the 20 th Century International Postage Stamp Album consist of 790 pages printed on one side of fine grade heavy paper, contalned in the celebrated Ne Plus Ultra spring back binders, appropriately stamped in gold.

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A Supplement to the above mentioned No. 10 and No. 24 Loose Leaf Editions, $20 t h$ Century Album, will be published in January, 1920. When used in connection with the complete Editions, as listed above, will provide for the entire 20th Century Stamp issuing period--January 1 st, 1901 to January 1 st, 1919.

The complete 1919 Loose Leaf Edition, when published in the Fall of 1920 . will be sold at approximately the same price as that of the 1917 Edition and the Supplement, if purchased separately.

When ordering Kindly specify "191\% Edition" or "Complete, whth 1919 Supplement." For Description and Prices of New Supplements, see beiow.

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 Loose Leaf Edition No. 10. Loose Leaf Edition No. 24.A further Supplement to the several Loose Leaf Editions of the 20 th Century Section International Postage Stamp Album is to be publislied in January, 1920. Present indications point to approximately 290 pages, comprislng the set, which will provide for all major varieties of both United States and forelgn Stamps issued during theperiod of April 1 st , 1917 to January 1 st, 1919.

A number of the new Supplementary Pages will be the same as those contained in the complete book, with the exception the newer issues have been added; thereby keeping to a minimum the number of pages necessary to provide for the entire 20th Century Period-1901-1919. Published in two (2) Styles; viz., No. 10, 1919 Suppleknent (pages not Linen Hinged)-Price $\$ 4.50 ;$ Weight 8 lhs. No. 24,1919 Supplement (pages Linen Hinged)-Price $\$ 10.00$; Welght 8 ilos.

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Last issue, Ceres type, $1 / 4,1 / 2,1.11 / 2,2,21 / 2,5,71 / 2,8,10,15,20,30,40,50 c$, 1e* from Angola, Azores, Cape Terde, Guinea, Inhambane, L, Marques, Macao, Mozambique, Quelimane. Timor, India, Congo, St. Thomas \& Prince, Tete. Complete sets at $\$ 2.50$ each. Values for filling in at half cat.
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## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

## THE EDITOR.

It wlll be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varleties wlll submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.

AITUTAKI. The $1 / 2$ penny New Zealand with portrait of George V . is reported with red surcharge for use in this dependency.

## 1/2 penny, yellow green

aUBANIA. The new set of stamps printed at the French Government printing office comprises the following denominations according to Champion's Bulletin. The portrait is probably intended for Scanderberg while the view on the postage dues is probably Scutari.

2 qint, orange
${ }^{5}$ qint, green
10 qint, carmine
25 qint, blue
50 qint, green
1 frank, lilac
Postage dues.
4 qint, olive
10 qint, carmine
20 qint, olive grey
50 qint, black
ARGENTINE. The current issue is reported to be appearing on paper with watermark multiple suns. The $1 / 2,1$, 2,5 and 12 centavos have been seen so far by L'Echo de la Timbrologie, which makes the announcement of the new watermark.
aUstria. W, C. Phillips sends us two new varieties to add to the already long list of this much disturbed "republic." In appearance they resemble the current arms type but are much broader measuring fully trree milimeters wider than the former issue while the height is ahout a milimeter less. We have two values perforate $121 / 2$ and it is reported that other values will soon follow in the same type.

80 heller, rose
2 kronen, blue
BAVARIA. Announcement was made recently that on April first the stamps of this country would be retired and the regular stamps of Germany used throughout the whole German repub-
lic. The serles noted last month was supposed to be the swan song of the Bavarian post office but now we have the same set surcharged "Deutsches Reich" in two lines of German text. A letter from Munich dated April 20 was prepaid by a 1 mark "Volkstaat" stamp in addition to the 60 pfennig of the new surcharge. Are the latter good in any part of Germany? We refrain from listing the new surcharges until we receive a full list of values, etc.

In addition to the stamps for use of the public, the new "farewell' set comprised a long list of official stamps of three types. The first six values are oval in shape with a lion in the center, the next six oblong with the Bavarian arms, while the mark values have the numeral of value. All are inscribed "Dienstmarke Bayern."

5 pfennig, yellow green
10 pfennig, orange
15 pfennig, carmine
20 pfennig, violet
25 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig, blue
40 pfennig, olive brown
50 pfennig, red
60 pfennig, green
70 pfennig, grey violet
75 pfennig, claret
80 pfennig, blue
90 pfennig, olive
1 mark, brown
1.25 mark, green
2.50 mark, blue

3 mark, carmine
5 mark, black
BELGIUM. The five francs of the 1915 series has had the word "Franken" in the Flemish inscription corrected to read "Frank."

5 francs, blue.
COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC. L'Echo reports the receipt of a new one centavo stamp similar to Scott 326 but with "Provisional" diagonally across the
lower part of the numeral of value. The color is not stated.

CZECHOSLOVAK STATE. L'Echangiste Universal chronicles the three following values perforate $111 / 2 \times 131 / 2$.

5 deniers, russet green
10 deniers, dark yellow green
15 deniers, pale rose
We note that many philatelic journals give the denominations of this republic's stamps in hellers. The United States Official Postal Guide in quoting the postal rates established by the new republic gave them in deniers and crowns. This would seem to be official.

Stamp Collecting announces that a postal agency has heen opened at Constantinople for the convenience of Czech residents and a supply of the current adhesives has been surcharged LEVANT in large black Roman capital letters together with the values in paras and piastres. The latter on account of the fluctuations of the currency. No list of values is as yet available.

DANTZIG. A Copenhagen paper, The National Tidende says it learns that Norway refused to accept the mandate over Danzig when it was proffered by the Supreme Council and the mandate was then accepted by Poland.

The British troops will leave Danzig on Ang. 1, according to the newspaper, and the French on Sept. 1.

No definite information as to the stamps as yet.

ERITREA. Il Bollettino Filatelico illustrates an essay prepared in 1914. lt is rectangular in form, $22 \times 33 \mathrm{~mm}$., and represents a mounted lancer in the desert. At the top is "Regno d'Italia -Poste," "Colonia Eritrea" at the bottom, "Centesimi" at each side, with numerals of value in the four corners. Unfortunately it does not appear to have met with the approval of the authorities.

ESTHONIA. Stamp Collecting has received a new 35 penni stamp which has for the central design a miniature silhouette view of Reval from the sea. 35 penni, red

We have received specimens of the 1 mark value on bluish paper instead of white.

EUPEN AND MALMEDY. In addition to the regular adhesives noted last month consisting of all values of the regular 1915 set of Belgium with the surcharge Eupen or Malmedy, specimens of which were sent us by W. C. Phillips, there are also postage due stamps surcharged in the same manner for each district.

5 centimes, yellow green
10 centimes, red
20 centimes, olive
30 centimes, blue
50 centimes, pale grey
FRANCE. A 60 centime stamp is being prepared of the same type as the 40 c , etc. Also stamp books of the 25 centimes value, and there are to be changes in the entires consequent upon the increase in the rates of postage.

Two new values of parcel post stamps have been issued of the "Majoration" design. They are imperforate.

50 centimes, violet
1 franc, pale yellow
GERMANY. A series of seven stamps for the use of the government officials of Prussia has been issued. The type differs for each value but- all bear the number 21 as in the former series.

5 pfennig, green
10 pfennig, red
15 pfennig, violet
20 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig, vermilion
50 pfennig, lilac brown
1 mark, carmine
A similar series without the number is said to be in preparation for use in the other states.

GUATEMALA. Robert C. Munroe has shown us a new provisional.


25 centavos on $2 p$., orange \& black

HAITL. Arthur O. Litt sends us the first specimens of what we hope is to be the really permanent set for this much surcharged country. There are two designs. The two lower values are of the first type and the other three of the second. In all probability there are other values to follow. The stamps are the work of the American Bank Note Co. and are perforated 12 .

3 centimes de gourde, orange
5 centimes de gourde, yellow grn.
10 centimes de gourde, vermilion
15 centimes de gourde, violet.
25 centimes de gourde, blue
We have purposely neglected to chronicle the numerous recent surcharges from this country thinking it would be preferable to wait until there was a let up in the deluge and then give a systematic list. Mr. Litt very kindly offers to supply this and we shall print it in some future number.

HUNGARY. The New York Times of May 13 th printed the following item regarding a series of stamps (?) of which we have as yet not been able to secure any definite information. One of our foreign exchanges alludes to them as a purely private enterprise and of no real postal value. They are probably 'stickers' as we do not think General Bandholtz would go in for a speculative issue, even if he is a stamp collector.

## BOOM IN HUNGARIAN STAMPS.

Those Issued by Bandholtz Are Eagerly Sought by Collectors.

BUDAPEST, May 12.-Stamp collectors are paying large sums for postage Bandholtz had printed while he was stamps which Brig. Gen. Henry H. serving as American representative on the Interallied Commission in Budapest for the purpose of establishing a neutral means of correspondence, under American protection, between Hungary and the other nations of Europe and the United States during the Rumanian occupation.

The stamps bear the inscription "Hungarian-American Messenger Post" and also portraits of Lajos (Louis)

Kossuth, the famous Hungarian patriot, and George Washington. The stamps were never put in circulation hecause of the cessation of Roumanian occupation.

Speculation is more intense in these stamps than in those issued during the Communist dictatorship of Bela Kun, as General Bandholtz took the dies to the United States. It is proposed, in view of their popularity, to make new dies and reintroduce the stamps as one of the national issues.

ICELAND. Still more values of the new set. W. T. Wilson reports the following:

3 aur, brown
4 aur, red and black
6 aur, grey black
15 aur, violet
There is also a new official stamp but with "Pjonustu" at the left.

20 aur, black and green
JAPAN. The four stamps issued last year have been surcharged for use in the Japanese post offices in China.

6 sell, hrown
$S$ sen, grey
30 sen, red brown
50 sen, brown
KUBAN REPUBL1C. Stamp Collecting reports the following provisionals surcharged on the arms stanips of Russia. All perforated.

3 roubles, on $4 \mathrm{k} .$, red
10 roubles, on 4 k ., red
25 roubles, on 7 k ., blue
70 kopecs on 5 k ., lilac
The stamps of this republic and those of the Don Cossacks are listed by Scott under South Russia.

LATVIA. If all the members of the Society kept us as well posted regarding their pet country as Karl Koslowsl:i does we should have to hire a stenographer to leep things anywhere near caught up. Here is the latest dope regarding Latvia.

The Lettish government is trying to rid itself of the various kinds of currency now in general use and have adopted a project to issue its own money and do away with the present confusion,

The standard is to be the gold "lat" divided into 100 groschen. A kilogram of gold is to equal $6,828,380$ lat. In other words the lat will be about the same as our dime or about half a franc. Gold coins of 25 and 50 lat are to be struck and also silver pieces of $1,2,5$ and 10 lat. For small change there will be 10,20 and 50 groschen coppers and iron coins of 1,2 and 5 groschen. All coinage will be done at the government mint. Bank notes are to be issued of the denominations of 5 , 10,25 and 50 groschen, $1,5,10,25$, 50 and 100 lat. This currency is to be protected by the government reserve of gold bullion and other government securities. Provision is made for retiring all the existing currency, a Russian ruble or German mark being reckoned equal to $66 \frac{2}{3}$ groschen if the obligation was contracted prior to January 1, 1918 or to 50 groschen if after that date. This change in the currency will mean a new issue of stamps which we trust will be permanent.

On April 1, the postal rates were increased. Local and drop letters 25 kap., inland letters $50 \mathrm{kap} .$, foreign letters 1 rouble, local and inland post cards 20 kap., foreign post cards 40 kap.

On the same date there was issued another commemorative set of two valnes to celebrate the deliverance of Latgalia from the Bolshiviki. Latvia is made up of three provinces or districts, Courland, Livonia and Latgalia. The stamps were designed by the Lettish artist Richard Sarin and represent a mother with extended arms welcoming her daughter who also with extended arms is approaching her. On either side of the mother is a child representing the other two districts. Three stars in each of the upper corners still further portray the three districts. The stamps measure $25 \times 31 \mathrm{~mm}$. and are perforated $111 / 2$.

50 kapeika, green and red
1 rouble, green and bistre
A good supply was printed of these stamps, there being $2.000,000$ of the 50 k . and $1,000,000$ of the 1 r . One peculiarity of the stamps is the paper
upon which they are printed. Owing to the shortage of paper, use was made of the backs of unfinished 10 mark hank notes prepared by General Awalow $\dashv$ Bermond during his occupation of the country but which were not issued on account of his enforced exit. The stock in the city of Mitau was confiscated, and as it was very large we may see more of it if there are any more anniversaries to celebrate. A block of about fifteen stamps will give specialists a complete note we are informed.

The first session of the Landtag or parliament met on April 17, and of course there was a special stamp to celebrate the occasion. The design is by Richard Sarin and depicts a woman in the national costume waiting at the stile wondering what the future will be. Above in an arch, "Satversmes Sapulces Peeminai", or "Commemorative of the Representative Meeting." The stamp measures $25 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$. and is perforated 11.

## 50 kapeika, rose

LITHUANIA. L'Echangiste Universel lists the set o tstamps to which we alluded last month. They are to celebrate the proclamation of the republic. There are four types. The 10,15 and 20 s . are oblong, the central design in the cut being so poorly printed that all we can make out is one soldier kneeling to a person who is holding something out to him in his hands; the next three values are rectangular with a female figure in flowing robes in the center; the next three have a female figure surrounded by rays, while the two high values have a man on horselback jumping over a tall circular building.

10 skatiku, red
15 skatiku, lilac
20 skatiku, blue
30 skatiku, brown
50 skatiku, carmine
60 skatiku, violet
40 skatikn, brown and green
80 skatiku, violet and red
1 auksinai, green and red
3 auksinai, brown and red
5 auksinai, green and red
LUXEMBURG. A new set of stamps was to have beeu issued on January 23
the twenty-fourth birthday of Grand Duchess Charlotte but it seems that the portrait of her Highness on certain valnes did not meet with the young lady's approval so it was all off until a new approved portrait could be secured.

MARIENWERDER. L'Echo announces that before the set listed last month was issued there was a provisional emission made by overprinting Geiman stamps with "Commission interallieeMarienwerder." Judging by the quantities printed it was for speculative purposes.

50 pfennig, carmine and black on buff. (2000)
75 pfennig, green and black. (16000)

80 pfennig, red and black on rose. (3000)

1 mark, carmine. (4000)
MONACO. L'Echo gives the following figures for the "wedding" stamps cbronicled last month.

| $2 \times 3$ on $15 \times 10$ | 15,000 |
| :--- | ---: |
| $2 \times 3$ on $25 \times 15$ | 15,000 |
| $2 \times 3$ on $50 \times 50$ | 15,000 |
| $5 \times 5$ on $1 \times 1$ | 15,000 |
| $5 \times 5$ on $5 \times 5$ | 15,000 |
| $15 \times 10$ | 24,550 |
| $25 \times 15$ | 33,900 |
| $50 \times 50$ | 16,650 |
| 1 fx1f | 15,450 |
| 5 fx5f | 1,050 |

"It is interesting to compare with these figures those of the Orphelines stamps sold without surcharge and at present out of print.'"

| $2 \times 3$ | 25,000 |
| :--- | ---: |
| $5 \times 5$ | 48,000 |
| $15 \times 10$ | 31,000 |
| $25 \times 10$ | 25,500 |
| $50 \times 50$ | 12,000 |
| 1 fx1f | 9,000 |
| 5 fx5f | 3,500 |

NETHERLANDS. A new value of the same type as the others has been added to the postage due set.

50 cents, pale ultramarine
NIUE. The $1 / 2$ penny with head of King George of the current New èZaland issue has been surcharged in red. $1 / 2$ penny, yellow green
PARAGUAY, L'Echo has received a

1 peso opstage due transformed into a regular postage stamp hy means of the overprint "Habilitado 1920."

1 peso, yellow brown
PENRHYN ISLAND. As in Aitutaki and Niue so also bere.

1/2 penny, yellow green
PRUSSIA. By the terms of the peace treaty plebiscites were to be beld in certain districts of East Prussia to determine their future nationality. One of these districts is that including Allenstein and German stamps are reported to have been surcharged "Plebiscite -Olsztyn-Allenstein." Olsztyn is evidently the Polish name of the city and district.

5 pfennig, green
10 pfennig, carmine
15 pfennig, violet
20 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig, orange and black on buff
40 pfennig, red and black
50 pfennig, purple and black on buff
75 pfennig, green and black
1 mark, carmine
1.25 mark, green
1.50 mark, brown
2.50 mark, claret

3 mark, black violet
ROUMANIA. A correspondent in Braila sends the following document to Theodore Champion.
"Increase of Foreign Postal Rates." In consideration of the fact of the depreciation of the franc during the first quarter of this year the postal and telegraph tarifs will be modified from and after April 1, 1920 , and will be based on the equivalent in French money of our leu. Under these circumstances all mail sent abroad will be charged as follows:

Ordinary postal card of 10 cent: sell for 50 bani.

Letters, samples, printed matter, etc. will be paid with stamps overprinted in centimes. The 40 cent will sell for 2 lei, the 20 cent for 1 leu , the 10 cent for 50 bani the 5 cent for 25 bani. All mail going abroad not prepaid in centimes will be refused,"

RUSSIA. The following Levant stamps are reported by L'Echangiste Unlversel as being overprinted with new values.

7 p on 20 p , rose
10 p on 20 p , rose
15 p on 20 p , rose
$20 p$ on 20 p , rose
25 p on 20 p , rose
30 p on 20 p , rose
SARRE. W. C. Phillips sends us specimens of the German stamps noted last month with the surcharge SAARGEBIET.

5 pfennig, green
10 pfennlg, red
15 pfennig, violet
20 piennig, blue
40 pfennig, red and black
50 pfennig, purple and black on buff
60 pfennig, lilac
75 pfennig, green and black
ST. THOMAS \& PRINCE ISLANDS. The London Philatelist chronicles the $21 / 2$ cent stamp of 1914 surcharged in black " $\$ 04$ " and the original value barred out.

4 cents on $21 / 2 c$. light violet
SEYCHELLES. A Postal Union circular sent us by J. B. Leavy gives the following additional values of the King George set.

5 cents, brown
25 cents, black and red on yellow
50 cents, dull violet and black
1 rupee, dull violet and scarlet
5 rupee, grey green and ultram.
SIAM. The 12 satangs of the current issue has been overprinted in red with the numerals " 10 " in figures and also in Siamese characters.

10 on 12 satangs, grey \& brown
SILESIA. (Upper). Three surcharges bave appeared on the numeral series of Plebiscite stamps.

5 on 20 pfennig, blue ( 2 var.)
10 on 20 pfennig, blue ( 2 var.)
50 pf on 5 mark, orange (3 var.) The numeral series has been replaced by a set printed at the French government printing office. They are oblong in shape and have for the central design a landscape. Perforate 13 ,
$21 / 2$ pfennig, grey
3 pfennig, red brown
5 pfennig, green
10 pfennig, rose
15 pfennig, violet
20 pfennig, blue
25 pfennig, brown
30 pfennig, orange
40 pfennig, olive green
SPAIN. Not to be bebind the rest of the world Spain has created a series of airpost stamps by surcharging some of the current adhesives with "Correos Aero." The 10 c and 1 p values are overprinted in black and the others in red.

5 centimos, green
10 centimos, carmine
25 centimos, blue
50 centimos, blue green
1 peseta, carmine
TRAVANCORE. Stamp Collecting has received a new value of the current type.
$11 / 4$ chuckrums, claret
TURKEY. The new issue turns out to be simply a reprint of the Bradbury, Wilkinson \& Co. pictorials of 1913 in new colors. Perforate 12.

5 paras, orange
20 paras, rose
3 piastress, blue
5 piastres, grey
10 piastres, violet
25 piastres, lilac
URUGUAY. A set of three commemorative stamps has been issued bearing the portrait of Jose Enrique Rodo, concerning whom a Montevideo newspaper says he is the immortal author of "Ariel." The stamps are for interior circulation only, and in certain unnamed South American states. They are perforated 14 . We will try and illustrate them next month.

2 centesimos, carmine and black
4 centesimos, orange and blue
5 centesimos, blue and brown
WALLTS AND FUTUNA 1SLANDS. At last the long expected stamps have arrived and 10 , they are mere surcharges on the current issue of New Caledonia. The overprint is in three lines in black except on the 5 franc
where it is in red. W eare indebted to W.C.Phillips for a set of the stamps.

1 centime, black on green
2 centimes, red brown
4 centimes, blue on orange
5 centimes, green
10 centimes, carmine
15 centimes, violet
20 centimes, brown
25 centimess, blue on green
30 centimes, brown on orange
35 centimes, hlack on yellow
40 centimes, carmine on green
45 centimes, violet brown on lavneder
50 centimes, carmine on orange
1 franc, blue on yellow green
2 francs, carmine on blue
5 francs, black on orange
The Wallis islands are in Polynesia, northeast of the Fiji group and comprise about a dozen islands, of which Ouvea and Nukuatea are the largest. The group was named for the English explorer Captain Samuel Wallis who discovered them in 1767. The islands are said to be the only group in Polynesia where Christianity has entirely displaced the worship of idols. The area of the group is about 96 square kilometers and the population is about 10,000 inhabitants. The islands were placed under a French protectorate in 1842 and a new treaty signed November 19, 1886 by Queen Amelia Lavelua, since deceased, definitely ratified this protectorate. A French President was installed November 15, 1887. The islands are attached to New Caledonia for governmental purposes but it seems that they have been demanding a special series of stamps ever since 1895.

WURTEMBURG. Like Bavaria this German state issued a farewell set, or rather two of them, to celebrate the taking over of the postal system by the German government. The two series are both for official use and are by no means noted for their beauty. One has a white deer for the central design, while the other has a view of a city, in which a cathedral occupies a very prominent place. They are oblong in shape and as we hope to illustrate, we will omit further details. Perforate 14.

The "deer" set is for city officials:
10 pfennig, claret
15 pfennig, black brown
20 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig, green
50 pfennig, yellow
75 pfennig, ochre
The second set is for the state officials:

10 pfennig, claret
15 pfennig, black brown
20 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig, green
50 pfennig, yellow
75 pfennig, ochre
1 mark, red
1.25 mark, lilac
2.50 mark, dark blue

3 mark, yellow green

## MONACO.

When the recent surcharges were chronicled in the philatelic press some of our brother editors evidently translated "petit fille" as little daughter of the prince instead of granddaughter. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the membership of the royal family of Monte Carlo here are a few facts.

Albert I. the reigning prince, was horn at Paris November 13, 1848, and succeeded his father, Charles III. whose portrait adorns the first issue, September 10,1889 . He was married September 21, 1869 to Lady Mary Douglas Hamilton by whom he had one son, Louis Honore Charles Antoine, the present heir to the throne. This marriage was annulled in 1880 and Prince Albert was again married Octoher 30, 1889 to Alice Heine, dowager duchess of Richelleu. This marriage was childless and was annulled in 1902.

The hereditary prince, Louis, never married, but had a natural daughter, Charlotte Louise Juliette, who was born at Constantine (Algeria ?) September 30,1898 and was legitimatized in 1911. She was formally adopted by Prlnce Louis May 16, 1919 and has borne the name Mlle. de Valentinois. For some years past she has been living in the household of her grandfather, Prince Albert.

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## DEFACING CANCELLERS

WILLIAM EVANS.

First mention of devices of this kind was made by Mr. J. Klemani, Jr., in the Philatelic Gazette in November, 1915, where a detailed description of the Wesson patent was given, and a photograph of a pair of two cent stamps to which it had been applied was reproduced. Later the Collectors Journal published a series of articles written by Mr. W. L. Stevenson, illustrating and describing a number of other devices. This article is written to get together what information we have on the subject, and to give a little new material to those who desire it, with the hope that some one may be able to shed some light on the obscure parts of the subject, and reveal some of the unknown points. Much is still needed to complete our knowledge of it.

We need some one to dig out the various patents recorded. A few of these have been printed in philatelic journals. It is not necessary to re-write them here. They are available. Besides the Wesson patent, there were at least two granted to Mr. M. P. Norton, and one to Mr. J. C. Gaston. In view of the number of designs used it is quite probable that several other patents were granted. Who will find out?

The period of our philatelic history from 1860 forward for several years seems to have produced men both in office and outside of office who had attacks, severe or otherwise, of belief or fear that the goverument was being, or was likely to be defrauded of vast sums by petty thieves whose chief occupation was removing the cancellations from postage or revenue stamps so that they could be used more than once.

Hence arose efforts of various kinds to prevent this nefarious practice, and we see the results in defacing cancelling devices, chemical papers, grills, double papers, and so forth. Whether any of these devices actually saved the government three cents or not no one has ever told us. At any rate some of them were used for a time, and our albums are enriched thereby.

The first of the patent cancellers was used at about the time chemical papers were being experimented with, 1862 being the earliest date thus far noted. And it seems to have been regarded as more efficacious than its contemporary paper scheme, since it was put into actual use, while so far as we know the chemical papers were never actually issued, though the catalogue honors them with a place in the list, and a fancy price quotation in unused condition.

The earliest date upon which we have knowledge of the use of one of the defacing cancellers is apparently Oct. 24, 1862. A cover has recently been submitted by Mr. W. F. Goerner bearing what is evidently the New York

post-mark and this date. The cut will show why more lositive statements are not made. The ink on some parts of the post-marker did not take well. The cover hears a three cents and one cent stamp, evidently a carier." The canceller "took." It is very plain. It is not new to us, having been described in the Collectors Journal. It consists of a series of what look very much like the grill impressions of the later stamps, being a number of small crosses arranged in pairs. The stamp from which the former description was written did not show the whole of the design, and the illustration of it was built up to make it balance. But it does not quite balance as this cut will show. There is however very little difference postmarker was apparently attached to postmarkee was apparently attached to it. It certainly was a success in "killing' the stamp, and also the envelope, and from the impression made upon them must have made its presence known to the contents of the envelope.

Mr. Goerner has also submitted a cover dated New York, Nov. 21, 1862 showing another form of canceller, and this is a new one. The cut will show the inked surface as it appears on the stamp. This is another "carrier" cover with one cent and three cents stamps, the three cents being the one upon which the canceller fell. The design

consists of eight rays with three small "punches" in the center. These are not all the same size nor shape. They cut into the paper of both stamp and envelope. The postmarker appears to have been attached to this canceller.

The use of these two devices must have been very limited, as so far only two specimens of the first and one of the other have been noted. We should be glad to hear of others.

The next device is known to have been used in three cities, and believed to have been used in two others. The device shows a small circie in the center made by a punch which was intended either to punch a small hole in the stamp or cut deeply enough into its fibres to carry the ink into them and so prevent cleaning. This was surrounded by a guard which was also inked and was doubtless intended to prevent the punch from cutting too deeply. This guard varied in shape. The device is known to have been used at Buffalo, Albany, and Rochester, N. Y. The Collectors Journal illustrates the shape used at Buffalo and Albany. The one used at Buffalo was almost a circle but

has a small break in its continuity at the side toward the postmarker; the

one used at Albany shows four sections or rays; and the one used at Rochester

a complete circle with no space between the punch and the guard. A
stamy off cover probably used at Rochester shows the guard in two semicircles with a small space at top and bottom. This stamp shows the letters "STER," which are doubtless the last four letters of Rochester. The postmarker and punch were undoubtedly attached to each other in these three devices.

Two other devices of this general character exist, but as both are on stamps off cover the places in which they were used is not known. In both there is the central punch, surrounded in one case by eight rays, and in the other by twelve.

The earliest date of the Buffalo postmark so far reported is Mar. 8, 1863 and the latest Mar. 2, 1865. The Albany postmark bears no year date but the shades and paper of the stamps indicate use at about this period. The dates observed in connection with the Rochester postmark run from Feb. 17, 1863 to Oct. 7, 1863. It is probable that these devices were not used continuously during these periods in either city.


At New York a "killer" was nsed which evidently, when effectively applied, did its work by cutting the stamp into small strips. Parallel cutting blades were the means employed, and there were nine of them of unequal length, spaced about one-eighth of an inch apart, and apparently forming an oval. As a means of destroying the stamp this was an unqualified success,
but it must also have seriously wonnded the contents of the envelope under the stamp, and any clerk who by reason of carelessness or a bad aim hit his finger with it must have needed surgical attention.


There were other forms of these "cntters" used but where is still unrevealed. One of them had thirteen blades! The arrangement of the blades differed in some respects but they were so nearly alike that two illustrations wiil do for the whole lot. They are too dangerous to fool with.

The three cents and twenty-four cents stamps have been seen showing one of them, and the three cents the others. Probably many of the stamps treated by thein fell to pieces when talen from the covers and were consequently destroyed as junk.


Mount Clemens, Mich., was a town in which was used a defacer of a different character. The cover bears a three cents 1861 issue but of 1863 or 1864 from the shade and paper. Stevenson calls it a "killer," and his name is well chosen. It certainly "killed" the stamp and had its effect upon the cover, and the enclosure must have given evidence that something had been done to it.

There appear to be 49 sets of dots in groups of four, the sets spaced oneeighth inch apart on centers. There does not seem to have been any connection with the postmark but each was used separately.


A design of an entirely different character has recently been found. It is on a three cents 1861 stamp oif cover, so that it is impossible to tell where it was used. It consists of six small $V$ shaped blades arranged in a semicircle. The blades were not very sharp and did not cut the paper but did make their mark on the envelope, showing through the piece of it to which the stamp is attached. Can some one tell us where it was used?


A shott time ago a one cent 1861 was found showing four rather large right angles arranged in the form of a cross. The bars cut into the paper of the stamp. It is off cover and therefore the place in which it was used is unknown.


Mr. Wickman has sent for inspection a cover used at Youngsville, Pa., which has a 3c 1861 probably nsed in 1863 or 1864 cancelled with a number of short blades arranged in a circnlar form. These blades did not cut into the paper as did the ones used in New York, but did make their impression upon it and show an embossing of the envelope. They seem to have been separate from the postmark as there is too great a distance between the two for them to have been connected. They cut into the stamp sufficiently to break the fibres of the paper and carry the ink into them.

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Now we come to onr hiatus. Why?
No one has prodnced one of these cancellers used between the spring of 1865 and sometime in the 70 s , after the Conitinental Bank Note Company began its operations. Why were they discontinued? Who can tell? Did the pernicious stamp cleaner cease to clean? Were the "puncher," and the "killer," and the "cutter" put out of business by the complaints of those whose love letters and valentines were mutilated? All we know is that they ceased to be used and have never been returned to favor. The reasons remain shrouded in mystery. Who will rend the veil?

Some one suggests grills. It was two whole years after they disappeared before the first grill made its appearance. So grills didn't cause their discontinuance. They may bave kept tbem in the discard, and I suspect that there is some weight to this argument, as they, or rather their more improved (?) successors, again came to life about five or six years after the grills had sunk into oblivion, and at about the time when experlments with papers were much to the fore again.

After the 1861 issue, the next stamps to show that defacing cancellers were used upon them were'some of the printings of the Continental Bank Note Co. The 1867, 1869 and the issues of the National Bank Note Co. escaped, so far as we are at present informed. But at some time during the life of the Continental Bank Note Co. the patent cancellations again came into use. Unfortunately very few dates can be as yet reported. But we can be sure when we find a stamp issued by the Continetnal Bank Note Co.

Only one of the old designs was resurrected, but a number of new ones
were produced, and whether simultaneously or not is not yet clear. It is possible that certain similar designs were used in one part of the country, and others in other parts. For instance the one with a ring having small punches inside was used at Boston, and a similar one probably at Providence, R. I. Chicago and Springfield, Ill., and Covington, Ky. used designs of a different chaacter, viz. The rays with a few dots in the center. Further than this we cannot at present go, as far as localities are concerned.

Which of the designs was used first? The only clue is the stamps. Of course a cancellation on a Continental stamp was of earlier date than on an American stamp. But as between two Continental stamps it is not so easy to say which was issued prior to the otheryet. When we get to know papers better this may be possible.

The earliest date recorded in connection with this series of cancellers is Oct. 9,1876 , noted by Geo. B. Sloane. The canceller was one of the ray design and was used at Springfield, Ill. I have one of this design on a three cents and another on a six cents printed on the so-called "silk fibre" paper which was used in 1877 for a short period. That comprises the information on dates which is at all definite. Mr. Sloane has reported one used at Louisville, Ky.

The ray design seems to have been put into use first. It is found upon some of the Continental stamps, and was continued in use until the American printings were issued as it is also known on some of them.

It consists of a number of rays arranged in the form of a circle with several, usually twelve, dots in the center. These dots are produced by small blunt points and emboss the paper of the stamp, carrying the cancelling ink into its fibres. The number of rays varies. The varieties so far seen are eigbt, nine, ten, twelve and fourteen.
The eight rays design is known on the 2 c and 3 c Continental and 3 c American in black; the nine rays on the 6 c Continental in black; the ten rays on the

2 c and 3 c Continental in black; the twelve rays on $2 \mathrm{c}, 3 \mathrm{c}, 6 \mathrm{c}$, and 7 c Continental in black, and one the 3 c and 6 c Continental in blue, and the 1c 1881 in black. It is also known on the 6c "silk fibre" paper in black. The fourteen rays is known on the 2 c and 6 c Continental, and 6c "silk fibre" in black, and the 2c and 6c Continental in blue.


A very similar design shows the rays with the dots in the center but surrounded by a circle. The dots are about thirty in number. This design has been found on a 3c Continental.


A different design is known on a 3c Continental. This has three concentric circles broken into eight segments with a dot at the inner end of each segment. The dots were made by the little punches and embossed the paper, but the broken circles did not injure it.


A defacing canceller used at Boston, Mass. on American stamps shows a ring enclosing about forty-five dots. The dots were made hy points which punctured the paper, and must have left their impression upon the contents of an envelope. There are several similar designs known. Some of these have two rings, and the number of dots varies. Thus far the single ring has been found $3 / 4$ inch, $5 / 8$ inch, and $1 / 2$ inch in diameter, and two sizes of the double circle are known.



A similar design but with the dots in the center larger and appearing to have been made by points not so sharp has been found on a 3c American.


A different idea is evident in the next design. There is the circle made by the guard hut inside it a series of short lines, tangent to a concentric circle, made by short blades or punches whic hcut the paper. When properly applied the circle is nearly cut away, hut when an oblique hlow was struck by the operator, they did not cut into the paper to the same extent all the way round. This canceller may have done its work by the motion of the punches if they were punches, and may have been intended to remove a portion of the stamp by cutting it out. Who can tell more about it? Or who can tell where it was used. It has been found on the 3c American.


A 3c Continental has been found showing the design similar to that used at Rochester in 1863 but the little circular punch in the center is a little
larger and it cut into the paper deeper. Mr. A. E. Owen first submitted this design to our notice.


Another plan was to erase a portion of the stamp by means of revolving teeth in the center of a cancelling device. This portion is indicated by the barred rin in the center. It did not cut into the stamp deeply enough to cut out or tear out a circular piece but only about half the thickness of the stamp was affected by it. It is not known yet where it was used. The 3 c American is the only stamp reported as having been cancelled by it.


The Wesson patent was intended to perforate and tear out a portion of the stamps. The perforating and tearing parts of the tool were made a part of the postmarker so that one blow did the work. This implement was used at Providence, R. I. and has been found on a pair of 2c American stamps.

A very simple design has been noted on a 3 c Continental in blue ink. It is a small segment of a circle, cut by a straight line, beyond which are a number of small dots, made by sharp points which penetrate the paper of the stamp. Mr. A. E. Owen first showed us this design, and a little later a copy was found in a lot of Continentals.


The next designs show one or two rows of points in the center of rather large guards. The points cut through
the paper or into it. The probable desire was to force the ink into the paper of the stamp by means of the puncturing points. These are known upon the 3c 1881.


The 2 c red brown of 1883 has been found showing the next design. The three rings do not emboss the paper of the stamp but the square-shaped punches in the center do so quite deeply. A number of these stamps cancelled in this manner do not show that the paper is cut into hy the punches and may or may not have been cancelled by it. If they were the punches must have been worn so that they did not extend beyond the guard rings, or they may have heen adjustable, and not screwed down enough to break the fibres of the paper.


So far as known this comprises the list of the patent cancelling devices actually used. A few others have been described from the patents but as yet no stamps have been reported that show their use. Some one may find them later.

There is still much to be learned ahout many or most of them, and it is to be hoped that any one having a design not recorded, or a cover or piece
of cover showing the town in which those not identified were used will give us the information. Perhaps co-operation will produce some results which individual effort can not attain.

Note. Many of the iliustrations are reproduced from the Collectors Journal. The others are drawn by H. P. Atherton and J. K. Waitt.

## PROGRESSIVE GUAM.

The annual report of the governor of Guam is an interesting document. Accustomed to large figures in such statements, one finds it a little disconcerting at first to find that the total receipts of the customs and revenue department during the last fiscal year were only $\$ 9,150$ and expenditures but $\$ 3,312$. But the items are not out of proportion to the other statistics given. Thus we find that only 33 vessels touched at the island during the year. The total population now is 14,635 , of which 13,623 are natives.

The features of the report which will give Americans greatest satisfaction are those showing the progress of the people under the rule of the United States. They have advanced so rapidly along the path of Americanization that they have taken to playing baseball, and have a league maintained on the island. The old Spanish legal code remains in force, but the laws are in such chaotic state that it has been decided to revise them in accordance with American ideas.

There were 55 marriages, 567 births and 1,059 deaths during the year, the lieavy mortality having been in part due to a typhoon and in part also to an epidemic of influenza. One notable thing, orfm which other parts of the American Nation might well take an example, was done to eradicate disease. Such a determined campaign was conducted against rats-which, of all dis-ease-bearing parasites, according to the United States public health service, stand supreme in the cost their presence has entailed upon mankind in toll of lives and money-that the Guam
treasury became embarrassed. The island government paid bounties at first for all rats and iguanas killed, but after $\$ 15,33 \$$ had been paid out for 600 ,934 rats and 9,960 iguanas it became necessary to call a halt. The treasury was nearing exhaustion. Rat killing has now been made compuisory, but prizes are offered to encourage activity in this direction. The island apparent.ly is in sad need of a Pied Piper.

It is to be hoped that the authorities at Washington will not let the diminutiveness and isolation of Guam render them indifferent to its needs. It should be brought more closely in touch with the world. Guam cannot be certain of more than one ship a month touching at its shores, and because of the irregularity of transportation the governor reports that at times the island has been badly in lack of food supplies.

The recommendation that a navy transport service be established between San Francisco and Manila, touching at Guam both ways, is not unreasonable.

## POLAND TO ISSUE NEW COIN.

Poland is soon to have a new coin, the "zlota." This latest addition to the world's unpronouncables is reported by Trade Commissioner Louis E. Van Norman, studying Poles, Poland and Polish things for the Government from headquarters in Warsaw. Under the recent ruling of the Polish Diet barring the Austrian crown from circulation, Mr. Van Norman sees a great future for the "zlota."

As for general financial conditions, the Trade Commissioner found them improving. The Polish internal loans he found, were going well, with the people displaying no reluctance to lending their money to their new administrators. He reported the exchange rate between Russia and Poland as considerably improved.

# EMBLEMS IN STAMPS 

## (Read before the Cincinnati Philatelic Society.)

It is with considerable reluctance that I attempt to outline the basis of nearly all collecting, as I realize how difficult it is for you or me to appreciate the importance of picture talking or emblems. Most of us were railsed in this happy, prosperous reion that is sinularly devoid of history, as even the Civil War surged around not over us. It is therefore difficult for us 10 appreciate what an emblem means to a people whole life and history is perhaps symbolized by emblems which occasion in them emotions, such as we experience when our flag passes us in time of National stress.

Some years ao, a hoodlum desecrated the Texas flag and was promptly thrashed by an enraged Texan. Both were arrested for fighting and the court released the Texan and fined the culprit. So far I think we must agree the episode might have occurred in Ohio or any other state, although I doubt if indignity offered to our city or state emblem would of itself make most of us fighting mad and turning the offender over to the police, would be about all we would consider necessary. In any event, the incident would close with the court action.

Now in the Texas case, the legislature interrupted its proceedings to pass a resolution of thanks to the loyal citizen who had punished indignity to the State emblem. So we see this lone star flag with its story of people who died in the Alamo that it might come into being and of others who died for it in later battles, has a real meaning to the people who have been taught about it in the schools and so they have two revered emblems, State as well as Natlonal. I mention this to emphasize the importance of emblems to almost all peoples and the fact that you respect and revere few or one, marks you as unusual in the buman family and not the people who lespect many.

Talking by means of pictures came before the alphabet and is still the
short way to convey or emphasize an idea. If $I$ exhibited a picture of one of our squares to strangers in another city, they would quickly gain an accurate idea of the place, which wonld take a very long time to convey in words. Or suppose we cannot speak the same language, but you have made me understand you want to know when something happened and I draw for you three circles with rays darting from them and place two crescents between these circles. I think you would all understand I said three suns and two moons ago, or three days and two nights. Sign language and emblem language probably came before talking and writing and to be of value, is not intricate, so it is possible to quickly learn what the emblems on a foreign stamp convey long before you master the printed words if the language is unfamiliar to you.

A short time ago, I read of an old coin attributed to the Golden Age of the ancients or that wonderful period just before the dawn of history, that modern research seems on the way to prove was a more wonderful and happy civilization than any known period. Now this coin had a fish for an emblem and its interest of course, is why a fish? What alloy of silver or guards if any, to prevent counterfeiting were not even mentioned, but the whole interest centers in, why the design?

Just so with the first postage stamp, which you know classes as an envelope stamp with the design covering the face of the cover, except a space reserved for address. It is loosely described as picturing "Britannia sending letters to all parts of the World." Now design collectors take sharp issue with this interpretation, as rule or axiom one is that "stamps are made by the Government and people for circulation in the issuing country to advertise something among themselves," so the picture means "Britannia sending letters to all parts of the Realm or Empire."

Never having owned the stamp or studied it, I can not venture an opinion, but mention it to impress on you the rule, so that if anything about a stamp puzzles you, the problem is National not International and the chances are if you were a citizen of the issuing country, no problem would exist. Just as the people who used the fish coin, knew all about what the fish signified, so the people of a country understand what the emblems on their stamps are and if you don't know, it is your problem to find out.

I personally have encountered only one stamp that in design indicated an appeal to people in other countries. This one is fairly well known to collectors who are members of a worldwide order and while circumstances prevented the stamp having any effect, it explains a highly uusual action of a prominent Government that I have frequently heard comments about as unexplainable.

Now suppose we take our two cent stamp of today and analyze it, not for specialist points like perforation, paper, watermark, etc., but what the stamp is intended to say. This stamp is correct and conventional in design in every way but one, and in general arrangement similar to a wide range of stamps. At the top or place of honor in the frame, we see in'tials of the country and kind of stamp namely "postage"; in the center our attention is called to Washington, the foremost and greatest American and all he means to us; below is the value; and design is sacrificed for utility by adding a superfiuous numeral 2 in order that one numeral or the other, will show in the event of heavy cancellation. Now the area is small, so the artist has followed the old rule of making his frame reasonably plain in order to accentuate or throw out his picture. He cannot however resist the temptation of ornamenting the sides of his frame with a wreath to express tribute to the great subject of his picture.

Very simple you say and easily un-
derstood and that is exactly what every stamp is intended to be. Let us imagine however, that in time to come, the wreath fell into disuse as expressing tribute, then the collectors of the later period would have some trouble in solving what the sides of the stamp suggested until they found that their ancestors used a wreath as an expression of tribute.

We now open the collection to Great Britain the country of the first postage stamp, to consider the make up- of the first adhesive and see our stamp of today, but conveying by its emblem a vastly different meaning. "Postage" is above and value below. The frame is severely plain, to emphasize the picture, so fine lines of engraving are depended upon to defeat the counterfeiter. Two unobtrusive ornaments are in the upper corners to balance the Post Office record letters in the lower corners. Nothing in the stamp is permitted to distract your attention from "Gentlemen, the Queen" except the necessary words "Postage" to tell the kind of stamp and "One Penny" to designate value. The first stamp was black or normal printing color. Then this probably did not show cancellation clearly, so a color was desirable. If you glance at your ensign at top of page, it is easy to see why red on blue paper is the natural choice. Now a curious thing about the stamp is that no country is mentioned and you frequently hear this cited as an evidence of English arrogance. In fact, English friends have told me that "everybody was assumed to know who the Queen of England is."

Here again your rule about stamps being made for circulation in the country of origin helps solve the problem. Foreign circulation is an incident, not the purpose. The British Government used the stamps in many places of a "far flung empire," so later when different series appear for different colonies, these adopt as a rule the same popular emblem. There are variations In design and name of places added to
avoid confusion in the mail, exactly as we pre-cancel some of our stamps today with names of places. When one considers the enormous popularity of the Queen among British people, the reason for her appearance on the stamp is obvious; although there is a tradition that some objected to use of her portrait as a mark of disrespect. Kipling's account of how "army officers broke their glasses after toasting the Queen, so that they could never be used for a lesser toast" would lend color to this stamp tradition. The arms of England like our own, are not apparently popular and the Queen was enormously so and with the objection to use of her portrait once overcome, it is easy to see why use as an emblem continued without change.

Consideration of our stamps would take too long and I am counting of Mr. A. to give us a talk on these at a later date. We turn however, to our first two stamps and note that with certain changes, in detail they read the same as the stamps of today. As the English stamp followed the Allegorical envelope stamp, so our stamps not only followed hut replaced the issues of various post offices. Of these latter, hy far the most widely used, was the New York stamp which consisted of Washington for picture and read "New York Post Office" with "New" and "York" in upper corners and "Post Office" in curved label at the top. I do not know whether our first two stamps for general use, simply copied this stamp and substituted " $U$ " and " $S$ " for "New" and "York," retaining the wording "Post Office" as a matter of copying the earlier design, or whether "Post Office" was thought better understood by the public than the word "postage."

However, at the time these stamps were issued and even to a later period, education was not considered complete without knowledge of Latin and Greek. It was not unusual for your daily papers to quote in Latin, as every educated person was supposed to translate it. It is curious to note therefore that
the design on the Washington stamp has the value in Roman numerals to add dignity to the stamp, exactly as your stamp of today has a wreath. The Franklin stamp carries the ordinary numerals and this is probably due to the fact that a " $V$ " would not fit in with the oval picture unless turned upside down or possibly as with the wreath on the stamp today, the " $X$ " is intended to add additional dignity to Washington. If you glance at your Franklin stamps of today, you will note Washington alone has the added tribute of the full wreath. This present Franklin is a modification of the 1908-09 stamps that failed to differentiate between the two portraits. However, your money for a later period used the Roman numerals, as we spoke of five or ten dollars as " $V$ "' or an " $X$ " and our attention is called to the fact that there was a time when education consisted of teaching a few essential things well and not as we read today about a smattering of everything, from making boxes to setting hens in the basements of the schools.

There is an important axiom or rule, that Governments choose the stamp of widest circulation to advertise the most important event or emblem and we can illustrate the rule by glancing at our series of 1870-73. Here we see the Senate featured by Clay "the great compromiser" and Webster "the great Unionist," the equally talented Calhoun "the great nullifier" is not featured for obvious reasons. Now in choice of stamps, we see "the great Unionist" on the more widely used 15 c value, while Clay appears on the 12 c or rather rare stamp of smaller circulation. We now glance at the 1890-93 series and as the 12 c value has been discontinued, you will note the portraits are not just promoted in the series, but Clay replaces Webster on what is now the seldom used 15 c value and "the great Unionist" is brought back to replace Jefferson on the now widely circulating 10 c stamp. The preeminence of the Unionist Senator is thus preserved.

Before passing to consideration of
some foreign stamps, suppose we glance at the beautiful 5 c stamp of the 1901 issue and see how one of the most beautiful views of the world is suhordinated to show the big bridge that was built. Also glance at our picture in the 1912-13 series to advertise the canal, as compared with the views for the same event issued hy or for the Latin people of Panama. It is easy to see which people delight in disfiguring their scenery with "somebody's pills are good for the liver" and place a Merry-goround in their wonderful Yosemite Park. Or contemplate your wonderful "Victory stamp" if you have any dounts about the high level of your art. To some who like problems, I suggest taking the picture of the $8 c$ value of the 1898 exposition series and see if you can see what is wrong with the picture and figure why it perhaps was made wrong intentionally.

Now we will take a few foreign stamps and see how much geography, bistory and knowledge of foreign people we can gather. Here is a little lot of Reunion Islands and the owner asked me to read the stamps of the 1907 issue. Now the low values are relief map stamps, so the picture is easy. It says they are in the Indian Ocean, latitude 21 degrees, which must be South of the Equator as North would he in Asia. Now running around the frame, we see at the top name of place, postage, and initials of French Republic with value helow. At the sides of frame, we see trees that are permitted to break into the picture and so suggest something more than mere ornament. St. Denis is located apparently on the ocean with the harbor or "Port" on the West, as this is marked Port in addition and slows a breakwater or something across the mouth of harbor. The island is very mountainous with some of the mountains oddly marked. The other towns worthy of map mention are threc, two on the West and one on the East side with not unusual French names. St. Pierre is furthest South and all are connected with the capital by a railway or road, that fol-
lows the shore line very closely to avoid the natural obstacles of the mountains. The question of why the road at all, is probahly answered by.lack of harbor facilities, except as "Port" so indicated. Our next design is a view stamp and shows a curved breakwater for an inner harbor with a pier extending out at right angles to accommodate vessels just touching or needing deep water. A steamer is at anchor and has a row boat fastened to her stern. This marks a good harbor as no sailor, French or otherwise, risks leaving a row boat in this fashion where it is apt to be rough. Docked in the inner harhor is the end of a cargo sailing vessel, so marked by the stern being square instead of rounded and pretty, which the designer would prefer to make it. In the background are some huildings. The frame contains the badge or arms of the place, which explains the trees in the first stamp, and from the castle top to the emhlem, I guess the place has heen a French possession for a long time, or before the revolution. This latter guess, the owner has apparently verified, as I note 1764 added in pencil to the top of page.

The next or last design completes our information, as we see across the water an active volcano with a town hy the edge of the water at its base. To the left are the warehouses or buildings in the harbor. In the middle of the picture is the in-bound steamer and from her lines, a liner and a fast one. In the foreground is a two masted cargo sailing vessel, also hurrying in with belated freight for the steamer. This sailing vessel merits attention, as while its hull is like our lake or ocean coastwise cargo schooners, she has square sails forward and schooner rig aft or on the mainmast and is not unlike the vessel pictured on the stamps of $S t$. Pierre. In the left frame is a map of the World, locating our place as off Madagascar and suggesting that it is a port of call on one of the highways of the Indian Ocean and these slower cargo carriers bring the freight to meet the steamers. I sense the pictures
were drawn from photographs, as while the gull hovering behind the sailing vessel is fanciful and to give life to the picture, there is no indecision about details. Well you say: "All this, together with the facts you are guessing ahout, you could easily read in a book." Exactly so, and I can also get my words from a dictionary, but we did not learn our words that way.

Should Reunion Islands, like the Falklands or Martinique, suddenly feature in your newspapers because of some World event, you run to your books; but I know where they are, what they are and even their volcanic structure, emblem and how long they have belonged to France, which I can easily recall hecause the stamps have impressed me and it took me less time to read my emblems than some long account that I would not remember if I read it.

As we leave the French possessions, let's loiter a moment at the page of Martinique. Here we mounted Napoleon's flag as the birthplace of the Empress Josephine, and also the flag of France at the time of Champlain and DeGrasse. Remember it was from the West Indies that DeGrasse sailed to defeat the British fleet, assist in the capture of Yorktown and our revolution was won. To halance our page, we space filled with the flag of France up to the year 1574. Instantly, we see the meaning and origin of the present flag of France. Blue next the staff or place of honor in the flag is the old color with Royal lilies omitted. White the next flag introduced with the Protestant king or after 1574 and Red to commemorate the revolution. Later we learn that our first two guesses are correct and the third may be; although some authorities claim the red refers to Paris or the St. Denis oriflamme and the blue to St. Martins cloak and not simply the favorite color of the early Franks."

Well what has this to do with stamps? Suppose we turn to Belgium and see the charity series for 1910 which picture St. Martin dividing his
cloak with the beggar, indicating common religion and history between France and Belgium. The boundaries between are political, not entirely racial. We now recall the forts existing on the Eastern or German side; and the German military leaders expressed surprise that neutral nations could not understand why if they invaded France, they must go through Belgium. Caesar wrote that Gaul or ancient France was divided in three parts and the bravest of all were the Belgians. Now what puzzled many of us as well as myself, was the apparent lack of sense evidenced by the War Lords in the invasion of Belgium. It seemed as if any advantage of this brutal hreach of faith were way more than offset by the risk, if not certainty, of having England join the fuss. Under conditions of the World War, we now see they felt they could not risk leaving their flank exposed to this brave kindred people who might not be restrained hy England or even hy their Government. So these little stamps and emblems weave in and out with each other and prove written history and suggest what will be written for our children to read.

From here we glance at four stamps of Japan issued in 1896 to commemorate or advertise two princes with unpronouncable names. Now naturally, the prince whose portrait will appear on the stamp of widest circulation will receive the widest commemorating or advertising, whichever we choose to term it. The Japanese know this exactly as our Government knew it in keeping the portrait or thought of Webster before more people than the one of Clay. We have heard that the Japanese are the politest people in the World, so let us see. They issue four stamps that the picture of each prince will appear on hoth values and receive equal attention and even the implication of preference for one over the other is avoided. Your catalogue values are naturally hased upon the number of stamps available and you will note that the price quoted for the red stamps with portrait of either prince is the
same, namely: Ten cents unused, eight cents nsed and the blne stamps with portrait of either prince is twelve cents unused and ten cents used, so no one can feel hrrt that the portrait of one prince went to more people than the other. I am bere to say that you do not have to visit Japan to be convinced that their reputation for politeness is merited, if you only look at your stamps.

Not to make the talk too long, 1 have rambled about in the collection just enough to prove to you I bope, that the stamps will teach you Geography, History and abont foreign people, if you only will look at them and let them talk to you as you acquire them.

## LOEWY STAMPS ON SALE.

The late Benno Loewy, who bequeathed his library with its valnable Shakespeare collection to Cornell University, was one of the prominent postage stamp collectors of New York. His collection sold by order of the executors discloses the fact that it contained a greater number of rarities than was supposed except by his most intimate friends. The first installment, consisting of his United States stamps, brought $\$ 26,000$.

It has been estimated by stamp experts that the entire collection will bring more than $\$ 100,000$. Of the United States stamps the most valnable specimen was a 24 -cent used, 1869 issue, with the plate inverted, which brought $\$ 450$. A St. Lonis 10 -cent went for $\$ 176$. A block of four 4-cent green of the Panama memorial issue, imperforate, brought $\$ 215$, and an imperforate block of four 2 -cent Louisiana Purchase Centennial issue went for $\$ 210$. A strip of three of the 1 -cent 1851 issue of the type known as 3 A brought $\$ 1 \overline{8} 0$.

Mr. Loewy's will is now in litigation by his widow on the grounds that in
giving his library to Cornell be gave away more than balf of his estate.

## HUVEEN STAMPS NOT TAXED.

Stamp collectors who were aware of the fact that the late Henry J. Duveen, art dealer, spent several hundred thousand dollars in gathering one of the most important stamp collections extant, the valne of which is now said to have more than trebled, glanced through the list of assets of the Duveen estate as reported to the transfer tax appraiser to learn the present value of the collection, and found no mention of the stamps.

Inquiry at the office of Lafayette $B$. Gleason, attorney for the State Controller, revealed that when the appraisal of the Duveen estate was being made, Stanchfield \& Levy, attorneys for the estate, notified Mr. Gleason that the notable collection had been given by Mr. Duveen to his wife, Mrs. Dora Charlotte Duveen. A clause in his will referred to the fact that Mr . Duveen had presented collections of art objects, prints and other valuable gifts to his wife, but no specific reference was made to the stamps.

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5593 Morgan, H. W., care Mutual Brokers, Calgary, Alta., Canada.
5594 Paul, Francis H. J., 35 Bow St., Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y.
5595 Payne, LeGrand, 1026 Tecumseh St., Indianapolis, Ind.
5596 Reynolds, Chas. S., 380 Lloyd Ave., Providence, R. I.
5597 Rosenwald, Gilbert E., Las Vegas, N. M.
5598 Smith, Luther E., 1723 Pierce Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
5599 Vawter, Chas. D., R. R. G. Box 41, Indianapolis, Ind.
5600 White, L. A., 34 Fort St. West, Detroit, Mich.
5601 Wulff, L. P., 2057 Vinton Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
5602 Jornes, Ferd., 3913 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.
う 603 Smellie, John B., 4637 Magnolia Ave., Chicago, Ill.
5604 Maxwell, J. S., Box 7, Pittsburg, Kans.
5605 Charni, Fred N., Brookville, Ind.
5606 Martin, N. Hill, 84 S. Front St., Memphis, Tenn.
5607 Litt, Arthur O., American Legation, Port Au Prince, Hayti.
5608 Hayes, Thos. J., 620 N. 51 St., East St. Louis, Mo.
5609 Eram, V. S., 6 Rue Lallier, Paris, France,

## Reinstated.

3073 Allen, E. O., 706 Pacific Ave., Houston, Tex.
1075 Brownell, James S., Woodstock, Vt.
4161 Fritschel, G. J., Rev., Strawberry Point, Ia.
2115 Gaerte, Fred E., 4501 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.
4272 Grimes, Gordon B., 206 Holeman Ave., Princton, Ky.

## Replaced on Roll.

5053 Grau, R. H., Barranquilla, Rep. Colombia.
2572 Hagen, Fred, 66 King St., Sidney, Australia.
3548 Hart, Edw. G., 1760 Avalon Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.
4807 Mardis, W. R., 324 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.
3549 Whittaker, W. G., 324 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

## Resiguations Received.

3649 Berolzheimer, D. D., 1558 E. 13th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
4583 Lee, Alfred P., 1816 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## Applications Returned.

Laird, Rosser, Box 173, Sinton, Tex.
Tarler, Dr. S. A., 20 E. 97 th St., New York City.
Adamson, Chas. W., 521 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.

## Application for Reinstatement Return-

 ed.582 Williams, C. H., 214 N. Jefferson St., Green Bay, Wis.

## Death Reported.

5340 Picher, O. S., 208 S. LaSalle sit., Chicago, Ill.

## Expelled.

5291 Burton, L. R., 22 S. 6th St., Council Bluffs, Ia.
4777 Holloway, John E., 12 Edgewood Ave., Milford, Conn.

4804 Hooghkirk, R. C., Drawer A, Milford, Conn.
5253 Ledbetter, W. S., Box 109 , Pyatt, Ark.
5253 Verrill, Eric E., Hartford, Conn.
Corrections Secretary's Report No. 10.
Thru an error No. 5037 Perez, Gilhert, was reported to the Secretary as paid and he was replaced on Roll. Delete.

Under "New Stockholders" 5506 Brown, Edwin C., the address should be 1408 W. 28th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

## Cliange of Address.

4848 Burnett, Douglass, from Roland Park to Riderwood, Baltimore Co., Md.

4471 Chapman, Geo. S., from 6321 Freret St., to 3914 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.
5459 Charmatz, Chas. B., from Chicago, Ill., to 8 Nanhattan Ave., New York City.
3183 Clark, Hugh M., from 127 Madison Ave., to 33 W. 44th St., New York City.
5383 Clark, Theresa M. from 400 W. 150 th St. to 33 W .44 th St., New York City.
4846 Costales, E. from 141 Ridgewood Ave. to 73 Euclid Ave., Brooklyn. N. Y.

5423 Geery, John, from 203 Penn St. to 574 Classon Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
2220 Greenbaum, W. A., from 1822 Calif. St. to 1936 Welton St., Denver, Colo.
4933 Haberle, W. J. from 713 Teall Ave. to 2205 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.

5251 Huntington, E. G. from DeLand, Fla. to Chilmark, Mass.
4089 Leonard, Clifford S. from Madison, Wis. to 348 Carew St., Springfield, Mass.
5277 Loebenstein, D. A. from 919 6th St. to 214 Timken Bldg., San Diego, Calif.
2222 Malder, W. F. Van from Dorchester, Mass. to Box 37, Dorchester Centre, Mass.

5199 Nuese, Robt. E. from 303 W. 122
St. to care F. H. Leggett Co., 27th St. \& N. R., New York City.
5409 Randall, Wainwright, from Ottawa, Canada to Box 2456, Montreal, Canada.
3527 Schmidt, Frank J. from 756 Mc Donough St. to 2622 Palmetto St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Membership Summary.

| Membership June 1, 1920 | 1695 |
| :--- | ---: |
| New Stockholders | 39 |
| Reinstated | 5 |
| Replaced on Roll | 5 |

1744
Lost by death 1
Expelled by Bd. of Directors 5
Total Membērship July 1, $1920 \quad 1738$

## H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## NOMINATIONS.

By the St. Louis Branch \#4 For Director at Large: H. A. Diamant, Missourí.
(NOTE) This nomination was received by the Secretary after the ballots were printed.

The Springfield, Mass. Branch \#28 nominated Eugene Klein, Pennsylvania to fill vacancy on the ballot caused by dẻclination of Philip Dengler to serve as International Secretary.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

The following proposed amendments are to be submitted to the 35 th Annual Meeting to be held at Providence, R. 1. Aug. 10, 1920.

To amend Section 3 of Article 2: To increase the Annual Subscription of the American Philatelist from 60 c to $\$ 1.00$. Change second line of the section so as to read: " $\$ 2.40$ to all members except life members."

Change the 5 th line so as to read: "of said amount of $\$ 2.40, \$ 1.00$ shall."

Amend Section 1 of Article IX: Change first two lines of 4 th paragraph of Section 1 of Article IX so as to read "The yearly subscription price to members shall be $\$ 1.00$ as provided in."

To amend Section 3 of Article V: To reimburse Secretary for clerk hire. Change the last sentence of first paragraph of section 3 so as to read: "In addition he shall be allowed the sum of $\$ 400.00$ per year for his further use in the prosecution of the duties of this office."

To add a section under Article 2 providing for an extra charge of 25 c annually to Foreign members for postage paid in sending the Official Journal and supplements by third class mail.

## AN OLD ADVERTISEMENT.

We are indebted to W. F. Goerner for the following advertisement from an old railroad guide published in 1853. Collectors of U. S. local stamps will undoubtedly find it of interest.

## Wells, Farge \& Co's California Express.

4 Joint Stock Company.
Capital, $\$ 300,000$.

Office No. 16 Wall Street, New York.
Our regnlar Mail Steamer Express is despatched in charge of our own Special Messenger, who goes Through to Destination by every U. S. Mail Steamer, on the 5 th and 20 th of each month, at 2 p. m., connecting at Panama with the P. M. S. S. Co's Steamers.

We have made positive arrangement with the U. S. Mail and Pacific Steamship Co's and with HURTADO \& Brothers, the great Mule owners and Mail Carriers on the lsthmus, by which Our Freights Are lnsured Precedence of all others, and the same Rapidity and Certainty of Transit as the U. S. Mails.

Wells, Fargo \& Co., 16 Wall Street.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER <br> FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1920. 

## Stock Fund.



## REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 4, 1920.
Mr. H. A. Whipple, Recorder,
Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S., 308 Leflang Bldg.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:
Herewith I present my final report as Sales Superintendent of the American Philatelic Society covering the period from July 20,1919 to date.

Owing to the fact that the new Sales Superintendent was unable to qualify on September 1, when my term of office expired, I kept the Department going at the request of President Wilson, until such time that your Board advised me to turn over the affairs of the Department to the new Sales Superintendent.

I was really unable to give any attention to the matter of retiring the books and attending to detailed work of figuring $n p$ the books and accounts until the date of December 2nd, 1919. It was necessary to keep the books on hand for Circuits, which I kept sending
out, and it took fully two months after that date to get the last of the Circuits back. Also during that period, I was very husy with my regular business, which I was conducting with a reduced office force.

I imparted to Mr. Guest as far as I could all the necessary information in regard to the details of conducting the Department and calied his attention to the various special demands of members that happened during the period after September 1, and until the date that he succeeded in getting the Department in smooth running order.

The following is a statement of the amount of business done and a record of the transactions windin up the affairs of the Sales Department since my Annual Report of July 20, 1919:

There were 134 new books received from July 20,1919 to December 1 , 1919, numbered respectively from 3340 to 3473 inclusive.

The total valuation of these 134 books was $\$ 3,310.43$. There were 105 of these 134 books that did not receive
any circulation, as I was gradually discontinuing and cutting down the Circuits, preparatory to turning the De-partment over to the new Sales Superintendent, conséquently books No. 3369 to 3473 inclusive were turned over to the new Sales Superintendent intact. Their value was $\$ 2,856.79$. These were shipped by insured express to Mr. Guest at Minneapolis, December 2.

On the same date, another lot of 227 books that showed sales of less than $20 \%$ were forwarded by insured express to the new Sales Superintendent, valued at $\$ 5,741.80$, from which the sales were $\$ 549.10$, and a check for which was sent by mail to the new Sales Superintendent, covering the sales and insurance.

On December 19, a second shipment of 154 books was sent by insured express, valued at $\$ 3,770.69$, from which the sales had been $\$ 489.71$. A check for the amount of sales plus the insurance was forwarded to the new Sales Superintendent by mail and acknowledged by him. This covers all books that had been officially entered in the records of the Department that were forwarde dto Mr. Guest.

Tbe balance of 1127 books on hand in the Department valued at $\$ 28,213.30$ that showed sales of more than $20 \%$, were all retired between the dates of August 1, 1919, and June 4, 1920. The sales from the 1127 books retired during that period amounted to $\$ 9,662.84$. The commission was $\$ 1,207.24$. The insurance is $\$ 202.25$, which amount is turned over to the Treasurer. The postage and fines amounted to $\$ 33.60$. The net amount paid to members, $\$ 8,219.75$.

All the necessary records, printed matter, etc., on hand has been forwarded to the new Sales Superintendent.

> P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Sales Superintendent.

## RRING SONE

## "TRADERS"

WITH YOU.

## COUNTERFEIT 1919 WAR-SAVINGS STAMP.

1. Another dangerous counterfeit of the blue war-savings stamp, series 1919, in addition to the one which caused the issuance of Notice No. 35, May Postal Guide, has been discovered.
2. It is printed from a steel plate on a good grade of white paper, and is a close reproduction of the genuiue. There are several defects, however, some of which are as follows:

The counterfeit is of a somewhat lighter shade of blue than the genuine stamp, and the printing is found under a magnifying to be not so distinct.

The hyphen in the words "War-Savings" at the top looks more like a period than a hyphen.

A distinct white vertical line appears in the counterfeit along the edge of Franklin's left cheek.

The upper little ball or dot between the laurel leaves on the righthand side of the stamp, at the left of the August price " 4.19 ," is not so distinct as in the original, and looks more like a part of the leaf.
3. The white vertical line near the edge of Franklin's left cheek is the most marked defect. Most of the other differences are so slight that expert examination will be required to detect them.
4. The Chief of the Secret Service, Treasury Department, will send photographic enlargements of the counterfeit stamp, and also of the genuine for comparison, to secret service operatives throughout the country, and postoffice inspectors will be provided with such photographs.
5. Postmasters are directed to examine with great care all 1919 warsavings stamps presented for payment or for registration, with a view to detecting counterfeits described in this notice, and they sball be governed by the provisions of paragraphs 5 to 10 of Notice No. 36, May Postal Guide. Warsavings stamps, series 1919 , shall not be registered until their genuineness is confirmed by careful examination.
(U. S. Official Postal Guide.)

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## EDITORIAL.

We are obliged to go to press this month without ouir usual Chronicle of New Issues. This department has to be prepared at the last moment and matters have arisen which prevent our having it ready without further delaying the issue of the magazine. We will make up for it next month however.

After a vacation of four years the Stamp Collectors' Annual is once more with us. It contains quite a varied assortment of articles making it of interest to all grades of collectors. Derek Ingram writes of Stamps of the Air, P. L. Pemberton takes up the 1901 issue
of Greece, Douglas Armstrong the "Britannia" type of British colonials, Percy Bishop the stamp books of the year and he also covers the past six years with the Literary index. There is also a useful philatelic press guide for 1920 and a list of philatelic societies of the English speaking world. All the above and more for only two shillings and eight pence from $\mathbf{F}$. Hugb Vallancey.

Our thanks are due to N. Yaar \& Co. for a copy of the first part of the "Handboek der Postwaarden Nederlandsch Indie." The volume covers the postal issues of the East Indian colonies and is unfortunately printed in Dutch with which language your editor is not familiar. The book seems to be very full, numerous essays and trial prints are illustrated and the statistics of quantities printed are readable by anyone. The appendix contains a large number of official documents and letters. The price of the book is six florins, postage extra, (about $\$ 2.40$ ).

## ALBERT GUSTAVE WINTERHALTER

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\text { A. P. S. } 896 .
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In the death of Rear Admiral Winterhalter, U. S. N., the Society loses one of its oldest members. He jointed the Association in January 1895 and the editor recalls many interesting letters which he received from time to time from him.

He was a native of Detroit and was born October 5, 1856. He entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1873 and after graduation served on the Swatara and Powhattan and was promoted to ensign in 1880 . In 1884 be was ordered to the naval observatory and as a junior lieutenant performed special duty in Europe connected with that institution. He saw service in the Pacific in 1895 and after becoming a captain commanded the battleship Louisiana for two years. In 1917 he was detached from the command of the Asiatic station and ordered to duty in connection with the General Board of the Navy. His promotion to admiral took
place in 1915. He was ill only a short time and died June 5, at the Naval Hospital in Washington of pueumonia. The funeral services were held at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and the interment was at Arlington, full naval honors being rendered. He leaves a wife and sister.
O. S. PICHER.
A. P. S. 5340 .

We are informed by Alvin Good that Mr. Picher died at his home in Chicago April 26 from an attack of penumonia. Mr. Picher was president of the Eagle Picher Lead Co., a large corporation. He collecte donly United States stamps and was a very enthusiastic collector. He was a comparatively new member, having joined last August.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

## CINCINNATI PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Society held its last meeting of the season on Tuesday evening, June 15 th, adjourning further meetings until September on account of the hot weather. At this meetin a spirited Auction sale was held, there having been offered an unusually fine lot of $U$. S. and early foreign. The Society holds its meetings once a month in The Union Central Builidng and at each meeting a paper is read on the stamps of some country accompanied by an exhibition of same. In addition to the paper there is always a small auction sale and the members are given an opportunity to acquire all new issues in a co-operative way. The plans for the fall season include some very interesting paeprs on France, Netherlands, Afghanistan and specialist talks on the various stamps of the United States, particularly the 1851 issues. The last season was the most successful in the history of the organization and the prospects are that the fall season will be still hetter.

Considerahle attention has been paid by the Society to the study of histori-
cal matters associated with the stamp designs of the various countries and much interesting and instructive data has been found portrayed on the many common stamps which are usually passed by without more than a cursory examination. In this connection one of the members read a paper concerning "Emblems in Stamps" at the last meeting.
J. J. CONZETT, Secretary.

## PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held on the 16 th of the month and the third philatelic competition of the series of six was held. The special for the evening was "Asia and Australasia" and as the local papers have been giving these exhibitions good write ups the number of visitors attending has increased with each new exhihit. The attendance last night crowded the large Trustees' Room in the Mechanics Institute, San Francisco, where the meeting was held.

The first prize of a silver loving cup was won by the President of the Society, Mr. Wm. Blackwell, with his fine general collection. Mr. A. L. Ott captured second with a specialized collection of Siam and Mr. A. M. Colson received third prize for his general collection.

The crowd enjoyed itself so much that difficulty was experienced in persuading then to leave at 10 o'clock, at which time the Institute closes.

The next competition consisting of "War Issues" will not he held until the third week in September, as July and August are vacation months and the majority of the memhers leave town.

Visitors are always welcome to these meetings, which are held the third Wednesday in each month.

## GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.

Meeting of May 6th called to order by President Hanford at 8:15 P. M. with twenty-seven members and three visitors present.

Mr. Lewis, the treasurer, read the financial report of the Thirtieth Anniversary Committee and a balance of $\$ 64.43$ was transferred to the general fund as a result of motion made by Mr. MacLaren and seconded by Mr. Lioyd.

Mr. MacLaren moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the Royal Philatelic Society of London, England, for their generosity in placing the name of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club on the mailing list of the London Philatelist.

Following the report of the Anniversary Committee Mr. Zink moved that the Committee be discharged with a vote of thanks and that Mr. Geuder, who served on the financial end be also thanked for his excellent work in raising funds.

Mr. Lloyd appealed for assistance in mounting the Cluh Collection.

An auction followed the regular business meeting.

The following persons were admitted into membership: Mr. J. E. Crouch of Akron; Mr. Frank Becker, Mr. J. W. Foster, Mr. G. E. Brown, Mr. C. C. Knox.

The following applications for membership were posted: Mr. T. R. Runge and Mr. Osterheld.

Meetin of May 13 th called to order by President Hanford at 8:25 P. M. with eighteen members and two visitors present.

Entertainment for the evening consisted of a contest of questions on $U$. S. stamps. The contest was won by Mr. Whittaker; Mr. Chamberlain won the second prize.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.
Meeting of May 20 th called to order by President Hanford with fourteen members and four visitors present.

Mr. Hanford exhibited his collection of Japan and explained the various papers and forgeries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.
Meeting of May 27th called to order by President Handford with thirteen members and one visitor present.

Mr. Molitor showed his collection of U. S. Envelopes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M. W. J. ZINK, Secretary.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM.

Headquarters, Narragansett Hotel.
Monday, Aug. 9th, Registering of Arrivals.

Tuesday, Aug. 10 th, 10 A. M., Business Meeting; 2:30 P. M., Trolley trip to Rocky Point; 8:00 P. M. (not fully determined), Address.

Wednesday, Aug. 11th, All day's trip to Newport hy boat, Business meeting on board the boat; 12:30 P. M., Clam Bake at Easton's Beach; Official Photograph; (Return about 7 o'clock); 8:30 P. M., Stamp Bourse and Exhihition at the Narragansett Hotel.

Thursday, Aug. 12 th, 10 A. M., Business meeting; P. M., Auto trip to Roger Williams Park, with lecture there; 7:30 P. M., Banquet.

## Hotel Rates:

| Narragansett Hotel: |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Single Rooms without bath | $\$ 2.50$ |
| Double Rooms without bath | 4.00 |
| Single Rooms with bath | 3.50 |
| Douhle Rooms with bath | 5.50 |
| Rooms with twin beds and hath | 6.00 |
| Suites | 12.00 |

Crown Hotel:
Single Rooms with hath
$\$ 4.00$
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Hotel Dreyfus:
Single Rooms without bath
Double Rooms without bath $\$ 4.00-5.00$
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## COME EARLY

AND
STAY LATE

## THE STAMPS OF THE SARRE.

## By <br> "MASTER PETER."

## Translated from LaPhilatelie Francaise by T. H. Ames.

If anyone bad told me, only fifteen days ago, that I should become a reported by chance and a journalist by obligation, I should have been much astonished, and yet, the thing has happened and if you will permit, dear readers, I am going to tell you how.

I called, the end of last month, on the amiable editors of the "Philatelie Francaise"; I found these gentlemen in great consternation and embarrassment. They not knowing how to obtain any news of any reliability regarding certain new stamps of the Sarre. One of them who has known me a very long time (!) suddenly said to me:
' ${ }^{\text {Bibut you, Master Peter, who are ac- }}$ quainted with the Germans, since you have just passed four years in their company, and who speak their language fluently, you ought to go to Saarbrucke to learn on the spot of the conditions under which these stamps of the Sarre were placed on sale, the quantities issued, and the probable duration of their issue, in fact, any information which may interest our subscribers and readers."

I am naturally complaisant and somewhat of a philatelist; furthermore, I am especially interested in "La Philatelie Francaise" and the desire to please its readers inclined to accept the proposition with enthusiasm. I had still some hesitations and fears of not being able to perform this mission with which I was charged, to the complete satisfaction of those interested, but finally, upon being urged anew, I accepted. This happened on the 21st of February at 6 in the afternoon, and at $9: 35$ the same evening $I$ was comfortably installed in my compartment and leaving Paris by the Mayence Express.

I lost no time in falling into a somewhat agitated sleep. In my dreams I
saw immense sheets of stamps with surcharges 50 centimetres in height. There were never two alike, some were in English letters, others in Gothic type, the word "Sarre" written in thirty-six different styles. Still, my philatelic joy was at its beight, but, upon trying to seize these extraordinary stamps, I saw them flee from me and vanish, only to appear again with new combinations of bright colors

A true "Stamp Dream", that! Yet, perhaps, an evil prophecy. Be that as it may, a violent bump, caused by the sudden stoppage of the train, soon had me wide awake. What had happened was nothing more unusual than a blockade of the tracks. The train did not start again, and, in informing me of the cause of this untimely and prolonged delay, the employee whom I accosted said that a block had been created and that we were to return on our tracks to start over again, to arrive at our destination some five hours late. Thus, Instead of being in Sarrebrucke at 9:15 A. M., it was 3 P. M. before I disembarked in that city.

Sunday is strictly observed in the Post Offices and I was forced to postpone my investigations, the telegraph wickets only being open, also the writ-ing-rooms of the Post Office, to permit one to catch up with one's correspondence, even on Sunday.

Not losing sight of the object of my mission, I determined to take a look at the city and find out at the same time how numerous the post offices might be, to estimate the likelihood of my being able to pick up stamps and information thereon. I was able to locate four "Postamt" and I noticed that the inscriptions had been changed since the debut of the German Republic (?), the word "Kaiserlich," (Imperial) having been erased and they had left nothing but "Postamt," Post Office, in place of "Imperial Post Office."

I noticed in passing this sign of the times and, taking the exact address of the four offlces, I sought out a hotel where I might dine and pass the night.

Restaurants are not lacking in Sarrebrucke but the hotels are crowded. Happily 1 was acquainted witb a French mining engineer who directed me to a comfortably furnisbed room in the home of a Jnstice of the Peace, wbich was situated in Hohenzollern Strasse, but this fact did not disturb my slumbers. * * * I took my first meal in a German restaurant, where one dined to music. The orchestra, composed of a man, a very corpulent woman, a young girl, and a boy of about eight years, played but one instrument, a calliope. I leave you to imagine what must be the harmony of such an or-chestra-I thought myself at the circus at Neuilly. * * * However, applanse was not lacking, the Germans love music-such as it may be, but I doubt very much if that music would contribute much to soothe their feelings.

For the benefit of my dear readers of the feminine sex I am going to continue to elaborate my subject. I owe it to truth to affirm that they have nothing to envy, i nany respect, the German women whom $I$ saw at Sarrebrucke. Theough there are a few who are pretty enough, they are one and all badly dressed in the Parisian Model. Silk clothing is entirely unknown, even ordinary cotton garments cost 30 marks. It is true that, as in France, salaries and wages have at least tripled, but, of course, that makes life no easier.

Finally, the impression which remains of Sarrebrucke and the Germans in it, is, that the war bas seriously impoverished them. The city is sad and in mourning. One would be bored to death tbere if one did not see, here and there, the sky blue uniforms of the French Mission, which, although it has to write political reports for the newspapers, gets along well with the iuhabitants. It is but just to say that these latter are obliging and amiable to strangers and that they appear to nourish no hate against France in particular.

The morrow, risen from my couch, I took a promenade while awaiting the opening of the stamp windows. Contrary to the condition one finds in German cities, Sarrebrucke is soiled, the houses are blackened by the smoke from the many furnaces which surround the city. With a population of some 17,000 , it has no particularly interesting sight, and few monuments. One sees on the old bridge the inevitable equestrian statue of Emperor William, "the unforgettable Grandfather"; four or five churches witbout style, or, at least, with German style, like all the rest of the hnildings. One finds, bere and there, vestiges of the French domination. Sarrebrucke formed a part of France from 1801 to 1813 , at which time it passed into the hands of Germany.

Nine o'clock! Tbe "Postamt" opens its windows. I address a young lady, qiute amiable, who consents, after some negotiation, to sell me 20 copies of the current denominations: 5, 10, 15, and 20 pfg bearing the surcharge "Sarre." I insist upon receiving a larger quantity, as well as other values, but she sends me to the wbolesale window. There, I become acquainted witb an employe who, not without some difficulties, I persuade to sell me 100 copies of the same values, and I see tbat it is going to be impossible to obtain enough to pay the postage on all my mail. I demand then, to see the Postmaster, who tells me that the orders are strict and that he could not sell more than 20 copies of a kind to a person of the stamps surcharged "Sarre," atlhough one could obtain any desired quantity of ordinary stamps of the Empire, all denominations.

I felt, from the tone of the "Postdirektor," that it would be useless to argue and $I$ determined to obtain from another source the information which I had come to seek. What it would be I did not myself know, but chance served me. I came upon an employe holding in his band an envelope franked with Belgian stamps surcharged "Eupen et Malmedy." Immediately scent-
ing a philatelist, I engaged him in conversation. He was a member of the administration and was supposed to have charge of the stamps. However, he gave me an appointment for the afternoon, behind the Post Office.

At the office of La Philatelie Francaise they had given me the address of a stamp dealer. While awaiting the hour of my appointment, I decided to look him up, hoping that I might learn something of interest. On my way, I accosted a letter-carrier going his rounds who had in his hand a letter coming from some German city, and franked with a Weimar Assembly stamp, 30 pfg , violet and red, a value not previously known in France. I asked him if this stamp could be bought at Sarrebrucke but be said not. Finally, he pointed out to me the house in which I was to present myself and I easily found there the stamp dealer.

I introduced myself as a confrere from Paris and, very kindly, he placed himself at my disposition to procure me some stamps surcharged "Sarre." By way of introduction, I asked of the dealer his prices for the stamps and learned that he held them at exaggerated figures. A complete set of 17 values, from 2 pfg to 1 mk he sold at a price in gold which caused me to abstain, and $I$ bought a few stamps at more modest figures in order not to have uselessly bothered this honest merchant.

I obtained from him one bit of information, namely, the exact list of the values. The set includes: $2,21 / 2,3,5$, $71 / 2,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,50 ; 60$, $75,80 \mathrm{pig}$, and 1 mk . Only limited numbers were surcharged, a few being listed below:

> 4,000 copies of the 60 pfg .
> 8,000 copies of the 80 pfg .
> 12,000 copies of the 1 Mk .
> 22,000 copies of the $21 / 2 \mathrm{pfg}$.
> 70,000 copies of the 20 pfg. 90,000 copies of the 50 pfg.

I found it impossible to verify, before my departure, these figures, but it
is certain that these six denominations were unobtainable in the post offices of Sarrebrucke when I left.

At the appointed hour I was at the rendezvous which the postal employe had given me. I confess that my time was wasted with this official of integrity, who first offered to furnish me with the stamps in stock at the Post Office, at $20 \%$ over face, then at $30 \%$. He did not wish to risk losing his situation for a few marks, in fact, I could get nothing out of him. He undoubtedly expected an unlimited bid from me, which did not come. My object was not to make a speculation in the "Sarre" stamps and as I had a sufficiency of stamps to frank my report I took leave of my friend.

Finally, just as I was about to leave, I learned that the stamps bearing the surcharge "Sarre" on "Deutsches Reich" being exhausted, they had placed in issue a new set, stamps of Bavaria of the curreut issues with the same surcharge. The $5,10,15,20$, $30,35,40,50,60 \mathrm{pfg} ., 1,3,5,10$ marks, comprise the series. They will certainly have been distributed before these lines are read. The first stamps then, will have lasted a month and a few days, and I advise you, dear readers, to acquire them all.

Some among you, chosen at random, from among the readers, agents and advertisers fo La Philatelie Francaise, will have received a registered letter franked with these first "Sarre" stamps and placed in the post by me. Before my departure, the kind directaors of La Philatelie Francaise sent me a list of addresses and, always desirous of being good to their readers, instructed me to give them this pleasant surprise.

For my part, I thank these Gentlemen for having given me an interesting trip, and I hope, dear readers, that you will be indulgent to the report which I render you, considering that it is my first reporting venture and that I have no natural aptitude for journalism. MASTER PETER.

Last minute news:
As a supplement to the article of Master Peter, we wish to inform our readers that the stamps of Bavaria surcharged "Sarre" are on sale in the Bavarian Palatinate in the part which is included in the Sarre Basin.

These stamps cannot be procured except for gold payment and the holders demand many times their face value for them. As for obtaining them in the Post Offices, it is not to be hoped for. One Post Office sold in two days all its supply, amounting to some 150 ,000 Marks.

The stamps of Germany surcharged Sarre are still sold, (some denominations only) at Sarrebrucke. A second printing of some of the values has been made, but it is impossible to procure more than 20 each of the low denominations and 2 of the one mark at a time. These stamps, as well as those of Bavaria are the objects of a speculation of which one can have no idea. Order has been restored in the postal affairs and there reigns a philatelic fever which reaches the whole population.

Theodore Champion's figures on the printings on the German stamps:

| 2 pfg. | 200,000 |
| :--- | ---: |
| $21 / 2$ | 60,000 |
| 3 | 200,000 |
| 5 | $5,000,000$ |
| $71 / 2$ | 500,000 |
| 10 | $5,000,000$ |
| 15 | $5,000,000$ |
| 20 | $5,000,000$ |
| 25 | 200,000 |
| 30 | 100,000 |
| 35 | 600,000 |
| 40 | 800,000 |
| 50 | 500,000 |
| 60 | 800,000 |
| 75 | 800,000 |
| 80 | 20,000 |
| 1 mark | 40,000 |

From the above table one can easily pick out the stamps which will be scarce.

## ANOTHER PLEBISCITE?

The National Geographic Society has issued, from its Washington headquarters, the following bulletin on the Aland Islands:
"For more than 200 years the Aland Islands, which are situated like a colk in the wide mouth of the Gulf of Botlinia, have been a sort of Alsace-Lorraine question between the Swedes and the Russians. After having passed back and forth several times, they were finally ceded to Russia in 1809 . During the reign of Nicholas $I$. they were strongly fortified, a move most distasteful to Sweden because the islands occupy a strong strategic position with respect to Stockholm, the Swedish capital, which is less than 100 miles to the southwest from Bomarsund, the chief fortification of the islands.

These fortifications were shortlived. In 1854, during the Crimean War, a Franco-British fleet, under Sir Charles Napier and Baraguay d'Hilliers, destroyed the works, and after that time the islands were left unfortified, in accordance with an international agreement.
"The Aland group, which is separated from the Swedish mainland by Aland Bay (Aland Haf) and from the Finnish mainland by Skiftet Sound, is composed of some 300 islands and rocky islets, the total area of which is not more than 550 square miles. The largest island, Aland, a name signifying 'land of streams,' is almost as large as all the others combined, having an area of 247 miles, about twice the size of Martha's Vineyard.
"Cattle raising and fishing are the chief occupations of the 25,000 people who live on the island. Some cereals (barley and oats) are grown on the thin soil, and there are a few forests of birch, spruce and fir.
"It was in the waters adjacent to the Aland Islands that Peter the Great's navy won its first important victory, defeating the Swedes in 1717."

# UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS. 

A CONCISE HISTORY AND MEMOLANDUM. HENRY C. NEEDHAM.

## PRIVATE POST OFFICE.

San Francisco, California.

We have been unable to ascertain the name of the proprietor of this Post or any facts concerning its history.

No adhesives were used. Envelopes only were sold.

We would appreciate receiving information as to the Post which might be in the possession of any Collector or historian in California or elsewhere.

## PRIVATE POST OFFICE.

Envelopes. One Type only. 1864.


15 c Blue on amber.
15 c Blue on white.
25 c Blue on buff.

## PROVIDENCE DESPATCH.

## Providence, R. I.

In Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News of May 14, 1910 , page 179 , we find this stamp illustrated, with an article describing it and the cover to which it is attached. It was affixed to a circular letter addressed to George C. Nightingale, Esq., of Providence, R. I., from Wasson \& Jacobs, 141 Pearl Street, New York City. The cover was last known to be in the possession of Mr . William C. Nightingale, son of the addressee.

The general type is quite similar to that of the Boston Carrier stamp, Type I. We know nothing definite as to its histor yor usage, but judge that the
stamp was prepared and used by the providence Office of Harnden \& Company, who, in the early days, delivered local mail matter in that City under the title of "Providence Despatch."

## PUBLIC LETTER OFFICE.

## San Francisco, California.

We must apply the same remarks to the envelopes of this Post as we used in the article on "Private Post Office, San Francisco."

The frank or stamp of this concern was usually impressed on the left band corner of the two cent U. S. envelope, 1863-4 (two cent black Jackson).

## PUBLIC LETTER OFFICE.

One Type only. 1864.
No Value Black.
No Value Blue.
15 c Blue on buff.
$25 c$ Blue on biff.

## REED'S CITY DISPATCH POST.

San Francisco, California.
So far as now known this concern was the pioneer of all the San Francisco local private posts. Its stamp was first discovered and chronicled about 1892.

The first mention that has been found concerning this Post is to be seen in the "Daily Alta California" newspaper of December $17 \mathrm{th}, 1853$, wherein is found an eleven line, solid set, modest advertisement, occupying less than one inch of space, reading as follows:
"REED'S City Dispatch Post for the delivery of letters and parcels in all parts of the city, office at Adams \& Co., Montgomery Street. Boxes have been placed at convenient places for the reception of letters for city delivery. All
letters entrusted to our care will be delivered with promptness and dispatch. Having secured box privileges of T. J. Henley, Esq., Postmaster, we are prepared to deliver Post Office letters to subscribers at the earliest moment after the arrival of the mails.

REEXD \& CO."
As the "Alta" at that time was undisputedly the leading commercial daily newspaper of the city, and as this appeared under the head of new advertisements, it seems more than likely it was inaugurated at about that time and this was its maiden appeal to the public for business.

The fact that its office was with Adams \& 'Co.'s Express would indicate that it held amicable relations with that dominant express company, and such, we learn, was the fact. That it served as a city delivery company for Adams \& Co.'s Express letters from inland and abroad was a fact, copying in this repect from the usage of similar concerns in New York, Philadelphia, and other Eastern cities, such as Boyd's, Messenkope's, and the like.

We next glean from LeCount and Strong's San Francisco Directory of 1854 that their office continued with Adams \& Co. in Parrott's granite building on Montgomery Street, and that Henry Reed was Proprietor and J. B. Brown Superintendent.

And on page 6 of this Directory, occupying one-half of the page (the other half occupied hy Adams \& Co.) appeared their advertisement, which we herewith reproduce:

REED'S CITY DISPATCH POST.
Office in ADAMS \& CO'S, Montgomery St.

REGULAR BOX DELIVERY at 8 A. M. and 3 P. M.

SPECIAL MESSAGES<br>From Office AT ANY HOUR of

THE DAY OR NIGHT.

During this year (1854) they advertised to make two regular deliveries daily, and special delivery at any time when called upon.

In February, 1855, Adams \& Co. failed and closed their doors for all time. This necessitated a change of base, and we find Reed \& Co. soon after with an office with Wells, Fargo \& Co. Here the footprints cease and all further record is lost. Presumably the concern could not sustain its severance from its parent feeder (Adams \& Co.) and after a few months of struggle gave up the field, which in quick succession was taken up by the California Penny Post Company in the fall of 1855 , a concern destined to a short life; but that is another story.

In imitation of Eastern Local Posts, Reed \& Co. prepared and used an adhesive; die struck, printed in black on green glazed surfaced paper.

The history of this Post has been taken nearly word for word from an article published hy H. B. Phillips in Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, April, 1894.

We find that Mr. Reed, about 1861 2, was developing the Central American Transit Company, a Mail, Express and Passenger Route later known as the Tehuantepec Line through Mexican territory. Associated with him in this enterprise was Mr. I. C. Woods, one of the original resident managers of Adams \& Co., and, whom it is claimed, was the Company of Reed's City Dispatch Post.

Mr. Reed later was a developer of certain lines of the Holloday Overland Mail and Express Company; see "Penny Express Company".

## REED'S CITY DISPATCH POST.

One Type Only. 1853-4.


No value, Black on green glazed surfaced paper.

## SALE OF RARE STAMPS.

Postage stamp collectors will soon have an opportunity to purchase some of the rarest stamps known in philatelic history, for the French Government, according to a recent report from Paris, is preparing to sell at auction the remarkable collection accumulated at an expense of more than $\$ 2,000,000$ by the late Baron Ferrary. It has been famous for years as the greatest postage stamp collection in the world.

Had it not been for the war the collection would have remained intact as a German possession, as it was left in 1917, when Baron Ferrary died at Lausanne, to the Berlin Postal Museum. The collection was then in Paris, where it had been housed for many years in an imposing building in the Rue de Varennes, bequeathed by the Baron's mother, the Duchess de Galliera, to the Austrian Embassy. Several years after the death of the Duchess Baron Ferrary was adopted by an officer in the Austrian Army, R. E. la Renotiere von Kreigsfeld, and in later life he was known as Baron Philippe la Renotiers von 'Ferrary.

The French Government confiscated the valuable collection as alien property, and it is said that it will now be sold for the benefit of the Government at an early date. Baron Ferrary began stamp collecting as a young man more than sixty years ago, and possessing ample means he succeeded in securing copies of both used and unused stamps of practically every postage stamp issued. In its great rarities his collection was unrivaled.

The gem of the collection is one of the early issues of British Guiana, a one-cent stamp, black on magenta, rrinted in 1856 , bearing the design of a fully rigged sailing vessel. While a poor copy, it is the only one in existence and has been valued at from $\$ 10$,000 to $\$ 15,000$. More than 100 of the rare circular stamps of British Guiana of 1850 and 1851 are in the collection, including a superb pair and three single copies of the circular 2 cents
rose. A few years ago a pair of these stamps sold in London for $\$ 7,200$. The British Museum has one copy in the Tapling ocllection.

Next to these stamps the early Mauritius issues are probably the rarest known. Of the very rare one and two cent issues, 1851 , with the words "Post Office" in the side margins, there are five copies, including one of the only two known unused one-penny stamp. A copy of the two-penny stamp, unused, was purchased by King George of England, who has one of the best collections in the world for about $\$ 7,250$ in 1904.

The early Hawaiian issues are well represented, including a fine copy of the excessively rare two-cent blue "Missionary" stamp, 1851, valued at $\$ 5,000$. Barely a dozen copies are known, as practically the entire issue was destroyed by fire in Honolulu soon after it was printed. The early New South Wales "Sydney View" issues are unusually well represented, including a few complete unused sheets.

There has never been a stamp collector who indulged in his hobby in so princely a manner as did Baron Ferrary. To dealers all over the world he was known as always in the market for any exceptional rarity or choice specimen. He was a liberal buyer and his dealings with one large London firm are said to have represented fully $\$ 20,000$ a year for many years. He also bought many notable collections, one of the best being the well-known Philbrick collection, for which he paid $\$ 40,000$ in 1882 and which is said now to be worth $\$ 200,000$. The sale of the Ferrary collection will be an event in philatelic circles which will attract the attention of collectors in every civilized country.

"USED IN SLESVIG ETC."

With the revival of stamps for Slesvig many collectors are looking for Danish stamps bearing the ring cancellation inscribed with post office numbers which were located in Slesvig, Holstein and Lauenberg. The following list was taken from a list given in Die Post quite a number of years ago.

6 Apenrade
9 Bredstedt
10 Burg
11 CappeIn
12 Christianfeld
14 Eckernforde
16 Flensburg
21 Friedrichsstadt
23 Hadersleben
31 Husum
66 Slesvig
71 Sonderburg
73 Tondern
74 Tonning
79 Wyck
80 Arroeskjobing
86 Leck (Lack)
87 Lygumkloster
101 Gravensten
105 Nortborg
161 Ballum
171 Gettorf
182 Arnis
199 Sterup

## Holstein.

54 Rendsburg
113 Altona
114 Elmshorn
116 Gluckstadt
117 Heide
118 Heiligenhafen
119 Itzehoe
120 .Kellinghusen
121 Kiel
122 Lutgenburg
123 Meldorf
124 Neumunster
126 Nordtorf
127 Oldenburg
128 Oldersloe
129 Pinneberg
130 Plon

131 Preetz
132 Remmels
133 Segeberg
134 Uetersen
135 Ahrensbock
136 Ahrensburg
137 Barinstedt
138 Bornhoved
139 Bramstedt
140 Brunsbnttel
141 Crempe
142 Horst
143 Lunden
144 Reinbeck
146 Wandsbeck
147 Wilster
154 Blankenese
156 Hanerau
157 Kaltenkirchen
158 Lensahn
160 Schonwalde
172 Marne
173 Trittau

## Lauenburg.

148 Lauenburg
149 Moelln
150 Ratzeburg
151 Buchen
152 Schwarzenbeck
153 Friederichruh

## MAIL FOR THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

Information has been received indicating that mail matter from the Uuited States intended for delivery in the Free City of Danzig reachers that city addressed either to "Danzig, Poland," "Danzig, Prussia," or "Danzig, Germany."

As Danzig ceased, with the coming into effect of the treaty of peace, to belong to Germany, by whom it was ceded to the allied powers, mail for Danzig and for the smaller places lying within the Free City territory should be addressed "Free City of Danzig, Europe," when it will be despatched to the Free City for which intended.
(U. S. Official Postal Guịde.)

## DANGEROUS COUNTERFEITS OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF 1905.

Mr. John Spohr writes me from Paris that clever counterfeits of the Danish West Indies Postage due stamps of 1905 have recently been unloaded upon the Paris dealers, their origin is at present unknown, but, wishing to warn American collectors and dealers in time to prevent the marketing of the wares in this country he has kindly sent me copies of the counterfeits and requested that the matter he given publicity in the American Philatelist.

The counterfeits are apparently produced by a photo-lithographic process which copies the design with dangerous exactness, hut they may readily he distinguished from the originals if attention is paid to the following details:

## Size of Design.

Original, $17 \frac{1}{2}$ by $203 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. Counterfeit, $173 / 4$ hy 21 mm .

## Colors.

Original, vermilion \& deep gray. Counterfeit, pale red \& drab.

## Perforation.

Original, 13 or 14 by $14 \frac{1}{2}$, sharp and clean cut.
Counterfeit, 12, blunt and somewhat ragged.

## Paper.

Original, medium thin, slightly yellowish white, design showing through at back clearly.
Counterfeit, somewhat thicker, dead white, design harely showing through at back.

The original stamps were issued mostly without gum, and the counterfeits have been marked unused without gum, and also with a forged cancellation of St. Thomas.

If these counterfeits are offered to any of the readers of the American Philatelist it would he greatly appreciated if they notify me of the source from which they were offered.

JOSEPH S. LEAVY.

## SALVADOR MOVES FOR UNION.

San Salvador, June 27.-Dr. Paredes, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Salvador, has sent an identic telegram to the Governments of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, asking them to study the necessity of calling a conference soon for the purpose of preparing the basis for a union of the five countries.

Among the prohlems to be discussed at such a conference, he says, would be unification of the texts of the various constitutions, codification of substantive laws, equalization of tariff duties in maritime countries, free interchange of products and the adoption of a uniform monetary standard. In addition, extradition laws and other matters of importance in establishing a permanent basis for a union of the countries would be made matters of consideration

This step has the full support of the President. and the Cabinet, it is declared. Newspapers in this city comment favorahly on the project, and it has been received with marked approbation by the people.

## PORTUGUESE COLONIAL CANCELLATIONS.

Collectors who are interested in the stamps of Portugal and its colonies should keep their eyes open for the following numeral cancellations which are to be found on Portuguese stamps, hut which properly belong under the respective colonies.
48. Angra

49 Horta
50 Ponta Delgada
51 Madeira

Wanted! Bavaria 1849 black. 1914 full set, same surcharged "Volksstaat Bayern" and "Freistaat Bayern"; also full set of Dienstmarke, and same with surcharges; 1911, 10 Mark and 20 Mark. All cancelled and in perfect condition. H. Dingler, 63 Geneva St., Newark, N. J.

Special Honse for Swiss Stamps: Edelmanecial 29 Waldstaetterstreet, Lucerne, (Svitzerland) Recommends all his rarities and stamps in blocks to earnest collectors and dealers. Please write for information.

Current 2e Surfiee Print. I want plate Nos. All positions. Prefer single stamp with No. but will take in blocks or strips. Glad to exchange duplicate numbers, or will buy at double face, whichever you prefer. At least let me hear from you if you have any numbers. Mal Ganser, 1509 Arch St., Norristown, Penn. (A.P.S. 4801 ).

Collectons and lots Boarght. Wholesale exchange desired. Current issues (used) for sale, wholesale \& retail. Strong in Central and south America. Sample 25 varieties cat. over 50 c for 5 c plus postage. Write Beebe Co., Yonkers. N. Y.

Sudden Service! Collectors who appreciate good stamps, fair prices, and a rapid fire delivery, wonld make a strategic move by shooting a memo at the Fennell Stamp Co.. lnc., 520-21 Fullerton Bldg.. St. Lovis, Co.

WANTED. Block of four Two Dollar Bicolored USED. Herman W. Boers, 389 Maple St., Detroit, Mich.

Wanted U. S. 2 cent green cancellation. See adv. last issue.

FOR SALE. Collection of 400 German Colonies, mostly 19 Century. All issued during German possession. Fine condi tion; mounted loose leaves. For particular's write Montgomery L. Hart 410 Wynnewood Road, Pelham Manor, N. Y

UNITFD STATES FCR SALE-1S:T to 15.\%. Ver yfine lot of cancellations, singles, pairs, strips and blocks. Can also furnish about 75 positions of the one cent 1851 plate I in 2nd condition. Luther L. Roby, 1906 E. S?d St., Cleveland, Ohio.

UNITED STATES PLATE NUMIERS are my specialty. $]$ collect all numbers of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing from No. I to date, in used condition, and numbers from No. 8500 to date, unused. 1 will, however, buy others if the price is reasonable. I have a good many duplicates which 1 am willing to exchange for other numbers or sell for cash at the prevailing rates. I desire especially all 1, 2, or 3 C SURF'ACE PRINTED plate numbers. I also collect booklet plate numbers. If you are interested in selling, buying, or exchanging these items, write me. Theodore H. Ames, A. P. S. 5309, 71 Christopher St., Montclair, New Jersey.

## Precancelled VnCTORY stamps wanted.

 Send at your lowest net price. I will send cash or return stamps promptly. Only 3 c . Victory wanted. W. A. Cullers, (A. P. S. 3560 ), Springfield, Missouri.Wanted. Unpicked lots of U. S. 3 cents greens. Will pay 2 cents each for those I retain and postage both ways. Dr. Wm. H. Deaderick. Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Wanted. The unusual in Hong Kong, Turks Islands and St. Helena including covers, blocks, etc. Will pay cash. Robert C. Munroe, Longmeadow, Springfield, Mass.


#### Abstract

Canada. Will exchange, buy or sell, perfect unused Canadian or Newfoundland or old issues on original envelopes. Alvays correspond first. Randall, Y. M. C. A., Ottawa, Canada.


Canada Telegraphs. Ten all different, mint, seventy-five cents. Twenty-five foreign revenues fifteen cents. W. C. Stone, 21 Princeton St., Springfield, Mass.

High Gride Approvals one cent up. No Irash. S. S. MacDermitt, 1617 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Member A.P.S.
Wanted- 18872 ct. green cancellation, Numerals $13,21,27,29,31,33,34,35,26$, $37,39,40,41,43,45,47,49.51$ and upwards Letters I, S, O, U, $\dot{V}, \dot{W}, \dot{X}, Y, Z$; also 188 S 4 ct. carmine, Numierals $11,13,14,15,17$, $23,25,27,30$ and upwards, Letter's 13 , 11 , $I, K, O, P$ to $Z$. Will buy single copypay postage both ways. Herman W. Boers, 389 Maple St., Detroit, Mich.

APPRUCAL selections for Beginner or general collector; one cent approvals, high grade stamps. Feference or society number. S. S. MacDermitt, 1617 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

FOR SALE. Japanese Peace or Coronation Stamps 35 c per set. Crown Prince Jubilee 3 sen and $11 / 2$ sen, 12 c a pair. All unused. Remit money order. Cheng Sek Weng, Care Samuel Samuel \& Co., Ltd., Taipeh, Formosa. WNATED FRANCE in single copies and Nos. (Scott) 2, 5, 7, 7b, 8, 9, 10, 21, 36 , all those of the 1870 issue, the tete-becheall the French Colonies prior to 1880. chielly $8,20,21,44$. I give in exchange rarities in 1st class condition such New York 848, Mexico 229, Guadalajara 68 on piece, Banamas 7, Danish W. Indies 12, Virgin ls. 18, Dominican Rep. 2, Buenos Aires 1, 2, Peru 6-14 etc. Offers to Mr. Mallet, 5 , Surintendance, St. Germain in Laye, France. Wanted Catalogues of Auction Sales.

I lnave for wale a fine lot of the stamped envelopes of the Philippine Islands, issued since 1906, postally used and bearing singles \& blocks of the better stamps. Condition is-PERFECTION. I can also supply these used from the U. S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China. Correspondence invited. Fine postage stamps on approval, against commercial reference. W. F. Slusser, Fort Washington, Maryland. Member American Stamp Dealers' Ass'n.

Philatelic Literature bought and sold. Tell me about your library and the items that you need. When you have anything to dispose of send me a complete list with prices. A. H. Pike, 80 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Cash Paid for postmarks and cancellations. Send description before shipping. A. H. Pike, 80 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

I wish to buy 2e Black Jacksons for my collection. Covers showing combinations, odd rates and cancellations especially desired at your own valuation. H. P. Atherton, Hitchcock Building, Springfield, Mass.

## WANTS AND EXCHANGES.

RATES.-Per line, including address, single insertion, 5 cents. Standing notices, one year, per line, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Minimum charge for yearly notice, 50 c .

Dr. T. Henry Tubman, A. P. S. \#3962. 746 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. White and Green Seal Sonora Mexican wanted, especially in sheets, for cash or will exchange rare old and other war Mexican; rare foreign and U. S. for same. Several thousand Mexican duplicates for sale or exchange.
U. S. Be VERMILION: Scott's \#213 wanted in singles, pairs, strips, blocks and covers, sheets and plate numbers, anything and everything in \#213. Please submit what you have, one or a thousand. lf you have but one, it may be the one I am looking for. Submit with price, also lowest cash price for whole lot if many. if reasonable prices, cash by return mall; if not, stamps with your postage outlay returned at once. H. A. Davis, 11 Hamilton Apts., Denver, Colo.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES of Postal Cards and Letter Cards. Approval selections to responsible collectors. S. Schachne, Chillicothe, Ohio.

EXCHANGE. For anything good cat. 4c up 1 allow two-thirds catalog. Satisfactory exchange, your selection, or your own stamps returned. Harry C. Bradley, Dorchester Center, Mass.
CoLLECTORS DIGEST (review, index,
directory) A world review of "things col-
lectable," a digest of the best in litera-
ture, a complete cumulative index of hob-
by periodicals and handbooks, and a gen-
eral shmmary of news, topics and events.
Annual editions 1918 and 1919 25c each. A. H. Pike, Editor, Sta. G., Buffalo, N. Y.

MEXICO-EARLY ISSUES ONLY, 1856 to 1883 . Single coples, used or unused, pairs, strips or blocks, on or off cover. i will buy or give liberal exchange in other stamps. Correspondence desired with collectors early Mexico. H. A. Diamant, 208 N. Main St., St. Louls, Mo. A. P. S. 2030 .

> WVANTWD - Plate Nos. and Booklet Panes. 1 and 3ct. Surface print plate nos. single or blocks tops and bottoms. Also Booklet panes all issues with top or top and side guide lines and early issues complete booklets. H. M. Southgate, Chevy Chase, Md.

[^27][^28]PLATE NUMBERS FOR SALE-Quantities of unused U. S. Plate Numbers, perforated and imperforate, from 1895 to 1912, in strips and blocks, including good ones, such as 282 a in a strip of three and 292 and 293 in pairs, others to $\$ 1.00$. Correspondence solicited. Edwin Caswell, 301 McKay Building, Portland, Oregon. A. P. S. \#2764.

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# List of Handstamps Used Aboard Mississippi and. Other U. S. River Packets 1851 to 1861 With Historical Notes 

GEORGE B. SLOANE.

The Spanish explorer and adventurer, De Soto, in 1541, was probahly the first civilized man who saw the main body of that mighty stream, the Mississippi River, which extends nearly four thousand miles through the heart of the United States, and with the inclusion of its tributaries, has a navigable length of over fifteen thousand miles. On an earlier expedition Cabeza De Vaca in 1528 , cruising in the Gulf of Mexico, unexpectedly discovered one of the mouths of the river, but did not explore his discovery. Instead he went onward and found himself shipwrecked on the coast of Texas, resulting in his entire party being captured by the Indians. It is not exactly known at what point De Soto first saw the river, but it was somewhere hetween Helena, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee. Soon after, in May, 1542, he died, and like his predecessor, he had made no attempt to follow the course of the river further. He was huried secretly at night by his comrades iu its waters.

In 1673, Joliet, a French explorer and fur-trader, and Father Marquette, a Jesuit priest, left Mackinaw, Michigan, to search for a great river which the Indians informed them lay to the west of Lake Michigan. Proceeding in theír canoes to the lower part of Green Bay, and thence southward along the Fox River, they succeeded in reaching a town called Portage, so called by the French, hecause at this place it was necessary to take up water-craft, and travel on foot to the next body of water, the Wisconsin River. Marquette
and Joliet moved down the Wisconsin River until shortly they found themselves in the waters of the upper Mississippi, at once realizing they had found the "Father of Waters," which the Indians had described to them. Continuing their explorations, they reached the mouth of the Arkansas after three weeks, and although they did not push on to the Gulf as they intended, they returned to Mackinaw via the Illinois River and Lake Michigan, feeling satisfied with what they achieved and rejoicing in their triumph of having been the first of the white race to explore the great river. The one-cent U. S. stamp of 1898 issued to commemorate the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha, depicts Father Marquette preaohing to the Indians along the Mississippi, after the painting by Lamprecht, now in the possession of Marquette College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Six years later, in 1679 , the greatest of all the French explorers, La Salle, set out to complete the work of the Marquette and Joliet expedition. In 1681, after many sethacks and misfortunes, he finally navigated by way of Lake Michigan and the Illinois River to the Upper Mississippi, from whence he continued down the great river, establishing forts as he went, the second one of which he named "Crevecoeur," the Broken Heart, because of his many discouragements. Eventually he arrived after two months in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. He formally took possession of all the land bordering
both sides of the river, in the name of King Lanis X1V of France, calling the vast territory "Louisiana" in honor of the king.

In 1803 the United States acquired the territory from the Napoleonic Government of France for the sum of fifteen million dollars, President Thomas Jefferson completing the negotiations for the purchase during his first administration. It was an advantageous purchase and demonstrated the keen statesmanship of Jefferson, for it made the United States the larger to the extent of nine hundred thousand square miles, and gave us undisputed possession of the entire Mississippi River. The commemorative stamps of the United States, of 1904 , portray the full story; the one-cent bearing the portrait of Robert Livingston, Minister to France, who conducted the negotiations; the two-cent, Thomas Jefferson, the Chief Executive; the three-cent, James Monroe, special Ambassador to France in the matter of the purchase, afterwards President, and wbo with Livingston represented the United States; and the ten-cent, a map showing the territory acquired by the purchase. The fivecent showed a portrait of the late assassinated President, McKinley.

Mississippi steamboating began about 1812 shortly before Jackson made New Orleans famous in his battle with the British in which he fortified the town with earthworks and logs together with bales of cotton, and succeeded in defeating the enemy although the treaty of peace closing the War of 1812 had already been signed in 'Ghent, Belgium, two weeks earlier.

In the "fifties" steamboating on the Misisssippi was in the hey-day of its usefulness and 20 years later it was practically dead due to the inroads of the railroads.

During the period of 1851 to 1861 , just prior to the Civil War, these packets, as they were called, plied upon the river and its tributaries in great numbers, sailing between two or more cities for the convenience of passengers, mails and merchandise.

Most of the traffic was between New

Orleans, Natchez, Vicksburg, Memphis, Cairo, and as far north as St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville. The cities and towns along the various tributaries of the Mississippi, the Arliansas, Red, Yazoo, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri Rivers, were also engaged considerably in this commerce. The main terminal was New Orleans, the old Frenclı city and land of the annual Mardi-Gras, the chief seaport of Louisiana. Here were located numerous commission merchants and export bouses; and logically it was the market center for the plan-

tation owners who consigned their cotton crops and other Southern products to New Orleans, via the Mississippi packet steamers.

Because of the shallowness of the river in so many places, these boats were lightly built, with flat bottoms, and usually having the paddle wheels at the sides, although many of them were stern wheelers. These advantages permitted them to come very close to the shore when landing, in some
places where the water would he no deeper than three feet.

The arrival of a steamboat was usually the event of the day in the lives of the people in the smaller towns, and no better description of such a momentous occurrence can be given than that of Mark Twain's in his "Life on the Mississippi," who having been a pilot himself at one time is well qualified to delineate such an incident, and I quote the following:
"The white town drowsing in the sunshine of a summer's morning; the streets empty, or nearly so; one or two clerks sitting in front of the Water Street stores, with their splint-bottomed chairs tilted back against the wall, chins on breasts, hats slouched over their faces, asleep-with shingle-shavings enough around to show what broke them down; a sow and a litter of pigs loafing along the sidewalk, doing a good husiness in watermelon rinds and seeds; two or three lonely little freight piles, about the "levee," a pile of "skids" on the slope of the stone-paved wharf, and the fragrant town drunkard asleep in the shadow of them; two or three wood flats at the head of the wharf, but nobody to listen to the peaceful lapping of the wavelets the majestic, the magnificent Mississipagainst them; the great Mississippi, rolling its mile-wide tide along, shining in the sun; the dense forest away on the other side; the "point" above the town, and the "point" below, bounding the river-glimpse and turning it into a sort of sea, and withal a very still and hrilliant and lonely one. Presently a film of dark smoke appears above one of those remote "points"; instantly a negro drayman famous for his quick eye and prodigious voice, lifts up the cry, "S-t-e-a-mboat a-comiy'!" and the scene changes! The town drunkard stirs, the clerks wake up, a furious clatter of drays follows, every house and store pours out a human contribution, and all in a twinkling the dead town is alive an dmoving. Drays, carts, men, boys, all go hurrying from many quarters to a common centre, the
wharf. Assembled there, the people fasten their eyes upon the coming boat as upon a wonder they are seeing for the first time. And the boat IS rather a handsome sight too. She is long and sharp and trim and pretty; she has two tall, fancy topped chimneys, with a gilded device of some kind swung between them, a fanciful pilot-honse, all glass and "gingerbread" perched on top of the "texas" deck behind them, the pad-dle-boxes are gorgeous with a picture or with gilded rays above the boat's name; the hoiler deck, the hurricane deck, and the texas are fenced and ornamented with clean white railings; there is a flag gallantly flying from the jack-staff; the furnace doors are open and the fires glaring bravely; the upper decks are black with passengers; the captain stands by the big bell, calnı, imposing, the envy of all; great volumes of the blackest smoke are rolling and tumbling out of the chimneys-a husbanded grandeur created with a bit of pitch pine before arriving at a town; the crew are grouped on the forecastle; the hroad stage is run far out over the port bow, and an envied deck-hand stands picturesquely on the end of it with a coil of rope in his hand; the pent steam is screaming through the guage-cocks; the captain lifts his hand, a bell rings, the wheels stop; then they turn back, churning the water to foam, and the steamer is at rest. Then such a scramble as there is to get aboard, and ot get ashore, and to take in freight and to discharge freight, all at one and the same time; and such a yelling and cursing as the mates facilitate it with! Ten minutes later the steamer is under way again, with no flag flying on the jack-staff and no black smoke issuing from the chimneys. After ten more minutes the town is dead again, and the town drunkard asleep by the skids once more."

These packets were generally named after prominent people of the South, or after Southern cities, and very often a name connected with some sentimental object would be taken.


Charleston and Cincinnati Packet Boat under way.
'People took especial pride in their sectional favorite, and would route their mail and merchandise only hy their lown packets as evidence of the confidence in the particular ability of their choice. Therefore a keen rivalry constantly existed over the greater achievements of this or that packet and races were not uncommon. Large sums of money would change hands on the result of such a contest. The date for one of these races would he set some time in advance, and it was an event eagerly looked forward' to. 'With the approach of the day set for the race, both steamers would prepare for action, carefully eliminating all hindrances about the hoat which they could just as well get along without. A boat being known to make her best speed when drawing only a certain amount of water would take on no more cargo than would make the required weight. Very few passengers would be taken ahoard, and none hut experienced steamboatmen were desirable for the crew. No freight or passengers for intermediate "way" points would be booked, and the racers would stop only at the most important towns, and then only for a few minutes.

Crowds of people would line the shores and houses all along the river on both sides from New Orleans to St . Louis, or Cairo, or Louisville, as far as the course of the race extended.

So great would he the excitement ahoard the boats during one of these races, that merchandise, barrels of tar and pitch and other parts of the cargo would often be thrown into the fur-
nace in an effort to increase speed. It was not unusual for a boat to burst into flames and blow up.

A list of a few of the best records of the most famous trips may be of interest here, and so 1 copy them from "Captain Rollingpin's Almanac" as quoted by Mark Twain in his "Life on the 'Mississippi":-

New Orleans to Natchez-268 miles
1851 Magnolia, 19 hrs .50 min .
1853 Eclipse, 19 hrs. 47 min.
1855 Natchez (new), 17 hrs. 30 min.
New Orleans to Cairo- 1024 miles
1853 Eclipse, 3 days 4 hrs. 4 min.
1853 Shotwell, 3 days 3 hrs. 40 min .
New Orleans to Louisville- 1440 miles 1852 Eclipse, 4 days 19 hrs. 0 min. 1853 Shotwell, 4 days 10 hrs. 20 min.
1853 Eclipse, 4 days 9 hrs. 30 min.
New Orleans to St. Louis- 1218 miles 1849 Missouri, 4 days 19 hrs .0 min . 1869 Dexter, 4 days 9 hrs. 0 min.

In 1870, the "Rohert E. Lee" in a contest which attracted nation-wide interest, bettered the time on all these routes, making the trip from New Orleans to $\operatorname{St}$. Louis in 3 days 18 hrs .14 minutes. In the "Robert E. Lee's" time the river had diminished considerably, however, one of the peculiarities of the Mississippi.

Gambling was a popular form of diversion aboard the boats and flourished from stem to stern. Faro Dealers, Roulette Bankers, Shell Game Sharps and all varieties of fakirs and "confl-
dence" men would come aboard just before sailing time. High stakes would be won and lost, whole crops, slaves, and even plantations would pass to new owners during the games on one trip. Poker and dice were very popular, and the bets were usually placed in a water pitcher, so that "pots" would not be "short-changed." One of the most popular games was "above or below 7 " on the throw of the dice, even money being paid on any other winning numbers except "7." If a participant played bls money on " 7 " even and won he was paid 3 to 1 , the banker winning the other bets. It will be seen that it was generally "coming in" to the banker no matter which way the dice went.

It was a captain's greatest endeavor to be on schedule at all times, and the people along the shores of the river set their clocks according to the time certain packet boats would pass.

These packets were evidently authorized to carry mail and many of them bad authority to postmark same aboard the boats and at the offices of the agents operating them.

It is not known however whether all beld Government mail contracts, but it seems certain that they had some sort of an agreement with the Post Office Department for the service they rendered.

Letters posted at the terminals of these lines or at the intermediate landings along the way were bandstamped with the name of the packet and in many cases the name of the captain or master and the dates of sailings were added.

In the majority of covers which I have examined, the handstamp usually does not touch the postage stamp. The latter is generally cancelled "Way" or "Steam" in black, and the postmark


Receiving freight at a levee.

Occasionally slaves would make a break for freedom, sneaking away on these boats in an effort to escape to the North. Cairo, Ill. or St. Louis, Mo. was usually the goal, but very few were ever successful, because slaves all along the river were constantly "running off" and owners were forever on the lookout, so that any strange negro was almost immediately picked up and locked up until his owner could be communicated with. Some of them would eventually escape by remaining in hiding by day and travelling by night, with the assistance of the "Underground Railway."
"New Orleans, La." and date appears on the envelope in red or black. All of the latter postmarks are Government markings and were done on arrival of the mail at the $\mathbb{N e w}$ Orleans post office.

The handstamps which follow in my list are copied just as they are shown in the actual handstamp and arranged alphabetically according to the first word of the impression. Some may not approve of this method of grouping them, but after careful consideration of all points involved, I bave concluded that my present arrangement is best and the most easily understood.

There were probably 300 or more of these packet steamers in operation on the river, and so it will be seen that my list is far from being complete. I therefore most earnestly beg the assistance of collectors who may have in their possession any steamboat packet handstamps or cancellations not in my list. Please submit them to me so that I may be able to make correct descriptions, as I cannot list anything on "say so" alone. It is best for all interested that I see the actual items, as 1 am then enabled to give authentic information and make additional notes therewith.

It is my intention of revising this table from time to time, and collectors desiring to co-operate with me will receive full credit in every instance. My present list is only a starting vehicle, and with the whole hearted interest on the part of collectors and dealers alike, I will eventually be enabled to publish a list which will be as nearly complete as possible. To my knowledge, no list of these handstamps has ever previously made an appearance, and as there is nothing like making a start, I
have undertaken the responsibility of leading the way.

Readers desiring to assist me in this endeavor will please address communications to the writer at 333 East 30 th St., New York City. Specimens will be carefully handled while in my possession, and will be promptly returned.

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In our descriptions we have given the name as it appears, shape, size in millimeters, color, year, and remarks.

BAYOU SARA PACKET LAUREL HILL; Shape, oval; Size, $48 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$; Color, red; Year, $\qquad$ ; Remarks, -
CHARNER \& DEW-DROP; oval; $35 \times 26$; black.
DR. BATEY; oval; $26 \times 131 / 2$; red.
FRANK LYON; oval; 39x20; red; blue; -_; Figure of lion.
FROM NATCH1TOOCHES PACKET D. R. CARROLL; oval; 37x20; blue-black; 1858.

FROM RED RIVER PACKET W. A. ANDREW: oval; $36 \times 18$; black; 1858.
FROM REGULAR FREIGHT AND PASSENGER STEAMER PAUL JONES
$\qquad$ - shield; $35 \times 32$; blue; Balance illegible, probably captain's name.

FROM CTEAMER B. E. CLARK; oval; $34 \times 19$; blue; inner oval $22 \times 6$.
FROM STEAMER CERES; oval: $44 \times 27$; red.
FRROM STEAMER CLEONA; oval; $50 \times 34$; red; triple lined frame.
FROM STEAMER GRENADA, II. GWARTNEY, MASTER; oval; 50x3: ; red; double lined frame.
FROM STEAMER J. M. RELF; oval; 451/2x21; red.


FROM STEAMER JUDAH TOURO; oval; $52 \times 24$; red; 1858; double lined frame.

FTROM STEAMER LECOMTE, C. JOHNSON, CAPT.; oval; 49x27; brown; 1858. FRROM ISTEAMER LOUISA; oval; $53 \times 35$; red; double lined frame.
FROM STEAMER 11. RELF; oval; $45 \frac{1}{2} \times 21$; red; brown; 1859 ; Same as J. M. Relf but J. removed.
FROM STEAMER OSCEOLA; oval; $44 \times 31$; red; 1853; double line frame.
FROM STEAMER REUB. WHITE, CAPT. J. R. ALLABAUGH, -_ - ; oval; $57 \times 32$; red; wording at bottom illegible.
FROM STEAMER iROCKAWAY; oval; 41x22; red; 1853.
FROM STEAMER R. W. POWELL; oval; $47 \times 25$; greenish.
FROM STEAMER STORLM; oval; $47 \times 31$; red; double lined frame.
FROM STEAMER SYDONIA; oval; $47 \times 24$; red; 1853.
FROM STEAMER TIGER; oval; $351 / 2 \times 26$; black; 1859 ; Mobile to New Orleans.
FROM STEAMER W. A. VIOLETT; oval; 43x26; red; Feb 21, 1851; Double lined frame.
FROM STEAMER WEBSTER; oval; 29x20; red; Mar 22, 1851.
FRROM STEAMER W. W. FARMER; oval; 50x33; red.
FROMI THE RED RIVER PACKET MORO, JOS. AGUADOR MASTER, J. AMSDEN, CK.; oval; $601 / 2 \times 301 / 2$; red; 1860 ; "CK" for CLERK.
G. D. D. \& MIN. P. CO.; circle; 33 dia.; black; 1857-8; Galena (Ill.) Dubuque (Ia.) Dunleath (Ill.) and Minnesota Packet Co.
JOS. SA****** MASTER, RED RTVER PACKET ROSA. CHAS. M. DOWD OLERK; oval; $56 \frac{1}{2} \times 29$; red; Master's name illegible; double line frame.
LOUISVILLE \& NEW ORLEANS REGULAR PASSENGER PACKET PACLFIC WILL LEAVE LOUISVILLE FOR NEW ORLEANS ON MONDAY DEC. 27 AT 5 O'CLOCK P. M.; rect.; $53 \times 371 / 2$; green; 1858 ; Triple lined frame.
MEMPHIS \& NEW ORLEANS MONDAY PACKET NEBRASKA; oval; $39 \times 21$; black; 1859.
MEMPHIS \& NEW ORLEANS U. S. M. MONDAY PACKET INGOMAR, J. D. CLARK, COMMANDER; oval; $57 \times 35$; red; 1860.
MUSIC; oval; $371 / 2 \times 161 / 2$; red.
NATCHITOOCHES PACKET SWAMP FOX; oval; $42 \times 26$; red; 1857; Double lined frame.
NEW ORLEANS, ALEXANDRIA \& NATCHITOOCHES PACKET P. DALMAU; oval; $43 \times 30$; green; black;-1852.
NEW ORLEANS \& CAMDEN PACKET STEAMER EMPRESS - — HOPKINS MASTER; oval; $631 / 2 \times 33$; red; 1860 ; Master's initials illegible.
NEW ORLEANS \& CAMDEN PACKET STEAMER TIGRESS - - HOPKINS, MASTER; oval; $631 / 2 \times 33$; red; 1860 ; 'Master's initials illegible.
NEW ORLEANS \& ST. LOUIS REGULAR PASSENGER PACKET HIAWATHA, E. F. DIX, MASTER, H. M. BLOSSOM, CLERK. OCT. 21. LEAVES FOR ST. LOUIS OCT. 24.; rough rect.; 47 x 37 ; black; 1858; Intercb. dates.
NEW ORLEANS VICKSBURG U. S. MAIL PASSENGER PACKET VICKSBURG, J. M. WHITE, MASTER, J. Y. - CLERK; rough rect.; $341 / 2 \times 25$; blue; Clerk's name illegible.
N. ORLEANS \& OUACHITA PACKET LEWIS WHITEMAN; oval; $49 \times 211 / 2$; blue; Apr 14, 1851.
N. O. \& VICKSBURG R. M.; circle; 36 mm . dia.; black; 1858; New Orleans \& Vicksburg River Mail. (date in center).
N. O. \& VICKSBURG R. R.; circle; 33 mm . dia.; ultramarine; 1860 ; New Orleans \& Vicksburg River Ronte, (date in center).
OUACHITA PACKET CATAHOULA J. D. WALKER, MASTER; oval; 49x32; greenish blue.
OUACHITA PACKET NEW WORLD. LEN MOORE, MASTER; oval; $43 \times 30$; red; 1851 (May 20) ; "LEN MOORE MASTER" in center.

OUACHITA PACKET SOVEREIGN, LEN. MOORE, MASTER; oval; $491 / 2 \times 301 / 2$; black; 1857; double line frame.
OUACHITA PACKET SWAMP FOX; oval; $531 / 2 \times 32$; red; 1852 ; double line frame.
PACKET BELLE SULPHUR, A. CARLILE, MAS., R. C. HUTCHINSON, CLK.; oval; $53 \times 32$; red; double line frame.
PACKET ECLIPSE; oval; $40 \times 23$; blue; 1857; (inner 26x9).
PACKET ECLIPSE; oval; $39 \times 21$; blue; double line frame.
PACKET EMPRESS; oval; $47 \times 30$; red; black; 1857; double line frame.
PACKET P. C. WALLIS; oval; $46 \times 22$; black; 1857 ; double line frame.
PACKET STEAMER AMANDA; oval; $47 \times 27$; blue; 1858 ; double line frame.
PACKET STEAMER NEW LATONIA; oval; $42 \times 24$; red; double line frame.
PER BLUFF CITY; straight line; $38 \times 51 / 2$; red; 1857.
PRINCESS; straight line; $40 \frac{1}{2} \times 5$; greenish; 1856.
RED RIVER PACKET.CADDO No. 2 ; oval; $40 \times 21 \frac{1}{2}$; red.
REGULAR OUACHITA PACKET TWILFGHT WILL LEAVE MONDAY AT 5 P. M.; oval; $391 / 2 \times 25$; blue; 1857 issue stamped envelope.

REGULAR OUACHITA PASSENGER PACKET STEAMER DR. BUFFINGTON; oval; $561 / 2 \times 331 / 2$; blue.
REGULAR PACKET MAGNOLIA; oval; $351 / 2 \times 231 / 2$; black.
REGULAR PASSENGER AND FREIGHT COAST \& LAFOURCHE PACKET Dr BATEY; oval; 46×261/2; blue.
REGULAR PASSENGER PACKET DOUBLOON 'W. C. HARRISON, MASTER; oval; $68 \times 36 \frac{1}{2}$; red; 1860 .
R'EGULAR ST. LOUIS AND N. ORLEANS PACKET T. H. LARKIN; circle; $391 / 2$ dia.; black.
REGULAR SATURDAY PACKET ADVANCE, CAPT. S. W. ABELS FOR DEMOPOLIS \& MERRIWETHER'S LANDING; oval; $481 / 2 \times 34$; blue; double line frame.
REGULAR SATURDAY PACKET ALICE VIVIAN, CAPT. S. W. ABELS FOR DEMOPOLIS \& MERRIWEATHER'S LANDING; oval; $481 / 2 \times 34 ;$ blue; 1859 ; double line frame.
ROUTE 7309 ; oval; $33 \times 26 \frac{1}{2}$; blue; 1855 ; (inner 20x12.)
ROUTE 7309; oval; 37x17; blue; black; 1856; (inner 25x7).
ROUTE 7309; oval; 33x1842; blue; red; 1858; (inner 20x7).
ST. BT. MONROE; oval; 4 Sx3 $2 \frac{1}{2}$; red; 1851 Apr 1; double line frame.
ST. LOUIS, CAIRO AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD LINE STEAMER CHAMPION, E. B. MOORE, CAPTAIN, DUVALL W. YOUNG, CLERK, LEAVES NEW ORLEANS FOR CAIRO AND ST. LOUIS, MAR. 25; oct.; 55x48; black; 1859 ; interch. dates (Small cut of steamer).
S. B. P. M. STRECK; wavy rect.; $30 \times 14 \frac{1}{2}$; red; S. B.-STEAMBOAT.

STEAMBOAT BELLA DONNA; oval; $46 \times 191 / 2$; red; (inner $30 \times 6$ ).
STEAMBOAT BELLE CREOLE; oval; $40 \frac{1}{2} \times 21$; red; 1851 Mar 31; (inner $271 / 2 \times 81 / 2$ ).


STEAMBOAT PIOTA; oval; $501 / 2 \times 22$; black, blue; (inner $34 \times 8$ ). STEAMBOAT ST. JAMES; oval; $44 \times 26 \frac{1}{2}$; red; 1852 ; double line frame.
STEAMBOAT SOUTHERN BELLE; oval; 49x32; red; (inner 28x12).

STEAMER A. FUUSILIER; oval; $40 \times 26$; red; double line frame. STEAMER BAYOU BELLE CAPT. J. D. WALKER; oval; $41 \times 20$; red.

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STEAMER BRILLIANT; oval; $481 / 2 \times 33$; red; 1851 (Aug. 25); d. line frame. STEAMER CAPITOL; aval; $43 \times 24$; red.
STEAMER CHARMER, R. HOLMES, CLERK, CAPT. W. C. WTLSON; oval; 34 x $251 / 2$; black; double line frame.
STEAMER COMPROMISE; circle; 33 dia.; red; 1852; White faced capitals on solid background between both circles; inner circle $15 \frac{1}{2}$.
STEAMER CORA No. 2; oval; $291 / 2 \times 231 / 2$; red.
STEAMER CUBA; oval; $45 \times 27$; red; 1851 (June 20); double line frame. STEAMER DOLLIE WEBB CAPT. ———— oval; $48 \times 32$; red; 1859-60; Captain's name taken out.
STEAMER D. S. STACY; oval; $45 \times 27$; red; double line frame.
STEAMER DUKE, S. APPLEGATE, MASTER.; oval; 41x18; black.
STEAMER ECHO; square; $24 \times 18$; black; 1851 (Jan 15).
STEAMER ECLIPSE; oval; $55 \times 33$; red; 1860 ; (inner $401 / 2 \times 16$ ).
STEAMER EMIPEROR; circle; $291 / 2$ dia.; red; 1851 (Aug 18); d. line frame.
STEAMER FASHION; oval; $46 \times 311 / 2 ;$ red; 1852; double line frame.
STEAMER GEN'L. QUITMAN; oval; $47 \times 26 ;$ blue; 1857 stamped envelope.
STEAMER GLENDY BURKE; d. l. oval; $45 \times 281 / 2 ;$ red; 1851 (Sept 10).
STEAMER GRAND DUKE; circle; $341 / 2$ dia.; black; 1860 ; full date in center.
STEAMER HECLA; d. l. oval; $411 / 2 \times 281 / 2$; red; 1851 (June 23).
STEAMER H. M. WR1GHT; oval; $36 \times 24$; red.
STEAMER J. F. PARGOUD, T. 'W. TOBIN, COMMANDER LEAVES NEW ORLEANS EVERY SATURDAY AT 5 O'CLOCK P. M. LEAVES TRENTON EVERY TUESDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.; circle; 38 dia.; black. STEA, MER LATONA; square; $24 \times 171 / 2$; red; 1852.
STEAMER LEWIS WHITEMAN; oval; $57 \times 31$; red; double line frame. STEAMER MAGNOLIA; leaf; $45 \times 21$; red; 1851 (iSept 12); Magnolia leaf and bud.

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STEAMER MARY BESS; oval; 41xI7; blue.
STEAMER MARY BESS; oval; $55 \times 32$; black; stencil, no frame.
STEAMER MESSENGER; oval; $35 \times 25$; black; 1858.
STEAMER MONTGOMERY; d. 1. oval; $31 \times 21$; red; 1857 (Feb. 27).
STEAMER MORNING LIGHT, CAPT. WM. DILLON; oval; $48 \times 31$; green.
STEAMER P. F. KLMBALLL; d. l. oval; $48 \times 321 / 2 ;$ red; 1852.
STEAMER P. F. KIMBALL; oval; $28 \times 22$; red; 1857; (inner 17x11).

STEAMER RAPIDES; oval; $321 / 2 \times 22$; red, blue, hlack; 1856.


STEAMER REPUBLIC; oval; $32 \times 171 / 2$; red.
STEAMER R. W. McRAE; oval; $45 \times 26$; red, brown.
STEAMER SHAMROCK; rect.; $451 / 2 \times 21$; black; 1851 (Feb. 17); Ornamental irregular frame.
STEAMER S. S. PRENTISS; oval; $52 \times 26$; red.
STEAMER S. T. J. TRABUE, CAPT. J. TUCKER; oval; $39 \times 30$; red; (inner 37×19).
STEAMER S. W. DOWNS; oval; $46 \times 29$; red; 1852 ; double line frame.
STEAMER VICKSBURG; oval; 48x24; blue; Apr. 1861.
STEAMER W. N. SHERMAN; oval; 42 x 23 ; red; double line frame.
STR. RAPIDES, JAN. 1, 1859 ; ——; $28 \mathrm{x} 91 / 2$; blue; 1859 ; Two straight lines, no frame.
U. S. MAIL PACKET NATCHEZ; oval; $35 \times 21$; blue.
U. S. MAIL PACKET STEAMER LIZZIE SIMMONS, GEO. H. KIRK, CAIPT.; rect.; $31 \times 17$; blue; no frame.
U. S. MAIL PACKET STEAMER LIZZIE SIMMIONS, GEO. H. KIRK CAPT., MAURICE LANGHORN; CLERIK; rect.; $34 \times 15$; black; no frame.
U. S. MAIL SATURDAY EVENING PACKET ISTR. NATCHEZ ROUTE 8165 , MAR. 19; circle; 30 dia.; black; 1859.
VICKSBURG \& YAZOO CITY MAIL PACKET HOME. WIM. MOORE, MASTER; oval; $41 \frac{1}{2} \times 25$; red.
VICKSBURG \& YAZOO RIVER PACKET DEW DROP, B. H. PARISOT, MASTER; oval; $351 / 2 \times 26$; black; 1859.

## STEAMBOAT AGENTS.

The following handstamps of steamboat agents are also found on letters, which to all appearances were forwarded by packet steamers, and for that
B. J. BUTLER, STORAGE FORWARDING, COMMISSION MERCHANT AND GENERAL STEAMBOAT AGENT. WHARF BOAT, VICIISBURG, MISS.; rectangle (d. l. frame) ; $62 \times 51$; hlack; ——.
BRUCE PUTNAM, STEAMBOAT AGENT AND FORWARDING MERCHANT. 5 FRONT LEVEE; oval; $56 \times 35$; blue;
CRUTCHER \& McRAVEN, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, VICKSBURG, MISS.; oval; $37 \times 27$; blue; 1859.
FROM GEO. D. HITE, NEW ORLEANS; oval (d. l. frame); $53 \times 31$; red; -.
GEO. D. HITE \& CO. STEAMBOAT AGENTS, NEW CRLEANS; oval (d. 1. frame) ; $56 \times 25$; red, blue;
G. L. KOUNS \& BRO. LOW WATER LiNE, ERA No. 1 \& ERA No. 2. OFFICE, No. 2 FRONT ST. N. ORLEANS; oval; $57 \times 32$; black; -
POLLARD \& PUTNAM, AGENTS AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS 23 TCHOUPITOULAS ST.; oval (d. 1. frame) ; $55 \frac{1}{2} \times 311 / 2$; blue;
RESHIPPED BY WATTS, GIVEN \& CO. FROM THEIR MAMMOTH WHARF 29, PADUCAH, KY.; oval; $47 \times 34$; red; -.
SNAPP \& HITE, NEW ORLEANS; oval; $44 \times 23 ;$ red; ——.

The list of names which follow are copied from old letters of the period, and are the names of packets of which I do not have a description in my chronicle. River packets of these names evidently were in operation, although I have not seen the actual handstamps, if auy were used, of these particular steamers. The names were written in script in the upper or lower left corners of the euvelopes, usually by the senders and signified their desire of having the letter go by that particular packet as directed. They are worthy of attention and should be listed in an article of this sort:

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## CHANGES IN RATES ON LETTTERS HOR THE U. S.

Bahamas.-The postal administration has advised this department that the letter rate of postage has been reduced from twopence to 1 penny per ounce or fraction thereof, effective May 1, 1920 .

Curacao.-This department has been advised that the letter rate of postage from Curacao for the United States has been increased from 5 to $7.1 / 2$ cents (Dutch) for each 20 grams (three-

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fourtlis of an ounce) or fraction thereof, effective June 1, 1920.

The item "Curacao" on page 156 of the Postal Guide for July, 1919, is modified accordingly.

The United Kingdom.-The London office has given notice that, commencing June 1, the postage rates on letters from the United Kingdom to this country will be raised to 2 pence for the first ounce or fraction of an ounce and 1 penny for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

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## EDITORIAL.

The Editor wishes again to impress upon the members the necessity of forwarding all changes of address direct to the Secretary and not to the Editor. The mailing list is corrected from the Secretary's report and confusion is likely to occur if both of us send such matter to the printer. Please bear this in mind.

If members get impatient because the Editor does not answer them by return mail will they please bear in mind that the Editor does not give all his time to the magazine. He has his regular work which occupies most of his daytime and some evenings so that
about three or four evenings a week are all he can devote to answering letters, revising manuscripts, correcting proof etc. Don't worry! Your turn will come as soon as he can get to it. Upon my return from the convention I shall have a week or so of vacation left which will be devoted to catching up. So be patient.

The September number closing the current volume, will be largely devoted to a report of the convention and the social side will be fully reported. A large number of members have signified their intention to be present and a good time will be assured. We will try and get that number out as soon as possible after the first of the month.

## JOSEPH Q. ABBOTT 1821.

I. C. Greene sends us a clipping from the Fitchburg, Mass. "Sentinel" containing an obituary note concerning Joseph Q. Abbott of North Leominster, Mass. who died July 4 after an illness of some seven months from bronchial asthma. Mr. Abbott was 48 years of age and leaves a wife and daughter. He had been employed as bookkeeper at the Iver Johnson Arms \& Cycle Works for twenty-three years. He joined the A. P. S. in December 1907.

## DEMETRIUS T. EATON.

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In the death of D. T. Eaton the Association loses one who for many years has been most active in its service. It was during the editor's term of office as secretary that Mr. Eatou joined the Association in July 1895, and the acquaintance then begun has never been broken. Mr. Eaton served the Association as Secretary from 1903 to 1906 and thus came in contact, personally and by correspondence, with a large number of the members. He and Mrs. Eaton were for many years regular attendants at the conventlons but of late years his health has prevented his atteuding. As a dealer he specialized in

United States envelope stamps and his advertisements are familiar to all. His death occurred Jnne 25 at his home in Muscatine, lowa, from the breaking of a cord leading to the heart. He was a little over 65 years of age at the time of his death.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

The Pacific Philatelic Society of San Francisco, California, held its regular monthly meeting on July 21st. About 20 of the members attended and, in the course of the meeting, were informed that satisfactory arrangements bad heen made with the Board of Trustees of the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Trustees' Room as a permanent meeting place for the Society. This Institute owns and conducts the largest private library in San Francisco and occupies an entire ten story building at 57 Post St., in the heart of the downtown section of the City.

The meeting closed early to enable members to view the collections on exhibit. Mr. Arp showed a fine collection of Sweden, the first issue being rich in shades. Mr. H. C. Marcus bad his highly specialized collection of Danish West Indies on view, which is one of the largest in the country. Mr. H. Reullan showed his France in which was included nothing but very fine specimens. Secretary Dillingham also showed his France, containing many pairs, strips and stamps on entire cover. An interesting item in this collection was a complete set of the Rothschild reprints in pairs. A member who had just returned from Paris stated that this set was hard to find in France at any price.

## GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB.

 Branch No. 30. 607 Exchange Bldg.Meeting of June 3rd. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Hanford with twenty-five members and seven visitors present.

Messrs. J. WW. Foster, Frank M. Becker, C. C. Knox, G. E. Brown and J. E. Crouch were admitted into full membership.

The applications of Mr. T. R. Runge and Albert Osterheldt were ordered posted.

Mr. Lloyd suggested that the Club hold a picnic in the month of July or Angust. This suggestion was received with much enthusiasm.

An auction followed the business meeting.

Meeting of Jnne 10th. Meeting called to order by Pres. Hanford with nineteen members present. Mr. MacLaren provided the entertainment for the evening with an exhibition of U. S. Cancellations. An anction followed.

Meeting of June 17th. .Meeting called to order by Pres. Hanford with twen-ty-one members present. 'Pres. Hanford reported that a new location bad been found which would be very desirable in as much as it was about three times as large as the present quarters. After much discussion Mr. Lloyd moved that the Cluh Room Committee be empowered to look over the new location and if satisfactory to rent it; passed hy a vote of twenty to one.

Owing to increased expenses an increase in dues was taken into consideration, and Mr. Ahrahams moved that a special meeting be called to consider the question. Passed by a unanimous vote of those present.
W. J. ZINK, Secretary.

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## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

THE EDITOR.
It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varletles will submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.

ALEXANDRIA. Once in a while postal officials have a grain of common sense and refrain from getting out surcharged provisionals when there is a shortage of certain values. It is reported that when this French office ran out of 1 and 50 centime stamps not long ago they obtained a supply of those values from the nearby office at Port Said and put them on sale without any overprint. Of course specialists will be on the lookout for these with the Alexandria postmark, but that is far better than issuing a small supply of surcharges to be gobbled up by some local speculative official who wonld later retail them at exorbitant prices to collectors.

ALLENSTEIN. In our last chronicle we listed these plebiscite stamps under Prussia but shall hereafter use the name of the district as it seems to be more distinctive.

There have been two issues it seems, both surcharged on the current German issue. The first issue was described and listed by us in our June chronicle and we only add mention of the fact that in addition to the adhesives the 10 and 15 single and double post cards, the 20 and 50 pf mandats, and the 20 pf letter card have also received the same three line overprint.

The second issue bears an oval overprint inscribed "Commission d' administration et de plebiscite Olstyn-Allenstein" and in the center "Traite de Versailles Art. 94 et $95^{\prime \prime}$

5 pfennig, green
10 pfennig, carmine
15. pfennig, dark violet

20 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig, black and red on buff
40 pefnnig, black and red
50 pfennig, blaok \& carm. on buff
75 pfennig, green and black
1 mark, carmine *
1 mark, 25 pf., green

1 mark, 50 pf., brown
2 mark, 50 pf., claret
3 mark, dark violet
The same entires as were overprinted with the first issue also bear the oval overprint.

Allenstein is a district of East Prussia and during the war was the base of Von Hindenberg's army corps. It was the pivot of the great German advance which culminated in the overwhelming defeat of the Russian army at Tannenburg. The articles of the treaty mentioned in the surcharge are those providing for the plebiscite, after which the definite boundary between Germany and Poland will be defined by the commission.

ALLBIANIA. L'Echo, and 'L'Echangiste Universel, list a number of provisionals for this country made by snrcharging fiscal stamps with a three line inscription and bars erasing the old value (?) but while L'Echo says they are stamps of Albania surcharged at Durazzo the other journal says "fiscal stamps of Anstria Hungary." Perhaps both are right. Here is the list. The first set has vertical erasing bars, while the others are slanting.
$15 q$ on 8 heller, rose*
20 q on 16 heller, green
$25 q$ on ?, blue
50 q on 64 violet
1 frane on 96 heller yellow
2 franc on 160 beller violet
Second series.
$10 q$ on 8 heller rose
$15 q$ on 8 heller rose
20 q on 16 heller green
$25 q$ on 32 heller lilac
$50 q$ on 64 heller blue
1f on 96 heller yellow
$2 f$ on 160 heller violet
The above list is copied with one exception from that supplied L'Echangiste by M. Forbin, compiler of the well known fiscal catalogue.

ARGENTINE. A Peace set of three values depicting the well known monument erected in 1904 to mark the conclusion of peace between Chile and the Argentine, and known as "The Christ of the Andes" is said to have been prepared, but for some reason never issued. They were inscribed "Pax Mundi 1919" and comprised three values, 2 , 5 and 12 centavos.

BATOUM. Several of the "palm tree" stamps have been surcharged with a four line overprint for use as high values.

25 r on 5 kopecs, green
25 r on 25 kopecs, yellow
50 r on 50 kopecs, yellow
The surcharge comes in both blue and black and there is said to have been 1000 of each value issued.

BELGIUM. John W. Prevost has shown us the three values issued to commemorate the Olympic games which are to be held in Antwerp. They were issued May 19th. They are the work of the American Bank Note Company of New York and are works of art. The 5 centimes represent a discus thrower, the 10 centimes a chariot rider and the 15 centimes a runner. As we hope to receive illustrations in time for this number we refrain from further details. Perforated 12.

5 centimes green
10 centimes rose
15 centimes brown
An additional 5 centimes is charged for each stamp this sum going to the fund for permanently disabled soldiers.

The two low values of the "tin hat" series have beell received. They are somewhat smaller than the other values of the set but the design is the same.

1 centime, grey mauve
2 centime, pale olive
BULGARIA. We have received from the Wickwell Stamp Co. a set of ten stamps which all bear a surcharge in Russian letters together with numerals which in each case reduces the original value one half. We are inclined to think that this is due to the depreciation of the currency and the neces-
sity of providing for the payment of postal union rates similar to the provision for surcharges in Roumania of which we gave the official order recently. Unfortunately we have no Russian dictionary handy so we can not give a translation of the overprint.

1 on 2 stotinki, grey
$21 / 2$ on 5 stotinki, green
5 on 10 stotinki carmine
$71 / 2$ on 15 stotinki violet
$121 / 2$ on 25 stotinki blue
15 on 30 stotinki brown
25 on 50 stotinki yellow brown
50 on 1 leva brown
1 on 2 leva orange
$11 / 2$ on 3 leva claret
The first and the last three are of the pictorial series, the others are of the Boris set.

BATOUM. Stamp Collecting reports the receipt of a series of the palm tree stamps in new colors. As the Georgian forces occupied Batoum July 4th it seems as though these stamps could not have had a very long life.

1 rouble brown
2 rouble pale blue
3 rouble pale rose
5 rouble chocolate
7 rouble yellow
10 rouble green
15 rouble purple
25 rouble vermilion
50 rouble deep blue
BRAZIL. A new issue is announced by L'Echo which is to be put on sale as fast as the old issue is sold out. The designs represent different phases of commerce and industry bnt we prefer not to list until we can see the stamps themselves or at least illustrations of them.

CHINESE TURKESTAN. The two new values recently issued by China have received the surcharge necessary for hteir use in this dependency.
$11 / 2$ cents, violet
13 cents, red brown
COSTA RICA. A new commemorative issue of three stamps all of the value of 5 centavos, and bearing respectively the portraits of Rogelio Fernandez Guell, Alfredo Volio Jiminez
and Marcelino Flamenco, is said to be in preparation according to L'Echo. As there are to be 100,000 of each printed there will be enough to supply all who desire them. Just who the above worthies are, and what the stamps are to commemorate, our contemporary fails to enlighten us.

CZECHOSLOVAK STATE. We find iu Foederation a list of the surcharges for use at the consular post office at Constantinople.

Perforated:
5 paras on 5 d., blue green
10 paras on 10 d., rose
15 paras on 15 d., vermilion
1 piastre on 25 d ., violet
Unperforated:
2 piastres on 50 d ., violet
5 piastres on 100 d ., brown
10 piastres on 200 d., blue
Gibbons Monthly Circular lists the 2 piastres as surcharged on the 60 d yellow. Which is right we can not say.

DANZIG. At last the long expected stamps have arrived. From our good friend A. C. Roessler we have received a set of eleven current German stamps with the word Danzig overpriuted in German text letters. The set is said to be provisional in its nature, awaiting the preparation of a distinctive issue as soon as the new form of government is in full working order.

5 pfennig, green
15 pfennig, red violet
10 pfennig, carmine
20 pfennig, blue
30 pfennig black and orange on buff,
50 pfennig black and purple on buff
1 mark, carmine
1 mark 25 pf., green
2 mark, blue
2 mark 50 pf., claret
5 mark, black and carmine
DUTTIA. The Philatelic Jonrnal of India is informed of a new issue for this feudatory state. The design is said to be the same as before but the
stamps are rouletted on thick wove paper and are rouletted.
$1 / 4$ anna, blue ( 31 to a sheet)
$1 / 2$ anna, red (24 to a sheet)
ESTHONIA. Whitfield King \& Co. report the receipt of the current stamps roughly perforated or rouletted. They were issned at the post office at Port Baltic and look as though the work was done on a sewing machine. Further information is awaited.

FRANCE. J. W. Prevost has shown us the new 60 centime and. 2 franc stamps. The design is similar to the other high values of the current set. The 60 c was issued June 1st and the 2 franc July 4 th.

60 centimes, lilac and blue
2 francs, orange and green
It is reported that the remainders of the Orphelins stamps are to be overprinted to use up the surplus stock of certain values.

The booklets of 25 centime stamps contain 20 stamps and sell for 5 francs.

An oblong label of the same size as the high value stamps has been issued for use on letters sent by airplane. It is printed in blue and in red and bears a portrait of Guynemer, an allegorical figure of France, the Eifel tower and some airplanes. It is perforated but bears no value. 'It is merely an official "sticker."

GERMANY. The three high value stamps listed by us in May have generally been chronicled as lithographed, but Zumstein \& Co. in the Journal Philatelique de Berne, refer to them as printed by the new "offset" process. The 1 mark has recently appeared printed by this method.

1 mark, bright rose
The two color stamps of the current issue are to be printed in a single color heerafter for economy's sake, and to conform to the Postal Union schedule, the 20,40 , and 80 pfennig values will appear in green, red, and blue respec-
tively, on account of the depreciation of the currency.

HEDJAZ. Stamp Collecting reports that in April of last year $£ 100,000$ worth of the current $10 p$ stamps were surcharged with a dictinctive device stating they were legal tender as coins. We presume this refers to the $1 / 2$ piastre stamp, as there is no 10 para value listed as such.

HUNGARY. Scott's Monthly Journal has some interesting information regarding certain issues of this much abused country. General Bandholtz has informed Mr . Luff that he is quite positive the stamps listed in Scott's "Addenda" as 1125 to 1161 and also $\$ 51$ to 892 were never officially sanctioned. As the General was in Budapest during the entire time the Roumanian forces occupied the city he is in a position to speak with authority. These two sets will be dropped from the catalogue, Mr. Luff announces. Doubt is also cast upon the surcharged pictorial series listed as the second Debreczin issue, which by the way we have never listed as we were unable to find any definite news concerning it. The unsurcharged stamps are not known to have been issued.

On the 25 th of March the National Assembly enacted a bill restoring the word royal (kiralti) in the names of all governmental institutions and the titles of all public officials. The mails are again "Royal" Hungarian mails and proclamations are in the name of his Majesty the King. This of course means restoring "kir" to the inscriptions on the stamps etc. and possibly also the portraits of King Karl IV. and Queen Zita. The war prisoner stamps are reported to have been overprinted already "MAGYAR KlR POSTA."

> 40 filler, carmine
> 60 filler, brown
> 1 korona, blue

Two values of the Harvester type with the "Kir" inscription are also re-
ported issued in new colors. The rest of the set will probably follow if there is not another revolution.

> 5 filler, red brown 10 filler, rose lilac

HONDURAS. L'Echo lists four stamps commemorative of the inauguration of General Rafacl Lopez Gutierrez as President of the republic. The four are all of the same design but the one in red is smaller than the others, measuring $27 \times 21 \mathrm{~mm}$ while they are $51 \times 40 \mathrm{~mm}$. Oblong in shape, sun setting in the ocean, Correos Honduras-tad-U. P. U. and value. They were 10 Februario 1920 -Paz Union Libernot sold to the public but were affixed by the post office clerks. Only 10,000 of the red and 2000 of each of the other colors were issued.

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2 centavos, red
2 centavos, bronze
2 centavos, silver
2 centavos, gold
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INGRIA. Here is another candidate for the "Neurope" album. In our Finnish contemporary, Suomen Postimerkkilehii, there is illustrated a series of stamps for this former Russian province, or district, which is called by some authorities North Ingermanland. The stamps are similar to the current Finnish issue, with POHJOIS at the top, INK. E. R. I. below and a coat of arms in the center of the oval on a pentagonal shield. The quantities issued are annexed. The colors are taken from Stamp Collecting, as we are not familiar with the Finnish language and it is vacation time at the International college where we resort for such information.

5 penni, green, 200,000
10 penni, red, 200,000
25 penni, brown, 200,000
50 penni, blue, 200,000
1 mark, red brown, 1,000
5 mark, mauve, 2,000
.10 mark, blue, 1,000

Ingria is said to have been taken from the Finns in 1323 by the Russians by the treaty of Schlusselberg, but later it fell into the hands of the Swedes, who however re-ceded it to Russia by the peace of Nystadt in 1721. A few months ago it was occupied by Finnish troops who set up a provisional government in the chief town Kirjaslo. Our Berne contemporary says that the province lies between the river Newa (Neva?) and the Finnish boundary. The Donaupost says that a small district of this country liberated itself from the Bolchevik forces and issued stamps on March 21st. Three post offices were opened. This is all the information we have been able to gather up to date, and we must confess we are not satisfied. We agree with our Bern exchange that it is just as well to "go slow" and not pay fancy prices for the stamps until we know more ahout them.

IRAQ. Reference to the gazetteer informs us that Irak Arabi is a district of Asiatic Turkey, in the vilayet of Bagdad, between the lower courses of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and includes the city of Bagdad and also the ruins of Babylon, Selucia and Ctesiphon. Mesopotamia on the contrary includes not only Irak but other districts extending some six or seven hundred miles north and south with a width of about two hundred miles. Probably when the question of "mandates" is fully settled we shall see a series of stamps for the whole district which may then properly be styled Mesopotamia. We are glad to see Scott's catalogue groups both the Bagdad and Iraq issues under this heading.

Stamp Collecting reports the receipt of the $11 / 2$ annas of the Iraq issue. It is overprinted on the 5 paras 1913 issue of Turkey and is intended for the minimum rate to India and abroad.
$11 / 2$ annas on 5 pa., dull purple An offioial series of six values is said to be in preparation.

ITALY. We have seen a cover from Galata (Constantinople) bearing the Post Militare cancellation noted by us in May. The office number is 15 .

The Revista Mensile reports the impending issue of a series of eight values illustrative of the wonderful scenery and works of art of the Trentino, the Dolomites etc. They will be sold at an advance of 5 centesimi over the face value.

By the way can anyone inform us whether the exportation of stamps from Italy is still forbidden? We have seen no mention of the ban having been lifted.

ITALY. CHINESE OFFICES. Four values of the current stamps have received the diagonal surcbarge SHANGHAI and value in cents.

2 cents on 5 c. green
4 cents on 10 c . red
8 cents on 20 c . slate
20 cents on 50 c. violet
JAMAICA. The long promised 10 shilling stamp was put on sale early in May. It is watermarked multiple C. A. and perforate 14 . The cut ren10 shillings, dark green ders a description unnecessary.

KEDAH. The two provisionals issued in 1919 (Scott 15-16) are reported to have been issued in limited numbers, 3600 of each having been issued.

We note our Berne exchange lists a new color for the 50 cent stamp which we do not think has been catalogued.

50 cents, brown
Latvia. Mr. Koslowski writes us that there are four values of the series to commemorate the meeting of the Landtag of which we listed the 50 k in our June chronicle. They are perforate $11 \frac{1}{2}$.

50 kapeika, rose
1 rouble, blue
3 rouble, violet brown and green
5 rouble, gray and violet brown
George H. Jaeger, the Libau dealer, lists the 50 k and 1 r as also coming imperforate. Two million of each of the first two values and one million of each of the others were printed.
of the sun design there are reported to have heen issued the following on thin white paper, unwatermarked and perforated $11 \frac{1}{2}$.

5 kapeika, red
20 kapeika orange brown
50 kapeika mauve
75 kapeika green
Not having seen the above we can not say just how different the colors are from the previous issues.

We have refrained from listing heretofore the four stamps reported to have been issued at Wolmar late in 191S. Michel, Kumin Beul and Whitfield King chronicled them hut there was very little given about their authenticity. Now, Mr. Jaeger has obtained letters from the postal authorities at Wolmar and Ronnenburg that no such issue was made. They have been traced to a dealer at Riga who is said to have enjoyed a shady reputation for some years, Whitfield King \& Co. have promptly requested the return of any of the stamps they have sold, stating that they will give full credit for the same.

LIECHTENSTEIN. In order to wipe out all connection with the post office department of Austria this little state has surcharged several of its stamps with a scroll like overprint to obliterate the inscription K. K. OESTERR POST. There are also several new values created by means of overprints.

> 5 heller, green
> 10 heller, claret
> 25 heller, hlue
> 40 h on 3 h , violet
> 1 k on 5 h, red
> $21 / 2 \mathrm{k}$ on 20 h , dark green

A new set has also made its appearance of a rather striking design. There is no frame and the state arms in the center are surmounted by the value with the name of the duchy in two lines of italic type below. They are imperforate.

[^30]MEMEL. In view of the fact that the report is current that a series of stamps is soon to be issued for this former district of East Prussia it may be of interest to read what the provisions of the treaty of peace were in regard to its cession.
"Section X. Memel. Article 99. Germany renounces in favor of the principal Allied and Associated Powers all rights and title over the territories included between the Baltic, the northeastern frontier of East Prussia as defined in Article 28 of Part II. (Frontiers of Germany) of the present treaty and the former frontier between Germany and Russia.

Germany undertakes to accept the settlement made by the principal Allied and Associated Powers in regard to these territories, particularly in so far as concerns the nationality of the inhabitants."

Thus far no disposition seems to have been made of the territory and as no mention is made of a plebiscite it is probable that the League of Nations will have the settlement of its future nationality.

MALTA. New rates of postage went into effect here June 1st, the charge for letters under one ounce within the British Empire being $1 \frac{1}{2}$ penny with 1 penny extra for each additional ounce or fraction. Local letters will cost 1 renny for an ounce with $1 / 2$ penny for each additional ounce.

MARIENWERDER. In our last chronicle we listed certain German stamps overprinted "Commission Interalliee Marienwerder." Since then we have received further information concerning them and reprint the full list of valnes with quantities printed, as given by Theodore Champion in his Bulletin.

5 pfennig, green, 20,000
20 pfennig, blue, 45,000
50 pfennig, black \& clarèt, 2,200
75 pfennig, green \& black, 60,000
80 pfennig, red and black, 10,000
1 mark, carmine, 6,000
1 m on 2 pf grey, 20,000
2 m on $21 / 2 \mathrm{pf}$ grey, 30,000

3 m on 3 pf brown, 20,000
5 m on $71 / 2 \mathrm{pf}$ orange, 25,000
MOZAMBIQUE. The $21 / 2$ centavos of the pictorial series of the Mozambique Company has heen surcharged "Dois Centavos" in two lines in red according to a correspondent of the Echo.

2c. on $21 / 2$ centavos violet \& hlack
NETHERLANDS. The surcharged 40 and 60 cent values have been replaced by permanent stamps of the same type as the rest of the series.

40 cents green and orange
60 cents olive and green
The $21 / 2$ cent postal card has received the surcharge "Vijf Cent" in large gothic type. Other cards are expected to be surcharged also.

PHILIPPINES. The 20 cents has been issued perforated 11 on single line watermark paper.

20 cents, yellow
POLAND. A new value of the annexed type is reported by Champion.

40 fennig, violet
The 20 fennig postal card has been surcharged for use as a 40 fennig.

RUSSIA. Another set of "army stamps' has been dumped on the market for the henefit of philatelists. They are the word of Richard Sarinsch, who has designed so many of the Latvia stamps and they were printed at the government office in Riga. 'General Bu-lak-Balachowitsch was the commander of the army which was known as the Army corps of the White Russian Republic, sometimes called Ruthenia. The stamps are similar in size to the recent Latvia pictorials and the design represents young couple in the national costume keeping their tryist on a shaded bench. One million sets of the stamps are reported to have been issued, and they come both perforate $11 / 2$ and imperforate. The rouble Ost is equal to two marks.

5 kopecs Ost, green
10 kopecs Ost, red

15 kopecs Ost, lilac
50 kopecs Ost, blue
1 rouble Ost, brown
The stamps were issued February 3, the army being stationed for some time on the anti Bolshevik front with the Esthonian and Latvia forces.

ISARRE. In addition to the values surcharged SAARGEBIET which we listed last time there are the following additioual values.

30 pfennig, red \& black on buff
1 mark 25 pf., green
1 mark 50 pf., brown
2 mark 50 pf., claret
SIAM. Two surcharged series of "charity" stamps have been provided for the benefit of the Wild Tiger Corps, which L'Echo says is the royal guard, by overprinting some of the current adhesives with a very crude head of a tiger with sianese inscription only for the first set, while the second series has the native inscription above the head with Scout's Fund helow it. It is said that only 1600 sets of the first issue were printed.

2 satangs, yellow brown
3 satangs, green
5 s on 6 s rose
10 s on 12 s black and brown
15 satangs, blue
1 baht, blue and brown
The 5 on 6 s does not occur in the second series.

SLesivig. On July 9 King Christian signed the law incorporating the first plebiscite zone into the Kingdom of Denmark, the day being celebrated all over the country with great rejoicings. The next day he started on a trip through the restored territory meeting with a warm welcome.

The plehiscite stamps have heen reissued with values in Danish money and with the overprint I ZONE. in blue ink.

1 ore grey
5 ore green
7 ore brown
10 ore carmine
15 ore lilac

20 ore blue
25 ore orange
40 ore violet
75 ore blue green
1 krone, brown
2 krone, hlue
5 krone, green
10 krone, red
SPANISH MOROCCO. Two split provisionals have been issued here according to Stamp Collecting.

10 centiunos on half of 20c Express
15 centimos on $30 c$ green
We are not certain whether there is any surcharge of the new values or not as our contemporary fails to state. Each half where it has been cut has been provided with a new perforation.

SWEDEN. Several values of the new set have made their appearance but so far all are perforate only vertically 10 , being from coils. The 3 ore has for the design the arms (three crowns) on a globe, the 5 ore a lion and the other values a portrait of King Gustave.

> 3 ore, red
> 5 ore, green
> 10 ore, rose
> 15 ore, lilac
> 20 ore, blue
> 30 ore, brown

SYRIA. In order to make it a little clearer just what the various issues for this country have heen under the French occupation we here reprint from the Journal Philatelique de Berne a summary of the different issues with quantities of each printed. The colors are omitted as they are all current French or Levant issues and are familiar to everyone.

Stamps of France surcharged T. E. O. and value.

1 millieme on $1 \mathrm{c} ., 900$
2 millieme on 2c., 450
3 millieme on 3c., 900
4 millieme on 15c., 2400
5 millieme on 5c., 9000
1 piastre on $10 \mathrm{c} ., 9000$
2 piastre on $25 \mathrm{c} ., 9000$
5 piastre on 40 c ., 9500
9 piastre on $50 c ., 4300$
10 piastre on $1 \mathrm{fr} ., 2500$

Stamps of French Levant with surcharge T. E. O. and value:
1 millieme on 1c., 150,000
2 millieme on 2c., 150,000
3 millieme on 3c., 30,000
4 millieme on $15 \mathrm{c} ., 150,000$
5 millieme on 5c., 450,000
1 piastre on 25 c ., 900,000
2 piastre on $50 \mathrm{c} ., 150,000$
4 piastre on $1 \mathrm{fr} ., 37,500$
8 piastre on 2 fr., $\mathbf{1 0 , 5 0 0}$
20 piastre on 5 fr., 3,000
Stamps of France with surcharge $O$. M. F. Syrie and value.

1 millieme on 1c., 30,000
2 millieme on 2c., 30,000
3 millieme on 5c., 7,500
20 piastres on 5 fr., 750
Same surcharges in thicker type.
1 millieme on 1c., 60,000
2 millieme on 2c., 15,000
3 millieme on 5c., 15,000
5 milliem eon 10 c., 3,000
20 piastres on 5 fr., 3,000
20 piastres on 5 fr. , red sur., 1500
Same surcharged O. M. F. Syrie and values in Syrian centimes and piastrés.
25 centimes on 1 c., 150,000
50 centimes on 2c., 200,000
75 centimes on $3 \mathrm{c} ., 30,000$
1 piastre on 5 c., 105,000 , black sur.
1 piastre on 5 c., 30,000 red sur.
2 ipastre on $10 \mathrm{c} ., 150,000$
3 piastre on $25 \mathrm{c}, 200,000$
5 piastre on 15c., 15,000
10 piastre on 40 c . 9,000
25 piastre on $50 \mathrm{c} ., 6,000$
50 piastre on 1 fr., 3,000
100 piastre on $5 \mathrm{fr} ., 1,500$
After these stamps had been issued it was discovered that there was an error iu that the value of the three lowest denominaitons should have been spelled Centiemes so here are more varieties!

25 centiemes on 1 c., 300,000
50 centiemes on 2c., 300,000
75 centiemes on $8 \mathrm{c} ., 30,000$
Another printing of the 1 piastre also took place with black surcharge in which the figure 1 is nearer the word Syrie than in the first printing.

## 1 piastre on 5c., 300,000

There is also a new variety of the 2 piastre which is now on the 25 c . instead of the 10 c .

2 piastre on 25 c., 150,000
THRACE. Our Kavalla correspondent, Michel Toccos, has sent us specimens of the latest (?) surcharges for that portion of Thrace now under occupation by the allied forces. They are on the Boris issue of Bulgaria and the overprint reads THRACE OCCIDENTALE,. the first word being in a straight line and the other in a curve.

5 stotinki, green
10 stotinki, red
15 stotinki, violet
25 stotinki, blue
50 stotinki, brown
Mr. Toceos writing under date of June 5 th says he has just received five Greek stamps surcharged in three lines in Greek letters, which stamps are for use in the zone held by the Greek army. We are unable to translate the second word but the first means Administration and the third Thrace. The stamps surcharged are the current lithographed Greek with the exception of the 2 lepta which bears the CT monogram.

1 lepta, green
2 lepta, carmine
3 lepta, vermilion
5 lepta, green
15 lepta, blue
TUN1S. A 30 centime stamp has been issued which has been overprinted with the airplane wings as in the first issue. The stamp has not as yet been seen without the surcharge.

30 centimes, olive and blue
TURKEY. Henry M. Wichman has shown us a copy of a new provisional made by surcharging the 4 paras 1913 (Scott 255 ) with new value in red.

5 pa on 4 pa., brown
UKRAINE. Zumstein \& Co. announce the issue of a 20 griwny stamp of a new design, supplementary to the issue of 1918 . The stamp is said to have been issued at Kief early in 1919 hut for some reason seems to have escaped
notice except in Scott's Monthly Journal where it was listed some three months ago as a 20 rouble value. Printed iu color on green butele paper. Twenty griwny equals 100 shagiw.


20 griwny, red on green.

## BULGARIA.

Nos. 28 to 358 var. used net...12c.
Nos. 57 to 659 var. used net...15c.
Nos. 89 to 979 var. used net...30c.
Nos. 122 to 1275 var. Mint O.
G. net .................... 90 c .

Nos. 128 \& 129 Mint O. G. net... 5c. Nos. 130 to 1334 var. Mint 0.
G. net ................... 19 c .

Nos. 136, 137, 139, 140, 141,
146 , some used and some
Mint net .................65c.
Bulgarian Occupation of Roumania.
Nos. 801 to 804 two mint and
two used net ..............50c.

## Single Stamps.

No. 12 net 2c; No. 14 net 3c; No. 15 net 1 c ; No. 40 net 1 c ; No. 450 G . net 5c; No. 73 net 4 c ; No. 112 net 6 c ; No. 134 used or mint net 2 c .

## W. J. ZINK

Memher: A. P. S. \& A. S. D. A. 460: Denison Ave., Clereland, Ohio.

Ceylon 2c to 25c used . . . . . . . . . . 12c
Ceylon war stamps used .........12c
China $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to $\$ 1.00$ used ..........37c
China $\$ 2.00$ used............ $.40 c$
China Hong oKng 1c to \$1., used. .75c
Hong Kong 1c to 50 c used .......50c
Hong Kong $\$ 1.00$ used . . . . . . . . . 25 c
Strait Settlements 1 c to 45 c used.. 42 c

## Wickwell Stamp Co. SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

## FRENCH POSTAL LAW.

From Le Bouquiniste Francais, a magazine devoted to old books, we translate the following extracts of the new law which went into effect April first.

## Law of March 29, 1920.

Article First. In the interior as well as in the Franco colonial and intercolonial relations the postal taxes and the conditions of the reception of mail matter described in the present article are fixed as follows.

## I. Letters and sealed packets.

Up to 20 grammes, 25 centimes.
From 20 to 50 grammes, 40 centimes.
From 50 to 100 grammes, 50 centimes.

Ahove 100 grammes, 15 centimes per 100 grammes or fraction of 10 grams.

Maximum weight, 1,500 grams.

## 11. Commercial and Bnsiness Papers.

The rates and conditions of admission are the same as those for letters and sealed packets.

## III. Postal Cards.

(a) Single ordinary cards and illustrated post cards containing written messages other than those described in clause "c" 20 centimes.
(b) Ordinary postal cards with reply paid, 40 centimes.
(c) Illustrated postal cards bearing
not more than five words of correspondence, 15 centimes.

## IV. Samples.

Up to 10 grams, 20 centimes.
Above 100 grams, 15 ceutimes per 100 grams or fraction of 100 grams.

Maximum weight, 500 grams.

## V. Printed Matter.

Printed matter offered for prepayment in quantities of not less than 1000 , sorted and tied up by departments and hy offices of distrihution, up to the weight of $20 . \mathrm{grams}, 3$ centimes.
2. Printed matter other than that included in clause 1 , up to 50 grams, 5 centimes.

From 50 to 100 grams, 15 centimes.
Ahove 100 grams, 15 centimes per 100 grams or fraction of 100 grams.
3. Printed electoral cards, written or printed voting papers, and printed election circulars, 1 centime per 25 grams or fraction of 25 grams.
4. Impressions in "Braille" characters or any other system for the use of the blind, setn under wrapper or open envelope:

Up to 20 grams, 2 centimes.
From 20 to 100 grams, 3 centimes.
From 100 to 500 grams, 5 centimes.
Ahove 500 grams, 5 centimes per 500 grams or fraction of 500 grams.

Maximum weight of printed matter of all kinds, 3 kilograms.

All other regulations or previous tarifs fixed for certain classes of non periodic printed matter are herehy cancelled.

## Papers and Periodicals.

| Weights | Papers sorted and sent "hors sac" |  |  | Papers not sorted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unlimited | Limited |  | Unlimited | Limited |
|  |  | zone |  |  | zone |
| Up to 50 grams | 1 c | $1 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ |  | 2 c | 1 c |
| 50 to 75 grams | 2 c | 1 c |  | 3 c | $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ |
| 75 to 100 grams | 3 c | $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ |  | 4 c | 2 c |
| 100 to 125 grams | 4 c | 2c |  | 5 c | $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ |
| 125 to 150 grams | 5 c | $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ |  | 6 c | 3 c |
| And for each additional grams or fraction | 25 1c | 1/2c |  | 1 c | $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ |

## VI. Registration.

Letters, sealed packets and postal cards, 50 centimes. Hatter prepaid at reduced rates, 25 centimes.
(The remaining sections deal with money orders, and the telegraph service and are of little interest to philatelists.)

## BETTER MAIL SERVICE SOUGHT FOR GUAM.

J. H. Underwood, postmaster of Guam, Island of Guam, was in Washington recently to seek better mail service for the inhabitants of the island.

The Post Office Department has indicated that while there is no possibility of regular daily carrier service through the inhabited parts of the island, there is probability that a twice-a-month "star service" will be put into operation.

Mail arrives at the island, and leaves it, once a month. At that time more than 250 sacks of mail arrives, most of it for officers and sailors at the naval training station, but a large quantity also for the natives.

The natives of Guam, Postmaster Underwood states, are making large use of the parcel post, and are ordering quantities of goods from a Chicago mail order 'house.

At present all the mail which arrives at the island has to be brought in two miles from the transport, and then carried five miles to the post office. Natives who wish to get their mail must come sometimes a distance of sixty miles. Much of this travel must be made by "bull back."

The "star service" which the Post Office Department indicates it will give to Guam, will afford the natives a twice a month delivery along the entire inhabited coast, and will allow the natives to correspond with one another, which they cannot do at present.

The branch of the main post office will be established at the School Merizo, on the point of the island, and mail delivered there in sealed pouches for the immediate vicisity, The carrier will deliver and receive lettẹrs as he goes.

## PRECANCELLED FTRST CLASS MATTER.

(From the Official Postal Guide.)
May 10, 1902.
Insert No. 547. Order No. 4164.
Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, section 459, Postal Laws and Regulations, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 459. Under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may establish for the collection of the lawful revenue and for facilitating the handling of such matter in the mails it shall be lawful to accept for transmission in the mails, without postage stamps affixed, any first-class matter, quantities of not less than 300 identical pieces of third-class matter and of second-class matter, and 250 identical pieces of fourth-class matter, and packages of money and securities mailed under postage at the first or fourth-class rate by the Treasury Department: Provided, That postage shall be fully prepaid thereon at the rate required by law for a single piece of such matter. (Acts of May 18, 1910 , sec. 13, 39 Stat., 162 , and Apr. 24, 1920 , sec. 5.)
2. Postmasters at whose offices patrons desire to avail thenselves of the privilege of this section shall apply to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Division of Classification, for authorlty to receive such mailings and instructions as to procedure. Until such authority and instructions are received no postmaster shall receive matter of any class for mailing without stamps affixed under this section. Only such second-class matter may be accepted under the provisions of this section as is chargeable with the transient sec-ond-class rate of postage (see sec. 435) or the special rates prescribed by paragraphs 7 and 8 , section 433 ,
3. Persons desiring the privilege of mailing matter of any class without stamps affixed, under the provisions of this section, should make application therefor on Form 3612 to the postmaster, who shall, after he has been properly authorized, as provided in the foregoing paragraph, issue a permit on Form 3601 , which shall contain the regulations, so far as they affect the sender of such matter, and those regulations should in every case he strictly complied with, or the postmaster shall refuse so to receive the matter in the mails. Such permit shall he issued in triplicate, the original to be handed to the prospective mailer, the duplicate to he given to the superintendent of mials or superintendent of second-class matter, as the case may be, and the triplicate sent to the cashier.
4. In the upper right corner of the address side of the envelope, wrapper, address label, or tag of each separately addressed piece of such matter shall be printed by means of a printing press or other device a statement showing the amount of postage paid on the piece, the word "Paid," the name of the post office and State where mailed, followed by the permit number and, in the case of first-class matter, such other information as niay be required, all in the form and in the size of type prescribed in the permit (Form 3601). Matter mailed without stamps aflixed under the provisions of this section is not to be postmarked.
5. Each mailing must be accompanied with a statement on Form 3602, signed by the sender, showing the permit number, the class of matter, the total number of pieces in the mailing, the amount of postage chargeable thereon, and, except as otherwise provided in instructions issued by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Division of Classification, the exact weight of a single piece, and such other information as may be required. To facilitate the handling of such matter in the mails, the mailer must comply with all reasonable requests of the postmaster for the separation thereof into

States, counties, cities, etc. Postage on the entire quantity shall be paid at or before the time the matter is presented for mailing, either in money or, at the option of the postmaster and at his risk, by check drawn to his order. When the mailing of matter of the second, third, or fourth class extends over two or more consecutive days, and the number of pieces presented on the last day to complete the mailing is less than that prescribed, such number shall be accepted and an indorsement made on receipt Form 3603 as follows:
"This is the remainder of mailing of ......" (Give date of preceding mailing.)
6. A receipt (Form 3603) for each mailing of second, third or fourth class matter shall be issued by the postmaster to the sender. Such receipt shall also be issued for each mailing of firstclass matter except when otherwise specifically authorized by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Division of Classification, in connection with the authorization in each case of the issuance of the permit to the mailer. This receipt shall show the class of matter mailed, the permit number, the total number of pieces in the mailing, the amount of postage chargeable on a single piece, and the total amount paid. Such receipt shall be issued in triplicate by manifold process; the original to be handed to the mailer, the duplicate, together with the "Statement of Mailing" (Form 3602), to be sent to the cashier at the close of the business day, and the triplicate to be retained in the mailing division.

In connection with Order No. 4164, appearing on page 61, of this Guide, amending section 459, Postal Laws and Regulations, so as to provide, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of April 24, 1920, for the acceptance of first-class matter for mailing without stamps affixed, the postage heing piad in money, opstmasters are informed that they should not accept firstclass matter for mailing in this manner until they are specially authorized to do so.

When a patron desires to mail matter of the first class in quantities of not less than 300 pieces (which need not be identical as to contents) without stamps affixed and pay the postage thereon in money under the amended regulation, application for such privilege should be submitted through the postmaster to the Third Assistant Post-master-General, Division of Classification, on Form 3612, which should be modified to show that permission is sought to mail first-class matter in this manner. The application should be accompanied with a statement showing how frequently the matter is to be mailed, the average number of pieces in each mailing and by what means the requisite indicia is to be printed on the individual pieces.

Further information and instructions regarding the acceptance of first-class matter for mailing under amended section 459, P. L. \& R., will be furuished in connection with the authorization which will he issued in each case upon receipt and approval of the application for such privilege.

## SPIRIT OF ICEIAND.

## Mystic Island, Long an Aristocratic Republic, Has Full Sovereignty.

Denmark recently accorded full sovereignty to Iceland hy which the island enters the Danish Federation on equal terms with Denmark. Geographically and geologically Iceland is a part ofa continuation of-the British Isles, states an article by the National Geographical Society, for it is situated on the same suhmarine ridge, stretching from southeast to nortbwest across the North Atlantic. Iceland is not a bleak, arctic region, imbedded in thick-ribbed ice, though its northernmost peninsula, Rifstangi, projects a mile north of the Arctic Circle.

No country on earth of equal size contains such varied and wonderful phenomena. The glaciers of Switzerland, the fjords, salmon rivers and midnight sun of Norway, the volcanoes,
grottoes and solfataras of Italy, on a grander scale, the mineral springs of Germany, the geysers of New Zealand, one of the largest waterfalls in the world-all are bere. Nowhere has nature been so spendthrift in giving a geological lesson to man. If there he sermons in stones, volumes lie unread here. Here we see her titanic forces at work building up a country. Nowhere is it possible to study so well the geological conditions prevailing toward the close of the glacial epoch in Europe.

Iceland has another and greater claim to one's interest. It is, as William Morris said, "the Greece of the North." It produced in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries a literature unparalleled after Rome, before the golden age of England and France, in character drawing, in passionate dramatic power, in severe, noble simplicity, in grim humor. All the characters of the Sagas live and move today. Every hill and headland and valley in the island is full of their presence. The lcelander of today knows them by heart. It is as if every Englishman, from pauper to king, knew Shakespeare's historical plays and could tell them more or less in his or her own words. It has kept times. It has preserved the langnage the national spirit alive through evil almost untouched by time and foreign intercourse.

Yet this literary people still live in a pastoral and Homeric civilization, which is a modern lesson of the healthtact with the free, wild life of nature, fulness of human life lived in close consuch as would have delighted the heart of Rousseau or Thoreau.

For four bundred years Iceland was an aristocratic republic, ruled by the great families of the early settlers, among whom was a Norse Queen of Dublin. A fourteen days open-air parliament of all Iceland met annually in June at Thingvellir, and the speaker of the law (log-soguman) used to recite from memory the whole of the unwritten, elahorate laws of the country to the assembly. In 1262-64 Iceland was united to Norway, and in 1380 with Norway to Denmark.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will lindly inform the Recorder that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 12.

## Applications Pending.

Bazarsky, Alex
Harris, Herman A.
Addicks, J. E.
Badlam, Stephen
Bowman, Francis J.
Coleman, Chas. D.
Couch, W. R.
Couch, Mrs. W. R.
Danielson, Geo. E.
Devries, Arthur
Wilson, W. W.
Deesburgh, J. Van
Dutcher, Roland H.
Fester, Chas. M.
Esser, Dr. Chas.
Havirland, J. A.
Hoffman, Jos.
Mason, R. Coin
Moravec, Zdeuko
Munter, Cap. W. H.
Oleson, E. M.
Windner, Julius
Phoraska, Fred E.
Fasis, Constantine
Ritter, J. F.
Romain, Henry F.
Savage, Paul W.
Schober, Wm. W.
Sloane, Geo. B.
Stackpole, Frank E.
Thomas, John
Tracy, Lt. Col. J. K.
Elst, R. O.

## Applications for Reinstatement Pending.

1408 Jerrems, Wm., Jr.
2975 Lambichi, M. E.
4061 Wilkins, Fredk. H.

## New Applications.

Eecker, Frank M., 6001 Pear St., Cleveland, Ohio; Age 34; Cost Accountant; References: Detroit Ave. Branch, State Banking \& Trust Co., Cleveland; Proposed by Alvin Good.

August 1, 1920. Brand, Arthur, Mill Valley, Calif.; Age legal; Attorney; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by Will Falley.
Breneman, W. H., 2 Lucy St., Mobile, Ala.; Age 30; Stationary Engineer; Reference: C. W. Cillins, 155 South Broad St., Mobile, Ala.; Proposed by L. L. Batchelder.

Bryan, Harry E., Ellsworth Hotel, Denver, Colo.; Age 33; Mechanical Engineer; Reference: S. A. Knowles, Radium Ores Co., 1734 Glenarm St., Denver; Proposed by Chas. Mertz, \#5643.
Burwick, Harold G., 820 Lapeer St., Lansing, Mich.; Age 27; Draftsman; Reference: Loren L. Colton, 219 S. Walnut St., Lansing, Mich.; Proposed by L. L. Batchelder.
Coburn, Harry H., 20 W. 20 th St., Indianapolis, Ind.; Age 40 ; Gen. Mgr. Coburn Pho Film Co.; Reference: Cashr. NatI. City Bank, Indianapolis, Ind.; Proposed by Ernest W. Schneider.
Coombe, Percival E., 346 Palmer St., Delta, Colo.; Age 51; Justice of the Peace; Reference: First Natl. Bank, Delta, Colo.; Proposed by J. D. VanVolkenburgh.
Finn, S. M., 10 Post Office Square, Boston, Mass.; Age 32; Sales Engineer, American Engineering Co.; Reference: R. W. E. Leach, 32 Fletcher St., Winchester, Mass.; Proposed by J. E. Gnest.

Folger, Arthur, Box 108 , Mill Valley, Calif.; Age 25; Farmer; Reference: F. F. Bostwick, Bank of Mill Valley, Calif.; Proposed by Will Falley.
Garner, Wallace Smith, 158 W. 74th St., Chicago, Ill.; Age 48; Bookkeeper; Reference: E. N. Wood, 7139 Normal Blvd., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell.
Gibbs, Herschell E., 221 E. 71 St., New York City; Age 36; Buyer, Lipman \& Co.; Reference: D. L. Lipman, 55
E. Cavendish St., London, England; Proposed by Vahan Mozian.
Goodspeed, T. H., 1415 Hawthorne Terrace, Berkeley, Calif.; Age 33; Professor, Univ. of Calif.; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by Jos. Gallant.
Heuman, A. Regenald, Box 456 , Sudbury, Ont., Canada; Age 33; Public Accountant; Reference: D.H.Haight, Sudbury, Ont., Can.; Proposed by J. E. Guest.

Kase, Edmund H., Jr., 7309 Boyer St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 14; Student; Guaranteed by Dr. Edmund H. Kase, same address; Reference: Dr. Horace Brown, 516 Auditorium BIdg., Los Angeles, Calif.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell.
Maris, Merrill de, Ridgewood Road, 'Westwood, N. J.; Age 22; Artist; Reference: Jno. B. Bartholf, 100 Hudson St., New York City; Propose dby J. E. Guest.
McDougall, Theodore D., 5 Duryea Rd., Upper Nontclair, N. J.; Age 22; Wright \& Dodson Victor Co.; Reference: W. H. Kilby, 922 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Proposed by Theodore H. Ames.
Ortega, Luis S. S., Calle y 24 bajos, (Box 105), Panama, Rep. Panama; Age 56; Vice Consul de Espana; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by Carlos R. Ortiz.
Rech, Harry F., 5748 Mozart S. E., Chicago, IIl.; Age 34; Special Clerk, P. O. Dept.; Reference: Dr. C. W. Hennan, 852 E. 63 St., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Fred Michael.
Schultz, Eugene M., 1022 4th Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 30; Machinist; Reference: C. B. Vanorsdell, 312 Coleman Bldg., Louisville, Ky.; Proposed by J. E. Guest.
Sebbens, Alfred Edward Westall, 32 Lee St., Worcester, Mass.; Age 23; Salesman, Swift \& Co.; Reference: 'Swift \& Co., Worcester', Mass.; Proposed by Chas. E. W. Sebbens.
Shaw, Jackson, 25 Highland Ave., Newtonville, Mass.; Age 21; Salesman; Reference: Gordon Livingston, South St., Boston, Mass.; Proposed by Wm. L, Aldrich:

Skjoldager, Geo. Edw., 1550 Girard St., Chicago, 1ll.; Age 21; Pharmacist; Reference: Asked for; Proposed by Dr. B. Grant Jefferis.
Thurber, Harold E., 395 Public St., Providence, R. I.; Age 21; Bookkeeper; Reference: Greene Radiator Co., 207 W. Exchange St., Providence, R. I.; Proposed by Frank M. Mason.
Walmer, C. E., 804 First Natl. Bank Bldg., Omaba, Neb.; Age 21; Secy., Ritchie \& Canaday, Attys.; Reference: Dr. Robert Gilmore, Omaha, Neb.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell.
Wood, W. O., 8200 Underwood Ave., Birmingham, Ala.; Age 31; Express Messenger; Reference: Am. R'y. Express Co., R. T. Binford, Birmingham, Ala.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell.
Bensen, William W., 86 State St., AIbany, N. Y.; Age 39; Insurance; Reference: W. T. S. Pelty, 82 State St., Albany, N. Y.; Proposed by Morgan W. Taylor.

Smith, Walter A., Box 112, Golden, Colo.; Age 23; Student, Colo. School of Mines; Reference: Mr. Flanaigan, Denver Pub. Co., Denver, Colo.; Proposed by C. Gordon Fennell.

## Applications for Reinstatement.

3566 Bloss, A. William, 1357 Berwyn Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age legal; Advertising Writer, Fairbanks Morse \& Co.; Reference: B. L. Voorhees, 25 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by C. E. Severn.
3724 Harrison, William R., 395 W. Huron St., Pontiac, Mich.; Age 47; Supt. of Mails; Reference: Ross Stockwell, Probate Judge, Pontiac, Mich.; Proposed by Karl Koslowski. 4009 Spoonholz, Clarence F., 1216 Wright St., Milwankee, Wis.; Age 27; Salesman, Advocate Pub. Co.: Reference: Geo. W. Stauss, Jefferson Oil Co.. Milwaukee, Wis.; Proposed by H. A. Davis.
2576 Tittman, A. O., Box 393, Port Washington, N. Y.; Age 45; Importer; Reference: L. R. Sours, 79 Sher-
idan St., Minneapolis, Minn.; Proposed by J. E. Guest.

## New Stockholders.

5610 Adams, Thos. E., Box 978 , Lowell, Mass.
5611 Beckett, Philip N., 109 Union St., Calais, Me.
5612 Bernard, Jean Leon, 13 Rue de Bellefond, Paris, France.
5613 Bosley, M. E., Box 554, Kenilworth, Ill.
5614 Bott, Fredk. F., 431 Marlboro Ave., Detroit, Mich.
5615 Burr, Gilbert M., R. F. D. 4, Meshoppen, Pa.
5616 Carrington, Paul R., 502 Broad St., Newark, N. J.
5617 Cooper, Laurence A., 261 Main St., Auburn, Me.
5618 Cragin, Abbott B., care Hollingsworth \& Whitney Co., Waterville, Me.
5619* Cumbie, J. R., Box 626, Omaha, Tex.
5620 Daugherty, Herbert S., 1325 Charro St., San Luis Obispo, Calif.
5621 Devlin, Fredk. M., 9th \& Jefferson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
5622 Dick, Rev. A. G., 311 N. 7th St., Leavenwotrh, Kans.
5623 Foex, H. E., 361 Wellington W., Chatham, Ont., Canada.
5624*Foster, Geo. H., 2108 Dorchester Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y.
5625 Frankel, Edwin M., Angus Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.
5 $626 *$ Grandy, Winfred M., 611 Main St., Plantsville, Conn.
5627 Griffin, Raymond A., Box 345 , Rochester, N. Y.
5628*Haas, Philip, Box 706, R. D. 1, White Plains, N. Y.
5629 Habicht, Hermann R., 161 Hudson St., New York City.
5630 Hoffman, Wm., R. F. D. No. 6, Box 133 , Springfield, Mo.
5631 James, Ray C., Box 475, New London, Conn.
5632 Kaufman, Benj., care Kaufman, Strans Co., Louisville, Ky.
5633 Kiser, Glen E., Novinger, Mo.
5634 Klosowski, Rev. Michael, Box 28, Pound, Wis.

5635 Koller, Edw. J., 413 E. 146 St., 'New York City.
5636 Landgrebe, Milton W., 525 California St., San Francisco, Calif.
5637 Leeming, Thos. H., 530 Dallas Rd., Victoria, B. C., Canada.
5638 Light, Carl, 1310 7th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
5639 Machold, Wm. F., 6820 Quincy St., Philadelphia, Pa.
$5640^{*}$ MacLafferty, Jas. W., 319 DeQueen St., Mena, Ark.
$5641^{*}$ Mauer, Eugene J., 1624 Wiscon$\sin$ St., Racine, Wis.
5642 Maurice, Cbas. A., 18 Murray St., New York City.
5643 Mertz, Chas. F., 1615 Clinton St., Aurora, Colo.
5644 Noll, G. A., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
5645 Seyffarth, Fred, 435 Ralph St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
5646 Shannon, R. W., Box 1204, Jacksonville, Fla.
5647 Slater, Wm. E., 8 Bank Place, Utica, N. Y.
5648 Staeb, Werner, 557 Park Place, Lyndhurst, N. J.
5649 Stearns, Jno. E., 27 St. James Park, Los Angeles, Calif.
ј650*Tamony, Peter J., 2866 24th St., San Francisco, Calif.
5651 Trouchet, Francis, Camp Lewis, Wash.
5652 Wand, Thos. H., Box 580, Paonia, Colo.
5653 Wells, Jos. V. K., Box 166, Mansfield, Pa.
5654 Wilke, W. S., 523 N. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.
5655 Willock, Thos. F., 329 Washington St., Peekskill, N. Y.
5656 Willson, G. M., 705 First Ave., Seattle, Wash.
5657 Wood, Loren M., 5954 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
5658 Sommaripa, A., 30 Bedford Sq., W. C. 1, London, Eng.

5659 Becker, Dr. A. F., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

## Reinstated.

2023 Mooers, Edwin, 90 Barrie St., Kingston, Ont., Canada.

2151 Wagner, Charles, 900 Lincoln Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.

## Replaced on Roll.

547 Hinton, Tinos. H., 26 Cromford Rd., S. W. 18, London, England.

## Deaths Reported.

S96 Winterhalter, Admiral A. G., General Navy Board, Washingtou, D. C.

2821 Abbott, J. Q., 683 Main St., Leominster, Mass.
5452 Sapeth, Chas., 706 Cham. Com., Rochester, N. Y.
1039 Eaton, D. T., Muscatine, Ia.
3624 Harris, Mark H., 344 E. Main St., Lock Haven, Pa.

## Resignation Received.

4645 Albright, L. L., $2601 / 2 / 2$ Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Corrections for New Membership Directory.

Page 9, Honor Roll: Morse, Chas. R.: Correct so as to read: Morse, Lt. Chas. R., Infantry, University of North Dakota.
Page 18: \#5481 Burger: Initials should be G. A.
Page 23: \#5421 Fennell, C. Gordon: Address should be St. Louis, Mo.
Page 26: \#5550 Hall: Correct so as to read, Hall, G. Burnley.
Page 36: \#4832 Morse, Chas. R.: Remove the asterisk.
Page 47: \#3110 Webb, C. V.: Town address should be spelled Painesville.
Page 68: Under Kansas: Delete the following: Camp Funston, Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

Will members discovering errors in the new Directory kindly advise the Secretary of same so that corrections may be made?

## Change of Address.

3654 Ballentine, D. L., from 1743 3rd Ave. to 8043 3rd Ave., Detroit, Mịch,

5347 Barnes, Dr. A. S., Jr., from St. Louis, to Albuqqerque, N. M.
3667 Batchelder, L. L. from Tutwiler to 503 George St., Greenwood, Miss.
5399 Brainerd, E. L. from 2529 Polk
St. N. E. to 2819 Taylor St. N. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
A736 Brown, Frank C., from 136 S. Burnett St. to 92 S. Parkway, East Orange, N. J.
4275 Davis, Dr. W. F. from Bloomfield,
to 27 Brookside Ave., Caldwell, N.J.
5415 Williams, J. E. from 148 Liberty
St. to 143 Liberty St., New York City.
4197 Knauer, Dr. J. Glen from Washington, D. C. to Camp Hospital, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans.
4369 Lycett, Wm. from 323 Clinton St. to 399 Lincoln Rd. (Flatbush), Brooklyn, N. Y.
58 Luff, Jno. L., from 207 Broadway to 178 Fulton St., New York City.
5469 Moreland, Geo. M. from Tulot, to Black Rock, Ark.
4376 Otsuka, Jay from 5002 Broadway to 3305 W . Madison St., Chicago, III. 1537 Partello, Col. J. M. T. from Inglewood, to Camp Kearny, Calif.
2349 Sisson, W. A. from St. Louis to Box 345, Valley Park, Mo.

## Membership Summary.

Membership July 1, $1920 \quad 1738$
New Stockhoiders 50
Reinstated 2
Replaced on Roll 1
1791
Deaths reported 5
Error in last report $\quad 1 \quad 6$
Total Membership Aug. 1, $1920 \quad 1785$
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.


# REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT. 


#### Abstract

Wichita Falls, Texas, July 10th, 1920. Board of Vice Presidents, American Philatelic Society.

On account of closing my yearly records on this date in order to have a complete report in the hands of the Convention, I will make my report cover from May 1st to date, instead of a full quarter. |  |  | Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Books | Net Value |  |
| On hand May 1, 1920 | 854 | $\$ 21,324.92$ |  |
| Recd. 5 -1 to 7-10-20 | 264 |  | $6,170.99$ |
|  |  | 1118 | $\$ 27,495.91$ |
| Retired during period | 104 |  | $2,840.90$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Leaving on hand | 1014 |  | $\$ 24,655.01$ |


Statement on retired books:

Sales<br>$\$ 1195.00$

Insurance to Treas. \$ 31.76
Commission 146.25
Postage chgd. members 8.39
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## JOSE RIZAL.

(By Geo. M. Moreland.)

The two-cent stamps of the Philippine Islands since 1906 bear a likeness of Jose Rizal, who holds rank among the world's most famous martyrs for his country.

Rizal was born in the Island of Luzon, Philippines, in 1861 . He was of native parents, being of Tagalog extraction. Tagalogs were held in contempt by the Spaniards of the Philippines.

Young Rizal was sent to Manila to college where he showed great brilliance and should have graduated at the head of his class but for prejudice against his race. He wrote, while at college, many beautiful and meritorious patriotic poems which, however, were held in contempt by the Spanish. He graduated in medicine after which lie removed to Hong Kong. There he met Miss Josephine Bracken, an Englishwoman, to whom he became attach-
ed, which love is one of the most beautiful episodes in this martyr-s life.

He toured Europe and wrote several novels dealing with Filipino life and manners. He organized later in Hong Kong a patriotic society having for its purpose the freedom of his beloved Philippines. Returning to Manila he was banished to a lonely island in the southern islands where he remained in isolation for five years. Attaining his freedom he returned to Manila, was re-arrested and sentenced to be shot.

His dying request was that he be allowed to marry Miss Bracken, his faithful English sweetheart, and that he be shot in the breast. Both requests were granted.

By the gray light of a December morning in 1898 he was placed against the walls of Manila and shot hy a detail of native soldiers detailed for the duty hy their Spanish masters. December 30 th, the anniversary of his death, is now a ohliday in the Philippine Isalnds.-Canadian Stamp Collector,

## TESCHEN.

PARIS, July 28.-The Ambassadors' Council before adjourning today established the division of Teschen between Poland and Czechoslovakia, and outlined a treaty to settle the details.

Another of the iunumerable disputes that sprang up at the Peace Conference, to the consternation of statesmen who had never heard of them but had to decide them, has now been settled by the arbitration of the Council of Ambassadors. The dispute between the Poles and Czechs over Teschen has been compromised and one may hope that the settlement will be somewhat more enduriug than have been some of the others reached by this method.

Teschen was a duchy attached to Bohemia, and swallowed up along with Bohemia by the Hapsburgs. Historically it belonged to the Czechs, but the bulk of the population is Polish. The district contains valuable coal mines which both Poles and Czeclis wanted and on which Bohemian industry had largely depended. Before outsiders knew that the brotherly emotions aroused by the struggle against the Teuton had evaporated, Poles and Czechs were engaged in actual war; a localized war, to be sure, but a somewhat peevish one.

If the Poles were mainly in the wrong in starting it, as seems probable from this distance, they suffered more in consequence. Bad feeling generated by the fighting set against each other two kindred and neighbor nations which badly need each other's friendship and support. Not only could the Poles count on no help from the Czechs in their war against Russia, but the Russians even hoped, though in vain, for a Czech attack on the Polish rear. The Czechs have remained neutral, but Poland has found little sympathy among them.. By the ambassadorial arbiters the district has been divided in almost equal parts, with Poland getting the town of Teschen, where the Austrian Army headquarters
were situated during most of the war, and the Czechs the coal mines, but with the stipulation that Poland must be allowed part of the coal at fair prices. This is seemingly about as well as anybody could do in the way of a settlement, and ought to satisfy both sides.

## NEW MONEY ORDER RATES.

Washington, July 29.-New conversion rates for use in the exchange of money by international postal money orders were announced today by the Post Office Department, effective Aug. 15. This is the first change since prewar days.

The new rates as announced are: On Great Britain, $\$ 4$ for one pound; on the Netherlands, 38 cents for one florin; for Sweden, 24 cents for one krona; for Denmark and Norway, 20 cents for one krona; for France, Belgium and Italy, $\$ 1.00$ for 10.30 francs.

Under the new rates $\$ 50$ in American money will buy 515 Belgian or French francs, or Italian lire; 257.50 Swiss francs, 250 Danish or Norse krona, 208.33 Swedish krona, or 131.58 Dutch florins.

Officials of the Post Office Department declared that the new rates did not result from any scheme by individuals or corporations to profit by foreign exchange differeuces. They added that under arrangements included in the international postal agreements there was no way by which profits could be made through speculation in international postal money orders.

Officials are still very skeptical that Ponzi, the Boston " 50 per cent. in ninety days" man, made his huge profits through operations in international reply coupons.

They said that they could not see $\$ 8,500,000$ in such a short time through how Ponzi could have accumulated the manipulation of stamps at six cents each. Post office inspectors in Boston are delving into every aspect of the case.

No estimate has been made of the number of international reply coupons issued this year.

## WANTS AND EXCHANGES.

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## THE PROVIDENCE CONVENTION

## THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow-Memhers of the A. P. S.:
This is the thirty-fifth time our Society bas met in annual convention, which is a record that any society may well be proud of.

When I took office a year ago I found the society more or less disorganized by the death of President Scott. In addition to this two of our most important officers had resigned, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, our efficient Sales Superintendent for so many years, and Mr. Joseph B. Leavy, Editor of the American Philatelist, who refused to serve any longer at the meagre salary of $\$ 100.00$ per year, which is the amount specified in our By-Laws.

Several months elapsed hefore Mr. Guest, who succeeded Mr. Wolsieffer, qualified, and in the meantime the work of this department was at a standstill, causing much dissatisfaction among our members. We were fortunate in securing a successor to Mr. Leavy, Mr. Stone agreeing to serve regardless of the small salary, and I think the society owes a debt of gratitude to him for the efficient manner in which he has carried on this work.

I shall he greatly disappointed if at this Convention the salary of the Editor is not increased to a sum more in keeping with the responsihilities that belong to and go with this position. I helieve the members of this society appreciate the fact that we are puhlishing a very high grade paper and want this standard to be maintained. If so, they should be willing, and I believe that they are willing, to pay a more liheral salary to the Editor.

In this connection $I$ also want to
call the members' attention to the small salary paid our Secretary, whose labors have increased tremendously since the sum of $\$ 200.00$ per year specified in our By-Laws was thought to be sufficient. I helieve this matter should also have attention during the Convention and I so recommend.

Regarding our membership, the goal of two thousand set up as a slogan in 1917 seems almost impossible to attain, due principally to the fact that almost every year we are obliged to drop a hundred or more members for non-payment of dues. The increase in membership this year over last is very small, which is a great disappointment to me. Our Recruiting Committee although not appointed until half of the year had elapsed, have worked hard and have secured many new members, for which they deserve the thanks of the members.

At the St. Louis Convention last year two committees, Lookout and Publicity, were added to the list. The former has made progress and I think it should be continued. The latter, however, should be discontinued unless the Society is willing to appropriate a liberal sum of money, which we unfortunately failed to do at St. Louis. Mr. Diamant, Chairman of the Committee, submitted an elahorate plan of publicity to the Board of Directors and asked for a liberal appropriation, but the Board thought that this matter should be referred to the next Convention and so nothing has been accomplished during the year. I therefore recommend that unless we are willing to finance this project properly, that this Committee be discontinued.

In turning over the office of Presi-
dent to Dr. Carroll Chase, I feel that the Society in honoring him has honored itself, and I sincerely hope that under his direction much more will be accomplished than has been during the past year. In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me and also to thank all of those officers who have helped to carry on the affairs of the Society during my term of office.

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Look, Mrs. Henry, Detroit, Mich.
Look, Henry J., Detroit, Mich.
Lozero, J. T., New York City.
Mann, Mrs. Percy McG., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mason, Mrs. R. H., Winthrop, Mass. Miller, C. H., Providence, R. I.
Morris, Mrs. A. W., Springfield, Mass. Mozian, Mrs. Oltilia, Rutherford, N. J. McCrillis, Mrs. Edgar, Providence, R. I. McCrillis, Edgar, Providence, R. I. McCrillis, Miss, Providence, R. I. McCrillis, Master, Providence, R. I. Neefus, Mrs. Wendover, Hudson, N. Y. Nevin, Mrs. C. K. B., Boston, Mass. Ohlman, Mrs. M., New York City. Pendleton, W., Providence, R. I. Prevost, Mrs. J. W., Springfield, Mass. Pullen, Francis L., Houma, La. Reynolds, C. S., Providence, R. I. Rudy, John, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sawyer, Mrs. E. F., Boston, Mass. Scull, Mrs. M. B., Springfield, Mass. Sebbens, Miss Clara E., Worcéster,Mass. Singer, Sam, New York City. Singer, Mrs. Sam., New York City. Slater, Mrs. A. B., Slocums, R. I. Solomon, Mrs, J. A.. 'Providence, R. I. Stanley, Mrs. E. C., Highland Park, Ct. Thurber, H. E., Providence, R. I. Tracy, Col. J. K., Boston, Mass.
Vesque, Laura J., Newton Centre, Mass. Watson, E. L., Providence, R. I.
Wolsieffer, Mrs. P. M., Philadelphia, Pa.
Wilson, Mrs. H. H., Brooklyn, N. Y. Walgeleni, Louis P., Holyoke, Mass.

## THE STORY.

Accompanied by "Black Jack" Atherton of Holyoke (a small suburb of Springfield), the editor set out for the Convention early Monday morning, August 9 th, remembering his injunction to the members to "Come early and stay late." Upon reaching Worcester, where we changed for Providence, we picked up the man who knows more about United States locals than all of us together, Henry C. Needham of New York. Mr. Needham entertained us most agreeably on the train to Provi-
dence with his philatelic adventures and the time passed rapidly until the City of Roger Williams receiveed us into its warm embrace. Of course there was the usual snarl at the hotel about reservations but we all got settled at last and then began to look around for the rest of the "gang." Farnham of Chicago and Mason of Washington were among the first to be met with and then they came thick and fast. At ten o'clock that evening there were in the neighborhood of eighty registered, and they came on every train and boat after that.

Monday evening was spent in the hotel lohbies and parlors getting acquainted and registering. Each member received a ribbon badge suitably inscribed to which was attached a large white button bearlng the well known seal of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society containing a representation of the five cent Providence stamp. At the top of the badge was a "doorplate" upon which was written the name of the delegate so that he who walked might read. Members badges were blue and guests red. Most of the crowd went to bed early so as to be on hand the next morning. It's never late until midnight and its always early after! See?

Tuesday morning the first session was held in the parlors of the Narragansett Hotel. Judge Robert S. Emerson, president of the Rbode Island Philatelic Society, called the meeting to order and introduced E. O. Chase, President of the Chamber of Commerce, who in a brief address welcomed the delegates to the city and told of the progressive work of the body of which he was bead. A motion to present Mr. Chase with a packet of 1000 varieties, all different, to start him as a collector was enthusiastically carried.
'President Wilson, (H. H., not Woodrow), then read bis annual address, whicb will be found in full on anotber page. The annual reports of the various officers followed from which we take a few interesting facts.

The Board of Vice Presidents reported that there had been 24 complaints
investigated of which 16 had been adjudicated. Six members had been recommended for expulsion to the Board of Directors who bad approved of the same. Two cases of complaints were reported as still pending.

Sales Manager Guest reported the receipt of 1159 books of stamps from members valued at $\$ 28,402$ of which 145 bad been retired with sales of $\$ 1644$ out of a valuation of $\$ 3747$, a very high percentage. The lateness of the date at which Mr. Guest was appointed and the slowness of members to send in books for circulation has bindered the work of the department generally.

Secretary Davis, fresh from the street car riots of Denver, reported on our membership as follows:

| August 12, 1919 |  | 1680. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New members | 290 |  |
| Reinstated | 29 |  |
| Replaced | 18 | 337 |
| Total |  | 2017 |
| Resigned | 31 |  |
| Deceased | 20 |  |
| Expelled | 6 |  |
| Dropped | 172 | 229 |
| Membership at date |  | 1788 |

The Treasurer showed balances of $\$ 5374$ in the stock fund, $\$ 4168$ in the general fund and $\$ 2215$ in the insurance fund. The item credited to the general fund however is subject to certain advances made to the American Philatelist fund which reduces the actual amount available by quite a sum.

The committee on credentials reported the result of the election as follows: There were 487 ballots cast, distributed as follows:
Henry A. Davis ..... 467
John E. Scott ..... 467
Carroll Chase ..... 462
Eugene Klein ..... 451
Robert C. Munroe ..... 446
Herbert P. Atherton ..... 445
Alvin Good ..... 443

| John W. Prevost | 441 |
| :--- | ---: |
| H. B. Phillips | 441 |
| Scattering | 52 |
| Blank | 7 |
| Defective | 19 |

Proxies to the number of 353 were reported at the first session to which additions were made at subsequent sessions. No occasion however arose for a proxy vote, a condition which has been the case for a number of years past. This is in agreeable contrast to the bitter struggles of the early conventions which some of us can remember.

Tuesday afternoon was devoted to a trolley trip to Rocky Point, two special care being well filled. The time at the Point was entirely given up to recreation and enjoying the ocean breezes. Vain attempts were made to get Charlie Severn to ride the flying horses but his well known timidity prevented him from complying.

In the evening the parlors were well filled to hear A .B. Slater tell about the Providence postmaster's stamps. An abstract of the talk taken from the Providence Journal follows:
"After being introduced by Robert S. Emerson, President of the Rhode Island branch of the society, Mr. Slater launched into his subject from the time post offices and stamps first became known. The first Government post office, he pointed out, is on record as having been established in France in 1462 and England 1581, the United States not falling into line until 1710. The first stamp collector, according to his investigations, lived in France in 1660.

## Stamped Envelopes Appear.

The stamped envelope was the forerunner of stamps, he showed, first making its appearance in France in 1653. In May, 1840 , adhesive postage stamps were adopted by Great Britain, this nation perfecting the perforated stamp in 1852. The date when such appear-
ed in the United States was indeterminate, he pointed out, owing to the fact that several of the well-known express companies of the period were issuing stamps in this country. The early custom of the Government, as he showed, was to allow different postmasters to issue his own stamps for his sections. Formal recognition of this custom was given to the New York Postmaster in 1845, the United States issuing its first stamps in 1847. Stamped envelopes were issued in New York July 7, 1845.

Having covered the history of stamps from their origin, Mr. Slater discussed the early Post Office in this city which was established in 1844 under the directorship of Samuel Chase, in the Union building o nthe southwest corner of Market square, where the Merchants Bank now stands. In that year, he pointed out, a force of six men with the Postmaster was needed to handle the business.

The first Providence stamps were issued Aug. 24, 1846, when Welcome B. Sayles was Postmaster. They were ungummed and had to have their backs covered with mucilage before being put on sale. Postmaster Sayles, to promote their sale, had handbills printed advertising the novelty, and these were given wide publicity through convenient posting and through publication in the Providence Journal. They were on sale only approximately 49 weeks, the speaker pointed out, as United States Government stamps made their initial appearance July 31, 1847.

Mr. Slater devoted considerable discussion to the results of his investigations in tracing the stamps, and the probable whereabouts of those that are still unaccounted for. His talk included a history of the original plate, which he now has in his possession."

An illustrated history of these stamps by Mr. Slater will be found in the April 15,1918 , issue of the American Philatelist and also of Mekeel's Weekly for April 13.

Wednesday morning was showery,
but we all left the hotel promptly at eight thirty in order to capture enough seats on the Newport boat to enable us to hold a business session during the voyage. The trip down the bay was rather misty hut everyone was so busy talking that but little attention was paid to the weather. No special business was transacted, routine reports and prospective amendments to our bylaws being discussed.

Upon reaching Newport special cars were taken for Easton's Beac! where the delegates proceeded to anioy thensselves in various ways. Some spent the time on the board walk, others patronized the roller coaster, still others brought out their stock books and talked "shop" regardless of the ocean breezes. Still others hiked for the bath houses and were soon breasting the breakers. Your editor was in this bunch and he can assure you it was invigorating. The temperature of the water was about 70 degrees and the force of the surf kept ones blood in a tingle all the time. But it was over all too soon, for the dinner hour was approaching. Some dinner! "Clam Chowder. Baked Clams. Baked Fish. Sweet Potatoes. Clam Fritters. Lobster. Ice Cream. Cake. Watermellon." Don't you wish you had been there? Each person found at his plate a six inch steel guage made by Browne \& Sharpe, which was the gift of the Rbode Island Society. It is divided into 64 th and 100 tb of an inch and millimeters and half millimeters. For the purpose of measuring surcharges etc. it will be invaluable. A more useful souvenir conld not have been thought of. Following the dinner the delegates amused themselves in various ways, some taking the drive among the famous "cottages," while others visited the old "mill" and other historic spots in the city. The return trip was without any special event, the by-laws committee bolding a brief session on the boat, as did also the new Board of Directors. In the evening there was an informal exhibition and bourse in the parlors of the

Narragansett. And it was some exhibition too. There were probably more copies of the 1847 issue on exhibition than have ever been brought together in one place before. Senator Ackerman's wonderful collection was the center of attraction for most of the delegates. Percy Mann had a fine lot of Roumanians, while Mr. Pullen's accumulation of Greek stamps was simply amazing. To those who have never attempted to specialize in this country we can only say it is one of the most nerve tasking jobs a collector can take. The editor has tried it and can speak from experience. Karl Koslowski had a nice little lot of 42 copies of Poland \#1 in shades and cancellations that simply can not bear description. It needs to be seen to be understood. Mr. Koslowski also had a fine lot of 3 cent 1851 bearing dated cancellations arranged cbronologically by months and days, which, while not complete is slowly getting there. Then Judge Emerson had a fine collection of civil war revenues which unfortunately the editor did not get time to examine. I am told it was remarkably fine. Captain Hammatt had along his 1847-57 United States which some of the Springfield men had a chance to examine when he stopped over a day on his way to the convention. Special mention should be made of the recut varieties of the 10 cents 1851-57. No wonder the stamp is getting hard to find. Mr. Emery in another column.speaks of the West Town locals of Miss Kirk's collection. Miss Kirk is one of those persons dubbed "condition cranks" by the irreverent and all her specimens are immaculate. We hope she enjoyed the convention enough to come again. J. A. Ritchie of New York stopped over long enough to give an attack of heart disease to Atherton, Ashbrook, Cinase and other 1851-57 fiends by displayiag a marvelous lot of 1 cent 1851. Duncan S. Wylie showed a fine lot of Austrians secured at considerable personal risk.

Of the Slater collection of Provi-
dence stamps mention has already been made. It should be added however that Mr. Slater is having a trust deed drawn up by which this collection will be deposited in the Rhode Island Historical Society for preservation and exhibition under certain carefully drawn restrictions. This is eminently proper and it is hoped other collectors may follow his example with their own specialized collections.

The final business session was held Thursday morning. Various routine committee reports were presented and acted upon. Milwaukee was decided upon as the meeting place for 1921, and Springfield again reminded the delegates that they were due there in 1922. Percy Mann announced that the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence would be celebrated in Philadelphia in 1926 and that of course our society would be expected there to add its share to the celebration. This brought A. W. Batchelder to his feet with the remark that it was about time Boston came to the front again, as 1925 would be nine years since the last meeting. No New York delegate mentioned the fact of that city wishing the convention for any time in the future.

The question of appropriating $\$ 1000$ for publicity was quite fully discussed and finally a committee was appointed who submitted a tentative outline of a plan and the above amount was appropriated, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

The By-Laws committee then presented their report, Mr. Stone acting as spokesman.

The first recommendation was that the third paragraph of Article II section 1 reading as follows
"Any member may become a member for life by the payment of $\$ 20.00$; $\$ 6.66$ of which shall be credited to subscription to the American Philatelist. Such life membership being subject to the same rules of conduct as applies to the ordinary annual member and may be suspended or expelled by the Boar dof Directors for just cause"
be struck out and the following inserted in its place:
"Any member in good standing may become a life member by the payment of $\$ 20$. Life members shall have the same rights and privileges as annual members and shall be subject to the same obligations except that of payment of annual dues.
"All payments for life memberships shall constitute a permanent fund, and shall be invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Board of VicePresidents. One-third of the income of said fund shall be paid over to the special fund for the American Philatelist, and the remainder shall be used for such purposes as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct."

This was unanimously adopted.
The next amendment related to Article II section 3. The committee recommended striking out the first paragraph of the section, which reads as follows:
"Sec. 3. The annual dues shall be $\$ 1.80$ to all members except life members, payable in advance, to the Treasurer, on the first day of September. Of said amount of $\$ 1.80$, sixty cents shall he for one year's subscription to the American Philatelist. Every new member for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his admission to membership shall pay at the rate of fifteen cents per month, or fraction thereof from the date of his application, five cents per month of which shall he for his subscription to the American Philatelist for such period,"
and substituting in its place the ollowing:
"The annual dues shall be $\$ 2$ to all members except life members, payable in advance to the Treasurer on the first day of September. Of said amount of $\$ 2$, seventy-five cents shall be for one year's subscription to the American Philatelist.
"Every new member, for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his admission to membership, shall pay at the rate of fifty cents per quarter or fraction thereof from the date of his application, twenty cents per quarter of which shall be for his subscription to the American Philatelist for such period."

This recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The next recommendation was to amend Article III section 9
"At the annual convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:'
by substituting the following:
"At the annual convention the President shall appoint the following committees to serve during the convention"
and by adding a Committee on Appropriations to the list of committees.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted as was also the substitution of the word Convention for Standing in the Order of Business.

Article V, section 3 was amended by raising the compensation of the Secretary from $\$ 200$ to $\$ 400$ and Article VII section 6 by increasing the salary of the Editor of the American Philatelist from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 300$. All the amendments were unanimously adopted.

The last change was in Article IX section 1 fourth paragraph, increasing the subscription charge of the American Philatelist from sixty to seventyfive cents. This it should be clearly understood is not an extra charge for members but simply fixes the proportion of the annual dues which is apportioned to the publication fund for the magazine. Non members of the Society will hereafter pay one dollar per year for the magazine. This was also unanimously voted.

The usual resolutions of thanks were passed and then Mr. Stone made his usual "sine die" motion which terminated the thirty-fifth convention.

## STAMP FORGER BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

(Written by Paul L. Gould for the Springfield Sunday Republican.)

An extremely clever process of stamp counterfeiting, the results of which are classed by its perpetrator, a resident of Germany, as "half originals," that if left uncurbed promises to raise havoc with American collections and undo the results of years of counterfeit detecting, was brought to light in the startling revelation made to the 35 th annual convention held recently in Providence, R. I., of the American Philatelic Society by Eugene Klein of Philadelphia, Pa . He is official counterfeit detector of the organization.

As the society's expert stated in his report, the "forger produces wonderful errors in postage stamps and rarities in cancellations." And according to the inventor of the process, its manipulation is so simple and easily learned that a boy or girl from 14 to 16 years of age could be employed to do the work.

## Would Sell Knowledge of Process.

Because of the fact that the German forger appears willing, if not anxious, to sell the use of his process to somebody in the United States who might he willing to commercialize the scheme Mr. Klein withholds his name for evident reasons. He assured the 150 delegates who represented at the convention a national membership of 1788 stamp collectors, that only two other men in the United States know who the forger is, and that both are Philatelists and can be trusted to keep the secret. Meanwhile, he pointed out, the American Philatelic Society, in conjunction with the American Stamp Dealers' Association, is in communication with foreign stamp collectors' organizations to put an end to this unusually clever counterfeiting process.

Fortunately, as Mr. Klein's investigations have brought out, the forged
portions of the stamps are soluble in water and a fairly good test can he made, therefore, in determining the counterfeiter's work. The German however, confesses that his process is new. It is assuming little on this ground, to predict that should his activities be allowed free rein he would eventually, if not in the near future, so perfect the process that such detection would be impossible.

The matter was hrought to the expert's attention by a member of the society whose advertisement asking for his specialty, which happens to be Denmark stamps, was answered by the German, who took the opportunity to submit samples of his work. These were turned over to Mr. Klein, who immediately mounted them for exhibition at the convention.

One exhihit, for example, was that of a stamp printed on both sides-on one "U. S. 1902, 13 cents," and on the other side, "Brazil 1906, 300r." Dou"Denmark 1902, 250" printed over a ble prints in the collection showed a "Denmark 1896, 100," and a remarkably well made piece printed "Denmark 1886, 20o." An example of a surcharge transferred was shown in a "Denmark 150 " surcharge of 1904 transferred on to a "Denmark 15o" stamp of 1902. The unique exhibit also included the following cancellations transferred: "Denmark 1896, so" with Reykjavik. (Iceland) cancellation; and a "Thurn and Taxis 30 k " with cancellation transferred from a common stamp, making this stamp catalogue $\$ 12.50$ in place of 25 cents.

## The German's Letter.

The German's letter to the American collector, which Mr. Klein submitted in translation with his report, is selfexplanatory and likewise interesting for the proverbial German diligence it evinces. It reads as follows:
"Referring to your advertisement, I take the liberty of sending you a sample selection of interesting stamps on approval and I hope to he able to furnish you other interesting stamps. According to your advertisement, you
purchase originals as well as forgeries. Since you particularly seek cancellation of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Schleswig Holstein, old German states with Danish cancellations or vice versa, I would be in a position to furnish you enormous material in half originals at low prices.
"As you will see by the enclosed samples I am able to transfer any stamp picture or cancellation from one original stamp to another without hurting or altering the cancellation in any way. I could, for instance, take unused old Danish stamps and transfer to them original cancellations from Swedish, Norwegian and German stamps and vice versa. You understand that in this way it is possible to produce the greatest rarities in cancellations, etc., in half originals. With careful work it is impossible to distinguish them from originals.
"As you will see by the Thurn and Taxis 30 k the 220 ring cancellation was transferred from a cheap 3 k stamp. You will no doubt find many purchasers there for these half originals. The method is new and I could possihly let you have the use of it in the United States. It can be easily learned and you could employ a young man or girl from 14 to 16 years old to do the work.
"As you will see from the samples it is possible to produce various philatelic curiosities such as double prints, shifted prints, inverted surcharges and other things very easily; all these are readily sold with large profits. If you are interested in this matter, please send me at once a selection of cancellations on common stamps or entires, and I will transfer them to Danish and other stamps. You had better send me the unused stamps along with indications which cancellations are to go on them.
"Please pay me in U. S. A. banknotes for the inclosed stamps in case they interest you. I will leave the price to your integrity. For transferring cancellations on stamps that you furnish I will charge you from marks 5 to marks 10 , depending on the amoun of lahor involved, providing the order is not less than 200 pieces. Can-
cellations from entires can be transferred more easily and cleaner, which please bear in mind."

## MY FIRST CONVENTION.

## By GEORGE M. EMERY.

This story is for the benefit of those who weren't there-the A. P. S. convention in Providence, I mean.

The weather was-well, when it wasn't hot, it was rainy, and when it wasn't rainy it was hot; some times it was both. But what's a little thing like weather to a stamp fan? Not even a ride on the New Haven Railroad deterred me from attending that convention, and I'm sorry for those who missed it, that's all.

I won't bother telling about any of the business details or the trolley trip to Rocky Point or the boat ride to Newport because Mr. Stone and Dr. Davis are attending capably to those things in another colnmn. I'll just ramble along for a few paragraphs and gossip about odds and ends that may be interesting to A. P. S. members in cities far from Providence.

First of all, I want to say a word abont the Providence gentlemen who made the convention such a pleasure. When 1 registered at the Narragansett Hotel, I could connt on the fingers of one hand the A. P. S. members that I knew and that knew me, but when I checked out I needed fifteen or twenty hands. I never was so much introduced in all my life; and it was all due to those Providence hosts.

Next, let me remark about the two real, live women collector-members who braved the tobacco smoke and the heat to attend the sessions. Take Miss Debby Kirk, of Kirklyn, Pa., for instance, who was there as the guest of Engene Klein, of Philadelphia. 'I'm just having the time of my life,'" Miss Kirk told me. 'I'm so glad to be here in all this excitement; I wonldn't have missed it for-for a block of 10 -cent 1847's on the cover!"

And just to show that she had good reason to be there, Miss Kirk displayed her neat little book of U. S. rarities, a collection that takes second place to none in the condition of its specimens and the judgment of their selection. Her Westtown carriers, several of them inverted in the block, were the envy of many a man collector that saw them.

Then there was Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg, of West Hartford, Conn., who motored over to Providence from her home (and had to put on a new tire on the way) just to see some of the big collections on display and talk stamps with the men. When I discovered her she was buried deep in the middle of Joseph H. Pullen's marvelons Greece collection. What was her specialty? No, nothing so ordinary as Great Britain and Colonies; no, nothing so common as U. S. 3-cent greens. Her specialty is Roumania. (And a woman collector, at that.)

And Mr. Pullen's Greece collection1 musn't overlook that. Mr. Pnllen comes all the way from Houma, La., and he says there isn't another stamp collector worthy of the name in the state. Think of specializing in Greece in the wilds of Louisiana, but what Mr. Pnllen doesn't know about Greece stamps, and what he hasn't got in Greece stamps, shades, perforations, watermarks, pairs, blocks, strips, sheets, everything-well, they never were printed, or he'd have them. His collection is what $I$ call a collection with a capital C.

Oh, yes, there was another collection passed around in the Narragansett that had every attribute of a real one. Mr. Karl Koslowski, of Detroit, was there with his book of U. S. 3-cent 1857's, all arranged by the postmark date one for each day in each month in each year these stamps were in use. My, what a story those little dated pieces of paper coul dtell if they only could talk; what a comedy, tragedy, drama that wonld be-all rolled into one!

But I'm saving the big collections 'till the last. Senator E. R. Ackerman, of Plainfield, N. J., was there with his al-
bums of 5 and 10 1847's and so was Judge Robert $S$. Emerson, of Providence, with his albums of 5 and 10 1847's. Well, I have seen some nice 5 and 101847 's in the dealers' stores and in some other collections, but I swear I never saw so many in any one place before, and I guess I'll never see so many in any one place again. (It certainly won't be in my own collection, because a man'll have to be a millionaire to get together such a variety nowadays-and I'nı no millionaire.)

I couldn't begin to describe either the Ackerman or the Emerson collection, but each has 5 's and 10 's in every imaginable variety of singles and pairs and strips and blocks and shifts and double shifts, on covers and off covers, around corners, upstairs and down-oh and every which way. Why, it was worth the hot trip in a hot Pullman from Philadelphia to Providence and back just to see those two collections!

And then they had a stamp bourse on the second evening of the convention. The members paired off in corners and hallways and niches of the Narragansett and just had the time of their lives buying and selling. I didn't go prepared with anything to sell, and I didn't mix in with any of the buying because I knew if I did the temptation would be too strong to invest in some of the good things I heard about-and I didn't want to walk back home!

At any rate, all I've got to say is that the members who weren't there will never know what they missed. And they had better begin now to save up for the trip to Milwaukee next year.

## THE BANQUET.

When the hour of seven o'clock came and passed many of the stamp men, and women too, wondered why we were not summoned to the banquet hall. But no one explained and it was past the half hour before the welcome call arrived. Nearly a hundred sat down at the tables which were arranged in a hollow square with several small tables
down the center for the overfiow. Practically every seat was occupied when the waiters began to pass the Little Neck clams. Then followed the soup, the Filet of Mignon and the other courses winding up with Cafe noir, cigars and cigarettes. Then followed the fow of eloquence.

President Robert S. Emerson of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society presided and introduced the speakers. Our retiring president, H. H. Wilson, said that when he told his wife that he was going to speak on inspiration she promptly informed him that he was far more likely to do it on perspiration. He explained the reason for not running for a second term by stating that he had received a letter from one of our members who asked if he did not dare run again on account of the unpopularity of the name "President Wilson."

Senator E. R. Ackerman gave some reminiscences of how he came to collect stamps and suggested that we nught to do more to let our members of congress know how many of us were interested in the pastime.
A. W. Batchelder told the true story of a big find of Hawaiian stamps of which some meagre details had been circulating for years. The stamps were found in the furnace of an old foundry that had been deserted for over thirty years and were discovered by a laborer. The last batch of papers thrust into the furnace had smothered the fire and fortunately preserved the stamps. This story was ollowed by another in which he told of how he almost secured a lot of early Canadians, twelve penuies etc. The reason he failed was that he woke up!

Dr. Chase, our new president, urged more scientific collecting and Secretary Davis and "Uncle John" Slater also gave us some good stories. Last of all came Charlie Severn and you all know he said something good. He always does.

Toastmaster Emerson gave us a new definition of a pesimist: One who wears a belt-and suspenders.

After the banquet was all over it was announced that the reason for the delay was a strike of the waiters at the hotel. In consequence we were waited upon by the head waiter and four bell hops. They did it so well however that we never knew the difference.

## ROTARLAN PHILATELISTS ENTERTAINED BY THE NEW YORK ROTARIAN STAMP CLUB.

## By W. R. McCOY.

It is becoming rather commonplace for Rotarians to pull something unusual. After the convention of International Rotary at Atlantic City the latter part of June about 3000 of the delegates held an overflow meeting in New York.

The New York Rotarians just welcomed them with open arms and if they enjoyed New York half as much as New York enjoyed having them, they had the time of their lives. Among the entertainments planned was a dinner at the Yale Club given by the New York Rotarian Collectors to those among the visitors who enjoyed the delights of Philately. If any Rotarian missed that party he had better decide right now that he will never miss another. The menu of that dinner will be offered in future Auction Catalogues as a great rarity and instead of already having it in his collection he will have to hock his Standard Oil Stock to secure one. It was printed on the back of a U. S. Postage stamp. (Catalog No. 200).

After dinner Mr. Lichtenstein passed around his collection of Mauritius just as if it didn't contain a pair of one penny post office on original cover and unsevered pair of the two pence blue post paid and other such trifles. He sure has confidence in Rotary. Alr. Lichtenstein also exhibited his famous collections of Swiss Cantonals and Canadians.

Good old H. H. Wilson, Pres. of the A. P. S., was there with his jolly good nature and an arm full of Albums, containing his collection of die and plate proofs and essays. There may be many collections more valuable than his, but
none more beautiful. See his collection if the opportunity is ever offered.

Doctor Chase was there with his 51's. He insists it was easy to fill up 157 pages with little odds and ends of that issue. Reconstructed plates, splits, examples of the cracked plate in the various stages, cancellations etc. The Doctor said he was just starting. If his finish is as strong as his start, his complete collection will be fair, yes pretty fair.

It was probably the finest private display of the rare and unusual that has ever been made in this country.
W. R. Crouch in his address of welcome very aptly told of the hopes of the New York Rotary Stamp Club. He said in part: "We believe that our avocation is of as much importance as our vocation because of the relief it brings from the vexing problems of business or profession. Philately is our avocation therefore, it is our desire to unite all Rotarian Collectors in an organization that will not only help each individual collector in improving his collection but that will help Philately generally.

It was planned to hold a dinner each year at the International Convention of Rotary. Next year the probabilities are that the convention will be held in Eninburg, Scotland, and every man at the dinner is looking forward with great anticipation meeting the confreres of the British Isles.
W. R. McCoy, 50 Vanderbilt Ave., New York, was requested to get in touch with all Rotarian Philatelists for the purpose of exchange, arranging exhibitions, planning dinners and the advancement of Philately in general. If you are a Rotarian write him and tell him about it, and in a small way you will be compensated for missing that evening.

During the days following the Stock Exchange was visited (the first time since the World War began that visitors have. been admitted). Auto and boat rides taken and the party closed with an all day trip up the Hudson River to Bẹar Mountain.

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# UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS. 

## A CONCISE HISTORY AND MEMORANDUM.

HENRY C. NEEDHAM.

RIChetts \& HALL.
One Cent Dispatch.
Baltimore, Maryland. 1857.
See "One Cent Dispatch."


ROBLSON \& COMPANY.
We have heen unable to authenticate the stamp alleged to have been issued by a Post of this name. Some years ago a cover, hearing the stamp, black on hlue wove paper, was passed upon favorably hy one of our foremost philatelists, and sold to a collector of Paris, France.

The stamp is mentioned as early as 1871. It is claimed to have been issued about 1855-6 at Brooklyn, New York. The Brooklyn Directories, do nct, however, show the name of Robison as the proprietor of a Post or as a Carrier. We do find in the New York Directory of 1852-3 that one William Robison, 64 Cedar Street, was the Proprietor of a City Express.

We list the stamp following precedent.


ROBISON \& COMIPANY.
One Type Only. 1855-1856.
One cent black on blue wove paper.

## ROCHE'S CITY DISPATOH.

Wilmington, Delaware.
For some time prior to 1848 the Founder of this Post was an employee in the U. S. Post Office at Wilmington, Delaware. Through a change of administration he lost his position. About the year 1848 he opened a News room at Wilmington for the sale of papers, periodicals and books, and in 1850 added to his business the collection and distrihution of letters and other mail matter. He employed at least one carrier, he himself attending to the office end of the business. Stamps were prepared and sold at two cents from his office and other points in the town, to merchants and professional men.

We have a cover hearing this stamp; addressed to the well known du Pont family, and received by us from a sale of stamps accumulated by a son of the addressee.

But one stamp was issued and this is of great rarity.

We have never seen a good counterfeit of the stamp.

Roche did a large husiness on St. Valentine's Day. In addition to the adhesive the Post used a hand stamp, usually impressed on the left corner of the envelope. The impression is in rough black ink showing white lettering, evidently from a wood block. We have a copy of such envelope addressed to Samuel Barr, U. S. Marshal, Wilmington, Del. The hand stamp is of the same general type as the adhesive -slightly larger in size.

## ROCHE'S CITY DISPATCH.

One Type Only. 1850.
No value (2c) Green glazed paper.

## Envelope.

No value (2c) Black. Woodblock,

## COUNTERFEITS.

Numerous so-called emissions of this Post exist; printed on various colored papers and in various types.

## RUSSELL'S EIGHTH AVENUE POST OFFICE.

## New York City.

Paul C. Russell took over the ownership of this Post from James .Price on or about January 1st, 1855. For many years Mr. Russell had heen in the express business, first at No. 2 Wall Street, later at No. 350 Eighth Avenue. In 1856-7 be evidently relinquished the Private Post business or was couducting it as a side line, for in that year we find him listed as a Post Office Carrier, house No. 29 North Moare Street.

The stamps of this Post have been extensively counterfeited, and we hesitate to include in our list the different varieties appearing in the various catalogues and periodicals. We will, therefore, confine ourselves to noting those few specimens which we have personally been able to examine. Occasionally the New York cancellation is on stamp and cover, or on the cover alone. The Post seldom used a cancelling device although we have seen one cover hearing an oval within which are the words "Russell's Eighth Avenue Post Office." Stamps were usually sold at two cents each; a discount being allowed when purchased in quantity.

Stamps were evidently printed from a wood block, and various types prohably exist.


RUSSELL'S EIGHTH AVENUE POST
OFFICE.
One Type Only. 1855-8.
No value (2c) Blue on rose paper (wove).

No value (2c) Black on yellow.
No value (2c) Red on bluish.
Various other stamps prohably exist.

## COUNTERFEITS.

Counterfeits show stamps of various manufacture, and are in all colors, impressed on various colored paper, laid and wove; none, however, quite imitate the lettering of the original, particularly in the letters " S " and "E." The hust is also of quite a different appearing man. Certain other counterfeits omit the scrolls above the name "RUSSELL." Most of them show two dots or dashes under the "TH" of " 8 TH " instead of the line as in original.

## SMART'S FLYING DESPATCH.

## Philadelphia, Pa.

We have no information as to the Post issuing this stamp other than the name shown on its face. We have used the word "stamp" when we should have said "prohahle frank." The impression is made by a die on the flap of an envelope.

## SMART'S FLYING DESPATCH.

One type only.
No value, Black on white.

## sNOW'S DESPATCH. SNOW'S EXPRESS.

> New York City.

Charles and Isaac Snow ran a letter despatch and express and delivery husiness at No. 168 Broadway, New York, from 1856 to at least 1861. Most of the husiness was done locally to Patterson, New Jersey, and to points along the Hudson River.

## SNOW'S DESPATCH.

One Type Only. Typeset. 1856.
No value (1c) Blue on blue.
No value (1c) Black on blue.

## SNOW'S EXPRESS.

One Type Only. Typeset. 1856-1861.

1c Black on blue.
1c Blue on white.

## SQUIER \& CO'S CITY LETTER DISPACH.

St. Louis, Mo.

David M. Squier of St. Louis, Mo., was the proprietor of this Local Dispatch Company. In 1858 Mr. Squier was approached by a friend named Lucas, formerly of New York City, where the Local Posts had for some years been doing a large and profitable business, to organize a Letter Express business in St. Louis. David M. Squier discussed the matter with his brother, Edward E. Squier, and induced the latter to organize and take over the management of the business which opened its doors early in 1859 at the corner of Third and Olive Streets, over the banking offices of Donaldson and Fraley.

The stamp was engraved by a Mr . Kershaw who had an office or shop at the Southwest corner of Broadway and Pine Street.

A plate was made containing one hundred stamps and about a thousand sheets were printed by Woodward \& Co., Second and Locust Streets, St. Louis, Mo.

By the Fall of 1859 the Company had in its employ seven or eight carriers who called twice a day at the office of the different merchants who wished to use their services. The carriers also called at the Government Post Office and received and delivered mail to the clients of the Company.

Mr. E. E. Squier, who has contributed the froegoing data, was living in St. Louis in 1917; he then stated that the merchants of the City did not sufficiently patronize the Company and that his brother lost considerable money in the enterprise.

Many letter boxes were set up in different parts of the City and collections made therefrom. Many members of the Merchants Exchange used the Squier service and, when their salesmen were sent on the Road, the drum-
mers were requested to affix a Squier stamp on the cover with the regular U. S. postage, thus securing prompt delivery in St. Louis. This accounts for the various town or city cancellations found on the stamp.

The stamp was originally issued imperforate and ungummed. A local druggist made up an adhesive preparation which Mr. Squier applied as required. During Mr. Squier's ownership but one stamp was issued, viz., the imperforate green.

About January 1st, 1860 , the business and its assets were sold to John J. Jordan who conducted it under the name of Jordan \& Company for a few months when, on account of lack of patronage and the demand that all carriers be put under bond to the Government, the Post ceased to exist.

Mr. Jordan used the green Squier stamp for a short time and until he could have stamps printed from the old plate in a different color. Most of his stamps were rouletted.


## SQUIER \& CO'S CITY LETTER DISPACH.

One Type Only. 1859-1860.
Imperf.
1c Green.
1c Rose.
Note: We have never seen an undoubted original of the one cent rose, listing it here, however, following precedent.

Rouletted.
1c Rose-brown.
1c Puce-brown.
1c Green.

## COUNTERFEITS.

Many counterfeits exist, the distinguishing mark is always found in the " $R$ " of the word "LETTER"; in the original the tail of the " $R$ " turns sharply upwards, in the counterfeit it is absolutely straight. Counterfeits are usually of a larger lettering than originals. One counterfeit shows octagonal corners.

## MORE COUNTERFEITING.

Washington, Aug. 7.-A new counterfeiting "industry" has followed in the wake of prohibition.
"This industry," says Chief 'Moran of the Treasury Secret Service, "is the counterfeiting of the strip label revenue stamp that goes over the corksor that used to go over the corks-of whisky bottled in bond. Those engaged in the manufacture of whisky are prepared to use these counterfeit stamps, and we have arrested three gangs already for doing it."

At present the main problems of the Secret Service, however, are to check note-raising, which Chief Moran, says has increased to an "alarming extent" in the last year, and the forgery of Government checks, which, he adds, "has become almost an epidemic."

Records of the Secret Service show, according to Mr. Moran, more arrests and investigations during the last year than for any similar preceding period.

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## PaCIFIC Philatelic society.

The regular monthly meeting was held August 19th in the Mechanics' lnstitute, San Francisco. In spite of the fact that it was the middle of the summer season, about fifteen members were in attendance and, after the regular routine business was completed, members devoted themselves to viewing the collections on exhibit and the miscellaneous assortments of new issues they had brought with them. Our Vice President, Mr. Phillips, showed a small but ancient collection which he had just purchased. It is said that no stamp had entered the pages of this collection for the last twenty years. Mr. Dillingham showed his collection of Belgium, Netherlands, Finland and Spain. The earlier issues of Finland were especially interesting because of the large number of shades shown of each value.

A competitive stamp exhibition will be held September 15 th , consisting of "War and New Issues." A silver loving cup will be given for first prize.

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## NEW ISSUE NOTES AND CHRONICLE.

## THE EDITOR.

It will be greatly appreciated if members having new or unchronicled varleties will submit them promptly for notation and description, due credit will in all cases be given.

AITUTAKI. The current one penny New Zealand has received the necessary overprint to render it useful in this islet. There is no surcharge of the value in the native language however.

1 penny, carmine
ARGENTINE. The centenary of the death of General Manuel Belgrano, June 18, (?), was the occasion of the issue of a series of three stamps of which seven millions of each are said to have been emitted. The 2 centavos bas for the central design a representation of the tomb of the general, the 5 centavos a painting by Fortuny in which Belgrano baptises the Argentine flag. The 12 centavos bears a portrait of the general. The workmanship on the stamps is said to be very poor. Watermark multiple suns, perforate $131 / 2$.

2 centavos, red
5 centavos, carmine and blue
12 centavos, green and blue
Manuel Belgrano was born in Buenos Aires in 1770 . Educated in Spain be studied law in Valadolid and was received at Madrid. He took part in several of the revolutionary struggles against Spain and in 1812 was named general of the army of Peru. Successful in several victories he was voted a sabre of honor by the National Assembly. He was later sent on a diplomatic mission to Europe and upon his return served in the army for some years before retiring. He died at Buenos Aires in the house in which he was born, June 20, 1820.

The first portrait of Belgrano on a postage stamp was on the 10 centavos of the 1867 issue.

AUSTRIA. We are in receipt of a specimen of the recently issued 20 kronen stamp of the Parliament House type which we listed some time since but were unable at the time to give the colors.


## 20 kronen, lilac and carmine

AUSTRIA. The following new values of journal stamps are reported by Champion's Bulletin.


5 heller, grey
10 heller, blue green
10 heller, red
BATOUM. There has evidently been a new printing of the "palm tree" type for several of our exchanges list a number of rouble values with BRITISH OCCUPATION overprinted in two lines.

1 rouble, red brown
2 roubles, ultramarine
3 roubles, rose
5 roubles, dark brown
7 roubles, yellow
10 roubles, green
15 roubles, violet
25 roubles, red
50 roubles, blne
BAVARIA. For a country that has given up its postal system this Volkstaadt or Freistadt certainly beats anything we have yet seen.

Tirst we have the report in L'Echo that a number of values have been perforated with initials for the use of various commissions or officers. These are said not to be allowed to be sold to collectors but it would not be safe to gamble much on it.

Then the 2 marks of the Patrona Bavaria issue exists in two printings, one lithographic and the other typography. In entire sheets it is said to be quite easy to distinguish them, but in single specimens rather difficulc. One point to be looked for is said to be the dots forming the groundwork. They are much more marked and distiuct in the typeographed stamps than in the lithographed.

We have purposely omitted to chronicle the unperforated sets of the Ludwig, Volkstaat and Freistaat issues for we consider them purely speculative and unneeessary. We make mention of them here as several of our readers have asked why they were not listed. They were simply issued to make additional varieties to sell to collectors. They may have been allowed to pass the post but to our mind they should be ignored.

BELGIUM. For some little time the parcel post stamps have been appearing in a somewhat modified type. We have omitted to mention them heretofore preferring to wait until the set was fairly complete. The main differences will be noticed in the size and style of the figures and lettering and in the winged wheel which is not so heavily shaded and is not cut off at the top. We are indebted to Edouard Locher for the following values.

10 centimes, green
15 centimes, olive
20 centimes, carmine
25 centimes, brown
30 centimes, red brown
40 centimes, orange
50 centimes, rose
60 centimes, pale rose
90 centimes, bright yellow
1 franc, yellow brown
1 fr. 20 c , orange
2 francs, rose
3 francs, carmine
BRAZIL. Robert C. Munroe has shown us a copy of the new 100 reis stamp and says the design represents September Morn. Theodore Champion lists the new 500 reis which depicts our old friend Mercury reclining on top of a globe and holding out a placard with 500 on it.

100 reis, pink
500 reis, red brown
BULGARIA. The stamps listed last month are for the relief of prisoners of war. They are sold for the original value but are only good for postage to the extent of the surcharged value according to one of our exchanges while Champion says they are sold at an advance of 50 per cent. for the relief of the prisoners.

CONGO. Four very handsome stamps for use in the air service have recently been issued. The three lower values are oblong rectangles while the 5 franc is upright. All are inscribed Service Postal Aerien with its equivalent in Flemish. The designs are of scenery in the Congo with an airplane flying in each. Perforate 12.

50 centimes, orange and black
1 franc, violet and black
2 francs, blue and black
5 francs, green and black
CZECHOSLOVAK STATE. We are indehted to A. W. Dunning and to Louis $P$. Waegelin for a sight of the new stamps. They are certainly very well gotten up but the designs are rather crowded. The 5,10 and $15 d$ bear a dove with a letter in its beak doing a nose dive; the 20,25 and 30 d reminds one of the "chainbreaker" issue of Jugoslavia. The 80 and 90 are the best designed of the . set and represent a Hussite chalice bearer. The four high values are symbolic of the restoration of industry after the war. They are perforated 14.


5 deniers, blue
10 deniers, green
15 deniers, brown
20 deniers, carmine
25 deniers, brown
30 deniers, lilac


80 deniers, violet
90 deniers, black brown


100 deniers, green 200 deniers, violet
300 deniers, vermilion
400 deniers, brown
DENMARK. Champion's Bulletin lists the following new values of the current type. The watermark is a cross and the perforation 14.

8 ore, grey
25 ore, brown and black
70 ore, brown and green
90 ore, brown and red
DOMINICA. Scott's Monthly Journal chronicles the $21 / 2$ penny surcharged " $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ " and also a half crown stamp of the 1903 issue. They are of the "Specimen" variety and may not have been put on sale as yet.
$11 / 2$ on $21 / 2$ pence, orange
2 sh. 6 pence, red and black on blue
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. The same journal reports the 1 cent of the 1915 type surcharged "1920" in red.

1 cent, green and black
ECUADOR. The fiscal stamp of 1919-1920 has received the Casa de Correos surcharge.

1 centavos, dark blue
ESTHONIA. Two very cheaply gotten up stamps have been issued for sale for the benefit of the wounded soldiers. The 35 penni is rectangular in shape with a central design representing a wounded soldier supported by an old man and a girl while the 70 p shows the wounded veteran being welcomed home by two young ladies who are extending floral offerings to him. The stamp is so badly executed that possibly it is a box of lunch that one of the young ladies has in her hands. They were on sale for a few days only and are now obsolete.
$35 \times 10$ penni, red and green
$70 \times 15$ penni, blue and brown

FRANCE. John W. Prevost has called our attention to the fact that the 1 centime stamps are now printed in a very dark grey, almost clear black in fact.

1 centime, dark grey
GERMANY. From Edouard Locher we have received the surcharged mark values spoken of last month. The mark plates were used for the two lower values and the 2 mark for the higher. The surcharge is at the top of the stamp and is in black.
1.25 mark on 1 m , green
1.50 mark on 1 m , yellow brown
2.50 mark on 2 m , rose lilac

GEORGIA. Four more imperforates are reported of the current set.


10 kopecs, blue
50 kopecs, green
2 roubles, red brown
3 roubles, blue
5 roubles, yellow
GREAT BRITAIN. Stamp booklets are now on sale contalning eighteen twopenny and six one penny stamps.

GUATEMALA. Mr. KosIowski writes us that the 25 centavos on 2 pesos con-

tains an error in the sheet. He has a block in which one stamp is surcharged 35 instead of 25.

ICELAND. Stamp Collecting announces three new official stamps of the Christian $X$ design.

5 aur, orange brown and grey
10 aur, blue and grey
50 aur, mauve and grey
HUNGARY. Champion reports another value of the revived Magyar Kir Posta stamps.

40 filler, carmine

INGRIA. It seems from a series of illustrations in our Finnish contemporary that the set chronicled by us last month was only temporary for here are seven new varieties each of a different design. The 10 p represents the arms as in the first series, the 30 p a man cutting bay or grain, the 50 p a man plowing, the 80 p a woman milking, the 1, 5 and 10 marks different scenic views. They are all inscribed POHJOIS at the top and INKERI below. Our personal library lacks a Finnish dictionary so we must wait until someone tells us what the colors are.

IRAQ. Champion's Bulletin reports the following values with overprint "On State Service."

1 anna on 20 p, red
3 anna on $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{pi}$, red and black
4 anna on $13 / 4 \mathrm{pi}$, grey blue \& blk.
8 auna on $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{pi}$, orange \& grn.
1 rupee on 10 pi, brown
5 rupee on 50 pi , carmine
JAMAICA. Here is the cut of the ten shilling stamp which we expected to use last month.


The governor of the island gives a very interesting account of the unique inscription on the stamp which Stamp Collecting quotes from a Kingston paper.
"The wording of this inscription will not be found on any other postage within the empire; in other words, Jamaica is the only part of the empire His Majesty holds not only as King, but also in the personal manner implied by the title Supreme Lord.

The origin of the unique title can be traced to the special seal which is attached to the commission granted to Lord Windsor by Charles II. the inscription on this seal being Carolus Secundus * * * Dominus Jamaicae.

During the reigns of subsequent monarchs each of these was styled Of Jamaica Lord, Queen Anne being ap-
propriately styled Of Jamaica Lady. Thus we find that Sir Thomas Lynch in 1683 wrote The King is Sovereign Lord of this island, and in writs, commissions, grants etc. is styled King of England and Lord of Jamaica.

During the reign of Queen Victoria the personal element which is to be found in the title was emphasized, the then queen being styled Of Jamaica Supreme Lady. And to day the peculiar relationship between the reigning monarch and Jamaica is emphasized by the use of the title Of Jamaica Supreme Lord."

JUGOSLAVIA. According to a translation from the Swiss Stamp Journal published in one of our English exchanges there are three main printings of the Laibach stamps. The first by lithography includes the $5,10,15,20$, 25,30 and 40 heller of the Chainbreaker design, the second typographed, the $10,20,50$ and 60 beller, 1, 2, and 5 crowns. In October 1919 on account of a printers strike resource was had to Vienna where all values were printed. This last printing is said to be distinguished by its general inferiority of execution. The typographed stamps are said to measure somewhat larger than the lithographed series.

Two high values of the King Peter design have recently appeared, 40,000 of the 15 k and 30,000 of the 20 k having been printed.


15 kronen, green
20 kronen, violet
The varions sets in use heretofore in different parts of the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes are to be superceded by a nniform currency for the entire realm. The unit is to be the
dinar, divided into 100 paras. We have received from Edouard Locher three values of this set, the 25 para having the Chainbreaker for the central figure while the dinar values have King Peter. Perforate 13.


25 paras, brown
1 dinar, violet brown
4 dinar, black
L'Echo says that a series of fourteen values has been ordered from the American Bank Note Company, the para values to represent Alexander the Prince Regent while the dinar values will continue to have the head of the king.

LATVIA. More news from our good friend Koslowski. He seems to have survived that boiled lobster he tackled the night he arrived at the convention.

The National Assembly has authorized the postal department to issue special stamps for the first aviation anniversary. The issue is to consist of six values not to exceed a total issue of 50,000 copies. They were to be sold only in Riga on the day in question, July 25. No particulars were given in the newspaper from which the above information was taken as to designs, denominations or colors.

At the session of the Assembly held July 23 the Latvian Red Cross were authorized to issue a stamp for the furtherance of their work. It will be of the value of 1 ruble with a sale price of 1 r 30 k . The issue will consist of 300,000 copies. No details as to design etc. are yet known.

LUXEMBURG. Edouard Locher sends us two provisional postage due stamps made by overprinting with the figures of the new denomination and three horizontal lines obliterating the former value.

15 on $121 / 2$ centimes, green and black
30 on 25 centimes, green \& black LIEOHTENSTEIN. We have also received from Mr. Locher a set of fifteen values of a new set together with a dozen postage due stamps. The desigus are varied, the lower values containing the arms, the middle values several landscape views, the 5 and $71 / 2 \mathrm{k}$ portraits of Prince John as a young man and as he now is, while the 10 k has the arms with two small boys as supporters. The due stamps have the numerals of value in a transverse oval. All values perforated $121 / 2$.


5 heller, olive
10 heller, orange red
15 heller, dark blue
20 heller, brown
25 heller, olive
30 heller, gray hlack
40 heller, brown red
50 heller, green
60 heller, brown
80 heller, red
1 kroner, lilac
2 kroner, blue
5 kroner, black
$71 / 2$ kroner, blue black
10 kroner, yellow brown


Postage due stamps. 5 heller, red 10 heller, red 15 heller, red 20 heller, red 25 heller, red

30 heller, red
40 heller, red
50 heller, red
80 heller, red
1 kroner, blue
2 kroner, blue
5 kroner, blue
MACAO. Champion's Bulletin reports that the 6 avos of the 1911 issue (Scott 152) has been overprinted for use as a 2 avos.

2 avos, on 6a., red brown
MARIENWERDER. L'Echo de la Timbrologie is informed that two of the mark values of Germany have heen surcharged "Commission Interalliee Marienwerder" in three lines.

1 mark 25 pf., green
1 mark 50 pf., brown
Numerous minor varieties of the capital M in the surcharges are said to exist.

MARTINIQUE. Three new surcharges have appeared on the current pictorial set. The quantities are annexed.

05 on 1 centime, red brown and brown, 375,000
10 on 2 centime, olive and brown, 375,000
25 on 15 centime, violet brown \& red, 150,000
The surcharge was authorized by a decree dated June 15 th, and the 5 and 25 centime stamps cante out the 24 th uf. June, the 10 centimie not having been put on sale up to the first of July. These provisionals were createl to supply the demand owing to the stock of the regular issue heing sompletely sold out.

MEMEL. The possibility to which we alluded last month has become a fact. The stamps are out. John W. Prevost has received a set of 12 values surcharged on the current French stamps.


5 pfennig on 5 c , green
10 pfennig on 10 c , vermilion
20 pfennig on 25 c , blue
30 pfennig on 30 c , orange
40 pfennig on 20 c , violet brown
50 pfennig on 35 c , violet
60 pfennig on 40 c , red and blue
80 pfennig on 45 c , green and blue
1 mark on 50 c , brown and lilac
1 m 25 pf on 60 c , violet \& ultram.
2 marks on 1 fr , claret and olive
3 marks on 5 fr , blue and buff
MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY. Champlon's Bulletin lists a lot of surcharges on the 1918 series. The overprint is entirely in words according to the illustration shown.
$11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ on $21 / 2$ cents, violet and blk., 50,000
$11 / 2$ on 5 cents, blue and black, 30,000
2 c on $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, violet and black, 150 ,000
4 c on 20 c , green \& hlack, 15,000
4 c on 40 c , green, yellow and black, 15,000
6 c on 8 c , violet and black, 15,000
6 c on 50 c , orange \& blk., 15,000
PARAGUAY. Two more surcharges are announced for this country. "Ha-bilitado-en $0.50-1920^{\prime \prime}$ in 3 lines. The quantities printed are annexed.

50 centavos on 1 peso, blue, 250 ,000
1 peso 75 c on 3 pesos, blue green, 25,000
There were 200,000 printed of the surcharged postage due stamp recorded by us in our June chronicle.

The postmaster at Asoncion says that there will be a commemorative issue in November.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS. A very handsome series has been issued for these two islands. They are about the shape of the recetn Bahamas peace series. There are two desins alternating in the set. The left hand oval in each contains the portrait of King George while that at the right alternates with the arms of St. Kitts and Nevis respective1y. The anacronistic spyglass act of C. C. is still perpetuated as it happens to be the legal arms of the colony. The well known healing spring represents

Nevis. Muitiple watermark, perforate 14.

$1 / 2$ penny, green
1 penny, carmine
$11 / 2$ penny, orange
2 penny, grey
$21 / 2$ penny, ultramarine
3 penny, hrown on yellow
6 penny, Iilac and violet
1 sh, black \& green on green 2 sh 6 p , carmine \& grey on blue 5 sh , red \& green on yellow 10 shr, carmine \& green on greenish

SAN MARINO. A postage due stamp of the value of three lire is reported by Champion.

3 lire, rose and hrown
SILESIA, UPPER. Theodore Champion chronicles the following official stamps of Germany with the overprint C. G. H. S.

5 pfennig, green
10 pfennig, carmine
15 pfennig, lilac
20 pfennig, ultramarine
30 pfennig, orange
50 pfennig, violet
1 mark, vermilion
No mention is made as to whecher the stamps are those with " 21 " or not.

SILESIA, EAST. Three or fou: more surcharges "S. O. 1920" on the current (or rather recent) issue of Czechoslovakia.

50 deniers, hlue (imperf.)
20 deniers, carmine (perf.)
30 deniers, lilac (perf.)
200 deniers, ultramarine (perf.)
SPAIN. The recent increase of the interior postal rate and the suppression of the franchise for numerous officials has so depleted the supply of stamps of certain denominations that split
stamps have been allowed to pass the post as well as fiscal and telegraph stamps.

SWEDEN. Clifford S. Leonard sends us the first specimens of the Gustave Arolf ter centenary stamp. It is far from being a beauty. A laureated portrait of the king occupies the center facing to the left, SVERIGE at top, value at hottom, 1620 at left, 1920 at right. At the time Mr. Leonard sent them they were only on sale in the vending machines. Perforate 10 vertically.


20 ore, dark blue
iSYRIA. L'Echo de la Timbrologie chronicles two series of postage due stamps. The first is overprinted on the postage stamps of the French Levant, "O. M. F.-Syrie-Ch. taxe-" and value.

1 piastre on 10 c , carmine
2 piastre on 20 c , brown
3 piastre on 30 c , violet
4 piastre on 40 c , red and blue
Of this series it is said that only 900 of each value were printed. The second series is surcharged on the due stamps of France, "O. M. F.-Syrie" and value.

1 piastre on 10 c , hrown
2 piastre on 20 c , olive
3 piastre on 30 c , red
6 piastre on 50 c , violet
THRACE. From L'Echo we gather the following list of the Greek stamps which have received the three line surcharge signifying "Greek Administration of Thrace."

On the engraved series.
2 lepta, carmine, 1,000
3 lepta, vermilion, 50,000
5 drachmae, ultramarine, 20,000
10 drachmae, blue, 10,000
25 drachmae, blue, 10,000

On the lithographed series.
1 lepton, green, 50,000
2 lepta, carmine, 50,000
3 lepta, vermilion, 50,000
5 lepta, green, 300,000
15 lepta, blue, 500,000
25 lepta, ultramarine, 500,000
30 lepta, carmine, 100,000
40 lepta, blue, 100,000
50 lepta, violet, 100,000
1 drachma, ultramarine, 50,000
2 drachmae, vermilion, 45,000
On the monogram series.
1 lepton, green, 50,000
2 lepta, carmine, 50,000
10 lepta, carmine, 50,000
20 lepta, slate, 300,000
30 lepta, carmine, 100,000
2 drachmae, vermilion, 400
3 drachmae, carmine, 5,000
On stamps surcharged for occupied territories.
2 dracbmae, vermilion, 400
TONGA. A new two penny stamp has been issued bearing a portrait of Queen Salote Tubou in the center. Otherwise the stamp is the same as the one it succeeds.

2 pence, violet and brown
OHIO C. BARBER DEAD.
Akron, Ohio.-Ohio Columbus Barber, organizer and former President of the Diamond Match Company died Feb. 4, at his home here. He was born in 1841 at Middlebury, now a part of this city.

He was the son of George Barber, one of the earliest match manufacturers in this country and he went to work for his father as a boy, becoming a partner in 1861. After developing the Barber company be combined it with thirty-six others in 1881 into the "match trust," which later bought out the great English firm of Bryant \& May. In 1891 he founded the town of Barbeton, Ohio, locating large factories there. Other corporations in which he was interested were the Stirling Co., the Western Cereal Co., and the General Fire Extinguisher Co. He was a member of the Union League Club of this city.

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## EDITORIAL.

For eight years the advertising rates of the American Philatelist have remained unchanged. Durinis thit time our membership and circ!lation has increased more than thirty per cent. Printers bills have gone up and other expenses of publication have also been increased. After consultation witi the President of the Society and the Chairman of the Board of Vice Presidents, the latter a professional advertising manager, the Editor announces that commencing with the October issue the rates will be increased as indicated at the head of this column. We do not think that it will lose us any of our present advertisers and we hope in the
future to add more to the list. We do not wish to turn the American Philatelist into a blatently commercial sheet but we do need a few more pages of advertisements to help pay the printer. Will you not do your share?

The Editor is very happy to announce that in the near future the American Philatelist will commence the publication of a series of articles on the state Revenue Stamps of the United States. Messrs. F. E. Heydon and E. R. Vanderhoof will collaborate in the work, the former taking care of the older issues while the latter treats of the more recent emissions. This is a branch of American philately which has been sadly neglected for many years and it is getting more and more difficult to get the data regarding some of the issues. The articles will be illustrated and possibly brought out in the form of a handbook after completion. This will however depend upon the approval and action of the Handbook Committee.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

It seems only the other day that we received the eighth edition of Bright \& Sons Catalogue of War and Armistice Stamps, but when the ninth edition arrived a few days ago we discovered that it was published nearly eight months ago and that twenty more new pages were required to hold the list of new issues that have come out since last December. It goes without saying that the book has been fully revised and corrected, new illustrations have been added and all the new countries and plebiscites included up to the date of publication. The list of Ukraine surcharges has been entirely rewritten and the list is now probably the most complete published. These stamps are attracting far more attention among European collectors than in our own country and many of the varieties rank among the world's great rarities. South Russia and Armenia are also given special attention. The book sells for
one shilling and eight pence and can be had from the publishers, I 64 Strand, London.

We have received from Fred Hagen a copy of his "Illustrated Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of Australia, New Zealand and Adjacent Islands." It makes a book of 320 pages and is well illustrated, there being in particular many half tone cuts showing the differences in the dies and types of the stamps of several countries, Queensland in particular, showing the different plates and dies of the 1881 to 1889 issues. Full details are also given of the varions overprintings of the Northwest Pacific Islands series. The book is of pocket size and can be had for two shillings and sixpence from the publisher, 66 King Street, Sydney.

The interesting papers forming a "Study of Sarawak" which Major Lockhart has been publishing in Stamp Collecting have been issued in handbook form and can be had for two shillings from F. H. Vallancey, 89 Farringdon Street, London, E. C. 4. The literature of this country is not large and every bit helps. This booklet is of particular help to those who are replating the different sheets as full descriptions are given of all the different types with their position on the sheet.

Another valuable book received from Mr. Vallancey is F. Wadham's "Penny Blacks Plated." What the 5 cent 1847 is to American collectors the penny black of 1840 is to the philatelists of the British empire. It was the first adhesive stamp issued, and was in itself a work of the engravers art. Eleven plates were used in its printing and when we remember that no plate numbers appeared for many years on English stamps the difficulty of plating these eleven different plates will be seen at once. Each sheet contained 240 different stamps so that in order to complete the plates 2640 stamps must be secured and to secure them it is necessary to look over many
times that number before the lesired specimens are identified. The book sells for two shillings and sixperice.

## THE SOCIETY LIBRARY.

The question arose at the Providence Convention as to the terms under which our library was deposited in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and whether it could be withdrawn at any time by vote of the Society. Reference to the back files of our official journal shows that in 1896 at the convention held at Lake Minnetonka a committee of three was appointed to report upon some plan for the permanent location of the library. A report was filed by the committee at the Boston convention in 1897 recommending that the same be piaced with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The committee submitted a further report at the New York convention of 1898 giving the details of the arrangement. I quote the following extract which will answer the question which was asked at the Providence meeting:
"The American Philatelic Association agrees to donate in trust, in perpetuity, to Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh, all books, publications and periodicals now constituting the library of the American Philatelic Association.

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Other clauses provide for the use of the library and other details. The full report will be fomnd in the Year Book for 1898 page 24. This agreement was signed in duplicate by the officers of the Carnegie Library and by the President and Secretary of the Association in June 1898. In 1901 an 8 page leaflet was issued by the Carnegie Library and sent to all members giving a list of the contents of the library. A revised list of 20 pages was issued in 1910 and can be obtained upon application to the Carnegie Library or the Assistant Librarian.

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3481 Conrey, Chas. C., Box 826, Los Angeles, Calif.

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3773 Reymann, Otto C., 6326 Burbridge St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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5340 Picher, O. S., 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

## Corrections Membership Directory.

Page 51 Add 4621 Resten, Gregorie, 21 Rue Barreau, Asnieres, Paris, France.
Page 46 Thomson, \#5500 the first name should be Ivan instead of Van.
Page 27 Add 3447 Hart, Montgomery L., 410 Wynnewood Rd., Pelham Manor, N. Y.
Page 35 Delete 3447 Montgomery, L., 410 Wynnewood Rd., Pelham Manor, N. Y.
Page 17 the Address of \#4I Breder, Cbas. M. should be 23 Humboldt St.

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5320 Burnett, Thos. from Camden to Haddonfield, N. J.
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4753 Nichigan Stamp Club, Branch No. 47, H. J. Kiaufmann, Secy. from I541 Brush St. to 1358 Seward Ave, Detroit, Mich.
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TUESDAY MORNING.
The meeting convened at $10.30^{\circ} \mathrm{A}$. M. in Parlor "A," Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. H. A. Davis, Chairman pro tem.

DR. DAVIS: As Vice-President Parmelee, who is acting President of the Society, is not present, it will devolve upon this Convention to elect a presiding officer. If you have no objections, I will receive nominations and put the matter for your decision.

Mr. H. A. Diamant was nominated to act as Chairman. Nomination seconded.
Motion made to close nominations, duly seconded, put and carried.
DR. DAVIS: All in favor of electing Mr. Diamant to the Chair, for the proceedings of this Convention, manifest by saying "Aye," contrary "No."

Motion unanimously carried.
DR. DAVIS: Mr. Diamant, I present you with the gavel for conducting the proceedings of this Convention. (Applause.)

MR. H. A. DIAMANT: Ladies and Gentlemen: There is a time in every man's life when he finds himself devoted to greater things, something ahead of the work that he has done. I think that the greatest pleasure that one has in life is friendship and brotherhood; and where can one find a greater friendship or a truer fraternity than among those who have the same ideals, the same feelings of friendliness, the same activities, the same desires to be with each other, to feel that they are doings things which please each other, who learn from each other, and who find that association with each other is the one great thing in life. Where can we find them other than among those who have hobhies in which we are interested, and what hobby is more interesting than stamp collecting?

Now, there was a certain minister once who was asked to appear before the hedside of a very sick man. He was asked to say a prayer for him as he was not expected to live. He was in great agony, rolling about, and he said to the minister when he came there, "I am a sick man, a very sick man. I fear that I am going fast and I want you to say a prayer for me, and I want you to be brief but fervent." (Laughter.) We have a great many things before this Convention that have to be attended to. The St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society has tried to have a program for the members who attend here that when they go away they will feel that they have been pleasantly entertained.

I know that we had much to contend with in getting an attendance here. Everybody seems to believe that St. Louis is a very hot place; in fact, I think that the older collectors who are members of the American Philatelic Society have forgotten that Philately teaches geography and they believe St. Louis is on the equator; but it is not so, as you will find. For the last week or so we have been pleased with nice temperate weather, and, from the beginning, I believe we will not be too hot while we are here.

I want to say to you that it was the intention of having your meeting addressed by the Honorable Colin N. Selph, who came here direct from his summer home in Michigan. He arrived here promptly at 10 o'clock, but found only a bandful present and I suggested to him that he go back to the post office. I have sent a machine for him and he will be here shortly, when he will address you.

I do not believe that there is anything that 1 can say to you now. I think that we had better commence the meeting and get through the work, which I know is of great importance.

This afternoon, at 3 o'clock, we have on the program an automobile ride, and I hope that all the gentlemen present will find it convenient to make that trip, because the ride will take them to the Bevo Plant, which is the new plant of the old Anheuser-Busch concern, who are making a near-beer. You will have the opportunity of tasting it, and I think you will find it palatable; in fact, it is one of those drinks that you probably have heard the story of:

On the train a couple of men were asking the porter whether they could have something to drink, and he said, " $O$, well, I will give you the best I have got." So he planted before them a couple of bottles of Bevo. One of the men picked up the bottle, looked at it and said, "What is this?" He said, "I don't know, sah. It looks like beer, it smells like beer, it tastes like beer, but somehow or 'nother it doesn't promote conversation." (Laughter.)

Well, this evening we have arranged for tickets for the Fashion Show. This is an outdoor spectacle at our Municipal Theater, located in Forest Park. Tickets will be furnished. I have one hundred and fifty seats, so if any of the gentlemen here should happen to find any lady friends, why, they will be welcome. And I should also like to state here, should it be forgotten during the day, that arrangements have been made tomorrow for the sessions on the steamer St. Paul. I did not know that it was going to be so nice and cool, and I thought probably the cooling breezes of the Mississippi River would be more pleasant and the trip up to Alton would be interesting to you; but the business part of the Association can be conducted on the boat and after that you will have the opportunity of dancing, if you wish to, with some very nice girls whom you will probably find. You will have the freedom of the boat, and if you should care to have a little private session, a place will be set aside. The boat will remain out all day until about 6 o'clock and a luncheon will be served on the boat. I hope you will take advantage of it and find it pleasant.

Of course, the rest of the program you will find on the printed programs which have been distributed, and I do not think there will be any deviation. Now, later on during the Convention I might have something to say, and I trust you will take these remarks in the brief manner they are given and proceed with the Convention. I.thank you. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, I want to get through quickly so I can get out of this chair, because I feel a little uncomfortable in it.

The Thirty-fourth Convention is called to order. The first order of business is the reading of the call.

Secretary Davis read the call for the Convention.

## CALL FOR CONVENTION.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society.
The Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of this Society, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be called to order at St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, the uineteenth day of August, 1919 , at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Credentials:
CHARLES E. SEVERN, Chairman;
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
D. T. EATON,

AUGUST BOLLMAN, and
WILLIAM E. AULT.
I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:
H. A. DIAMANT, Chairman;

DR. H. TUHOLSKE,
CHESTER MYERS,
R. M. BOISSELEIR, and

RALPH EILERS.
Announcement of the Convention Headquarters, Committees, etc., will be made in due season in the American Philatelist.
H. A. DAVIS,

F. S. PARMELEE,<br>Vice President.

Secretary.
CHAIRMAN DIAMANT: Gentlemen, you have heard the call of the meeting. The next order is the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. C. E. Severn read report of Committee on Credentials.
MR. SEVERN: I may say, Mr. Chairman, that the Committee on Credentials is ready to receive, at any time, and report, at succeeding sessions, on proxies that may be handed in.

## REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

August 19, 1919.
To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: Your Committee on Credentlals respectfully submits the following report:

Result of election:
Total ballots cast. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 474
Defective ballots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .... . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7
The following lists the individual vote:
James E. Scott, Michigan.......................................... . . 463
Dr. H. A. Davis, Colorado. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 457
J. E. Dengler, Pennsylvania. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 40

Alvin Good, Ohio.................................................. . . 438
H. B. Phillips, California. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 438
F. S. Parmelee, Nebraska ..... 329
H. A. Whipple, Nebraska ..... 285
H. H. Wilson, New York ..... 222
W. P. Wherry, Nebraska ..... 212
Joseph B. Leavy, District of Columbia ..... 205
T. R. Hungerford, District of Columbia ..... 169
H. F. Dunkhorst, District of Columbia ..... 145
Scattering ..... 45In view of the published decIination of Dr. Carroll Cbase to accept a nomina-tion for President of the American Philatelic Society, the votes cast for him asDirector were not considered.
The following proxies have been received and approved:
Stanley B. Ashbrook ..... 1
William E. Ault ..... 50
W. H. Barnum. ..... 1
August Bollman ..... 50
L. T. Brodstone. ..... 1
Dr. Carroll Chase ..... 8
Dr. H. A. Davis ..... 2
H. A. Diamant ..... 44
H. F. Dunkborst ..... 1
R. H. Eilers ..... 2
D. T. Eaton ..... 50
Alvin Good ..... 1
T. R. Hungerford ..... 1
C. W. Kissinger ..... 2
Eugene Klein ..... 2
Joseph B. Leavy ..... 10
Fred Michael ..... 1
Chester Myers ..... 3
J. E. Scott ..... 1
C. E. Severn ..... 50
Dr. H. Tubolske ..... 1
H. H. Wilson ..... 3
W. O. Wylie ..... 2
P. M. Wolsieffer ..... 50
Total ..... 337
Invalid proxies ..... 5
Respectfully submitted,
C. E. SEVERN, Chairman.WILLIAM E. AULT.
D. T. EATON.
A. BOLLMAN.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER.
CHAIRMAN DIAMANT: Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the report ofthe Committee on Credentials. From the report of the Committee it appears thatMr. H. H. Wilson has been elected the President of the American Philatelic Society.(Applause.) And the same Board of Vice-Presidents-F. S. Parmelee, of Omaha;H. A. Whipple, of Omaha, and Dr, W. P. Wherry, of Omaha, have also been elected.(Applause.)

I am going to ask first that the minutes of the last Convention be read, after which I am going to resign my chair to the new President, which I trust will be in accordance with your regulations and the approval of the Society.

MR. SEVREN: Mr. Chairman, may I say that the reading of the minutes of the last Convention would require so long a time, and in view of the fact that they have been published and circulated among the members generally, I make a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

CHAIRMAN DIAMANT: I am very glad the suggestion has been made. I thought perhaps there might have been some special things which should be brought up.

MR. SEVERN: It would do for the Secretary to take a minute of anything that is of the nature of unfinished business.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes duly seconded by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer. Question put and unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN DIAMANT: I would like to have the pleasure of receiving the new President of the American Philatelic Society. (Applause.)

Mr. H. H. Wilson assumed chair.
CHAIRIAN DIAMANT (continuing): And the President's address will be delivered by him.

PRESIDENT WILSON: I am sorry, ladies and gentlemen, that Mr. Diamant made that last remark, because I have no intention of making a speech. The fact is, I did not come here intending to preside at this meeting. I hoped that one of our Board of Vice-Presidents would be in attendance so he could preside and have things carried on in the regular manner.

However, I want to thank you for the honor you have done me in electing me your President for next year, and I assure you I will try to do everything in my power to make it a successful year for the A. P. S. (Applause.) The fact is, you know, I am an optimist and always have been. I heard a good story the other day of what a pessimist is; he was likened to a blind man shut in a dark room, hunting for a black hat that isn't there at all. (Langhter.) Now, we don't want to get into that class.

Let us all try to do whatever is in our power this year to advance the interests of our Society. I think that is all I have to say, gentlemen. and we will proceed with the business. (Applause.)

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, in view of the fact that there is no President's address, the reason is known to us all, I move a recess of five minutes in honor of our departed President.

Motion duly seconded.
THE PRESIDENT: It has been moved and seconded that we have a recess.of five minutes in respect to our dear heloved friend and father Philatelist, John W. Scott. All those in favor of the motion will signify by saying "Aye," contrary "No."

Motion unanimously carried, and the Convention recessed from 10.55 A . M. to 11 A . M.

THE PRESIDENT: Our Secretary states the five minutes are up. I wish we could do something more out of respect to our departed President, dear old Father Scott. Perhaps there will be some resolutions presented later; I hope so.

The President is not ready to appoint the committees, which is the next order of business; that will be attended to later.

The next order is the Reports of Officers, and the Secretary will please read the Annual Report of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

Secretary Davis read Annual Report of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARI OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

To the Officers and Members of the American Pinilatelic Society, Assembled in Convention at St. Louis, Mo., August 19, A. D. 1919.

Greetings:
Your Board of Vice-Presidents reports as follows:
The Board has held seven (7) meetings during the course of the year.
Thirteen (13) complaints have been referred to the Board for adjustment. Ten (10) of the complaints have been adjusted and the other three (3) are now pending.

The Board has been compelled to recommend three members for expulsion, one being on a claim pending at the close of last year. Three applications for membership we:e rejected during the year.

Two claims, amounting to $\$ 157.50$, were allowed against the insurance fund. One claim for substitution was rejected on account of the condition in which it was presented, only one leaf of the book being filed with the Eoard. Members must bear in mind that in presenting a claim for substitution the book must be returned to the Sales Superintendent intact. Otherwise the claim cannot be considered.

One matter presented was a dispute between members over "blank spaces" in a circuit. The receiving member noted the vacant spaces and imnediately notified the forwarding member. Members must understand that a member receiving a circuit is responsible to the Sales Superintendent for the value of the entire circuit and that this responsibility continues until he shows delivery of the circuit intact to the next member.

During the year the Society suffered the loss of its honored President, Hon. John W. Scott. The filling of the vacancy so caused was presented to the Board, but in honor and memory of Mr. Scott the Board decided to leave the office vacant. for the unexpired term.

We submit herewith the Annual Report of the Sales Superintendent and the report of the committee appointed to audit his accounts.

This report would not be complete unless the Board voiced its appreciation of the bearty co-operation and services rendered by the Secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, and the Sales Superintendent, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.<br>By T. S. PARMELEE, Chairman.<br>H. A. WHIPPLE, Recorder.

Dated at Omaha, Nebr., August 14, 1919.
THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the reading of the Annual Report of the Roard of Vice-Presidents. Unless there is some other motiou, I suppose it will be placed on file.

The next ordor is the Annual Report of the Sales Superintendent.
Annual Report of Sales Superintendent read by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer. (Applause.)

## ANNUAL REPOI'T OF THE SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

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\text { Philadelphia, Pa.. July 21st, } 1919 .
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To the Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: In presenting to you this, my last Annual Report, I have not made any recommendations or suggested any changes in the By-Laws, or in the Rules and Regulations. My reason for not doing so is that opinions differ and I did not care
to offer any suggestions, as they might not agree with the opinion of my successor to be appointed by the new Board of Directors. I certainly do not wish to make any recommendations that might possibly be adopted by this Convention and perbaps my successor would have different views which might result in retarding his work according to his own views.

The By-Laws provide that the Board of Vice-Presidents is the power that regulates and directs the Sales Department and the Sales Superintendent, therefore it will be an easy matter for the new Sales Superintendent to formulate, in conjunction with the Board of Vice-Presidents, any new rules and regulations that he might think will be for the benefit of the department.

I have informed the members in my locality and also some of the members who were participants in the Sales Department that I would not be a candidate for Sales Superintendent this year for the reason that $I$ required all my time and attention to be given to my business. The duties and work of the Sales Superintendent take up more time and consist of more real work than the average member has any idea of, and $I$ feel that $I$ bave served the Society in this capacity long enough. Also, it would be well to have a new Sales Superintendent who will possibly be able to enforce the rules and regulations in a more stringent manner than I have been able to do in the past few years. It seems to be the idea of some of the members that they do not have to live up to the rules, either because they know me personally or do business with me otherwise, and my appeals to them to please follow out the rules and regulations are frequently not beeded.

One of the principal reasons, according to my viewpoint, that the Department does not secure a better grade of stamps is because it takes so long to circulate and retire the books. The members are responsible for this state of affairs, because they do not follow out the rules and regulations by speeding up the circuits, and I trust that my successor will find a way to remedy this abuse of the Department. The large branches also should not be permitted to keep the circuits over a month. That ought to be sufficient time for fifty books to be looked over by the local members of any brancb.

In my last Annual Report, on Page 13 of the 1918 Year Book, I called attention to a plan of paying members cash on account of their sales under certain conditions. Several members have taken advantage of this and no doubt my successor will be pleased to continue it. The books that were sent in under this arraugement naturally had to be of a better quality of stamps and more of them.

During all the time that I have been your Sales Superintendent I have never taken advantage of the privilege of "first choice," and if there were any bargains or 'sleepers" some member secured it.

In referring to the financial condition of the Sales Department I am very glad to say that there has been a decided improvement all along the line. The cash sales are fully 20 per cent. greater than last year. The number of new books received is greater, and the quality of stamps contained therein much better. The number of books retired, and the amount of cash paid to owners, is considerable more than last year.

If the new Superintendent can continue to receive good books of stamps of the better grade there is no reason why the business of the Department should not resume its previous importance and magnitude.

What the Department particularly needs is good hooks of United States stamps, especially the older issues; also, good books of old European stamps of the nineteenth century.

The demand for legitimate issues of twentieth century stamps is very good, but there seems to be a dislike for the minor varieties and so-called errors, which most of the owners price at unreasonably high figures,

The great majority of the members of the American Philatelic Society are advanced collectors and much further advanced than the 50 per cent. approvals and packet stamps, and my advice to all sellers is not to include stamps of a catalog value of less than 10 c .

No books should be sent into the Department that are priced at less than $\$ 20$ net, which is only an average of about 16 c each for the hundred and twenty stamps that our blank sales books provide spaces for.

## BOOKS IN CIRCULATION.


BOOKS RETIRED.


The percentage of sales amounted to 38 per cent.

## CASH REPORT.

On hand $(\$ 53,263.60)$; advanced to member's $(\$ 3,238.75) \ldots \ldots . . \ldots \$ 6,502.35$
Received from sales July 21st, 1918 , to Nov. 1st, $1918 \ldots \ldots . \ldots . .$.
Received from sales Nov. 1st, 1918, to Feb. 1st, $1919 . . . . . . . . .$. . . . . . 1,579.29
Received from sales Feb. 1st. 1919, to May 1st, 1919................. 2, 297.73
Received from sales May 1st, 1919, to July 20th, 1919.............. 1,933.21
$\$ 13,798.44$
816 Books retired (valued at $\$ 19,222.14$ ) . ........... $\$ 7,293.53$
Adranced to members.................................... 3,203.60
10,497.13

SUMMARY OF CASH.
816 Books retired that were valued at $\$ 19,222.14$, total amount of sales being:
$\$ 7,293.53$
Cash remitted to owners............................... $\$ 6,229.68$
Value received, postage on books....................... 25.78
Fines for counterfeits, etc.. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10.65
Commission to Sales Superintendent. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 913.23
Insurance paid to Treasurer. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 114.19

## INSURANCE.

On the 816 Books retired (valued at $\$ 19,222.14$ ) the following amounts were sent to the Treasurer:


Respectfully submitted,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Sales Superintendent.

August 7th, 1919.
Mr. H. A. Whipple, Recorder, Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society, 214 Farnum Bldg., Omaha, Nebr.
Dear Sir: Your Committee appointed by the Board of Vice-Presidents to audit the hooks and accounts of the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society, are pleased to report that they have attended to this duty.

We find that the hooks and accounts, together with the cash halance, is in accordance with the Annual Report sent to you by the Sales Superintendent, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, under date of July 20th, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

> A. F. HENKELS, WM. F. LEUPOLD, FRED LIEBECK,

## Auditing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Sales Superintendent. What is your pleasure?

Motion made that the report be received and placed on file. Motion duly seconded, put and carried.

MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen. I have had the pleasure very often to introduce prominent inen in social gatherings, but never before have I had greater pleasure than today when I will introduce to you a very old and dear friend. The man whom I am about to introduce to you is not selfish; he is not a man who thinks only of himself, but only for the efficiency of the service and conducting this service in a true business style. IIe has secured the friendship and good will of the city of St. Louis.

We had a German Mayor here once who was asked hy the local committee to introduce a noted scientist who came to Et . Louis. He did not have a very good command of the English language, so when he brought the gentleman up before the gathering be said, "I was told that this man is going to make an address, and I was told to tell him to give you this address. I have done so and now he will did so." (Laughter.)

Ladies and gentlemen, the Honorahle Colin Selph, Postmaster of St. Louis. (Applause.)

HON. COLIN N. SELPH: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, Memhers of the American Philatelic Society: I salute you and greet you, and welcome you to the great city of St. Louis. I won'd indeed be ungrateful did I not express my
appreciation for the kindly words expressed by Mr. Diamant, but to show you that I am appreciative you will be surprised to know that I have traveled six hundred and twenty miles to be present bere this morning. (Applause.) Not only did 1 do that, but just when I was in the evening of the morning of my sleep a brutal hand shook me by the foot and told me I had to get up as the car had a flat wheel. So I was moved out of the warmth of my lower berth this morning at 3 o'clock and escorted to another car to an upper herth, beneath which was a sick woman and a crying bahy, so I elected to perform (rather early for me) the ablutions of mankind, and i sat up for the balance of the day and arrived here one hour late.

But I am glad I am here, because I am in the midst of sympathetic souls. You are, in the matter of postage stamps, great gatherers and educators of the world, and I am talking to you as the representatives of your organization, thousands of them, tens of thousands of them; commencing at youthful age to gather rare stamps, and then when reaching the state of manhood becoming serious about it and doing it in the proper fashion, making records and keeping them for posterity. A wonderful work, a trying work, a brain forceful work.

I want to pay a deserved compliment to the inspirator of this meeting, an indefatigable, ceaseless, trying man; St. Louis is very proud of him, and you, no doubt, are more so than St. Louis, because of the great work he has done for you, Mr. Henry Diamant. You know, I remember Henry when he was an actor. Many of you who did not live in the Old World when Henry and I were young fellows do not know that he was oue of the shining lights of the London stage, and he came here and went to selling hides and furs and eggs. Ye gods, what a fall! (Laughter.) During that period he became one of the collectors of rare stamps, and I think be possesses more rare stamps, fossibly without any exception, according to my knowledge, than any man in St. Louis.

Now, I do not know much about stamps, except postage stamps, stamps of the modern, up-to-the-minute period, but I do know that prior to 1840 such a thing as a postage stamp did not exist. I have in my possession some covers that enveloped letters, because at that time there were very few envelopes and they were home made and band made; there were no machines to manufacture them, and there were, carved of wood, hand stamps, what we call today "postage stamps," "St. Lonis," and "Missouri," and such and such a date, but the postage was written on the piece of mail, and I think you price those relics very highly. I have one in my possession that was addressed to Honorable Sherlock Swan, the great-grandfather of the present Postmaster of Baltimore. I have seen many specimens in Washington.

As I understand from some data furnished me by Mr. Diamant, it was England that first manufactured the postage stamps, in 1842 , in rather crude production, but this country, with its great composite minds, with its soul-inspiring and wonderful inventive genius, with all the brain of art and soul of passion of creation, in 1850 created and produced a much handsomer and hetter stamp with better ink. From that day on to this the country has been producing hetter stamps, better men, better women, better soldiers and greater victories than any other country on the face of the globe. (Applause.)

I cannot talk much about stamps, Mr. Diamant, because I deal commercially in stamps today, but in giving whole-hearted and soulful welcome to these distinguished guests 1 want to say that we acclaim ourselves Americans today with much more pride than ever we did since the days of Valley Forge.

When you men and women realize that, with the first voice that declared war against an oppressive foreign power, you laid aside your creeds and isms and prejudices and became cohesively, all of yon, notwithstanding from whose arms you sprang, American citizens, and you waved that great flag around you and you
supported it and protected it until it reached the highest pinnacle of victory last November. (Applause.)

Stamps did not bring about this war, although Germany created the first Thrift Stamp and England followed, and we, as usual, improved upou it. It was the greed of Prussia that brought about this war. I wonder if you know, and some of you must, that after the great victory achieved by Bismarck in 1872 , when Favre and Thiers were forced to sign a treaty dictated by Bismarck, and he created an empire, that then was inspired in Prussia the greed of world power, and when the grandson, William Hohenzollern, ascended the throne he was warned by Bismarck, the "Iron Man of Germany," to beware of America. He said, "To that shore are going the people of all the world to seek a haven in the cradle of liberty and freedom; in that country all men are equal; they are setting up their institutions and building their citadels, and raising their children only in the fear and love of God. They are teaching in the little red school houses that no nation shall be feared, and, moreover, they teach that no nation shall invade the sacred shores of America."

Bismarck further said, "She is bound in by the great waters of the Atlantic on one side, on the other by the Pacific, and ribbed-rock on her south by the Monroe Doctrine, and protected with the same freedom and liberty of the peoples who have gone to Canada and made it a great colony. Beware!" said Bismarck; but the Junkers and the lustful, ambitious members of the war party snickered and sneered, and they began to build a war machine. How did they build it?

They took from the houses of science and citadels of knowledge and learning all the great men and put them in the army camps to initiate efficiency and teach "kultur"; they took the men out of the fields (and the German Empire was a great agricultural country) and put them in the marts of industry, and made every one respond to the dictum of the crown and produce munitions of war. They established compulsory military training, and when the youth reached the age of fourteen he was taught the goose-step, how to shoulder a musket, how to shoot at a target. The women took the place of the men in the fields and held the handle of the plow. Scientists from the colleges put their great brains to work to create explosives and poisons that the peoples of the other countries might be destroyed.

For forty-five Iong years William Hohenzollern, von Hindenburg, von Ludendorff and their kind were building up this great machine, and it was a great machine, and when they had it created with the highest efficiency established in that countrygreat because it produced great minds-when they had what they called "super kultur," then they sat in council and waited for the opportune moment. And one day an Arch Duke was murdered by an assassin who had nothing to do with the politics of Europe.

Belgium, a great people, a producing people, a peaceful people, thought they were protected with a pact signed by a League of Nations; France, smiling, sunny France, its people devoted to the pursuits of that country in their vineyards, in their farms, in their factories, creators of art and style, had no army, no preparedness; England, the competitor of the great indutries of Germany (a hundred million Englishmen took their gruel out of bowls on which was stamped "made in Germany"). And then a bolt, like lightning out of a clear sky, this great machine began to roll; gigantic as it was, it appalled the people of free thought and lovers of liberty of the world. And, as ordained, it crushed those innocent people in Belgium in a night, crushed them to the earth defenseless, razed their citadels and destroyed their institutions which had been a thousands years in the building. It destroyed towns and cities and villages; devastation and riot reigned supreme, because this war machine, every cog of which was set in the thought of action and efficient production, was in master hands guided by master minds.

You remember the first Hindenburg onslaught-driven back from the Marne.

Why, they were almost in Paris. "We will breakfast in Paris," said William Hohenzollern, "and sup in London," and made mad, this insane man, because of his victories through this great war machine, he forgot even the prophetic words of the "Iron Man" who, in 1871, created the empire. Bismarck was dead, gathered unto his fathers; his great mind and heart and soul were not there to inspire them to greater deeds and nobler deeds in manhood and womanhood. He was listening to the junkers and the war lords; and then they sank the Lusitania. Was there ever a more murderous, cruel, brutal thought than sending this great ship to the bottomless sea, with hundreds of innocent women and children? Why, I saw that great vessel leave New York; I heard the laughter of the men and women, the chattering of the babes; I saw on the decks young men and women just joined in the holy bonds of wedlock; I saw the aged men and women going home to the fatherland; I saw the captains of industry going on what they thought was a peaceful scene, safe from invasion and destruction. I saw that great ship leave the port amid the huzzas and cheers of those who crowded the dock; I heard the bands play; I saw the flags flying, and four days after came the dreadful, shocking news-without one moment's thought to prepare the soul for the hereafter, the assassin of the seas, created by one of the master minds of Prussia, sent this gallant ship with all aboard down to an endless grave.
o, we are a patient, proud people; sometimes we boast, but we are a composite people; we have our differences; we may not be coherently cohesive on matters politic or religious; but with the sinking of the Lusitania Americanism meant more, when that death knell was sounded by the master criminals and we declared war, and we began to build a war machine. Here is where you ought to be proud. In fifteen months science was silenced, man for man, dollar for dollar, gun for gun, ship for ship, sailor and soldier for sailor and soldier, America in fifteen months created a war machine unsurpassed in the whole history of the world, and (applause), but for the fortitude and seIf-denial of our women, God bless them, we saw their work in the Red Cross, in the Y. M. C. A., in the Knights of Columbus, in the Hebrew Associations and all the war community work, we saw them give up their boys, their best beloved, we heard the cheers when they left to follow and protect this flag, and not only make the world free for democracy, but make America safe for Americans for all years to come. (Applause.)

We saw the tears of the women mingled with the cheers of the men. We can never forget the American woman; she is enshrined upon our hearts in eternal memory; and men who have come back from the battle fields have told me that when they were in the trenches ready to go over the top the thoughts they had were of the mothers and sweethearts and the young wives left behind. What a wonderful inspiration!

We sent them, over there and we accomplished great things. And there was another scene. Why, it took them five weeks to get Prussians with courage enough to come into the peace meeting. This time the tall, gaunt figure of an American said, "Sign there." It was not said to France this time, but it was said to the Prussians, and to America, represented by her great President, was assigned the task of telling Prussia to sign or take the consequences.

You may differ in some essentials and some details with Woodrow Wilson, but he is our President and he was the President of the United States who shaped the destiny of America in winning the war. He is a great man, great in many respects, and history shall so record it and the children of children yet to come will look upon him as they look upon Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Jackson, Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt.

So now we come to times of peace-peace fraught with a feeling of unrest. We are in the era of reconstruction; we are Americans all; we must not let our
country fall into the hands of the Bolsheviki; they do not all exist in Russia, they are everywhere. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and we must now destroy the oppressive profiteer. You cannot expect the laboring man, the man who works by the skill of his mind or the sweat of his brow, to produce the commodities necessary to sustain the peoples of the world unless be is adequately paid for such production. It is costing all of you from sixty to one hundred per cent. more for wheat you eat and wear and use. Some of you say, "Wages are too high." Let the law of supply and demand come into play again. You cannot build up by destroying. We must help.

You men are here to discuss stamps, rare stamps, so rare that some of them are out of existence. You are here to mingle, to talk it over, to swap, barter and buy, to satisfy your love of possession and collection, and while you are here it would not be worth my coming these six bundred and twenty miles if I did not bring you a message and give you the benefit of $m y$ vision in the future.

Every man and woman who loves to be called an American must help now with the same fortitude and self-denial and fearless courage in the internal war that menaces us as they did in the foreign war. Every one of you played it well in the great crisis through which we passed, whereby the freedom and independence and sovereignty of this great nation was maintained with honor and dignity, although at great cost, for the life of one American is worth more than the life of millions of Prussians. We were in a just and holy cause and theirs was unholy and unjust.

But now we have to deal with our own people at home. Be calm, be cool; do not let us be impetuous and hot-headed about these things; do not let us damn anybody. We do not want any riots; riots mean tragedy, somebody gets hurt, some lives are lost, and life to those colored men is just as sacred and dear as it is to you or me; he leaves widows and fatherless children. Do not let us stir up anything; rather let us advise and council and see what is the best thing to do. Let us be fair with ourselves and fair with all those we come in contact with.

This is a great nation, a great people, and we have posterity to think of; men die and pass away and others in the making take their place. We cannot afford to have a condition here parallel to conditions in Europe. Let us get togetber in this era of reconstruction. Why, we did wonderful things around here; we mounted the ladder and the pinnacle so high that we became dizzy. We bad to pay abnormal wages; and, by the way, everybody got their wages increased except me, so I am speaking unselfishly. Just two people in the United States did not get their wages increased in the Government service, that is the Presidont and myself, so you see $I$ am in good company. (Langhter.) The President pays twenty-seven thousand dollars income tax out of his salary and I pay a thousand out of mine. I can run an Oldsmobile all year on that.

Mr. President, I am afiaid that I diverted from that talk on stamps in attempting to review the great history of this great nation, but I did not know of any other subject to talk about-the subject of yesterday and today. What we achieved and accomplished yesterday will stand for time eternal as a tribute to the wonderful courage and fearlessness and glory of this nation and its people. But what we do today, if we are not calm and cool, may mar it all; like a man living three-score and ten and building up a splendid record for integrity and lonesty and morality and then just about on the last rung of the last week of the last month of the last year of his life he commits some overt act and spoils it all. We do not want to do that as a nation and a people. We want to, calmly and coolly-I emphasize that-assist in our many personal and collective ways in bringing conditions back to normal.

Reconstruction! What does it mean? It means taking the bad window out and putting in a good one, taking out a bad furnace that supplies your heat and
putting a good one in, taking up the rotten flooring and putting in a good board, fixing the roof so it does not leak. As with material buildings, so with material human beings. We need to reconstruct their mental capacity so that they will come back to the normal. It means your happiness, your prosperity and the happiness of your children.

And so, Mr. President, I want to leave that thought with the members of this great convention; I want you to feel that you are happy and glad you participated in your many personal ways in the great accomplishment and achievement of the victory of the war, and that you are going to participate and keep down internal war.

A splendid program has been arranged for you by the local committee, but if yon have time I would like you to come down and view a modern and remarkable post office building. We will show you how we handle two and a half million pieces of mail a day without batting an eye. The Government has been very kind to St. Louis; they have given us all the modern machines; of course, some people think they could have done better in the selection of a Postmaster, but I won't talk about that. (Laughter.)

In conclusion, Mr. President, I want to say it gives me pleasure to be here; 1 feel compensated for the two nights and fart of a day on a railroad train, amid heat and cold in getting up in the morning, and if there is anything I can do for you while you are here and nobody else can do it you, call on me. (Applause.)

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, before you proceed, it has heen my pleasure to listen to many opening addresses at conventions where we were welcomed by distinguished citizens of the convention city, but I want to say that, personally, I doubt whether 1 have ever heard a better address of welcome in which stamps, in a way, played a part and were intelligently discussed in connection with the broad international views of our distinguished orator. I think it advisable and fitting that we give the Postmaster of St. Lonis a rising vote of thanks.

Moticn duly seconded, put and unanimously carried by rising vote of thanks extended to Hon. Colin N. Selph, Postmaster of St. Louis.

THE PRESIDENT: We will resume our regular business and call for the report of the Secretary.

Secretary Davis read the report of the Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Denver, Colo., August 12, 1919.
To the Directors and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society.
In this, my third Annual Report, I am again able to advise you of a further gain in membershif, this year there being a gain of 64 over our total figures of one year ago, there being a larger number of reinstatements, replaced on roll and new stocliholders added. There was a lesser numher of resignations and a lesser number of those dropped for non-payment of dues, but I regret to report that our list of deceased members is greater than has occurred for a number of years, the total reaching 24.

The following summarizes the gains and losses:

From which deduct the following:
Resignations ..... 19
Deceased ..... 24
Expelled ..... 4
Dropped for mon-payment of dues ..... 122
Dropped from enemy countries. ..... 17
Total membership Angust 12, 1919 1,680
There were 219 new Stockholders and reinstated members introdnced by the following Stockholders:
P. M. Wolsieffer, 16 ; Eugene Klein, 12 ; L. T. Brodstone, 9 ; H. A. Whipple. 6 ; F. D. Garland, 5; Alvin Good. Vahn Mozian and Ross O'Shaughnessey, 4 each; Ralph Eilers, Percy McGraw Mann, Delf Noronha and J. E. Scott, 3 each; F. Buczynski, Hubert L. Clark,W. S. Ledbetter, Fred Michael, J. H. Pullen, C. E. Severn, Reuel W. Smith and William Schwarz, 2 each, and the following I each: William E. Anlt, W. H. Barmum, J. M. Bartels, Henry Bennett, L. L. Batchelder, H. M. Bradley, Jr., J. P. Coveleski, H. E. Day, William Evans, Fred E. Farnham, L. J. Flerlage, Louis Gundelfiner, A. E. Gorham. Fred Heydon, C. F. Hunt, Paul R. Hudson, M. D. Joyce, T. R. Joìnston, E. S. Knapp, M. P. Lyons, Jr., J. B. Leavy, W. P. Lyon, O. Michel, W. W. MacLaren, J. R. Miller, M. Ohlman, E. T. Parker, L. D. Peaslee, C. D. Piper, George C. Rockfellow, Henry Rack, J. E. Renoll, C. F. Richards, J. W. Scott. G. B. Street, Robert Singer, L. L. Steimley, C. Steinmetz, J:., A. C. Stewart, Kenneth Talmadge, George G. Umstead, R. E. Zesati, and the Secretary, 89.

The following members have died during the year:

Joseph Warden, Canton, Ohio.
H. N. Terrett, Woodside, N. Y.
H. R. Havens, Newton Centre, Mass. Charles Lehman, New York.
L. H. Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa.

Herbert Klein, St. Louis, Mo.
F. B. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.
E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.
H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.
F. F. Falisse, New York.

John W. Scott, New York. George R. Tuttle, New York.
> W. 1. Lighthipe, Montclair, N. J. Howard W. Blake, Norfolk, Va. R. O. Webster, Lincoln, Neb. W. Wolters. Honolulu, Hawaii. Charles I. Lott, Westfield, N. Y. William Homan, New York. E. M. Bransford, SanFrancisco. Chif. Charles E. Jenny, Colfax, Calif Capt. J. W. Weissheimer. A. E. F. Falph M. Leland, Pittsburgh. Pa. Ei Chun, Ipoh, Perak. Jchn F. Mayer, Richmond, Va.

We have added two Branch Societies-The Androscoggin Stamp Club, Branch \#48, Lewiston, Me., and the Stockholders of Champaign, Ill., Branch \#49. We had to drop one branch for non-payment of dues-The Hawaiian Philatelic Societywhich gives us a gain of one branch for the year.

The following amounts of money have been collected by the Secretary and forwarded to the Treasurer monthly:

| Date. |  | Stock. |  | Dues. |  | Sub. | Exc. | Reinst. | Susp. | Miscel. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug. 15, '18 | \$ | 7.00 | \$ | 3.70 | \$ | 1.85 | \$ | \$ | \$ 3.60 | \$ | \$ 16.15 |
| Sept. I, '18. |  | 4.00 |  | 10.20 |  | 5.10 | . 40 |  |  |  | 19.70 |
| Oct. 1, '18... |  | 2.00 |  | 24.10 |  | 12.05 | . 20 | 1.00 | 1.85 |  | 41.20 |
| Nov. 1, '18.. |  | 12.00 |  | 40.70 |  | 20.35 |  | 2.00 |  |  | 75.05 |
| Dee. 1, '18... |  | 11.00 |  | 20.80 |  | 10.40 |  | 1.00 | 1.80 |  | 45.00 |


| Jan. 1, '19.. | 18.00 | 23.10 | 11.55 | . 35 | 4.00 |  |  | 57.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb. 1, '19... | 15.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 |  | 4.00 | . 20 |  | 49.20 |
| March 1, '19 | 17.00 | 21.70 | 10.85 |  |  |  | 1.00 | 50.55 |
| April 1, '19. | 25.00 | 27.70 | 15.35 | . 64 | 1.00 | 5.40 |  | 75.09 |
| May $1, \quad 19 .$. | 19.00 | 18.40 | 9.60 |  | 6.00 |  |  | 53.00 |
| June 1, '19.. | 19.00 | 8.70 | 6.05 | . 10 | 3.00 |  |  | 36.85 |
| July 1, '19.. |  | 4.80 | 3.00 |  |  | 2.80 |  | 10.60 |
| Aug. 1, '19.. | 44.00 | 13.70 | 6.85 | . 20 | 8.00 | 23.14 |  | 95.89 |
| Totals. | 93.00 | 37.60 | \$123.00 | \$1.89 | 0.00 | \$38.79 | \$1.00 | 625.28 |

The following warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer:
8-10-18 1237 Jobn W. Scott, postage and printing ..... $\$ 7.30$
8-21-18 1238 J. W. Stowell, August 1st issue A. P ..... 26.55
8-21-18 1239 J. E. Scott, Treasurer's salary ..... 25.00
8-21-18 1240 J. E. Scott, 1700 3c stamps for postage. ..... 51.00
8-21-18 1241 H. A. Davis, Convention expenses ..... 149.65
9- 3-18 1242 Prompt Press, 2500 Dues notices ..... 9.00
9- 3-18 1243 P. M. Wolsieffer, SaIes Superintendent, salary ..... 25.00
9-3-18 1244 George W. Hoyt, reporting Cleveland Convention ..... 6616
9- 3-18 1245 H. A. Davis, August expenses. ..... 21.37
9- 9-18 1246 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., August advertising ..... 5.00
9- 9-18 1247 Smith-Brooks, Letterheads, Notices, Form Letters ..... 20.00
9-9-18 1248 J. W. Stowell, set of Addressed Envelopes ..... 8.97
9- 9-18 1249 J. W. Stowell, cut for A. P. August 15th ..... 3.04
9- 9-18 1250 J. W. StoweII, August 15 th A. P. ..... 56.57
9-28-18 1251 J. W. Stowell, set of Addressed Envelopes ..... 8.02
9-28-18 1252 J. W. Stowell, September 1st A. P ..... 26.60
9-28-18 1253 W. R. Ricketts, Index Cards, for Index Com ..... 15.00
9-28-18 1254 William E. Ault, Salary as Editor and expenses ..... 65.46
9-28-18 1255 H. A. Davis, September expense. ..... 34.73
10-15-18 $1256 \mathrm{~J} . \mathrm{W}$. Stowell, Stationery for Treasurer. ..... 7.73
10-15-18 1257 J. W. Stowell, September 15tīl A. P. ..... 66.53
10-15-18 1258 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., September advertising ..... 4.00
10-23-18 1259 Vincent W. Inglis, Application fees returned. ..... 2.40
10-23-18 1260 Vincent V . Inglis, Stock value returned. ..... 1.00
j0-29-18 1261 C. W. Kissinger, Premium on Secretary's bond. ..... 2.50
10-29-18 1262 H. A. Davis, October expenses. ..... 39.41
11-1-18 1263 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co.. October advertising ..... 4.80
11-1-18 1264 Merritt Printing Co., 1,000 Envelopes for Secretary. ..... 6.00
11-15-18 1265 Joseph B. Leavy, Editor' expenses. ..... 3.75
11-15-18 1266 C. W. Kissinger, Premium on Treasurer's bond ..... 7.50
12-2-18 1267 P. M. Wolsieffer, lnsurance, Lazos case ..... 141.51
12-2.18 1268 J. W. Stowell, Printing "Proceedings" ..... 273.20
12- 2-18 1269 J. W. Stowell, October A. P. ..... 54.50
12- 2-18 1270 J. W. Stowell, postage on Convention Proceedings. ..... $12.5 \%$
12- 2-18 1271 H. A. Davis, November expenses ..... 34.10
12-12-18 1272 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., November advertising. ..... 5.40
12-12-18 1273 J. W. StoweII, Stationery for Editor ..... 10.25
12-12-18 1274 J. W. StowelI. November A. P ..... 87.25
12-12-18 1275 Joseph B. Leavy, Editor's expense, November ..... 5.83
12-12-18 1276 J. W. Stowell, for Paper Stock. ..... 300.00
12-18-18 1277 J. W. StoweII, December A. P. ..... 117.40
12-18-18 1278 J. E. Scott, postage on Second Notices ..... 17.88
1- 2-19 ..... 1279
Rocky Mt. Bank Note Co., Remittance Report Blanks. ..... 14.50
1- 2-19 1280 H. A. Davis, December expenses. ..... 26.12
1-15-19 1281 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., December advertising ..... 4.00
1-15-19 1282 Joseph B. Leavy, December expenses ..... 10.61
2- 1-19 1283 J. W. Stowell, Jan. A. P., $\$ 131.77$; less $\$ 25$, Paper acct ..... 106.77
2- 1-19 1284 H. A. Davis, January expenses ..... 32.05
2- 1-18 1285 Joseph B. Leavy, January expenses ..... 24.82
2-15-19 12\$6 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., January advertising ..... 4.00
2-15-19 1287 C. W. Kissinger, Preminm on Editor's bond ..... $2 . \overline{5} 0$
2-15-19 1288 Merritt Printing Co., Stationery for Secretary ..... 22.25
3- 1-19 1289 J. W. Stowell, February A. P., $\$ 127.03$; less $\$ 25$. ..... 102.03
3- 1-19 1290 H. A. Davis, February expenses. ..... 40.23
3-15-19 1291 Smith-Brooks, Membership Cards and Receipts ..... 69.50
3-15-19 1292 Merritt Printing Co., Stationery and Blanks for Secretary ..... 41.55
5- 1-19 1293 C. A. Howes, Typewritiug for Index Com. ..... 33.75
3-15-19 1294 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., February advertising ..... 4.00
3-15-19 1295 N . Glen Noble, refund on Share of Stock ..... 1.00
3-27-19 1296 J. W. Stowell, Frt. on Mag. to Flemington, N. J. ..... 3.25
3-27-19 1297 J. W. Stowell, March A. P., $\$ 131.71$; less $\$ 25$. ..... 106.71
4- 1-19 1298 H. A. Davis, March expenses. ..... 30.39
4-15-19 1299 H. A. Whipple, expenses of Bd. of V.-Pres. ..... 4.00
4-15-19 1300 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., March advertising. ..... 5.00
4-15-19 1301 Joseph B. Leavy, expenses of Editor ..... 17.63
5- 1-19 1302 H. A. Davis, April expenses. ..... 27.47
6- 1-19 1303 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., April advertising. ..... 4.00
6-1-19 1304 Merritt Printing Co., Calendars and Tubes. ..... 26.50
6- 1-19 1305 J. W. Stowell, April A. P., $\$ 154.86$; less $\$ 25$ ..... 129.86
6- 1-19 1306 H. A. Davis, expenses for May. ..... 23.72
6- 1-19 1307 J. W. Stowell, May A. P., $\$ 112.10$; less $\$ 25$. ..... 87.10
6- 1-19 1308 -J. W. Stowell, 1919 Membership Directory. ..... 212.00
6- 6-19 1309 Joseph B. Leavy, Editor's six months' salary ..... 50.00
6-12-19 1310 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., May advertising. ..... 5.00
6-12-19 1311 J. W. Stowell, Postage on Directory and May A. P. ..... 22.49
6-13-19 1312 J. B. Leavy, Editor's expenses. ..... 25.05
7- 1-19 1313 J. W. Stowell, Ballots and Convention Blanks ..... 42.26
7- 1-19 1314 J. W. Stowell, June A. P., $\$ 128.71$; less $\$ 25$. ..... 103.71
7- 1-19 1315 H. A. Diamant, for Entertaining Delegates. ..... 150.00
7- 1-19 1316 H. A. Davis, expenses for June ..... 30.32
7- 7-19 1317 J. B. Leavy, expenses of Editor ..... 11.42
7- 7-19 1318 Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., June advertising. ..... 4.00
8- 1-19 1319 J. W. Stowell, July A. P., \$119.27; less $\$ 25$ ..... 94.27
8- 1-19 1320 Merritt Printing Co., Information Sales Dert. Cards. ..... 6.00
8- 1-19 1321 H. A. Davis, Jnly expenses. ..... 26.18

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. DAVIS,<br>Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT: Does anyone wish to make a motion on that report? If not, it will be placed on file.

Moved by Mr. Wolsieffer that the report be received and placed on file. Motion duly seconded, put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: 11r. Diamant has an interesting announcement to make.
MR. DIAMANT: Ladies and gentlemen: As the Postmaster left the room
(he, through some source or other, had heard that there was a movement going to be made by the Society and individuals in relation to asking the relief of the post office in regard to illustrating postage stamps) he told me he was going to leave for Washington on Saturday, and that if there was anything that be could do in a measure to assist us, whether it was by direct association with the highest authorities, to command him, and I frankly and honestly believe that the position that our St. Louis Postmaster holds will be of great benefit to us. He is powerful in that department, and everyone knows it who has ever been associated with it. So if anything is needed in which we will require his help, I would like to know it so I can communicate with bim before he goes.

There is a collection outside which belonged to the late Mr. Gill of St. Louis. He was one of our best known St. Louis philatelists, and his son has that collection, which is on view outside in four volues. it is for sale.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, I think we will keep in mind the remarks of Mr. Diamant, and when the question of the illustrating of the stamps is brought up, as no doubt it will be, we will take cognizance of what has been said by Mr. Diamant.

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I think we can get in a few more reports, if you people will be patient. We have not accomplished all we should the first day, and we will hear now from our Treasurer, unless there is some objection.

Mr. J. E. Scott read the Treasurer's report.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 8th, 1919.
To the officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: Following will be found the report of the Treasurer for the year from August 8th, 1918, to August 8th, 1919:

## Stock Fund.

Balance August 8th, 1918 ..... $\$ 4,895.66$
Received: From sales of Stock ..... 193.00
Total ..... $\$ 5,088.66$
Disbursements:
Redemption of two shares of Stock, Vouchers Nos. 1260-1295 ..... 2.00
Balance August 8th, 1919 ..... $\$ 5,086.66$
Insurance Fund.
Balance August 8th, 1918 ..... $\$ 2,019.77$
Receipts: From P. M. Wolsieffer, Sales Superintendent ..... 134.72
Total $\$ 2,154.49$
Disbursements:
Voucher No. 1267 ..... 141.51
Balance August 8th, 1919 ..... $\$ 2,012.98$
Exclange Account.
Balance August 8th, 1918 ..... 3.67
Receipts ..... 3.64
Total ..... $\$ 7.31$
Disbursements ..... 00
Balance August 8th, 1919 ..... 7.31
Suspense Account.
Balance August 8th, 1918 ..... \$ 71.10
Receipts ..... 53.19
Total ..... $\$ 124.29$
Disbursements:
Transferred to General Fund ..... $\$ 46.54$
Transferred to A. Phil. account ..... 20.51
Transferred to Exchange account ..... 05
Balance August 8th, 1919 ..... \$ 57.19
Gencral Fund.
Balance August 8th, 1918 ..... \$1,768.15
Receipts: From Dues ..... 1,780.20
Reinstatements ..... 30.00
Interest on Bonds ..... 240.00
Transferred from suspense account ..... 46.54
Total $\$ 3,864.89$
Disbursements:Vouchers No.
1237 ..... $\$ 7.30$
1239 ..... 25.00
1240 ..... 51.00
1241 ..... 149.65
1242 ..... 9.00
1243 ..... 25.00
1244 ..... 66.16
1245 ..... 21.37
1246 ..... 5.00
1247 ..... 20.00
1248 ..... 8.97
1251 ..... 8.02
1253 ..... 15.00
1255 ..... 34.73
1256 ..... 7.73
1258 ..... 4.00
1259 ..... 2.40
1261 ..... 2.50
1262 ..... 39.41
1263 ..... 4.80
1264 ..... 6.00
1266 ..... 7.50
1271 ..... 34.10
1272 ..... 5.40
1279 ..... 14.50
1280 ..... 26.12
1281 ..... 4.00
1278 ..... 17.88
1284 ..... 32.05
1286 ..... 4.00
1288 ..... 22.25
1290 ..... 40.23
1291 ..... 69.50
1292 ..... 41.55
1293 ..... 33.75
1294 ..... 4.00
1296 ..... 3.25
1298 ..... 30.39
1299 ..... 4.00
1300 ..... 5.00
1302 ..... 27.47
1303 ..... 4.00
1304 ..... 26.50
1306 ..... 23.72
1310 ..... 5.00
1313 ..... 42.26
1315 ..... 150.00
1316 ..... 30.32
1318 ..... 4.00
1320 ..... 6.00
1321 ..... 26.18

## American Philatelist Account.

Debit Balance August 8th, 1918 ..... $\$ 1,947.36$
Receipts:
From Subscriptions $\$ 900.25$
From Advertising ..... 211.11
Transferred from Suspense account ..... 20.51
1,131.87
Reducing Debit Balance to ..... $\$ 815.49$
Disbursements:Vouchers No.
1238 ..... $\$ 26.55$
1249 ..... 3.04
1250 ..... 56.57
1252 ..... 26.60
1254 ..... 65.46
1257 ..... 66.53
1265 ..... 3.75
1268 ..... 273.20
1269 ..... 54.50
1270 ..... 12.55
1273 ..... 10.25
1274 ..... 87.25
1275 ..... 5.83
1276 ..... 300.00
1277 ..... 117.40
1282 ..... 10.61
1283 ..... 106.77
1285 ..... 24.82
1287 ..... 2.50
1289 ..... 102.03
1297 ..... 106.71
1301 ..... 17.63
1305 ..... 129.86
1307 ..... 87.10
1308 ..... 212.00
1309 ..... 50.00
1311 ..... 22.49
1312 ..... 25.53
1314 ..... 103.71
1317 ..... 11.42
1319 ..... 94.27Debit Balance August 8th, 1919$\$ 3,032.42$
Summary.
Credit Balances:
Stock Fund ..... $\$ 5,086.66$
lnsurance Fund ..... 2,012.98
Exchange account ..... 7.31
Suspense account ..... 57.19
General Fund ..... 2,606.93
Debit Balance:
American Philatelist account ..... 3,032.42
Net Credit Balance August Sth, 1919 ..... $\$ 6,738.65$
Comprised as follows:
Bonds ..... $\$ 5,489.34$Cash1,249.31$\$ 6,738.65$
Cash in Bank, as per Certificate of the Auditor of the Dime Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich. ..... \$1,3\$7.18
Deduct unpaid checks, as follows:
No. 1320 ..... $\$ 6.00$
No. 1321 ..... 26.18
No. 1317 ..... 11.42
No. 1319 ..... 94.27

## THE DIME ISAVINGS BANK.

Capital $\$ 1,000,000.00 \quad$ Surplus $\$ 700,000.00$.
Detroit, Mich., Aug. 9, 1919.
This is to certify that the balance to the credit of the American Philatelic Society, at the close of business August 8, 1919, as shown by our books, was One Thonsand Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars and Eighteen Cents.

## S. H. ZINKANN,

$\$ 1,387.18$
Assistant Auditor.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 12, 1919.
To the Board of Directors, American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: Pursuant to your order, through Secretary Davis, the undersigned hereby certify that they have examined and andited the books and vouchers of Mr. J. E. Scott, the Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society, and have verified the bank balance and bonds in his custody, and beg leave to report that we find his accounts correct and in accordance with his report. Four checks, in the amount of $\$ 137.87$, have not yet been cashed.

We found the following bonds, which are the property of the Society, in the passession of the Treasurer:
City of St. Paul Sewer Bond \#9848, face value. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 1,000.00$
City of St. Paul Sewer Bond \# 9849 , face value. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000.00$
City of St. Paul Fire Department Bond $\# 10030$. face value. . . . . . . . . . 500.00
Sen-Sen Chicklet Co. Sinking Fund Gold Bond \# A1081. face value. .... $1,000.00$
Second Liberty Loan of 1917 Bond \#513792, face value. . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000.00$
Second Liberty Loan of 1917 Bond \#513793, face value. . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000.00$
Total
$\$ 5,500.00$
Respectfully submitted,

> S. FREDERIC HYERMAN, JOHN KAY, THEODORE GADUE, FRED. P. SCHANEFELDT, Auditing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the very interesting report of our Treasurer. What is your pleasure?
lloved by Mr. Severn that the report of the Treasurer be received and placed on file. Motion duly seconded, put and manimously carried.

THE PRESIDENT: The next is the report of tine Editor of the American Philatelist.

Report of the Editor read by Secretary Davis.

## REPORT OF THE EUITOR OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15, 1919.

To the Acting President and Members of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: I have the honor to tender herewith my first report as your Editor of the American Philatelist, from October, 1918 , to date.

The accompanying file of the American Philatelist shows that to date 442 pages have been published, which, with an additional 40 pages for the forthcoming Sep-
tember number, will make a total of 482 pages for Volume XXXII, as against 376 pages for Volume XXXI, a decided increase in both reading matter and advertising matter. A New Issue Chronicle has been made the leading feature of the publication during the past year, and since January 1 has been illustrated in so far as the present law will permit. Another featme has been the institution of the Scrap Bag, which, as the name implies, is odd bits of philatelic and semi-philatelic information, garnered with the aid of a handy pair of shears from all classes of publications throughout the world. Your Editor has contributed a series of articles, in each number, dealing with the United States general issues from an historical and biographical viewpoint; so far the issues from 1847 to 1869 , inclusive, have been treated upon. Articles of considerable merit bave been contributed by the following members: Richard McP. Cabeen, "Notes on U. S. Postal Service," in October and December, 1918, numbers; William C. Stone, "Confederate State Postal Affairs," in November, 1918, number; Galen S. Wallick, "Stock Transfers and Future Delivery Stamps," in December, 1918, number; H. P. Atherton, "Oddities in 3e 1851-57," in January and February, 1919, numbers; William E. Ault, "A Study in Cancellations," in February, 1919 , number; Leou Dominion, "Tbe Kachak Stamps of Turkey," in February, 1919, number, and "Double-Perforated Stamps of the 1892 Issue of Turkey," in April, 1919, number; Dr. William H. Deaderick, "Counterfeit United States Stamps," in February, 1919, number; Dr. William Evans, "Some Problems to Solve," in March, 1919, number; T. Russell Hungerford, "Reminiscenses of the Fast," in March, 1919 , number; John Walter Scott, "The Crown on Stamps," in April, 1919, number; Dr. Carroll Chase, "U. IS. Inland Steam Boat Route Cancellations Prior to August 1, 1861," in July, 1919, number; Stanley B. Ashbrook, "The Specialist," in August, 1919, number; J. Murray Bartels, "The Passing of the 3c Euvelope," in August, 1919, number; J. B. Leavy and A. E. Owen, "The Plates and Printings of the 3 Cent Offset Printing," in January and March, 1919, numbers; Joseph B. Leavy, "The Current 2c Postal Cards," in November, 1918, number, "British Occupation of German Samoa," in February, 1919, number, "The Airplane As a Mail Carrier," in March, 1919, number, and "The Ukraine Overprint on Russian Stamps," in May, 1919, number. Dr. C. W. Hennan has contributed his "Precancel Notes" to nearly every number, and the list of New Plate Numbers, as authorized by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, las been regularly kept up to date. Forty pages of the Iudex have been iucluded as inserts in the numbers from December to date. All of which has made most interesting and profitable reading for the members, and placed the American Philatelist where it belongs, in the forefront of philatelic journalism.

Your Editor has made a great effort to increase the advertising, and has in some measure succeeded, but the members fail to give support to the advertising columns; they either do not patronize the advertisers, or fail to mention the American Philatelist when they do patronize. The personality of your Editor bas gained the cream of the advertising from abroad and from the eastern dealers, but it cannot bold it if the members do not patronize. There is a great deal of adver tising to be had from the Middle West and Far West and it would seem that the members should display sufficient interest in tbeir official organ to see that the American Philatelist receives its share of such advertising; the Editor cannot do it all; tbe members owe something to the Society beyond the mere payment of $\$ 1.80$ a year.

With the completion of the present volume in September I shall have served as your Editor for one year. While the lahor has been more strenuous and the time devoted to it infinitely more than I bargained for, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed it, and consider it a great honor to have been granted the privilege of bringing the American Philatelist into its own again. It is, therefore, with
regret that I am compelled to tender mry resignation upon the completion of the current volume, but the time consumed in properly editing the publication is more than I can afford to devote to the work under the present scale of remuneration. The great increase in the cost of the necessities of life, and the small pay of government service require that my heretofore playṭime must be curtailed in the scramble for the "almighty dollar," although under its present purchasing power it might better he termed the "humble shilling."

I helieve that the Society will find it impossible to continue the American Pbilatelist upon its present high plane, that of the leading philatelic publication of the country, without a very material increase is made in the remuneration granted to the Editor, unless some wealthy member can be found willing and able to properly conduct the work. Neither do I believe that the revenue from advertising can he held, or increased, unless the publication is kept up to its present standard. The increased cost of the material and labor, which bas necessarily increased the cost of publication, makes the subscription price of 60 cents a ridiculously low one for a publication of the present standard of the American Philatelist. I have roughly figured that the printing and mailing charges amount to about $81 / 2$ cents per copy, and it seems mighty poor business to sell for 5 cents. I therefore recommend that the Society act upon the following suggestions:

1. That the subscription price of the American Philatelist be made $\$ 1$ per year, beginning with No. 1, Volume XXXIII. All subscriptions to begin with current number at time of registry of subscription. Single copies and back numbers to be charged for at the rate of 15 c each. All paid-up subscriptions now on the books to be continued at the old rate until their term has expired.
2. That the remuneration granted to the Editor of the American Philatelist be made $\$ 100$ quarterly, instead of $\$ 100$ yearly, said remuneration to be paid only on condition that the Editor keeps the publication upon its present high plane, or betters it.
3. That the Editor be authorized to arrange for articles to be published in tie American Philatelist and later as hand-books, the authors to be granted liberal royalties on the sale of the hand-books. That in consequence the Editor be made chairman of the hand-hook committee.

It would seem to my mind that if these suggestions were adopted they would assure the continuance of the American Philatelist as the leading philatelic publication of the country and place the American Philatelic Society in the position of a generous patron of the Science of Philately.

The monthly editing of a first-class philatelic journal is too arduous a task to be undertaken as a labor of love, and unless steps are taken to in some small measure reimburse the Editor and contributing writers for their time and labor the American Philatelist must necessarily retrograde from its present high standing to that of a nonentity, and thereby prove a useless and unnecessary expense to the American Philatelic Society, an expense that would have to be eliminated by the discontinuance of the paper.

Attached hereto is a report covering the moneys received and expended by this office, from October, 1918, to August 15, 1919.

Editor's Collections and Expenditures, October, 1918, to August, 1919.

M. Ohlman ..... 2.85
C. F. Richards ..... 7.84
P. M. Wolsieffer ..... 19.48
Carl Young ..... 1.25
I. C. Green ..... 2.00
C. P. Mego ..... 5.00
Mutual Stamp Exchange ..... 2.00
United Stamp Co. ..... 2.00
J. E. Guest ..... 2.50
V. W. Rotnem ..... 1.25
A. Wismenen ..... 1.25
Economist Stamp Co. ..... 20.09
W. C. Phillips \& Co. ..... 24.00
Fulton Stamp Co. ..... 3.80
B. Max Meh] ..... 4.00
Nassau Stamp Co ..... 11.40
Scott Stamp \& Coin Co. ..... 22.80
J. C. Morgenthau \& Co. ..... 5.95
J. M. Bartels \& Co. ..... 14.00
Wants and Exchanges. ..... 17.51
Subscriptions and Sales ..... 14.95
Remitted to Treasurer:
October, 1918 ..... \$ 15.78
November, 1918 ..... 4.00
January, 1919 ..... 32.54
March, 1919 ..... 80.98
May, 1919 ..... 83.51
August, 1919 ..... 95.39nditures:
October, 1918, postage and expense. ..... \$ 3.75
November, 1918, postage and expense. ..... 2.33
Cuts for January A. P. ..... 3.50
December, 1918, Cuts tor January A. P. ..... 5.00
Postage and expense. ..... 5.61
January, 1919, postage and expense ..... 4.82
Cuts for February A. P ..... 20.00
February, 1919, Cuts for March A. P. ..... 4.00
Postage and expense. ..... 2.88
March, 1919, ₹ostage and expense. ..... 2.50
Cuts for April A. P. ..... 8.25
April, 1919, Cuts for May A. P ..... 15.00
Postage and expense. ..... 4.08
May, 1919, postage and expense ..... 2.45
Cuts for June A. P. ..... 4.00
June, 1919, Cuts for July A. P. ..... 8.50
Postage and expense. ..... 2.92
July, 1919, postage and expense ..... 2.15
Cuts for August A. P. ..... 5.50
August, 1919, postage and expense ..... 1.32

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$312.20
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Advertising published, October, 1918, to August, 1919, inclusive.

| Eugene Klein | 1/1/ page | 11 months | Yearly | \$ 20.9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fred Michael | 1/8 page | 11 months | Yearly | 13.09 |
| P. M. Wolsieffer. | 1/4 page | 9 months | Yearly | 17.10 |
| P. M. Wolsieffer. | 1/8 page | 2 months | Yearly | 2.3 |
| Warren H. Colson. | 1/2 page | 11 months | Yearly | 41.8 |
| C. F. Richards. | 1 inch | 11 months | Yearly | 7.8 |
| H. F. Colman. | 1/1/ page | 8 months | Yearly | 15.20 |
| Nassau Stamp Co. | 1/4 page | 8 months | Yearly | 15.2 |
| Scott Company | 1/2 page | 8 months | Yearly | 30.40 |
| Economist Stamp Co. | 1/8 page | 2 months | Yearly | 2.3 |
| Economist Stamp Co | 1/3 page | 7 months | Yearly | 17.71 |
| J. M. Barte!s \& Co. | 1/4 page | 7 months | Transient | 14.00 |
| J. C. Morgenthau \& Co... | 1/8 page | 5 months | Yearly | 5.9 |
| Theodore Champion | 1/2 page | 5 months | Yearly | 19.00 |
| Smith \& Son | 1/4 page | 5 months | Transient | 10.00 |
| M. Ohlman | 1 inch | 4 months | Yearly | 2.8 |
| O. A. Michael. | 1/8 page | 4 months | Yearly | 4.7 |
| W. C. Phillips \& Co. | 1/2 page | 4 months | Transient | 16.00 |
| W. C. Phillips \& Co. | 1 page | 1 month | Transient | 8.0 |
| C. P. Mego. | 1/4 page | 4 months | Transient | 5.0 |
| Edouard Locher | 1/8 page | 3 months | Transient | 3.7 |
| Fulton Stamp Co.. | 1/1/ page | 2 months | Yearly | 3.80 |
| Fulton Stamp Co. | 1/4 page | 1 month | Error |  |
| J. E. Guest. | 1/8 page | 2 months | Transient | 2.5 |
| United Stamp Co. | 1/4 page | 1 month | Transient | 2.0 |
| I. C. Green. . | 1/1/ page | 1 month | Transient | 2.0 |
| Mutual Stamp Exchange. | 1/4 page | 1 month | Transient | 2.0 |
| W. Lloyd | 1/4 page | 1 month | Yearly | 1.90 |
| B. Max Meh1. | 1/2 page | 1 month | Transient | 4.0 |
| B. Max Mehl. | 1/2 page | 1 month | Error |  |
| Carl Young | 1/8 page | 1 month | Transient | 1.2 |
| A. Wismanen | 1/8 page | 1 month | Transient | 1.2 |
| V. W. Rotnem | 1/8 page | 1 month | Transient | 1.2 |
| F. P. Gibbs. | 1/8 page | 1 month | Error |  |
| M. Ohlman | 1 inch | 1 month | Complime |  |
| Stanley Ashbrook | 1/4 page | 7 months | Complime |  |
| Dr. Hartley | 1/8 page | 1 month | Complime |  |
| St. Louis Anction | 1/2 page | 2 months | Complime |  |


| M. Ohlman .................. 1/8 page | 7 months | Exchange | .... |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The Stamp Herald............. 1/4 page | 11 month | Exchange | . . . |
| A. E. Roessler . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1 / 4$ page | 7 months | Exchange |  |
| Stamp Trade . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1/4 page | 7 months | Exchange |  |
| Philatelic Tribune . . . . . . . . . . . $1 / 4$ page | 6 months | Exchange | . . . |
| Collectors' Journal . . . . . . . . . . $1 / 1 /$ page | 6 months | Exchange |  |
| A. E. Pike. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1/4 page | 5 months | Exchange |  |
| Numismatic Monthly . . . . . . . . $1 / 4$ page | 1 month | Exchange |  |
| Philatelic Gazette ............. 1/4 page | 1 month | Exchange |  |
| Sveriges Filatelist Foreuing..... 1/8 page | 2 months | Exchange |  |
| Wants and Exchanges. |  |  | 19.74 |
|  |  |  | \$339.00 |
| Collected as previously accounted for. |  |  | \$252.46 |
| Amounts collectable: |  |  |  |
| Wants and Exchanges. |  | .... \$ 2.23 |  |
| Warren H. Colson |  | 7.60 |  |
| H. F. Colman |  | 1.90 |  |
| O. A. Michael. |  | 4.76 |  |
| Nassau Stamp Co. |  | 3.80 |  |
| Scott Stamp \& Coin Co. |  | 7.60 |  |
| Hugo Griebert |  | 24.00 |  |
| Smith \& Son. |  | 10.00 |  |
| Theodore Champion |  | 19.00 |  |
| Edouard Locher |  | 3.75 |  |
| William Lloyd |  | . . . 1.90 |  |
|  |  |  | S6.54 |
|  |  |  | \$339.00 |

Of the above accounts $O$. A. Michael and William Lloyd are bad debts, they owing an additional $\$ 4.76$ and $\$ 15.20$, respectirely, for advertising in Vol. XXXI.

Unexpired advertising contracted for:

| Eugene Klein | 1/4 page | 1 month | 1.90 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H. F. Colman | 1/4 page | 4 months | 7.60 |
| Nassau Stamp Co. | 1/4 page | 4 months | 7.60 |
| Fred Michael | 1/8 page | 1 month | 1.19 |
| P. M. Wolsieffer | 1/8 page | 1 month | 1.19 |
| Scott Stamp \& Coin Co. | 1/2 page | 4 months | 15.20 |
| C. F. Richards | 1 inch | 1 month | . 71 |
| Smith \& Son | 1/4 page | 1 month | 2.00 |
| Edouard Locher | 1/8 page | 3 months | 3.75 |
| Economist Stamp Co. | 1/8 page | 3 months | 7.59 |
| Warren H. Colson. | 1/2 page | 1 month | 3.80 |
| Theodore Champion | $1 / 2$ page | 7 months | 26.60 |
| A. Wismanen | 1/8 page | 3 months | 3.75 |
| Southern Publishing Co. | $1 / 4$ page | 4 months | 8.00 |


| Name. Copies | Expires | Paid | Due |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Louis Strauss | Sept., 1919. | \$ . 60 |  |
| A. C. Roessler. | Sept., 1919. | . 60 |  |
| Stevens \& Brown | Sept., 1919. | . 70 |  |
| G. A. Martin. | Sept., 1919. | . 60 |  |
| H. J. Howlett. | Dec., 1919. | 1.00 |  |
| J. C. Northrup. | Feb., 1920. | . 60 |  |
| B. K. Miller | March, 1920. | . 50 |  |
| J. H. Ward. | March, 1920. | 1.00 |  |
| L. Kopf | Dec., 1919. | . 60 |  |
| Mrs. E. A. Rockey | May, 1920. | 1.00 |  |
| C. L. Moreau. | Arril, 1920. | . 60 |  |
| J. C. Hunt.. | Nov., 1920. | 1.20 |  |
| Nassau Stamp Co.. | Jan., 1920. | 1.80 |  |
| F. H. Vallencey. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 | March, 1920. |  | 2.70 |
| E. Berdoz | April, 1920. | . 60 |  |
| H. S. Austin. | Feb., 1920. | . 60 |  |
| E. C. Limmer | May, 1920. | . 45 |  |
| A. Wismenen | Sept., 1920. | 1.00 |  |
| H. R. Hosbach | June, 1920. | . 60 |  |
| A. J. Palethorp, Vol. XXXI. |  | . 60 |  |
| Two copies sold. |  | . 20 |  |
|  |  | \$14.95 | \$2.70 |
| If the American Philatelic Society desires to continue the American Philatelist |  |  |  |
| upon its present high plane, and to embark in the publication of hand-books, it would seem that some immediate action should be taken tending to the introduction |  |  |  |
| of a bill in Congress permitting the illustration of the stamps of the United States and the foreign countries with which the United States has treaties. Such illustra- |  |  |  |
| articles readily intelligible to readers; witbout it the articles fall far short of the educational purposes for which they are intended. There are many things that |  |  |  |
| point to the present Congress as the most propitious for the introduction of |  |  |  |
| Respectfully submitted, |  |  |  |

JOSEPH B. LEAVY, Editor.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the report of the Editor. What is your pleasure?

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, I move that the recommendations of this report be referred, respectively, to the committees to be appointed-Resolutions, Official Journal and By-Laws.

Motion duly seconded, put and carried.
THE SECRETARY: Those are all the report I have at this time, with the exception of some of the Branch Reports. Some of those reports may come in today.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, I move that we adjourn.
Motion duly seconded, put and carried.
Whereupon, at 12.30 noon, the Convention adjourned to meet again at $10 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{M}$, the following day.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The meeting convened at 10.30 A. M. on board the steamer St. Paul, Mississippi River, President H. H. Wilson presiding.

THE PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, we will now come to order. We have quite a lot of work to do, as we did not have time to do all we should have done yesterday. I think perhaps the first thing is the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials. Mr. Severn.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, since my report of yesterday morning we have received thirty-four additional proxies, two of which were rejected, leaving thirtytwo, divided as follows: J. D. Hubel, ten; C. F. Heyerman, twelve; W. E. Ault, two; Alvin Good, three; A. A. Jolins, four, and H. M. Clark, one. This brings the total number of proxies, valid for voting purposes, to three hundred and sixty-nine.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no objection, we will just receive the committee's report.

Now, yesterday, the Secretary hat not received the report of the Examiner of Sales Books, but same is now here and the Secretary will please read.

Secretary Davis read report of Examiner of Sales Books.

## REPORT OF THE EXANINER OF SALES BOOKS.

241 W. Seymour St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 2nd, 1919.
To the President and Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: As Examiner of Sales Books for the year 1918-1919 I would report that from August 2ad, 1918, to August 2nd, 1919, I have examined six hundred and sixty-four (664) Sales Books, from which I have directed to be removed two counterfeit stamps, one used stamp marked as unused, eight stamps with counterfeit surcharges, one reprint marked as original, and eleven stamps wrongly described.

The quality of stamps put in the Circuits has materially improved during the last few months and $I$ trust the members will continue this reform, as undesirable or second grade stamps are slow in selling and tend to breed discontent among the purchasers. Damaged, cheap grade stamps are unsalable at any price, but slightly damaged scarce stamps have a ready sale if priced at an attractive figure, say one-tenth of catalogue price or less, when marked in such a way as to call attention to the fact that they are damaged.

There is a notable scarcity of good, desirable. United States stamps and the scarcer varieties of Twentieth Century issues. Members putting such stamps in circulation will find that they have a ready sale.

Agaiu I will call the attention of consignees to the advisability of using only one kind of hinges in preparing any one bcok, as a safeguard against substitution. It is also advisable to use hinges that are not easily peelable, as stamps mounted with peelable hinges frequently occasion their loss, with much annoyance to all parties concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

## A. F. HENKELS,

Examiner of Sales Books.
THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the report of the Examiner of Sales Books. If there is no objection, it will be referred to the proper committee. (No objection entered.) It is so ordered.

Some of the reports are not in, but we have the report of the Attorney, and the Secretary will please read.

Secretary Davis read the report of the Attorney.

## REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 16th, 1919.
To the President, Directors and Members of the American Philatelic Society:
Gentlemen: I have the honor to report to you, as Attorney for the American Philatelic Society, that all of the matters which have been presented to me during the past year have been disposed of.

Respectfully subinitted,

FRED. R. SCHMALZREIDT, Attorney.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no objection, the report of the Attorney will be referred to the proper committee. (No objection entered.)

The next is the report of the Counterfeit Detector.
Secretary Davis read the report of the Counterfeit Detector.

## REPORT OF THE COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

Philadelphia, Pa., Ang. 15th, 1919.
To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: In the period between August 9, 1918, and August 14, 1919, 590 stamps were submitted to me for examination. Of these 315 were genuine, 112 counterfeits, 42 reprints, 50 forged surcharges and cancellations, and 11 faked grills; also, 60 stamps were presented for examination.

One member asked for classification of a few Gibraltar stamps. Thinking that it may interest the majority of my fellow-members, I have copied from my reference collection the following:

## GIBRALTAR.

## A Study of the $1 / 2 d, 1 d, 21 / 2 d$ Stamps of the 1886 December Issue and the 1898 Re-Issue.

Separating the used stamps by means of dated cancellations is, of course, the first step to be taken. It is not so easy with the unused stamps, as the colors do not vary very much. The original $1 / 2 d$ is described as dull green and the re-issue as gray green. The first stamp being twelve years older, the gum has had a chance to turn a little more yellowish than in the later stamp. This is fairly characteristic in case of the unused stamps with original gum in any of the three values.

The 1 penny, according to the catalogue, is rose in original and carmine in the re-issue. I have never seen any rose color pennies. My originals are a bright carmine, a little deeper in shade than the re-issue. The colors of each issue are fairly uniform.

The $21 / 2 d$ is the most difficult of all on account of the wide range of shades that exist. Scott's catalogue describes the first as ultramarine, the re-issue as bright ultramarine. Gibbons does not agree about the original, and calls it blue. I find the following colors in the originals: Light ultramarine, two variations of ultramarine and deep ultramarine. In the re-issue $I$ find pale nltramarine, ultramarine and bright ultramarine with intermediate shades, one of which is exactly the same color as one of the original ultramarines; the early one is dated July 7 , 1889, and the later one February 25, 1903. It is possible that the 1903 copy belongs to the original issue and may be a left-over copy.

Respectfully submitted,

## EUGENE KLEIN, Counterfeit Detector.

THE PRESIDENT: If there is no objection, that report will follow the proper course.

## REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

The death roll last year was unusually large and removed from our ranks a lamentable number of the old-time members, who had the glory of building up the great organization of today.
4987 H. R. Havens, Newton Center, Mass.
7 H. N. Terrett, Woodside, N. Y.
1790 Joseph Warden, Canton, Ohio.
1906 L. Harold Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa.; for many years International Secretary.
5116 Herhert Klein, St. Louis.
2393 Charles Lehman, New York City.
32 Ernest R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn., who during his long membership held many positions of trust in the Society.
1702 Frank P. Gibhs, Olean, N. Y.
210 H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.
4571 F. F. Falisse, New York City.
155 George R. Tuttle, New York City; a prominent dealer.
15 John W. Scott, New York City; President of the Society, who might be termed the father of Americal philately.
4568 Howard Blake, Norfolk, Va.
4740 R. O. Webster, Lincoln, Nebr.
3948 W. Wolters, Honolulu, Hawaii.
4027 William Homan, New York City.
4879 Charles I. Lott, Westfield, N. Y.
4858 Edgar M. Beansford, San Francisco.
3565 Charles E. Jenney, Colfax, Calif.
3227 * Captain J. Warren Weissheimer.
3876 Ralph M. Leland, Pittshurgh.
5159 Chi Chun, Ipoh, Perak.
4363 John F. Mayer, Riclimond, Va.
*Killed in action.
JULIAN PARK, Chairman.
The next is Reports of Branch Societies.
Moved by Mr. Diamant that reading of reports of Branch Societies be dispensed with, said reports to be suhmitted to the committee for their report later. Motion duly seconded hy Mr. Severn, put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: I have appointed the following committees. Please give your attention, gentlemen, when you hear your names read, as you will know that you are to get husy on these various activities.

Finance Committee-C. F. Heyerman, chairman; Hugh Clark, George A. Bell.
Sales Department-J. E. Scott, chairman; L. A. Hanford, Ralph H. Eilers.
Library-J. C. Hoffstetter, chairman; A. Bollman, W. A. Sisson.
Branch Societies-H. A. Diamant, chairman; Charles C. Keller, Dr. W. S. Mitchell.

Resolutions-Alvin Good, chairman; Dr. H. A. Davis, C. E. Severn.
By-Laws-H. H. Wilson, chairman; P. M. Wolsieffer, Charles E. Hatfield, D. T. Eaton, W. E. Ault.

Next Convention-A. B. Slater, chairman; J. A. Galbraith, A. A. Jones.
The chairmen of those committees will get together and make their reports this afternoon, if possible; if not, report tomorrow.

We have a number of communications here, which the Secretary will please read.

SECRETARY DAVIS: There are quite a number of these communications, a good many of them in the form of resolutions. I have one here from Dr. Chas. Haase, as follows:
"Elmira, New York, Aug. 13, 1919.
Dr. H. A. Davis, St. Louis, Mo.
Dear Doctor: On the Bid Sheet of the Auction Sale to be held at the Convention.there appears the following:
"'Society reference alone not sufficient.'
That casts a reffection on the standing of our members. Will you kindly bring this matter before the proper officers or committees, so that it will not occur again?

Yours fraternally,

## CHARLES HAASE, M. D.,

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MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, I fully expected this after baving read the article which appeared in Mekeel's Weekly. Immediately upon reading this article I wrote a letter to the editor of Mekeel's Weekly and submitted it, before sending it, to, I belleve, Mr. Wolsieffer, and asked his opinion as to the reply. Unfortunately, I did not think this matter would be brought up today and I did not bring that letter with me, but it was to this effect:

That that editorial called for a personal answer from me, for the reason that it was generally known that the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society, as a part of the program, had volunteered to accept stamps from anyone to sell at public auction and mail auction bids at the meeting of the convention. At no time was it advertised or said to he a Convention Auction Sale.

In addition to that, being a very busy man and not having had any experience in the holding of auction sales and being compelled to do this work myself, the only way that I could satisfactorily get up a catalog was to take a copy from catalogs which had been sent me, and that catalog which I had handy was one from Ohiman, in New York, whom I believe is recognized as a dealer and auctioneer in stamps, and is held in esteem by quite a number of dealers and stamp collectors throughout the United States. That was the impression I had, and I believe and hope it is correct. I have done business with him and found all his business was satisfactory, and I, without questioning any of his copy, selected the bid sheet from Mr. Ohiman and gave it to the printer to copy. I did not read the proof, and probably even if I bad done so I would not have made any corrections, feeling that was a sample bid sheet of an auctioneer. I copied it verbatim, and it says down at the bottom the exact words that I put on my bid sheet; I think it was to the effect that society references alone were not sufficient, that I expected business reference.

Now, understand that was copied from a bid sheet. It was sent out to probably thirty-five bundred to four thousand collectors of postage stamps, not only the members of the A.P.S., but the members of the S. P. A. and all the other societies, and from a list that 1 had secured from the advertisements in the different newspapers the names of collectors everywhere. I wanted to make the auction sale a success, and I wanted people to know what stamps were worth, and the only way to find out what they were worth was to have the catalog circulated throughout the United States everywhere.

This is not an apology, but as soon as I read Mekeel's Weekly and read the editorial I bunted up a number of other catalogs, and, with the exception of Percy Doane and, I believe, Morgenthau, every one of them required business or bank references. Now, I did not notice on any of the others that they also demanded Society references, but they particularly impressed that they either wanted a deposit
or they wanted bank or business reference. To me it means the same thing, because if a Society member sent in a bid and he gave a society reference (this is just my deduction) tbey would want bank and business reference.

Altbough I received probably one hundred and ten or one bundred and twenty bìd sheets, I paid no attention to the bank or business reference, because lots of them did not do it, and I do not think they took seriously into consideration that 1 cast any reflection upon anyone who is a member of a society. But I think everyone here, at some time or other, has found that society members bave not always paid as promptly for stamps as they should, and if this editorial that was in Mekeel's Weekly would be conducive of any results at all, they should be conducive of good results, and make our Society, as well as another society, careful of whom they admit into their societies. In the future, I sincerely hope that if anyone has any complaints to make as to the fallure of any society member to pay his debts promptly, or failure to carry out the rules and regulations of the society, the matter be put before the proper committees and tbey be suspended for it.

Now, gentlemen, I do mot think I ought to apologize for this. I think this matter that came up was absolutely inadvertent. I did not mean anything, and I hope that whoever wrote that letter will nnderstand it in that light. (Applause.)

THE SECRETARY: We will take that as an explanation, not an apology.
THE PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, do you think any action should be taken?
MR. SEVERN: I think, as Mr. Diamant says, he has made no apology, because no apology was called for. He has explained in a natural way how a mistake, if you wish to call it so, has hatpened. lt is a matter of no consequence, because there was no intent back of it, and for that reason it is only making a mountain out of a molehill to dwell with emphasis upon it.

I can understand how a business man naturally would have the bid sheet of , an auctioneer, in case ine was a known auctioneer, as he wanted to have tbings' done properly, and, of course, the member might resent, unconsciously or pronouncedly, the notice that the society membership was not considered as sufficient. This communication of Dr. Haase is natural, and I do not think any further discussion is necessary at all.

THE PRESIDENT: If there are no furtber remarks, we will hear the next communication.

Secretary Davis read the following communications:
'"Reading, Penna., Aug. $19 \mathrm{th}, 1919$.
American Philatelic Society, Planters' Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
$3 y$ best wishes to all friends in convention assembled. Sorry to miss it.
CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER."

American Philating, Penna., Aug. 19th, 1919.
Greetings for successful convention. Congratulations on remarkable growth during year.

SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS.
C. W. Kissinger, President.
C. V. Webb, Secretary."

Secretary Davis read the following letter:
"American Philatelic Society, The American Philatelist, Joseph B. Leavy, Editor, United States National Museum, Washington, D. C.

August 15, 1919.
Dr. H. A. Davis, Secretary, American Philatelic Society.
Dear Sir: I find that the demands made upon my time in properly conducting
the Editorship of the American Philatelist are greater than I can afford, under the present remuneration. The great increase in cost of all thinks makes it now necessary that I devote my spare time to work that will pay, in order not to experience too severe a drain uron my resources. As I do not care to conduct the paper upon an inferior basis to that upon which I have now established it, I find it necessary to tender my resignation as Editor, to take effect upon the publication of the September number, which completes the current Volume XXXII.

> Yours truly,

## JOSEPH B. LEAVY."

THE PRESIDENT: I think, geatlemen, some action should be taken on this letter from Mr. Leavy.

MR. iSEVERN: Mr. President, I suggest that this resignation or letter of Mr. Leavy be referred to the Committee on Official Journal, that when the committee makes its report it may have some suggestion affecting Mr. Leavy, and we then could consider the resignation as one of the parts of the report of the Committee on Official Journal.

MR. GOOD: Is not that a matter to be brought up to the Board of Directors?
MR. SEVERN: The Convention has the power to stand back of this.
MR. GOOD: I think it is a matter that deserves more consideration than a committee can give it.

MR. SEVERN: My idea was that when the committee reports it would say something about this. In that way it would be brought to our attention hedged in with certain qualifications and conditions that exist.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Chairman, as 1 understand it, the committee goes over the matter and reports to the Convention to take action, if they wish.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Good's point is well taken, because Mr. Leavy is appointed hy the Board of Directors, and if he resigns they will have to appoint some one else. But I will appoint later a Committee on Official Journal.

MR. SEVERN: Is not that erdinarily the case, that a Committee on Official Journal is appointed.

THE PRESIDENT: We did not do it last year. There is no such committee mentioned in the By-Laws.

MR. SEVERN: I assumed that this committee was appointed or was to be appointed. I withdraw my motion and make the original motion that the resignation be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hatfield.
THE PRESIDENT: A motion has been made and seconded that Mr. Leavy's sesignation be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Are there any remarks? (No remarks entered.) All those in lavor of the motion will signify hy saying "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion unanimously carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Now we are ready for the next, Mr. Secretary.
THE SECRETARY: I have a commanication here from Mr. A. H. Pike, of Buffalo. I have not read this letter and do not know whether it is necessary to present it to the Convention, hut inasmuch as I do not know what is in it, I will read it.

Secretary Davis read letter from Mr. A. H. Pike.
80 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 16th, 1919.
Mr. H. A. Davis, Sec. American Philatelic Society, In Convention at St. Louis, Mo.
My Dear Mr. Davis: As it will he impossible for me to attend the Thirtyfourth Annual Convention, I am writing to suggest a feature which I feel is very
important to be discussed at this time for the members of the American Philatelic Society as well as philatelists in general.

A number of years ago Mr. William R. Ricketts was appointed on the Philatelic Literature Committee and since that time he has fulfilled his duties second to none in the organization. He las recejved some credit and praise for his work, hut we will agree that it has never been adequate for the amount of time and labor expended.

Every member of the Society past and present owes him a debt of gratitude for what he has already accomplished and what he is willing to continue to do for the philatelic cause. The philatelic press has been the one great factor in placing philately in the position that it holds today, the leader among hohbies. Regardless of the faults and mistakes of certain editors and the shortcomings of certain periodicals, the printed pages of philately stand as a monumental work as a whole that must be recognized, respected and protected as well as retained for the benefit of the present and future generations.

Mr. Ricketts has already done a work that few would have even attempted, and he is still enthusiastic. We cannot realize what it would mean to have him give up the work or to rely on others to finish.

Through the generosity of the Society Mr. Ricketts was granted the privilege of publishing his index in the American Philatelist. This was started in February, 1911, and to July, 1919, the material under Egypt is not completed. One hundred and one months for four letters of the alphabet and part of the fifth. I am not bringing this point up as a criticism of the Society or of any of the individual members. Simply to emphasize the fact that this method of publishing is inflicting slow torture which will eventually result in death of the work. Even after eight years the index in its present form is practically worthless, eveu though each member is as careful as I am to remove each section and place the pages in numerical order in a separate binder.

If the reserve fund of the Society is not available for use in printing this index, it would seem that the pride of the Society should force a decision on a matter of this great importance. If no other plan can be agreed upon, I would suggest that it be financed by popular subscription. If this is agreed on, put me down for $\$ 10$.

Several months ago I communicated to every public lihrary in all cities in the United States having a population of 30,000 and over. I found the majority of them very willing to add a philatelic section. I feel almost certain that every one of these libraries would purchase this index if properly approached. If not, it would seem to me that collectors would take sufficient pride in their local library to club together and donate this work. I will see that it is done in Buffalo.

I have taken the matter up with several prominent A. P. S. members and it is on their opinion that 1 am submitting the proposition to you. Every stamp dealer will acknowledge that he wastes considerable time and postage replying to inuiqries for general philatelic information that this index would answer.

To publish this index would not only be showing the gratitude due Mr. Ricketts, but it would be an immense help to the present generation of collectors, saying nothing of the future generation, which we should feel a responsibility for. If the American Philatelic Society wishes to complete a work that will make them honored and respected as long as life lasts on this planet, they will as soon as practical make and complete arrangements for the publishing of this work.

To continue it as it is being published now, the majority of the present generation will not live to get any benefit from it. It is doubtful if twenty years, or 1940, will see it completed. Then there are the intervening years from 1910 to date that Mr. Ricketts will index if given the opportunity.

Hoping that the pride of the members attending this Thirty-fourth Convention will lead them to take some definite and immediate action, I remain,

A Loyal A. P. S. Member,
A. H. PIKE.

THE PRESIDENT: That needs some action, of course. I suggest that it be referred to the Library Committee for report later at this Convention.

Motion offered hy Mr. Good that this communication be referred to the Library Committee, for a report to this Convention later. Motion duly seconded by Mr. Diamant. Question called, motion put and unanimously carried.

Mr. Diamant read the following correspondence between Mr. John Kay and Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr.:

Detroit, August 16th, 1919.
Mr. F. S. Parmalee, Vice-President American Philatelic Association.
Dear Sir: For some time members of the American Philatelic Association have been taken advantage of by certain dealers and collectors who have profiteered through the ignorance of collectors, and I would suggest that the matter be brought before the delegates so action may be taken.

The most flagrant case which has occurred was perpetrated on prominent members of the Detroit Philatelic Association recently. Please refer to the communications which have passed between Philip H. Ward, Jr., of Philadelphia, and the writer. No one has stood higher in the estimation of members of our Society than Philip H. Ward, Jr., and when I along with others received letter No. 1 we all acted on his suggestion to remit $\$ 10.00$ and receive a block of four each of the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}$ and 3 c stamps, $11 \times 10$ perforation. We all thought the same, that is, that a find of the present issue of the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}$ and 3 c had been found in the above perforation. If Mr. Ward had given us more particulars regarding his great find, that they came from sheets of 170 , and the printing from the rotary process, not one of us wonld have answered his letter, for we knew that for the past two years plates were prepared for this purpose, as has been described in several philatelic papers for the past eighteen months. I also claim that Mr. Ward and others must have known at once what these stamps were. If Mr. Ward did not know, then he is not the expert we thought he was.

From the enclosed correspondence you will notice I gave Mr. Ward an opportunity to make this matter right with me. Mr. Ward wrote the best friend he has in Detroit for advice as to what he shonld do. This friend wrote Mr. Ward immediately informing him that he should refund the total amount to each one who had paid him the $\$ 10.00$, which he did not do, but sent all the others, with exception of myself, a strip of four imperfect Roller Process stamps, which he valued at $\$ 10.00$. After waiting abont six weeks Mr. Ward wrote me the letter marked No. 7, which I have not yet answered, but will when the opportune time arrives.

In conclusion, I have purchased thonsands of dollars worth of stamps during the past fifty years, and this is the first time I was ever asked by a dealer or collector to remit in advance.

Mr. Ward's high standing in philatelic circles prompted me not to question his good business motive, that from the small find, there not being enough to go around, that those sending the cash in advance wonld be given preference.

Respectfully yours,

## JOHN KAY, <br> President Detroit Philatelic Association.

P. S.-Three weeks previous to Mr. Ward's notifying us of his find, thousands of these stamps were sold in the New York postoffice and a large department house were using them in their regular mail. Is it possihle that this was not known to Mr. Ward and others?

Copy.
Letter No. 1.
PHILIP H. WARD, JR. P. O. Box $42 I 6$, Gtn.,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
U. S. A.

June 19, 1919.
Dear Sir: I have located one sheet each of the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}$ and 3 c compound perforation IIXIO, these having been on sale at one postoffice, where they became exhausted before being discovered. They are experimental only and will without donbt be rare. While they last, I will sell a single copy of each for $\$ 3$ for the three, or blocks of four for $\$ 10$ for the three blocks. If interested kindly let me have check by return mail, as there are not enough to go round.

Very trnly,

P. H. WARD, JR.

Copy. Letter No. 2.

June 21st, 1919.
Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., P. O. Box 4216, Gtn.. Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir: In answer to yours of the 19 th inst., enclosed find check for $\$ 10.00$. Kindly see that the stamps are nicely centered, as I am very particular about this.

With regard, I am, sincerely yours,
(Signed)

## JOHN KAY.

## Copy.

Letter No. 3.
P. O. Box 4216, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., June 24, 1919.

Mr. John Kay, Detroit, Mich.
Dear Sir: I thank you for your letter of the 2 Ist and in reply send you herewith blocks of the compounds. I picked out the very best centered block that I had and I am sure that they will please you.

I have read with interest the first paragraph of your letter wherein you state that a postoffice clerk has some le block imperf. vertically and some imperf. horizontally which he is holding at $\$ 4$ per block. I have not seen these and bave not as yet listed them in my chronicle for "Mekeel's." Will you not be so good as to obtain for me two blocks of each variety and send them on and I will remit promptly, or be so good as to give me the gentleman's name and I will write direct. I enclose return postage and will celtainly appreciate any trouble taken in my beinalf.

In fact, if you will be so good as to arrange for me to get some of these, I will send you some blocks for your coliection that 1 am sure will please you.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) . PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

## Copy.

Letter No. 4.
June 24 th, 1919.
Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., P. O. Box 4216 , Gtn., Philadelphia, Pa.
My Dear Sir: If you have not sent my block of four concerning which I wrote you on the 21 st inst., kindly cancel the order.

I received this morning from a noted stamp collector in New York a block of six each of the same stamps, at least I presume they are, perforated $10 \times 1 I$, with plate number $S-30$ after the regular plate number, and you can get any quantity of them in New York, not only the $1 c, 2 c$ and $3 c$, but the $4 c$ and $6 c$.

Awaiting your reply, I am, respectfnlly yours,
(Signed)
JOHN KAY.

## Copy.

Letter No. 5.
Dear Mr. Kay: Sosry your second letter did not reach me in time. You will realize, however, from the date of the one wherein I sent the stamps that they left me before yours possibly could have arrived. 1 paid a stiff price for my first sheets and sold them all before the second lot was received in New York. I could have sold these blocks over several times had you not called for them. Hence, am returning same herewith.

## W.

Copy.
Letter No. 6.
July 2nd, 1919.
Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., P. O. Box 4216, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir: Enclosed I return the stamps and insist upon the return of my $\$ 10.00$.
I give you this opportunity to make this transaction right with me. This whole transaction has been far from what I would expect from Mr. Ward, who has stood very high in my estimation, not only as a collector, but a gentleman. You must have known that these plates were cut some time ago, to be used for the purpose they are now being used.

I cannot understand, with your supposed knowledge of the Bureau of Engraving, how you were induced to pay exorbitant prices. I see no reason, from a gentleman's point of view, why you should take advantage of others who were ignorant in regard to the Bureau of Engraving's issue of stamps. Your writing us that you were in close tonch with the Bureau of Engraving has given us all great confidence in you. If anyone else had offered stamps at the price that you did, with the little information you wrote in regard to them, not one in a hundred would have accepted the "bait."

I would like very much, indeed, for you to answer this letter by return mail and comply with my reuqest in the first part of it to return my $\$ 10.00$.

Very truly yours,
(Signed)

JOHN KAY.
Copy.
Letter No. 7.
P. O. Box 4216, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., August 8, 1919.

Mr. John Kay, Detroit, Mich.
Dear Sir: I had intended ignoring your letter of the 3rd because of its tone, but later realized that I have a number of friends in Detroit who are possibly friends of yours, and under the circumstances am yriting. If you think for one moment that an ungentlemanly letter such as you have written would in the least persuade me to do any more for you than 1 would for the rest, or, in fact, make a full rebate to you, why you are greatly mistaken.

In the first place, I offered you certain stamps at what would have been very reasonable had they turned out as we all expected and fallen in a class with the other compounds that sell around $\$ 15-\$ 20$ each. In such a case, I can imagine you sending me a check for the advance. I in no way guaranteed the price and said nothing whatsoever to lead you to believe that I would refund if the market declined. If I or anyone else could buy all the rare varieties as they came out with a guarantee that they would never lower in value, why would not we have a merry time? In fact, you were hunting for a "heads I win tails you lose" proposition, I suppose. Well, I paid a good price for my sheets and have no intention of standing all the loss. I know of no dealer that would give such a guarantee.

After the stamps declined in price I wrote Mr. Wylie asking that he suggest the fair thing to do, in fact, what he would have done while a dealer under the circumstances. He suggested that I rehate my profit, and 1 am accordingly sending you my check herewith, for $\$ 5.00$, together with the blocks that you returned. I would advise now that it will be useless for you to return them or the check, for I I'OSITIVELY HAVE NO INTENTIONS to doing more for you than the others.

## Very truly yours,

(Signed)
PHILIP H. WARD, JR.
THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the reading of these communications. I would be glad to hear an expression from the members, as it seems to be a controversy between two of our members which I believe should be settled privately.

MR. GOOD: 'Mr. Chairman, Mr. Kay has the privilege of referring the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents if he wants to make a complaint on it.

MR. DIAMANT: He asks in his letter that this matter be brought before the delegates and action taken by them.

MR. HATFIELD: I think it ought to go before the Board of Vice-Presidents, and I move that it be referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

Motion duly seconded.
THE PRESIDENT: The motion is made and seconded that this matter be referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents. Are there any remarks?

MR. GOOD: 1 do not think the chairman understood my remarks. I said that Mr. Kay has the privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, but a motion has been made in response to your remarks.

MR. GOOD: I said Mr. Kay has a right to refer it to the Board of VicePresidents, if he desires.

THE PRESIDENT: He has referred it to us and we have referred it to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

MR. SEVERN: Should not this matter be referred to the Board of VicePresidents before being brought to our attention?

THE PRESIDENT: It has been brought before us and I think our action is all right.

MR. SLATER: I do not think we have any right to go into this matter here. We are all delegates; I know we have no accredited delegate from any particular society, we are all delegates from different societies, but not for such purposes as that. We have a Board of Vice-Presidents to whom such things as this are referred, and I think that is the proper place to bring this matter before, and what they decide is good for us, as we have elected them to that place and 1 do not see that we can do anything in that matter.

THE PRESIDENT: There is a motion duly made and seconded before the house. (Juestion called.) All those in favor of the motion will signify by sayng "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion unanimously carried.
THE PRESIDENT: The matter will be referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, in view of the fact that this recommendation was made to us by Mr. Kay, in all good faith and kindness, I think it should be referred back to him in a very tactful way, and that he be gently shown that it is better for the Convention to act upon anything that is embodied in the Vice-Presidents' report, rather than anything that is brought boldiy to the attention of the Convention, because we have no way of investigating on short notice the many different details that must euter into a case of this kind.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it your suggestion, Mr. Severn, that the Secretary write him a letter?

THE SECRETARY: I think that is a good idea.
THE PRESIDENT: It is so acted upon.
THE SECRETARY: Gentlemen, I have a communication here from our old friend, H. E. Deats, of Flemington, New Jersey. It is in the nature of semi-official order, but at the same time there begin so many of us here from different sections of the country, I think it well to read this letter here, that we may all be on the lookout for the proper person to whom Mr. Deats refers.

I will preface the reading of this letter with the remarks that Mr. Stowell, our printer, has, within the last few months, forwarded all of the accumulated back numbers of the American Philatelist to Mr. Deats, who, as you know, is the custodian of our publication's back numbers, and inasmuch as the printer has forwarded to me twenty-five copies of each issue to send to those who miss receiving their copy, I had something like probably five to ten copies of each issue left after supplying all of our members with copies that did not reach them. I have now forwarded those to Mr. Deats, which calls forth this letter.

The Secretary read letter from Mr. Deats.

Flemington, New Jersey, July 16, 1919.
Dr. H. A. Davis, 11 Hamilton Apartments, Denver, Colorado.
My Dear Doctor: I have yours of July Sth with list of back numbers of the American Philatelist and the shipping receipt. I will report to you on their arrival.

My cash account is just about balanced, so I think I will not render any report to you for the Convention this year. The demand has been very slight, but has been sucffient to pay the freight bills and postage.

The time is coming when I will have to turn over this accumulation of junk to some one else. The most of it is now stored in the basement of a store building in Flemington under the postoffice, If the Postoffice Department continues to use my quarters they will probably want a part of the basement, which will necessitate my moving out a quantity of material which is stored free of charge. If you find some good-natured fellow who wants the job of being keeper of the archives, he may have the job at any time. it should be some one not too far away from here, so that the Society would not be put to too much expense to move it.

Yours truly,

## H. E. DEATS.

Flemington, New Jersey, July 30, 1919.
Dr. H. A. Davis, 11 Hamilton Apartments, Denver, Colorado.
My Dear Doctor: I have yours of July 22nd. I am unable to say just how much floor space the stuff would take, but by using packing boxes stood on one side like sectional bookcases it would require probably a space twelve by fifteen feet at the minimum, and stacking them as high as a person could reach. Of course, there is considerable stuff that can be discarded, although I personally do not like to take the responsibility of doing it alone. Some people I suppose would junk the whole pile.

Yours truly,
H. E. DEATS.

THE SECRETARY: I immediately wrote Mr. Deats and asked him to give me some idea of the amount of floor space necessary to provide for this accumulation of publications, and he replied. I merely read this letter in case there might be some one here who knows of some one who would be willing to take over this accumulation of publications. All back numbers of the American Pinilatelist, the reserve of our publications, and such other matter as has been turned in by different members.

THE PRESIDENT: I thiuk that when the time comes, if it does come, the Board of Directors could handle that matter; give Mr. Deats authority to store it somewhere, and unless somehody bas a better suggestion to make, I think that will dispose of the matter.

THE SECRETARY: I have some resolutions here, and I would like to be permitted to hand these to the Committee on Resolutions.

Secretary Davis read invitations to hold the next Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society in the following cities:

Buffalo, N. Y., from the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce.
Columbus, Ohio, from the Conventions and Publicity Assn.
San Francisco, Calif., from the Convention and Tourist League.
New York City, Merchants' Association of New York.
Chicago, Ill., Chicago Association of Commerce.
Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Philatelic Society.
Also the following letter from Nathaniel Patteck, A. P. S. \#5191:
176 Grand ist. Ext., Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 2, 1919.
American Plilatelic Society, care Dr. H. A. Davis, 125 North Tejon St., Colorado Springs. Col.

Dear Sir: As I am a Stocklolder of the American Philatelic Society, I would suggest that the Annual Convention should he held in New York City next year.

In order to convince you according to my point of view, I will state my reasons, as follows:

First. The Merchants' Association of New York will furnish a hotel free of retnal charges to he used for the convention, also meeting rooms.

Second. To have the New York Stamp Society join the American Philatelic Society and there be held in conjunction with the convention a great international exhibition.

Third. The convention and exhibition will draw a large attendance from neighboring towns.

Fourth. The New York daily newspapers will give the societies and philately in general a large amount of space.

Fifth. The daily papers of New York have larger circulations than any other papers in the United States. The papers of other towns recopy the news from these papers, which means that many collectors will read the news ahout the convention and exhibition.

Sixth. The Society will receive many new members.
I hope the ahove six points will meet with your approval and your co-operation in having the Convention brought to New York City in the year of 1920.

> Respectfully yours,

NATHANIEL PATTECK, A. P.S. \#5191.
THE SECRETARY: I think Mr. Slater has a communication for us. (Applause.)

MR. SLATER: Mr. President and gentlemen. A few days ago $I$ was in the East and met Mr. Robert. S. Emerson, President of the Rhode Island Philatelic

Society, and when he found that I would probably be in St. Louis about this time he requested that $I$ come to the meeting and speak for him in inviting the Society to have its next annual meeting at Providence, Rhode Island, as a guest of the Rhode Island Society, which had authorized him to issue the invitation. (Applause.)

MR. DIAMANT: If there is nothing else, let the committees get busy and we will have another session this afternoon.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: I move that we adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon.
Motion duly seconded, put and carried.
Whereupon, at 12 o'clock noon, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention reassembled ot 3.30 P. M. on the steamer St. Paul, President H. H. Wilson presiding.

THE PRESIDENT: Please come to order, gentlemen. I think the ouly unfinished business we have for this afternoon is reports of committees that are ready to report, and I will call them in the order they were appointed. Finance Committee: Mr. Heyerman, are you ready with your report?

Mr. C. F. Heyerman, chairman of the Finance Committee, read the following report:

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

After careful consideration of the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the Official Journal, your committee respectfully reports:

1. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer are found to be very satisfactory and to have been duly audited.
2. On the matter of the Editor's report, your committee finds that the financial part balances in itself, but there is a discrepancy of $\$ 101.00$ between his report and that of the Treasurer. The Editor's Angust, 1919 , remittance of $\$ 95.39$ has not as yet been received by the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. HEYERMAN, Chairmau.<br>HUGH M. CLARK.<br>GEORGE A. BELL.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the report of the Finance Committee. What is your pleasure?

MR. HATFIELD: I move that it be placed on file.
MR. GOOD: Mr. Chairman, I always wonder what the duties of a Finance Committee are. The last few years they have been considered sort of an auditing committee. I think the Finance Committee is one that should go over the expenditures for tle ".. year and give a report of whether the expenditures were made judiciously or oi. srwise. Eren the books are always audited by the committee appointed before the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: I am not sufficiently familiar with the By-Laws to answer you offhand, and I do not know whether it specifies or not. I do not see anything in the By-Laws goveruing that. These are temporary committees and I do not see anything here (examining year book) showing what their duties are.

MR. GOOD: After all, it is just a matter of whether the members are satisfied with that kind of a report from the Finance Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: If the members are satisfied with that report, l suggest that some one make a motion that it be received. I think the committees all have latitude to make any report they want.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Does not the recommendation call attention to some discrepancy in some report? Do you want that not looked into? It seems to me they claimed there was a difference, and we cannot hardly accept their report.

MR. EATON: The difference has been explained. It was said that the last remittance from the Editor had not been received.

MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, I might state that I noticed that 'Mr. Leavy's report is dated on the 15 th of August. It is possible that on that date he made what he claims his Angust remittance, but that would not reach me until after I had left home, which was on the 17 th, and the 17 th being Sunday, of course, would have to he received in Detroit on the 16 th to reach me before I left home, which is hardly time enough for transmittal of mail between Washington and Detroit.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: I move that the report be received and filed.
Motion duly seconded by Mr. Severn, put and carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Is the Committee on Sales Department ready to report?
MR. SCOTT: We have not had a session, Mr. President. We will have a session tonight and report at the Convention session tomorrow morning.

THE PRESIDENT: Is the Lihrary Committee ready to report?
MR. HOFFSTETTER: There has been no report received from the Assistant Librarian, and we are unable to do anything. We have asked for further time, as it is perhaps in the delayed mail and we will report tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: Is the Committee on Branch Societies ready to report?
MR. DIAMANT: From what we can gather, there are forty-eight Branch Societies, and we have only received reports from Numhers Three, Eighteen, Twentyfive, Twenty-seven, Twenty-eight, Thirty-five, Forty-three, Forty-six, Forty-seven and Forty-eight-a very small proportion of the number of Branch Societies. It may be possible that they are careless, the same as our St. Louis Branch, as we are equally guilty with the others, but we believe that a report should be sent to the Secretary of all activities of the Branch Societies. It would show the members what the Branch Societies are doing. If they fail to make their reports within a few weeks before we have the Convention, it may be suggested that the Secretary ask them if they won't please send in their reports.

Of the Branch Societies that have sent their reports, none of them have made any recommendations. Inasmuch as so many of the Societies are located in different sections of the United States, and it is almost impossible for them to send delegates, we think that it might be condncive to good results if they would make recommendations, if they consider they can be of any assistance to the other Societies by so doing.

Among those who have made their reports, we wish to compliment Detroit Branch Number Twenty-five, for the reason they have made a report which is quite interesting, inasmuch as it states the dates on which they held their meetings, the number of memhers of the Branch Society who attended at these meetings, and the different places at which these meetings have heen held. We think they are doing very good work in their branch.

We also recommend that the Los Angeles Branch, Number thirty-five, select a secretary, as their letter indicates that they have no secretary and are, therefore, unable to make a report.

Branch Number Forty-eight having notified ns that they have just received their charter, we welcome them into our fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. DIAMANT, Chairman.

CHARLES C. KELLER.
DR. W. S. MITCHELL.

MR. KELLER: There is one recommendation that Mr. Diamant forgot, in regard to each Society making its report in typewritten form instead of longhand.

MR. DIAMANT: I had that down and forgot it. It is to the effect that most of the letters were written in longhand, and we recommend that the reports be prepared on the typewriter.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, I wish to say that, in view of the chairman's report about notifying Branch Officers to send reports, this is done every year, giving them plenty of time to send their report to this Convention. Here is an original letter, asking them to send their report, from the Secretary to the Branch Officer.

MR. DIAMANT: If 1 may be pardoned for making the suggestion, very often a husy man or a busy organization might overlook a first letter and a second letter "follow-up"might be a reminder. That was my reason for making the suggestion. Of course, you understand that was only a suggestion, that is all it was.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the report of the Committee on Branch Societies. What is your pleasure?

Moved by Mr. Good that the report of the Committee on Branch Societies be received and placed on file. Motion duly seconded, put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: I now call for the report of the Committee on Next Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., August 20, 1919.
The American Philatelic Society.
Your Committee on Place of Next Meeting have, after due consideration, unanimously agreed to recommend that the Annual Meeting of this Society in the year 1920 be held in the City of Providence, Rhode Island, accepting the invitation extended by the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.
A. B. SLATER, Chairman.
J. A. GALBRAITH.
A. A. JONES.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the report of the Committee on Next Convention. What is your pleasure?

MR. HATFIELD: I move that the report be accepted with thanks, and the next Convention be held at Providence.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, merely to place it on record, I wish to say that I received from the Secretary of the Chicago Association of Commerce a handsomely engraved invitation to the American Philatelic Society to hold our Convention in Chicago next year. This merely as a matter of form. I wish to record the fact that it has been received by the Society.

I answered the letter to Mr . Spangler, who is in charge of the Convention Department, saying that it was not our practice to lave our Convention in any city where we did nc: receive an invitation from the local society to meet there.

MR. SLATEI: I might say that the Chamber of Commerce of Rhode Island, through their Secretary, notified the Rhode Island Philatelic Society that they would insist upon co-operating with them in entertaining the American Philatelic Society.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Diamant.
THE PRESIDENT: The motion is that the next Convention be held in Providence, Rhode Island, accepting the kind invitation extended. All those in favor will signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion unanimously carried.
THE PRESIDENT: I would announce for the By-Laws Committee that their report is not ready. We will now call for the report of the Resolutions Committee.

MR. GOOD: Mr. Severn will make a partial report and the balance will be heard in the morning.

MR. SEVERN: As Mr. Good says, the labors of this committee are somewhat arduous, and in view of the fact that it will take some time to consider the various recommendations of this committee, I have been asked to present a partial report concerning a project that is somewhat of a novelty, so far as solicitation of our endorsement is concerned.

I have here a letter from Tom Jones Meek, who is Extension Secretary and Speakers' Bureau of the League to Enforce Peace. Now, Mr. Meek is a philatelist; whether by reason of the fact that he is a philatelist and knows of course, of our Society, he has sent this for our endorsement I am not prepared to say, or whether it is something that is sent out to all organizatious for consideration at the conventions. The resolution is to this effect.

Mr. Severn read the following resolution:
New York, July 29, 1919.
Dr. H. Davis, Secretary, American Philatelic Society, 11 Hamilton Apt., Denver, Colo.
Dear Sir: You will agree with us that now is the strategic time for men and women everywhere to express with decision their will that the world made safe by victory shall be kept safe by the co-operation of the free peoples.

There is no subject more widely discnssed, nor of greater importance, at the present time than the League of Nations-the ideal for which thousands of our boys gave their lives. The covenant of the League has been in the hands of the American people for some months and is shortly coming before the Senate for ratification. Its fate now rests with them.

Will you not present a resolntion to the American Philatelic Society, in convention assembled, favoring the ratification of the League Covenant adopted by the Paris Peace Conference? In times like these the Senate should be informed with regard to the wishes of the people. If you can have your influential body endorse a resolution similar to the one enclosed (which is offered merely as a suggestion), it will add momentum to the constantly increasing demand on the part of the people for a League of Nations to insure peace and justice.
"For the resign of law, based upon the consent of the governed, and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind," I am

Yours sincerely,

## TOM JONES MEEK, <br> Extension Director.

Now that the supreme task of the civilized world in crushing the insolent attempt of the German autocracy to substitute a military dictatorship for self-government and the right of independent thought has been accomplished, an equally great task faces us, for the safety of the world must be secured by a League of Nations to insure jnstice and enforce peace.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, That we rejoice in the establishment at the Peace Conference of a League of Nations to enforce peace and justice throughout the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the ratification of the covenant embodying the League of Nations hy the Senate of the United States without amendment, believing it essential to safeguard the peace that has been won by the joint military forces of the allied nations,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Senators representing the State of at Washington, and to the Hon. William H. Taft, President of the League to Enforce Peace, 130 West Forty-second street, New York.

> Signed
(Name of Organization.)
(Address.)

## (Official Position.)

MR. SEVERN (Continued): As I say, this is a subject which perhaps has never been brought before the Conveution's attention, and this committee, in order to bring the subject to a focus, recommends the adoption of the resolution.

MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, this is a form letter that is sent to nearly every organization and every business concern, I suppose, in this country. I have seen quite a number of them addressed to organizations of which I am a member and I received one in our business, but if we will endorse it I hope it will bring us good results.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other remarks?
MR. Hatrield: Mr. President, I hate to oppose the Resolutions Committee in any way, but I do not see that we have anything to do with the League of Nations. Now, I do not believe you want to bring something into your organization that is possibly going to divide you; whatever we believe politically has nothing to do with our beliefs as collectors of postage stamps. Now, I like Mr. Taft very well; in fact, I have the pleasure and honor of being a friend of his, but-[Mr. Severn: "Here! here!" (laughter)]-while I have been a member of the League to Enforce Peace, I do not believe you want to bring the political question into this organization. I am saying that because I think we may run up against some people here who may think the other way, and I do not believe it is going to do a tremendous good or tremendous harm whichever view we happen to take on that subject, but I, for one, should vote against it.

MR. DIAMANT: You mean that you vote against having peace?
MR. HATFIELD: I vote against the resolution.
MR. DIAMANT: Against this organization answering this communication?
MR. HATFIELD: Yes, sir.
MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, my reason for opposing this resolution is not because I do not want peace, but I do not think, as Mr. Hatfield says, that we want to enter into any political discussion, and furthermore, remember this: Politicians have long heads and long memories, and there is a day not very far distant when we want to come before Congress with a petition and we may have other favors to ask, and we do not want to he placed in a position where some Congressmàn may say, " $O$, you are the little bunch that jumped on us. Certainly we will not work for you; we are going to oppose you." So I think the best thing is to keep out of it for our own good, and remember also that we have favors to ask.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Chairman, I think I am responsible for introducing this resolution to the committee and getting it passed favorably, and in view of the remarks that have been made by Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Wolsieffer, which I think are well taken, I move that we tahle this resolution.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Hatfield.
THE PRESIDENT: A motion has been made and seconded that this petition recommended by the Resolutions Committee be laid on the table.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. Chairman, I think the action that is about to be taken is a very fitting one, and we are on record as having shown extreme courtesy, let me say, to Tom Jones Meek, who is, as I say, one of us, although I doubt whetber he is a member of this organization.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further remarks? (No response.) All those in favor please signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further recommendations of the Committee on Resolutions?

MR. SEVERN: I do not know whether we could go into the various recommeudations that could be presented. We will have a furtber report to submit tomorrow morning.

THE PRESIDENT: The meeting is now open for new business. We have had all the committee reports that are ready for presentation today. We would like to hear from anybody who has any suggestions to make or new business to offer.

MR. HEYERMAN: I would like to offer the following resolution to the A. P.S. Convention:
"Resolved, That the Treasurer's expenses to and from the Annual Convention shall be paid by the Society."

THE PRESIDENT: I suggest that that resolution be referred to the By-Laws Committee, but it is open for discnssion now. The By-Laws Committee would like to hear any remarks.

MR. HATFIELD: Might I inquire, are other officers' expenses paid?
THE SECRETARY: The Secretary's expenses are paid to and from the Convention.

MR. EATON: Mr. Chairman, as far as I am concerned, I would much prefer to make it a salary lather than to make it cover his expenses to and from the Convention. Quite frequently he wonld not want to come to the Convention, yet be would have his work all year. It is not necessary for the Treasurer to be bere, but it is necessary for the Secretary to be here. I think a salary to compensate the Treasurer for his work during the year is far better than his expenses.

MR. HEYERMAN: Mr. President, we have been rather fortunate in perhaps the last three years that the Treasurer has lived where there were sufficient A. P. S. members to andit the Treasurer's books. It bad not been done that way previous to that time, and the Treasurer came with some forty or fifty pounds of books and it took several finance committees to go over them, killing a lot of the members' good time to stay in a committee room and audit those books. By this system of auditing, as we have done the last three years, we have been able to save the big committee's time at the Convention. Some time we will have a Treasurer the only man in a town a menber of our Society, and then you will not be able to audit his books unless he sends them to the Convention or is there in person to answer any questions that might arise.

MR. HATFIELD: Mr. President, I am not proposing this at all, but I do not see any reason why members in a town or members of the Association sbould be burdened by auditing the books of the Treasurer. It seems to me that the only proper auditing yon can have is by an audit company or a certified public accountant. I know that in organizations that I am in I would not give much for an audit made by my lellow directors in the bank or any institutions. I think that this Society can afford to pay for a public accountant to audit the Treasurer's books, and that is really what we ought to have to take that labor off the Treasurer and off the members. If we cannot afford to pay for such a thing, I think we bad better go out of existence. I believe that ought to be done, and if I were Treaesurer I would rather have it done, it seems to me, than to have it done in the way it bas been
done. I am not objecting, you understand, to the motion of the resolution about the Treasurer's salary; I think the Treasurer should be paid, but I do believe you ought to pay also for an auditor.

THE PRESIDENT: The meeting is open for further remarks. This resolution is to be referred to the By-Laws Committee and we will be glad to hear any other opinions on the subject.

MR. HANFORD: Mr. Heyerman has been Treasurer, and he may bave some reasons for this. Personally, I am in favor of paying the officers' expenses, for the reason that you will have somebody present and not be caught as we are this time in not having a Vice-President here. If there are one or two that are paid we can depend upon their being here, and I think Mr. Heyerman may have some other reason that is valid. I would like to hear further from Mr. Heyerman of his experience.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Heyerman, do you wish to say anything more for your resolution, that the Treasurer's expenses be paid rather than add the amount to his salary?

MR. HEYERMAN: I would leave that to the committee that it is referred to.
THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further remarks? (No response.) All those in favor of referring the resolution to the By-Laws Committee, please say "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Now, Mr. Scott, have you anything to propose?
MR. SCOTT: The Society provides for a life membership to any memher wishing to avail himself of the opportunity upon the payment of twenty dollars. No provision is made as yet for the issuing of a certificate or membership card or anything that may identify the memher holding a life membership as being such. It occurs that by resolution of this Society some officer, the President or Secretary or perhaps both, should be authorized to issue such a certificate indicating that the member is a life member upon the payment of this fee, and give him something to show that he is a life member.

THE PRESIDENT: Can you answer that, Mr. Secretary? Is there any provision made, form printed, etc.?

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Cbairman, Mr. Scott's remarks are to the point, and I think something should be done authorizing some officer to provide a certificate of membership for life members.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, is not that a routine matter, and is not the Secretary or Treasurer authorized, by inference, to provide proper certificate to show the different classes of membership? To me it would seem as if there were nothing to prevent the Secretary or Treasurer issuing a certificate of the kind or whatever might be necessary.

MR. KELLER: I would make a motion that this matter be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

MR. GOOD: I do not think it comes under that classification.
MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, I move that the Secretary be authorized to provide the proper certificate showing life membership.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Good.
THE PRESIDENT: A motion has been made and seconded that the Secretary get up a form card to show life membership. Are there any further remarks? (No response.) All thase in favor of the motion will signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion unanimously carried.
MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, have we only four life memberships of the Society so far?

THE PRESIDENT: That is all.
MR. DIAMANT: It seems very small. I will become a life member if there are enough here to make it so we will have fifteen. Now, you can print a nice card to make us life members.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, I have often thought of becoming a life member, but $I$ am quite a yonngster yet and I thought I could pay more money into the Association by not doing so. If I live twenty or more years the Society would get more. I think my membership ought to be one hundred dollars. First it was one hundred dollars, then it went down to fifty dollars, and now it is twenty dollars.

MR. DIAMANT: It was not my object to save money, but the more life members we have the surer we are that the activities of the life members will be constant. Now, I notice that in a great many societies the members drop out and quit becoming active, but if they know they art a part of the orgnization they will stick right to it. It isn't so much the financial amount that is required to make one a life member, but 1 think it is a pretty good prestige.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, with that explanation of Mr. Diamant, I will allow my name to go down there.

MR. GOOD: Mr. Chairman, $I$ wish to remark that the reason that there are not more than four is that since this By-Law was passed at Alexandria Bay two years ago the thing was not given any publicity at all, the matter was not pushed.

THE PRESIDENT: Now is a good time to push it.
MR. DIAMANT: That was my reason for doing that.
MR. HANFORD: If you will make me number five, you can put my name down.
MR. DIAMANT: You are about nine now. You can't roh me of my distinction of being number five.

THE PRESIDENT: Now, Mr. Good, will you please $\begin{gathered}\text { read those names and tell }\end{gathered}$ us how many you have today?

Mr. Good read the following names: Mr. Diamant, Mr. Severn, Mr. Clark, Mr. Wolsieffer, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Hanford, Mr. Hatifeld.

THE PRESIDENT: As I understand it, the next bill these members will receive will be for tyenty dollars.

MR. GOOD: I will make out a plainer list and give it to the Secretary.
THE PRESIDENT: Is there any other new business to come before this meeting?

MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, your remark that the next bill these members would receive would be for twtney dollars; I think that is a little out of the ordinary. They will receive in the course of the next few weeks the regular annual notice. These applications, it seems to me, should be forwarded in the regular way, and the payment be forwarded with the application or upon receipt of the membership card. I cannot keep track of who says they are going to be life members and send them bills accordingly.

MR. GOOD: Mr. Chairman, I think that is a mere detail that can be arranged letween the Secretary and Treasurer.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, I will be only too glad to send a bill to the gentlemen.

MR. HANFORD: Mr. Chairman, it strikes me in that matter of life membership in the A. P.S. the man should be in good standing for say about five years.

MR. GOOD: A member is supposed to be in good standing when he is first admitted as a member.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any provision that the Board of Vice-Presidents can expel a life nember?

MR. SEVERN: Why, certainly.
MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, in view of the remarks made by Mr. Hanford,
there is no provision that would prevent a collector from making application to become a life member any different than becoming a regular member, is there?

THE PRESIDENT: No, sir.
MR. DIAMANT: Even as now, if a member wishes to join the Association and sends twenty dollars to become a life member, would not his reference be looked into?

THE PRESIDENT: Surely.
MR. DIAMANT: If during the period of his membership he should be expelled, would not that affect a life member the same as a regular member? Under those circumstances, I do not see why we should seek any further reference to having him become a life member.

MR. HATFIELD: There is an answer here to what you have said. (Read from year book.)

Article 2, Section 1. * * * Any member may become a member for life by the payment of $\$ 20.00 ; \$ 6.66$ of which shall be credited to tire American Philatelist. Such life membership being subject to the same rules of conduct as applies to the ordinary annual member and may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors for just cause.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any other new business to be presented? If not, we will adjourn on motion.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: This would be a good time to discuss anything we have to discuss for the betterment of the Society.

MR. SCOTT: While we are all in this receptive mood, I wish to say that there is a contingency that has just arisen. The Society has heen operating under a resolution passed at some previous convention that members resident of foreign countries and those in the service of the United States should not be dropped for the non-payment of dues during the period of the war. There the resolution ends. The war has ended and we are now confronted with the proposition as to what shall be done as to the collection of the dues that have accrued to those members who have not been dropped by reason of this resolution. I would like instructions from the Society as to whether to make an effort to collect these back dues, or collect the dues for the current year and let the matter rest.

MR. HATFIELD: The war is not officially ended.
DR. MITCHELL: Being one of those members, I believe the idea is the same as in the Masonic Order. They carried their members to Jannary 1st this year. Since January 1st we have paid dues and I think they should pay dues in this Society trom January 1st this year.

MR. HATFIELD: The war is not officially ended and you could not collect.
DR. MITCHELL: T\&e trouble is that the fiscal year for the Society ends on August 31 st, and the amount is so small it wonld not pay to pro rate it. I do not think it should be remitted for the year 1919.

THE PRESIDENT: Those bills have been rendered already.
Mr. Heyerman: Mr. President, did not the Treasurer raise the question as to whether the back dues should be paid, or was the intention of that resolution to remit or discard all dues up to the time peace should be declared?

MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, my idea is as to whether the dues should be remitted or whether an effort should be made to collect them. I assume the dues to be collected September, 1919, should be paid. The war is sufficiently over to offset any advantage that may accrue to any member on account of this resolution up to that time, but some of them (I would estimate that there are perhaps one hundred) have been carried for periods of one, two and some three years under this resolution. Now, the question with me is not whether to collect the dues for 1919, but whether to collect the dues for 191.6, 1917 and 1918.

THE PRESIDENT: I believe the intention of the resolution was to omit those
dues entirely. I would like to have some one make a motion or hear from them.
MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, I want to say that there may be some complications in regard to the foreign members. It may not be generally known, but practically ninety per cent. of the foreign membership in this Society was only given to us by reason that they wanted to make something out of us, and they pay, for that purpose, their dues. These people have had books in the Sales Department, I have been paying their dues, carrying them along and charging it to their account; some accounts are closed and I have carried them up to this year.

If you are going to remit the foreign members, there is some refund coming to those members whose dues I have deducted. I find that foreign membership is not very large, but it is of just that kind that gives the Sales Superintendent a great deal of trouble.

DR. MITCHELL: Mr. President, I will make a motion that the dues for the members of the American Philatelic Society, those in service, for 1917 and 1918, be remitted.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, we have prohably fifty per cent. of the membership whose names we have been carrying in good standing who have paid back dues. In the case of some of our foreign members, they have paid three years' back dues. Do you think it fair to remit the other fifty per cent.? I am opposed to that entirely. 1 believe all our membership should be treated alike, not only in the case of our foreign members, but those who lave been on our Honor Roll have sent- in their dues in full, a large percentage of them.

DR. MITCHELL: I am not in favor of remitting any dues of foreign members at all. There is no reason for them not paying their dues, except those of our Allies who are in service, hut I do not think the dues of foreign members as a whole should be remitted, unless they were in service.

MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, it is absolutely impossible to find out who of our foreign members were in service and who were not.

THE PRESIDENT: There is a motion before the meeting, which has been duly rade and seconded. Are there any further remarks? (No response.) I think Dr. Davis' objection is well taken, as some have paid.

DR. MITCHELL: The motion is to remit the dues. If they have already been paid, then remit them.

THE PRESIDENT: Are you leady for the question? (Question called.) All those in favor of remitting the dues of the members who were in active service of war for the years 1917 and 1918 will please say "Aye," opposed "No." I think the ayes have it. Is there any doubt of that decision? We will take a rising vote, if demanded.

Rising vote taken and eighteen members rose as in favor of the motion and eight members rose as opposed.

Motion carried.
MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, while we are on that subject, I asked the question of the Secretaly as to whether we had any information as to how many of our members have gone to the Great Beyond through this war. I understand we have only had one. I would like to make a motion that, that one, or as many more that we hear of, who lave given up their lives for the canse of making the world safe for democracy, be given a place in our list of members and that they be given a. place in the Year Book and a permanent place in the membership directory.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Good, put and unanimously carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further business to come before this session?
MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, I made some references in my remarks about foreign membership. The sentiment among some of the members is that we ought to go out and advertise it abroad and get more foreign members. I have always opposed this. This is the American Philatelic Society, and its records will
show, in the majority of cases, when the foreign members joined us they sent in applications of men interested in selling goods, selling stamps, and in some cases the stamps were of a suspicious character. Several series of books have been sent to the Department that members have called attention to, coming from different localities abroad, that stamps had been tampered with; they seemed to have no scruples, they put in stamps of all kinds, it required the greatest amount of attention to weed them out, and while perhaps the members do not do it intentionally, they show a certain amount of carelessness that looks like intent. Some of our foreign members have put in United States stamps, probably innocently, yet most of the troubles, as I stated, in the Sales Department comes from the foreign members and their books.

I do not believe we want to advertise the foreign member, and if the foreign member wants to join us for his own benefit only, I think he ought to pay a little higher for the privilege. I told one of the gentlemen who spoke to me about this that I did not like to bring it up, as 1 am in the stamp business and it might seem that I want to keep them out on account of competition. I know when any good stuff comes from across the water they know how to charge for it, as we do here. A number of them are using the Sales Department for the purpose of unloading undesirable material, and if there are going to be any efforts made to increase the membership I think they ouglit to increase the price to them, because the American Philatelic Society is not an international organization. We invite dealers to put in good stuff, because the collectors themselves have not got the good stuff, but I do not think we want the seconds and thirds that they cannot get rid of in their owi country, and if there is anything done, tangibly, to increase the foreign membership, 1 think their dues should be increased.

THE PRESIDENT: To increase the dues of the foreign members would require an amendment to the By-Laws. If you want to make a motion to refer it to the Committee on By-Laws, and incorporate it in our report, you can do that.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Well, to get the matter before the Convention in regular form, I make a motion to that effect, or rather I make a suggestion to the By-Laws Committee that they bring in a revised By-Law increasing the rate of the foreign member from one dollar and eighty cents to five dollars per year.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Eaton.
THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, as I understand Mr. Wolsieffer's resolution, it was a recommendation to the By-Laws Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: Then there is no further action on that. Is there anything further to come before the Society?

MR. FLERLAGE: Speaking on the proposition just outlined by Mr. Wolsieffer, don't you think that in lieu of increasing the annual dues to five dollars that a rule could be made whereby all foreign members would be taxed twenty-five per cent., the difference between the Sales Superintendent's commission and that amount to revert to the Society? In that way, I believe, a greater revenue would accrue to the Society and you would not be playing favorites, and one man would not be "soaked" for the gains of another. I think it could be incorporated as to charge a straight twenty-five per cent. from contributing foreign members and it would take care of the situation quite nicely.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further remarks? The Committee on ByLaws is going to consider this matter and we would like to hear the views of the members. (No response.)

Is there any further business to come before this meeting, for the good and welfare of the Association?

MR. KELLER: Mr. President, I want to call the attention of the membership here to a matter that we should all, every one of us, not only those here present, but every member of the Association, no matter where he may be, that be be espe-
cially requested to see his Congressman, if possible, if not to write his Congressman, for the purpose of securing legislation at Washington permitting us the freedom that we ought to have in the issuing of catalogs. We have not enough freedom.

THE PRESIDENT: You mean along the line of illustrating stamps?
MR. KELLER: I will see my two Congressmen personally, and I would like to see every member who has the power to see his own Congressman, to see him and talk with him, and if he cannot do that, write to him. If every one of us does it, we will bring sufficient pressure to bear on Congress and they will sit up and take notice.

MR. DIAMANT: Isn't that one of the resolutions to be taken up tomorrow and given careful consideration? We have an opportunity to talk it over today and tomorrow. It will require considerable discussion and considerable action. We can take it up tomorrow, as we will lave a little more time and can give it more consideration and thought.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other matters to come before this session? If not, I think we may as well adjourn.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, before we adjourn, I want to ask about tbe duties of the Educational Committee. Is that a live committee, Mr. Secretary?

THE SECRETARY: No, it is not.
MR. SEVERN: In other words, was it legislated out of existence, or did it just die a natural death?

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President. I cannot answer that question because the Educational Committee was not in force when I took the office, and it must have died one way or tine other previonsly.

MR. SEVERN: In this connection it may be said that certain men of influence among our membership have been giving no little study to the question of publicity for philately, and it is aimed, I understand, to interest the young and the popular mind by presenting in the publications throughout the country news and interesting information about stamps. It has been found that the press bas been of great service in spreading the thonght of stamp collecting, and it may be well, after a lapse of some years, to reinstate some measure by which we could systematically cover, so to say, the country in a newspafer sense.

Now, experimentally, a Publicity Committee could be appointed to serve for one year, and at the next Convention, if we see that the results are at all commensurate with the efforts expended by this committee, then we can perhaps, on a more pretentious scale, do work along those lines, but in view of the lact that the Educational Committee, which did yeoman service a number of years, proved the necessity of a committee of similar kind, I think it would be well next year to experiment, at least, by forming what might be called a "Publicity Committee," and the duties might be outlined before we adjourn, in case the subject is acceptable to the members, or refer the matter to the committee that will report tomorrow.

It has just been whispered in my ear that if it were known that the Society itself would not be taxed for any of this propaganda work, and that contributions would come in from outside sources-by that I mean to say from the members individually, those who are inclined to further the work-perhaps that would clarify the situation. It would certainly make it easier for us as an organization if we knew that we were not to be taxed for any of this expenditure. Then the committee, naturally, would be made a permanent committee, but it is understood that a permanent committee could hare its life revoked at any convention, but permanent would be more sounding than any temporary committee.

THE PRESIDENT: What is your idea, that a committee should be appointed or nominated?

MR. SEVERN: My idea is that if the idea were acceptable, that the committee be appointed and the President is empowered to appoint a committee of the kind,
or more particularly the Board of Directors. It is a question of whether that is of such general interest that it is made a matter of Convention interest, or reported by the chairman of any committee to which it might be referred.

THE PRESIDENT: I think this is a good opportunity.
MR. HATFIELD: Mr. Chairman, I hate to talk all the time, but I think that is one of the very important things that the Society wants to take up, the question of publicity, the question of education and bringing the matter before the public so that we are going to get the proper increase of young people taking an interest in stamps. I helieve that it is possible to do it. I do not know much about stamps, but I talk a lot, and I find that going around among the young people and going to schools and talking to them that we do get an interest in stamps, and the trouble that I found in one or two schools has been that finally the teachers would have to stop them hecause they fonnd that the young people were taking so much interest in the stamps that they were neglecting their studies.

Now, if you can start that along it is going to supply us all the time with an increase of young people that we have to have to take the place of us old fellows as we pass on. I helieve that is very important, and my notion would be to refer it to the Resolutions Committee and ask them to recommend something to us. I so move you.

MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, I fully agree with the remarks of Mr. Hatfield, and I will tell you why. The St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society for some years past have heen giving little lectures on stamps. The results of these lectures have been that we have five or six junior societies composed of boys; they have the teachers of the schools who are, in a measure, superintending the activities of these little societies and encouraging the boys to collect stamps. I only wish that they would also encourage the girls to do the same, hut at the same time, the very fact that through this propaganda work we have gotten so many boys who are collecting stamps in St. Louis, if these activities were taken up by the Branch Societies all over the United States it would be conducive to good results.

I have not the slightest idea right now what will be the effect of this publicity that has been given here the past week, as to how many will attend the lecture this evening at the Planters' Hotel, but 1 hope we will have a fairly representative number present. I am anxious to find out if we will have good results. 1 think that will be the hest evidence of that fact that others should do the same as we are doing here. Now, results will show after seven-thirty tonight.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the Resolutions Committee consider that in their report tomorrow?

MR. GOOD: As far as I am concerned, we will be pleased to.
THE PRESIDENT: I think it is a very important subject, and that is my idea of how it should be done.

MR. GOOD: I think this educational feature is a matter that ought to be permanently carried on by the Society. There is some good the Society can do, and I do not think it should he averse to appropriating some funds for that purpose.

MR. KELLER: Mr. President, I would like to state that there is a movement on foot now in Detroit among the school teachers to take up the matter of teaching the children geography through stamps. It has already gotten a start in Detroit and in the near future it will be adopted as a regular course by the Board of Education.

MR. SEVERN: While on the subject of pnblicity, I want to call attention to the fact that in the smaller towns particularly the average member of this organization is acquainted with the editor of the local paper, one or more, and I am sure that any newspaper man will, from time to time, puhlish fresh matter on the subject of stamps. Of course, the managing editor is the one to estimate the value of the news, but publicity of that kind in the local press is the kind hest calculated to
have results in the immediate vicinity. Now, of course, it is very important to have stuff in the metropolitan press, and we can congratulate ourselves whenever we succeed in entering their columns, but at the same time in the smaller places. where the editor is in touch more or less with the members of the organization in those respective towns, there is the place where the best work may be done, and if the member will take the first step and let it be known that he is always ready to give information that might be of interest to the editor's readers. I am sure that he will be met half way, and make it known, in case he does not care for publicity himself, that he is furthering the cause of collecting.

MR. FLERLAGE: Mr. President, in connection with the committee, I would like to suggest that if such a committee be appointed, one man be designated to hold the office similar to a press clipping bureau, and proper notice be published in onr official journal to cut all newspaper items pertaining to stamps or its kindred sciences and forward them to the man designated as the press clipping bureau, and when these notices or any number that come to him, to send them to the chairman for distribution to such newspapers who might be induced to publish them.

THE PRESIDENT: As I understand it, the Resolutions Committee are going to take all these remarks under consideration and frame up a resolution to be presented tomorrow. I will be glad to hear any further suggestions from anybody.

MR. KELLER: Mr. President, there is one other matter that I wish to bring up here. I would like to ask what is the real benefit in publishing a Philatelic Index in every issue of the A. P. S. Journal? Why can't that matter be done every year, that is, once a year in supplemental form, or say every six months. I would like to get some information on it.

THE PREISIDENT: I do not feel capable of answering that.
MR. GOOD: Mr. Chairman, that is a matter that the Committee on Resolutions has in hand and will report on it in the morning and will take care of the matter properly.

THE PRESIDENT: You will hear from that tomorrow, Mr. Keller. If there are no further subjects to be brought before this meeting, I suggest that we adjourn.

MR. GOOD: I wish to call attention to the Committee on United States Hand Book published there on the cover of the American Philatelist. It has been a long while since the committee has been appointed, and I would like to inquire if anyone knows whether it died, and if so, when the funeral was held? Really, I think something should be done to wake it up. The idea of letting such a matter as that die is something I cannot understand.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, Mr. Linquist, of Chicago, was chairman of the Hand Book Committee at the time he enlisted in service. I had the matter up with Mr. Scott, our President at the time, to appoint another chairman of the committee, and before that was done Mr. Scott died, and since that time nothing has been done.

THE PRESIDENT: I see William C. Stone is chairman, according to this.
MR. GOOD: May I inquire if the matter is ready for publication?
THE SECRETARY: I do not know.
MR. GOOD: I am referring to the committee appointed to get up a United States catalog.

THE SECRETARY: Yon mentioned Hand Book Committee, to which my remarks referred. The Catalog Committee is very much alive and has covered the issues of $1847,1902,1903,1904,1907$ and 1909 , all of which has been published in the American Philatelist. I move that we adjourn.

Motion duly seconded, put and carried.
Whereupon, at 5.10 P . M.. the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 A . M. the following morning at the Planters' Hotel.

## THULSDAY MORNING.

The meeting convened at 10.30 A. M., President H. H. Wilson presiding.
THE IRESIDENT: The meeting will please come to order. Has the Co:amittee on Credentials a supplementary report ready?

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, the Committee on Credentials reports the receipt of one additional proxy that has been made out to Mr. Diamant, making the total number of proxies received three hundred aud seven.

MR. DIAMANT: Mr. Severn, I have heen so busy that I really have not had time to go over my mail the last three days, and this morniug when I went down I opened up some of my mail and I found approximately eight or ten proxies, but I did not bring them up. I do not know whether it is necessary to have them, but I would like to mention the proxies that I received, and if they are wanted for filing purposes I will be very glad to bring them up.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. Chairman, it will not be necessary for Mr. Diamant to band in the proxies, because in no case could we have a sufficient number of proxies to take a binding vote.

THE PRESIDENT: Are any of the committees that did not report yesterday ready to report this morning? Is the By-Laws Committee ready to report?

MR. WOLASIEFFER: Your Committee on By-Laws has found only two changes that have been suggested. You will remember the discussion on the resolution about paying the expenses of the Treasurer, and the duties of the Treasurer are set forth on Page 83 of the Year Book, and the latter part reads as follows:
"He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery and printing, and in addition thereto the sum of $\$ 25.00$ per year, which shall be in full for all other incidental expenses."

Your By-Laws Committee has seen fit to recommend that the third line from the bottom, where it says, " $\$ 25.00$ per year," be deleted and insert " $\$ 100.00$," making the salary $\$ 100.00$ instead of $\$ 25.00$. That is the only change that is suggested, just simply delete $\$ 25.00$ and insert $\$ 100.00$.

MR. HATFIELD: I move the adoption of the recommendation of the By-Laws Committee, and that that section then read " $\$ 100.00$ " instead of " $\$ 25.00$."

Motion duly seconded, put and carried.
THE PRESIDENT: It is so ordered and the By-Law is amended.
MR. WOLSIEFFER: The second change suggested hy the committee is in reply to the suggestion and the Iittle informal talk we had on the hoat yesterday about foreign membership. You may remember that I suggested we charge foreign memhers $\$ 5.00$ per year dues, and Mr . Flerlage, of Cincinnati, made another suggestion which the committee thought advisable to recommend that the Convention adopt, and that was instead of raising the dues of foreign memhers to charge them $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{a}}$ commission of twenty-five per cent., whereas the American members pay twelve and one-balf per cent., then if we got a foreign member who was not going to use the Society the other memher would pay accordingly.

In order to make this change it is necessary to change the By-Laws, and on Page 87 , just before the final sentence after the word "circuit," insert as follows:
"Provided, however, that in the case of foreign members they shall pay twentyfive per cent. commission, and twelve and one-half per cent. of this amount shall be credited to the Insurance Fund."

MR. SEVERN: I move the adoption of that recommendation. Motion duly seconded, put and carried.
MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. Chairman, these are the recommendations the ByLaws Committee have made on the subjects brought to their attention.

THE SECRETARY: Will the chairmen of the committees please hand their reports in to the Secretary's desk, so that there will be no failure of their being incorporated in the proceedings?

THE PRESIDENT: Is the Committee on Sales Department ready to report?
MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, your Committee on Sales Department beg to report that nothing has been presented to them upon which they may pass judgment or take action.

The Annual Report of the Sales Superintendent, while withont recommendation of any nature, refers to two or three matters whicl this committee assumes are within its province to recommend to the Superintendent who will be appointed to succeed Mr. Wolsieffer.

We would recommend to the new Superintendent that in cases where the value of the book, or the sales therefrom warrant such action, that remittances be made from time to tiuse, to the owner of the hook, in advance of its retirement.

We appreciate the additional amount of lahor involved, but believe the system would attract more and better books to the Sales Department, making it worth the effort.

We would also recommend to the new Superintendent the enforcement, to the fullest extent possible, of the rules relative to the circulation of books, with especial reference to the "speeding up" of circuits, to the end that the owners may receive more prompt returns and retirement of their hooks.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. SCOTT, Chairman.
L. A. HANFORD.
R. H. EILERS.

MR. DIAMANT: 1 move the report be adopted.
Motion duly seconded, put and carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Is the Library Committee ready to report?
MR. BOLLAAN: The chairman of the Lihrary Committee is not present. He has no report to make.

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary has some communications which he will please read.

THE SECRETARY: It was suggested by some of the members that the Secretary wire Mr. Leavy asking hin the lowest amount of salary he would accept to continue as Editor of the American Philatelist simply as Editor under present conditions, and as Editor and Business Manager. I have received the following reply:
"New York, August 20, 1919.
Dr. H. A. Davis, Planters' Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
Wire just forwarded to me at New York. Cannot afford to handle for less than $\$ 125.00$ quarterly. Makes no difference whether 1 handle advertising or not.

J. B. LEAVY."

It will be seen from this that Mr. Leavy has raised the price $\$ 25.00$ since he submitted his report.

I have another wire from our old friend Karl, of Detroit.
"Detroit, Mich., August 19, 1919.
Chairman American Philatelic Society, Planters' Hotel, St. Lonis, Mo.
Greetings. Regret of not being able to be with you, nevertheless the pleasure shall be all yours. Urge every member present to insist upon the repeal of the ancient postal law prohibiting the illustration of United States stamps, be justified
to expense for lawyers to accomplish these facts. I am for vigorous action in this case. Philately to the fore.

## Yours truly.

KARL KOSLOWSKI."

MR. DIAMANT: I was about to say that some one told me at one time that stamp collectors were often used in court cases as experts on handwriting. I do not want to burden the Secretary to read this letter, and while I do not say that I am an expert on handwriting, I will qualify as an expert on typewriting. This letter having been received this morning, I spent a few minutes deciphering it. It is from our friend Broadstone, and I want to say it is an unusually long letter, but the gist of it is that he regrets that he cannot attend and hopes we will have a successfuI meeting, and we should use every effort to repeal that law, and his assistance, if asked for, will he given very gladly.

THE SECRETARY: I have one more communication from our old friend Percy McGraw Mann.

The Secretary read letter from Mr. Mann.
"Philadelphia, Pa., August 19, 1919.
American Philatelic Society, in Convention Assembled, St. Louis, Mo.
Dear Fellow Members and Visitors: Greetings! It had been my intention to be with you at the annual gathering, bint other matters at hand compelled me to forego the great pleasure I had looked forward to.

I trust that the deliberations taking place will be a great boost to philately. It is also my hope that everybody attending will have a very great time, and I feel sure they will.

With best wishes to all and sincere regards to all my good friends.
:Sincerely,
PERCY McG. MANN.
THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the commnnications reads. What is your pleasure?

Moved by Mr. Severn that the communications be received and placed on file. Motion duly seconded, put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: Is the Resolutions Committee ready to report?
Ilr. Good, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read following resolutions: *
"Re-One cent letter postage.
Resolved, Tinat it is the sense of the A. P. S. that while under some conditions the proposal of the One Cent Letter Postage Association would be viewed with sympathy by the A. P.S., yet it is felt that under present conditions it would be inadvisable for the Socicty to endorse the movement.

ALVIN GOOD, Chairman.
H. A. DAVIS.
C. $\cdot$ E. SEVERN."

MR. HATFIELD: I move that the resolntion be accepted.
MR. KELLER: Mr. President, I move we concur in the opinion of the committee.

MR. HATFIELD: I will withdraw my motion and second Mr. Keller's motion.
THE PRESIDENT: Are there any remarks? (No response.) All those in faror of the motion will signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion carr: ed .
"Re-Publishing the Pbilatelic Index.
Resolved, That we recommend that the Secretary be authorized to communicate with Mr. Ricketts and learn what his preference is in the matter of completing the publication of the Index.

ALVIN GOOD, Chairman.
H. A. DAVIS.
C. E. SEVERN."

Moved by Mr. Wolsieffer that this resolution be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Hatfield, put and carried.
"Re-Theo. Roosevelt Memorial Association.
Resolved. That it is the first time a resolution of this general nature has been presented, and we prefer not to establish a precedent under the circumstances.

ALVIN GOOD, Chairman.
H. A. DAVIS.
C. E. SEVERN."

Moved by Mr. Hatfield that this resolution be adopted. Motion duly seconded by Mr. Keller, put and carried.
"Re-Resignation of J. B. Leavy.
Resolved, That we recommend that the matter be referred to the Board of Directors, with the suggestion that the Board consider the advisability of dividing the work between an Editor and a Business Manager. Also endeavor to retain the services of Mr. Leavy under an equitable arrangement.

ALVIN GOOD, Chairman.
H. A. DAVIS.
C. E. SEVERN."

Moved by Mr. Sisson that this resolution be adopted. Motion duly seconded by Mr. Hatfield, put and carried.
"Re-H. E. Deats, communication regarding storing extra copies of A. P.'s.
Resolved, That this committee recommend that the Secretary be given authority to make disposition of the accumulation referred to by Mr. Deats when a suitable opportunity is presented.

ALVIN GOOD, Chairman.
H. A. DAVIS:
C. E. SEVERN."

Moved by Mr. Wolsieffer that this resolution be adopted. Motion duly seconded by Mr. Sisson, put and carried.
"Re-Publicity or Educational Committee.
Resolved, That we recommend that a committee to be known as 'The Publicity Committee' be appointed by the President, whose duties shall be embraced under the following specifications:

1. It shall be the aim by the exercise of proper means to secure the insertion of news and instructive information on philatelic subjects in the newspapers and press generally from a source determined by the committee and members, or to be able to obtain material suited to the requirements of the different classes of publications in various localities.
2. A Clipping Bureau shall be maintained, which shall be supported by the receipt from members of material that is found in print through their efforts or through the efforts of others.

ALVIN GOOD, Chairman.
H. A. DAVIS.
C. E. SEVERN."

Moved by Mr. Hatfield that this resolution be adopted. Motion duly seconded by Mr. Keller, put and carried.
"Re-Illustrating United States Postage Stamps in Philatelic Magazines, Catalogs, Newspapers, etc.

Resolved, That we recommend that a standing committee be appointed in Washington and elsewhere, that the committee be known as a 'Lookout Committee,' whose duties will be to guard against unwarranted legislative or other enactment that may be harmful to the interests of stamp collectors, and that the committee be instructed to use all proper influences to secure the repeal of regulations prohibiting the illustrating of postage stamps in philatelic publications.

ALVIN GOOD, Chairman.
H. A. DAVIS.
C. E. SEVERN."

THE PRESIDENT: Is it understood that the President is to appoint that committee?

MR. GOOD: Yes, sir.
Moved by Mr. Sisson that this resolution be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Hatfield, put and carried.

MR. GOOD: I believe Mr. Severn has a few additional resolutions.
MR. SEVERN: Mr. Chairman, when the committee ceased its labors about 3 o'clock this morning they were so weary, naturally, that they could not accomplish all the work that they had set about to do. There is a hang-over (I use the term advisedly) in the recommendation by resolution of Mr. C. F. Richards, who is much interested in the subject of branding counterfeits that may be found in the Sales Book. Mr. Richards, at each convention for some years past, has presented a resolution based on the following proposition:

The resolution is somewhat lengthy, and rather than read it I will ask that the President take it in hand and anybody who may care to read it through may do so, but in a general way it covers the question of branding counterfeits. Mr. Richards, whose proxy I have, admits there are two sides to the question, which has become somewhat in the nature of a controversy in the philatelic press.

Now, the committee does not feel it within its province, in view of the large scope of the subject, to make a definite recommendation, and rather properly, but if a sufficient amount of interest is evinced in the subject to be discussed in open meeting, in the course of five or ten minutes we could dispose of this proposition for another year. I will say that Mr. Richards is sincere in presenting this proposal, and we will, of course, give him the courtesy of a hearing, but, as I said before, the committee who went into these subjects, on which it has reported very thoroughly, did not feel inclined to say yea or nay, and the matter is respectfully submitted to this committee.

MR. HATFiELD: Mr. Chairman, might I ask if the stamps Mr. Richards wanted branded are those that are sent to the Sales Bureau?

MR. SEVERN: The inference is that he so intends the words to be understood, so I shall report of the proposed amendment.
"Amendment to Article VII, Section 4, Division h:
After the words 'non-goverumentai reprints' insert 'mark proper designation of same on back in ink,' making this part of the division read:
"'The Superintendent shall submit to the Examiner of Sales Books all books sent in for circulation, remove from hooks sent him for circulation all stamps which are clearly and obviously counterfeits or non-governmental reprints and mark proper designation of same on back in ink,' etc,"

MR. HATFIELD: It seems to me that would be the most dangerous thing that the Society could go into. It might involve you in law suits to no end, and if you took the stamps, the property of the man who sent them to you, and marked them "frand" on the back or face, why, there is no knowing where you would land. I move that be either laid on the table or be referred to the next Convention.

MR. DIAMANT: I would like to emphasize the remarks made, for the reason $I$ have had practical experience in that matter. Some of the stamps that $I$ have purchased as absolutely genuine from reliable stamp dealers have been prononnced bad by other reliable stamp dealers, and there is a difference of opinion as to the genuineness of a stamp by different experts. I can imagine the feeling of anyone of them whose ideas as to the genuineness of a stamp were different from others if they branded the particular stamp submitted.

MR. SEVERN: In fairness to Mr. Richards, I shall have to continue my reading. (Continued to read amendment.)

MR. PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that would be putting a great expense on the Society. I think, as Mr. Hatfield says, those stamps are the personal property of the man sending them in, and we are getting in a bad way when we take personal property and brand it. Now, while I am in favor of making some legislation covering counterfeit stamps, I do not think the Association has any right to brand these stamps, and, as to buying them, that is out of the question. In regard to counterfeit stamps, as Mr. Diamant says, that is a matter of difference of opinion; two experts may differ on the same stamp, so I am opposed to that.

MR. KELLER: Mr. President, this subject was brought up a year ago at Cleveland, and under the peculiar conditions of our voting laws in this Association, my one vote as an objector was equal to all the rest of them, and that is the reason why it has been shoved over and come up again this year. I shall not oppose it this time, althongh I figure that no living man has a right to put a pen or pencil upon any stamp that belongs to me, without my consent. That is the basis of my objection. Now, then, I think that I can easily rest back in my seat, as I have lots of supporters here to defeat it at this time.

MR. SEVERN: lf anybody is really interested in pursuing the subject privately, Mr. Richards has sent me a lot of printed matter favoring and disfavoring the proposal, so at best you see it is a mooted question.

THE PRESIDENT: I would snggest that a motion be made to lay it on the table.

MR. HATFIELD: I move that this matter be laid on the table.
Motion duJy seconded by Mr. Pullen, put and carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further report from the Resolntions Committee? (No other reports submitted.)

THE SECRETARY: I have a report from the Assistant Librarian. I also have a letter which I believe will be more interesting than the report, as the report is simply a list of the number of papers that have been added to the library.

Secretary Davis read letter from Assistant Librarian.
Pittsburgh, Penna., August 19th, 1919.
To the Directors of the American Philatelic Society.
As Assistant Librarian of the American Philatelic Society, I beg to report covering year ending Augnst, 1919, as follows:

During the year the number of periodicals and books received were very limited, as will be noted according to the list attached hereto and forming part of this report.

Calls made for books and pamphlets were also very light, I having had record
of but nine calls. These were not, however, all complied with, as a number of the books called for were not in the library.

Referring to resolution adopted at the 1918 Convention, beg to advise that we received from Mr. H. E. Deats American Philatelist Volumes 24, 25, 27 and 28, but, owing to the crowded condition of work and a shortage in staff at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Mr. Leete advised me that they would be unable to take on the obligation of preparing Index as recommended. He would he in position and willing to bind the original indexes in separate volumes for use in the library.

Your Assistant Librarian had no occasion to use any of the appropriation, and at this writing has had no statement from Mr. Leete covering any expense incurred by him.

No lists were received from any of our members covering any duplicate copies of books or pamphlets which they were willing to donate to our library.

Your Assistant Lihrarian realizes that the importance of the library requires active attention and would respectfully recommend that the subject of appointing an Assistant Librraian be considered and be referred to Branch No. 5 or the Pittsburgh Philatelic Society, as he believes some one actively interested and connected with either of the Societies may be in position to give the matter more thorough attention than I am able to give at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

## ADAM E. DAUM, <br> Assistant Librarian.

The Philatelic Gazette, published monthly, New York City, hy Nassau Stamp Co.
Vol VIII-August, 1918, No. 8; September, 1918, No. 9; October, 1918, No. 10 ; November, 1918, No. 11; Decemher, 1918, No. 12.

The Albemarle Stamp Collector, published monthly, Federalsburg, Md., by the P. J. of $A$. Co.
Vol. IV-September, 1918, No. 10; October, 1918, No. 11; November, 1918, No. 12; Decemher, 1918, No. 13.
Vol. V.-January, 1919, No. 1; February, 1919, No. 2; March, 1919, No. 3; April, 1919, No. 4; May, 1919, No. 5; June, 1919, No. 6.

The Stamp Herald, published monthly, Indianapolis, Ind.
Vol. III-August, 1918, No. 5.
Vol. IV-September, 1918, No. 1; October, 1918, No. 2; November, 1918, No. 3; December, 1918, No. 4; January, 1919, No. 5; Fehruary, 1919, No. 6; March, 1919, N. 7.

The Metropolitan Philatelist.
Vol. XXXVII-October, 1918, Whole No. 785.
The Australian Philatelist, published monthly at Sydney, hy Fred Hagen, Ltd.
Vol. XXIV-August, 1918, No. 12.
Vol. XXV-September, 1918, No. 1; October, 1918, No. 2; November, 1918, No. 3; December, 1918, No. 4; January, 1919, No. 5; Fehruary, 1919, No. 6; March, 1919, No. 7; April, 1919, No. 8; May, 1919, No. 9; June, 1919, No. 10.
El Filatelico Espanol, published monthly at Barcelona.
Vol. XVIII-May, 1918, No. 188; June, 1918, No. 189; July, 1918, No. 190 ; September-October, 1918, No. 191; Novenber-December, 1918, No. 192.
Vol. XIX—January-February, 1919, No. 193.

Het Philatelistisch Maandblad, published monthly at Amsterdam, by Firma M. Z. Booleman.
Vol $7 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{July}, 1918$, No. 79 ; August, 1918 , No. 80 ; September, 1918, No. 81 ; October, 1918, No. 82 ; November, 1918, No. 83; December, 1918, No. 84.

Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift, published at Stockholm, Sweden, by Phiatelic Societies of Sweden.
XIX Year-June, 1918, No. 6(188).
The British Guiana Philatelic Journal, published montbly, by the British Guiana Pbilatelic Society.
June, 1918, No. 24; December, 1918, No. 25.
The Pbilatelic Journal of America, published by the Stamp Security Co., St. Louis, Missouri.
Vol. 24, September, 1913 , No. 3.
Year Book, 1918, The Southern Philatelic Association, published at Indianapolis, Ind., by B. Gordon Bushnell.
Volume No. 9.
Stamp Collections for War Miuseums.
London, 1918.
The Soldier and His Stamps, together with the Junior Philatelic Society's Roll of Honour.
London, 1918.
American Philatelist.
Volues 24, 25, 27, 20, from H. E. Deats, for preparing "Index," as recommended at Convention of 1918.

American Philatelist-Fresented by Adam E. Daum.
Vol. 27-Nos. $/$ to 12, inclusive.
Vol. 28 -Nos. 1 to 16 , inclusive.
Vol. $29-N o s .1$ to 24 , inclusive.
Vol. $30-N o s .1$ to 24 , inclusive.
Vol. 31-Nos. 1 to 24, inciusive.
Catalogue of the Postage Stamps and Stamped Envelopes of the United States and Yossessions, issued hror to January 1, 1919. Compiled by Joseph B. Leavy, Philatelist United States National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Unıted States National Museum, Bulletin No. 105.
S. P. A. Year Book and the Consention pnotograph of the S. P. A. Convention, 1918, hedd at Niasaia ralls, presented by C. W. Kissinger.

Keceived from llax Wenzel, Pittsburgh, Standard Postage Catalogues years 1888 , $1891,1892,1898,1894,1895,1896,1897,1898,1904,1905,1906,1908,1909$, $1910,1911,1912$. Catalogues years 1892 to 1916 being in our library, copies of 1888 and 1891 received were placed in the library.

The Collectors' Club Year Book, 1918-1919, from Collectors' Club, New York.
What Philately Teaches, by John N. Luff, 1899. Presented by Adam E. Daum.
A miscellaneous number of Pinilatelic Magazines were received, but numbers not being continuous no records were made.

The resolution that Mr. Daum refers to, of Volumes 24, 25, 27 and 28, referred to the Index that appears in the American Philatelist, monthly.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Library has already had this report, and I think are ready to submit the report of their committee.

THE PRESIDENT: We will hear your report, Mr. Hoffstetter, on Library Committee.

Mr. Hoffstetter, chairman of the Library Committee, read the following report:
"To the Directors of the American Philatelic Society.
The Library Committee submits the following report:
There was handed to your committee this morning the report of the Assistant Librarian, Mr. A. E. Daum, giving a list of magazines and pamphlets received for the past year, and which have been added to our Philatelic Library. He also advised that there have been no hooks contributed during the year.

The Assistant Librarian advised that the funds in his possession are intact, there having been no purchases during the year. Assistant Librarian Daum advises that on account of his many other duties that he desires to be relieved from the official work. The Library Committee recommends that the American Philatelic Society take action and appoint an Assistant Librarian, and further details of Mr. Daum's report be referred back to the American Philatelic Society for further atcion, if deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. HOFFSTETTER, Chairman.
A. BOLLMAN.
W. A. SISSON."

Moved by Mr. Hatfield that the report of this committee be adopted. Motion seconded hy Mr. Severn, put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further communications, Mr. Secretary?
THE SECRETARY: No, I have none.
THE PRESIDENT: 1s there any unfinished business?
MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, while perhaps not properly under the head of unfinished business, I wish to call attention to the fact that yesterday we had the really rare privilege of listening to the address of the Postmaster of St. Louis, and in view of the circumstances attending his presence here, the long trip and its inconveniences that he underwent, I think that it is fitting that we shall give some substantial form of our appreciation of his efforts to please us, and that the Secretary be instructed to address to the Honorable Colin Selph, Postmaster, a letter of hearty thanks on behalf of the American Philatelic Society.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Keller, put and unanimously carried.
MR. PULLEN: Under unfinished business, we have all been here nearly a week, and I am sure everyone has enjoyed himself to the very limit, as I have. We have heen handsomely entertained by the St. Louis Philatelic Society, and I move a rising vote of thanks to the St. Louis Philatelic Society for their handsome entertainment at this Convention.

Motion duly seconded by Secretary Davis, put and unanimously carried by rising vote of thanks.

THE PRESIDENT: The vote is unanimous.
MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. Chairman, while we are on this subject, the splendid time we have had here in St. Louis, and 1 do not think anyone will deny we had a splendid time, we owe all thanks to the individual members and to Mr. Diamant, who has put in every minute, I think, in addition to thanking those gentlemen, that we should not forget the extraordinarily liberal treatment that we received from the press of the City of St. Lonis. I think I am not wrong when I say that we received more good notices of this Convention and our doings and puhlicity than any city we have ever attended, and I am very sure the St. Louis Philatelic Society
will receive, and they justly should, a good return for their efforts in not only entertaining the Convention, hut in their efforts to make stamp collectors.

The principal reason that I got up, however, is to make a motion that we pass a resolution thanking the press of St. Louls for their courtesy in giving us this publicity.

MR. HATFIELD: Mr. President, 1 would like to rise to second that motion, and in doing so 1 want to say that I helieve that the education of the press in St. Louis has heen very largely due to Mr. Diamant and his ahle assistant, Mr. Maas, who you all have met and whom I helieve has done philately and this Association a world of good.

MR. SEVERN: While pursuing this subject, Mr. President, I wish to call attention to a remarkahle news enterprise, as we deem it, in the Globe-Democrat of this morning, where the editor speaks of "Joyous Philatelists." The incorporation of an editorial of this kind in a paper so influential as the Globe-Democrat means much for our hohhy, and in view of the appointment that is impending for a Publicity Committee, I think it fitting that we order one hundred copies of this publication for use in such ways as may be deemed advisable in years to come. The editorial is well written and it hits off the subject so nicely that I know many of us could use the words of the writer in explaining our position to the outsider, who, of course, cannot be expected to understand why we are engaged in philately.

MR. DlAMANT: Mr. President, I do not know whether any remarks from me would be apropos, but 1 know the people of St. Louis prohahly better than you do and the visiting members of the Association. In the audience last night we had the editor of the Globe-Democrat, we had reporters from all the newspapers, we had laymen as well as men in the professions, lawyers and doctors and politicians, we had the president of the Teachers' Association in the audience, and after the lecture had been finished I got away in the darkness and was over here in the side room, and he came all the way from the dining room to Parlor $B$ and said to me, "Mr. Diamant, we want you or anyone else who knows anything about stamps to address the Teachers' Association of St. Louis. We believe everything you said in regard to the educational henefits of stamp collecting." And 1 think that that alone is worth taking into consideration whenever any action is taken by your Publicity Committee to get the different Branch Societies to take this matter up of public lecturing on stamps and getting the teachers interested.

THE PRESIDENT: I think that is very fine, Mr. Diamant. Are there any more resolutions to be made? If not, the President is ready to announce two committees.

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, just one moment. I think we have overlooked some little matter, and that is that we certainly (especially we delegates who have hrought ladies) feel that the ladies of St. Louis, who have so kindly entertained our ladies, are also entitled to a hearty vote of thanks. (Applause.)

MR. HATFIELD: I move the adoption of all those resolutions in a "bunch." Motion duly seconded hy Mr. Heyerman, put and unanimonsly carried.
THE PRESIDENT: The President appoints the following committees:
LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.
Mr. Charles E. Hatfield, Chairman.
E. R. Ackerman.
H. F. Coleman.

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. A. Diamant, Chairman.
Alvin Good.
Ralph H. Eilers.

MR. DIAMANT: May I have time to think it over? I will give you my reason for asking to think it over. I have postponed a European trip for four years: I am very $a^{2} x i o u_{s}$ to relieve myself of some of the arduous work I have had in the last four years. I will know positively within the next thirty days. I would like to assist and will if Mr. Good will say that he will take my place while I am gone. I will be very glad to accept under those conditions.

THE PRESIDENT: I purposely appointed another St. Louis member on that committee.

MR. DIAMANT: I know that, but I feel that Mr. Good should——
MR. GOOD: No, I do not feel I can accept the chairmanship of it, but if Mr. Eilers will take the chairmanship I can suggest a man in Cleveland to whom this work might appeal, and that is Mr. W. W. MacLaren. He is assistant manager of the Cleveland Press, and I think it would appeal to him better than it would to me.

MR. DIAMANT: You understand that $I$ do not know positively that $I$ will go over, but if I should go, uaturally, I would not like to feel as though I were failing; that is not my nature.

THE PRESIDENT: What is your suggestion, Mr. Good? That Mr. MacLaren be appointed in your place with these other two members?

MR. GOOD: Allow me to suggest that Mr. Diamant take the chairmanship of it for the time being and appoint Mr. MacLaren in my place. If Mr. Diamant decides to take this contemplated trip, why, prohably he can resign and we could appoint another man in his place.

THE PRESIDENT: Will you accept under those conditions, Mr. Diamant?
MR. DIAMANT: That is satisfactory. I can then resign the chairmanship.
MR. HANFORD: Mr. President, Mr. MacLaren has been Treasurer of the Cleveland Society; he is one of the oldest members of the Garfield-Perry Club and is now President. He enjoys the work and he is qualified, and I think that Mr. Good will bear me out when I say that he is really the man for that committeeWallace MacLaren, of Cleveland.

THE PRESIDENT: I think this committee can be appointed now, and if Mr. Diamant is unable to carry out the work and wants to resign, why, I will have Mr. MacLaren in mind.

MR. DIAMANT: That is right. I wanted to explain myself, that is all.
THE PRESIDENT: Do you accept that appointment, Mr. Hatfield, on the Lookout Committee?

MR. HATFIELD: I will be very glad to.
MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, it has been suggested informally that the question of renumbering the members of the A. P. S. be seriously considered. We have now a numbering extending into five thousand and we have actually fewer than two thousand members. Aside from any sentimental reason that would suggest the change, I think on the score of expediency or efficiency the question of change should be discussed, and if it is found advisable, if there seems to be no objection to a renumbering on technical grounds, why, we should really do the expected thing and renumber the members in sequence. Of course, in that way we dispose of the higher numbers, and we would not be in a position that is somewhat misleading. In other words, the man whose membership card reads " 5006 " might think that we have actually that number of members. But aside from that, if there is no other reason than the one dictated by efficiency or modern methods, I think it would be well to adopt a resolution or motion to renumber, unless the Treasurer or Secretary has some good reason in connection with their work for not taking the step.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Secretary, have you any remarks to make on that?
THE SECRETARY: Mr. Chairman, the original stock book, or rather I might
say the book that lists the stockholders begins at Number One and runs up to the number which our Society is incorporated nnder, ten thousand. Whether this would in any way affect our incorporation by changing the numbers, I do not know, but the number, as Mr. Severn states, for instance, "5164," means that is the 5164 th member that we have admitted to membership; the other members have either dropped out, resigned, died, or have been expelled. I would like to hear from the Treasurer, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Scott, have you any remarks to make on that subject?
MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, the matter is entirely new; it is a subject the full extent of which does not penetrate my thoughts all at once. Personally, I can think of no objection to doing this; in fact, it has advantages; but one thing that does occur to me in connection with the stock fund, which is comprised of one dollar for every man who has contributed to that fund and has not asked for it or withdrawn it at the time he resigned or discontinued his membership, those stock certificates are numbered consecutively with the same numbers as the membership cards. If this system, or the idea of renumbering should be undertaken, $I$ assume that it would be necessary to recall those stock certificates and issue new certificates in their place. Now, that is a legal part I am not versed in and do not know about. That, however, together with some clerical work that would be necessary in making a new and complete register of all the members, is the only objection that $I$ can think of at the present time.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, it is understood that the stock certificate when once issned, of course, is not revocable, in this way: If a member should resign aud not call for the charge of his stock certificate it, of course, stands on record. If, by any chance, it is bought back by the A. P. S. it, of course, is inserted in the book of stock certificates, and in that way we have a record of the total number of members of all those who have been accepted for membership in the A. P. S. and this renumbering in no way would conflict with the book of stock certificates, the numbers would appear on the cards of membership sequentially. If this is adopted, in no legal way would the affairs of the offices of the Secretary or Treasurer be complicated, we would continue to issue stock certificates to new members from 5106 , the next member will be 5107 , but his membership card will read according to the number of units we now have, we will say 1806 , and he will be given stock certificate 5107 or whatever it may be.

There will be no conflict and we will still have a record on our stock book of the number of members that we have had in all times in our organization, and in that way the records are not violated and 1 do not think there is any legal consideration that we need to take into consideration, in case we desire to take the idea of renumbering.

MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, there is another matter that just occurred to me. I!nder existing conditions, and I believe under the By-Laws of the Society, any nember who has been dropped or resigned any number of years previously and is reinstated, is given his old number. This matter, as I understand, has come up several times before with reference to giving a reinstated member the old number and it has been decided that that must be done.

Now, if we renumber all of the present outstanding members who will have their numbers taken up, and if any of them should desire to reinstate, we certainly would have to give them a new number. It would be necessary to dispense with the existing conditions that a member reinstating is given his old number. I would say that within the past six or eight months several members have been reinstated who have been out of the Society for a period ranging from five to as long as twelve years; in fact, a number in the three hundred and something was returned to a man who had been out some twelve years. I, myself, suggested in reinstating a member
who had been out about eight years that his former number, which was two thousand and something, would be given to him, and I will admit that it was only the fact that he was going to get his old number that succeeded in the reinstatement.

MR. SEVERN: That, I think, is a valid objection, and unless it should be surmpunted would ferhaps tend to discourage the idea of renumbering. There is one other thing that has occurred to me and that is, it is safe to say that under the present numbering there are at Ieast several members who like their numbers so much they would not agree to accept a new number even though it might be lower than the one they now have. 1 know when our local society renumbered one of our members insisted on retaining the o'd number.

MR. HEYERMAN: Another thing occurs to me, it is only going to be a temporary housecleauing and in two or three years you will have to do the same thing all over.

THE PRESIDENT: There is no motion before the house; this is just informal talk. I rather think the matter had better be held open indefinitely and perhaps some other time it will be more favorably considered.

MR. SEVERN: The subject was presented merely to please some of the members who thought it might be a good thing.

MR. SCOTT: Mr. President, this has started another theory that I will admit has been taken up and settled by this Convention at some previous time, but still it does not occur to me as being settled satisfactorily, that is, it is not settled satisfactorily to me. That is the giving or restoring to a member who has dropped out and reinstated the old number. The lower numher should mean something, and from the fact that the man who drops out and reinstates wants his old number, it does mean something; and I do not think that a member who pays dues every consecutive year for fifteen or eighteen years should be classed with the man who comes in and pays dues for two or three years and is represented as having been a continuous member.

Now, I understand there are certain objections in the way of this ctock certificate that I just mentioned that would preclude this Convention taking any action at the present time, but this subject can now be started, and if it finds favor at some future Convention, action can be taken.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, I move that we lay the matter on the table.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Pullen.
MR. DIAMANT: Mr. President, this discussion reminds me that at the meetings we have held here every member of the Society has gotten up to say something, but we have with us a lady who is not a member of the American Philatelic Society, who voluntarily came a long distance to attend the meeting, and she has indicated her desire to become a member of the Society. I have reference to Mrs. Aldrich, of Benson, Minnesota. (Applause.) Now, as her husband was a member of the Society as long as he lived, and on account of his death naturally dropped out, I feel that it is a great honor to philately to have her come here and renew the interest that was engendered through associatiou with her husband.

It was this discussion that reminded me, and I am glad that it happened, because I do not want to overlok this point that when she becomes a member of the Society she is entitled to the number her hushand held, and I trust that no matter what you may do with regard to renumbering or anything at all, that she be given the number held by her husband.

MR. SEVERN: Very fitting, Mr. Chairman.
THE PRESIDENT: I agree with you.
MRS. ALDRICH: Nr. President and members of the Society. I certainly feel that a great honor has been conferred on me, and I know that nothing would please

Mr. Aldrich more than the honor you have conferred upon me. I shall go back home more proud than I ever was before, being a member of the Society he was so prond of. Mr. Aldrich interested me in the stamp collecting game, and in the coming winter I am going to polish myself up so that I will be better able to talk to you next year.

I did not anticipate being called upon this morning, and $I$ am really overwhelmed with joy at the honor that has been conferred upon me, and I certainly want to thank you. I want to always think of you not only as friends but as dear friends. I thank you. (Applause.)

MR. EATON: I think this is the first convention that $I$ have ever attended that I have not heard P. M. Wolsieffer complain abont your taking away his early number.

MR. SEVERN: Mr. President, you have not disposed of the matter of renumbering.

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor of laying the matter on the table will please signity by saying "Aye," opposed "No."

Motion carried.
THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, there is just one little matter that I happen to think of that has not been disposed of, and I do not wish to take the responsibility upon myself. Several years ago, as was spoken yesterday, the resolution was passed by a convention that we do not drop foreign members, and we did not dispose of that question yesterday, although we did of the members who are on our Honor Roll, and inasmuch as the subject was rather fairly discussed yesterday, I would like to move that the Secretary send a bil for the amount that our foreign members are indebted to the Society, and if these amounts are sent to the Secretary, well and good; if not, the next time we drop members for non-payment of dues they will be dropped.

THE PRESIDENT: You refer to the members in service?
THE SECRETARY: No, I refer to foreign members.
Motion duly seconded by Mr. Good.
MR. WOLSIEFFER: Just a moment, Mr. President. I want to inquire in what way the foreign members can be separated from the members of alien countries that were dropped because they were from enemy countries. Would there be a difference there?

THE SECRETARY: Yes, but they were dropped because they were enemies. They have been disposed of.

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor of the motion will signify by saying "Aye," contrary "No."

Motion carried.
THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further business, Mr. Secretary? Any further remarks from the members, anything to be brought up for attention?

MR. SEVERN: A few statistics have been handed in in regard to the wonderful success of the entertainment last evening. When I am told six hundred and twenty people attended the lecture by Mr. Diamant, I am amazed. When you think that six hundred and twenty people came down here purposely to hear a lecture on stamps, I think it is a matter for congratulation, and of this number four hondred and twenty were adults. I doubt whether there has ever before been an audience so large attending any philatelic meeting at one time, and further, I am told that each one who attendel the lecture went away with some stamps as sonvenirs, so as to embalm in their memory the pleasures of the evening. I think Mr. Diamant and his co-workers may know that they deserve well in the thoughts of the members of the A. P. S .

THE PRESIDENT: The President wishes to say that on account of the won-
derful success of Mr. Diamant and his lecture, I particularly desired him to become the chairman of the Committee on Publicity. I think he is the most successful in that way of anyone I have ever heard. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further business to come before the Convention? (No business submitted.)

MR. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, I am very happy to announce to the Convention that I hold a proxy of "old sine die," William C. Stone, and the Springfield Brancb and all members thereof, and they have requested me, in the absence of their well-beloved "sine die," to move this Convention adjourn sine die.

Motion duly seconded by Mr. Diamant.
THE PRESIDENT: It has been moved and seconded that this Convention adjourn sine die. All those in favor please say "Aye," contrary "No."

Motion unanimously carried.
Whereupon, at 12.50 noon, the Convention adjourned.

## Attest:

# NA.OAvis 

Secretary.

## Approved:

H. H. WILSON,

President.

- ENTERTAINMENT.


## From Editorial Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

So satisfactory were the pleasures of the days and nights that the visitors while partaking of the entertainment, perhaps as a matter of course, were impressed by the intelligent capacity of the St. Louisans as dispensers of hospitality. In addition to the scheduled events of the programme, there were surprises of liappy kind interspersed with the advertised features. Too, personal attention was given the strangers to an extent that made them feel that they were imposing on good nature; and the votes of thanks to the St . Louis Society and the ladies who welcomed the visiting feminine circle were never more heartily carried. On Monday the out-oftown members registered as they arrived and met the St. Louis collectors. They were given a handsome badge on which a metal replica of the twenty-cent St. Louis provisional was the pendant; and programmes were distributed that showed reproductions of Plates I, II and III of the St. Louis "bear" stamps. Tuesday afternoon automobiles were at the disposal of members to see the attractions of St. Louis, not forgetting a visit to the Bevo plant, where many had their first introduction to this temperance drink. At night the members foregathered at the Fashion Show at Forest Park in the beautiful municipal open-air theatre of St. Louis. The crowning event, in some respects, was the all-day boat ride on the Mississippi River on the steamer St. Paul. The business sessions on the boat certainly were productive of results. The same night an illustrated lecture on "The Charm of Stamp Collecting" and "What Philately Teaches" was given by Mr. Henry A. Diamant. The spacious hall was crowded and six hundred and thirty persons gave attentive ear and eye to the pictures and the remarks of Mr. Diamant, and of this number four hundred and twenty were adults. A more receptive audience would have been hard to find, and each of those present carried away a souvenir of a packet of stamps.

The auction sale was held later, with Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer on the rostrum, hut it was impossible to complete the sale that evening and a second session of the sale was held the following afternoon. The climax of the entertainment was the banquet at the Planters' Hotel on Thursday evening, presided over by Mr. Diamant. As "extras" he had engaged a•number of clever cabaret porformers, and he presented each of the speakers at his table a handsome silver medal. Messrs. Wolsieffer, Hatfield, Severn, Davis, Scott and Slater were the recipients. At a seemly hour the banquet was adjonrned and the visiting memhers began to make their reluctant adieux to their St, Louis associates, who for a long time will he remembered for their goodness. St. Louis' star in the philatelic firmament shines forth more brightly than ever before. So say we all!

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE LAHIES.

(While the business sessions were heing held, which to most ladies seem as dry routine, a special entertainment was prepared for them. Mrs. Aldrich, our first Life Member, tells how it appeared to her.)

I have been asked to tell of the wonderful entertainment provided for the ladies who were fortunate enough to be in attendance at the recent meeting of the A. P.S., held at St. Louis, Angust 19 th to 21 st, 1919 , and can assure those who usnally attend and were not there this year that they missed one of the most delightful times that in my estimation was one of the best, socially speaking, that has ever heen provided for the thorongh enjoyment of the visitors. I know and feel sorry that more or the ladies do not take a more active part in stamp collecting, but to the ladies whose busbands were busy at the morning sessions every moment was husily occupied, delightful and entertaining trips taken each morning, provided hy a committee of charming St. Louis ladies, who well lived up to the reputation of the Southern people for their warm hospitality, and I Fnow all will agree with me when I refer to the eccasion as one of the bright ases in ordinary life, which released the men from business cares and afforded not only the members of this grand Society, but the ladies as well, the opportunity to unbend and mingle in cheerful recreation with one another. We are not forgetful of those to whose thoughtful care and hospitality we are indebted; certainly we can, each one of us, appreciate the bounty and good taste that provided the delightful trip down the Mississippi on the steamer St. Paul, the delicious lunch served thereon, everything in every way heing done to make us happy. When 1 looked around and saw so many happy faces I could not help but feel the desire that these happy reunions might happen more frequently, and I am sure I voice the sentiment of every one who was in attendance.

In closing, I do so wish to urge uron the ladies that they take up the study of stamps and plan to attend the annual meets; it will not only he a wonderful study to them, but in many ways will be helpful to their hushands. Hoping to meet yon all at Providence, and with hest wishes to the St. Louis people, I am, with much love,

LILLY C. ALDRICH.

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            Dr. S. Handler, President, 53 Vassar St., Rochester, N. Y.
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# Reports of Branch Societies. 

## BRANCH NO. 3 .

San Francisco, Cal., August 9th, 1919.
American Philatelic Society, Planters' Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
Gentlemen: I beg to hand you herewith annual report of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch \#3, for the past year.

The election of officers for 1919 resulted as follows: Mr. William Blackwell, President; Mr. H. B. Phillips, First Vice-President; Mr. William H. Crocker, Second Vice-President; Mr. Matt C. Dillingham, Secretary and Treasurer.

Meetings were held regularly on the third Wednesday of each month during the year. The total number of active members at the present time is 38 . The average attendance at each meeting was approximately 15 , which, as compared with the number of members in the Society, was remarkably good.

Special exhibits were held each month. Members having small collections were encouraged to exhibit them and all members were urged to bring stamps for exchange to the meetings. This has resulted in creating general interest among the members and increasing the attendance.

The Society's Philatelic Library received a number of contributions during the year, and the library is now rearranged in a special room, where members can refer to it whenever they so desire.

The forgery collection has also been added to considerably and is to be remounted during the coming winter.

A number of visiting philatelists attended our monthly meetings and they are always welcome. Meetings are held the third Wednesday in each month in Room 333 Russ Building, 235 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

Indications point to the coming year being a hanner one on the Pacific Coast and greatly increased activity is being shown in philatelic circles.

Respectfully submitted,
MATT C. DILLINGHA.], Secretary.

## BRANCH NO. 18.

241 W. Seymour St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 2nd, 1919. To the President and Board of Directors of the American Philatelic society.

Gentlemen: As Secretary of Philadelphia Branch \#18, American Philatelic Society, I would report that during the past fiscal year the necessary number of meetings of the branch have been held in the club room of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, Room No. 30, Grand Fraternity Building. The branch has nominted a Board of Directors for the American Philatelic Society for the present incoming fiscal year.

Through the courtesy of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, their regular meeting held on the first Tuesday of March was devoted to the special reception and entertainment of A. P. S. members of Philadelphia and vicinity and the fourth Tuesday of each montin was set aside as the informal meeting of A. P.S. members.

The prize of $\$ 5.00$ in gold, offered by the branch to the A. P. S. member securing the greatest number of new members during the past fiscal year of 1918-1919, has not been awarded as yet, but will be upon the completion of the list in the contest by the Secretary of the A. P. S.

There are twenty-seven members of Branch \#18, there having been a loss of two and gain of two during the past year, Our member, Dr. Samuel W. Wood-
house, who had joined the colors as lieutenant in the American Red Cross, has now returnted, having acquitted himself with distinction.

Respectfully submitted,

## A. F. HENKELS, Secretary.

## BRANCH NO. 22.

Denver, Colo., August 15, 1919.
To the Directors American Philatelic Society.
Colorado State Branch \# 22 having just been reinstated, no special meetings have been held since.

All indications point to an enthusiastic and interesting year for 1919-20.
Respectfully submitted,
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

## BRANOH NO. $2 \overline{5}$.

Detroit, Michigan, August 16th, 1919.
American Philatelic Society.
Gentlenen: In accordance with By-Laws of the Society, I herewith submit report of the proceedings and membership of the Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch No. 25 , for, the past year.

## MEETINGS.

Beginning September 14th, 1918 , and ending June 18 th, 1919 , twenty meetings were held, nine business and eleven social.


## MEMBERSHIP.

The membership numbers 42 , of whom 5 are non-residents.
Col. Warren L. Babcock, Capt. W. D. Colburn and Charles F. Sharpe returned from overseas during the season.

The Society, on May 7th, celebrated the 100 th anniversary of its business meetings. A number of new issues were secured and distributed among the members.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED. R. SCHMALZRIEDT, Secretary.

## BRANCH NO. 27.

Berkeley, August 9, 1919.
H. A. Davis, Secretary.

Dear Sir: Branch $\ddagger 27$ has nothing to report. All members of this branch hold memhership in the Berkeley Philatelic Society, which Society meets regular each month, with a membership of 35 , with an average attendance of 12 . At this time we are looking forward to the S. P. A. Convention, which will be held in San Francisco this year. With best wishes for the American Philatelic Society, I am,

Truly yours,
HENRY CHALONER, Secy. Branch \# 27.

## BRANCH NO. 28.

Springfield, Mass., August 15, 1919.
To the Board of Vice-Presidents.
The membership of our hranch is now fourteen, a gain of one over last year. The officers remain unchanged.

As in the past, our meetings have been held in conjunction with the Springfield Stamp Club. Each meeting a series of ten or more questions relating to stamps or stamp countries are prepared by the Entertainment Committee and the members are given a brief period only to answer them from memory. A series of handicaps has been arranged, based on the markings of the past year, so that all had a fair chance. Several carefully prepared papers have been read by different members of the Cluh and we have entertained visiting philatelists several times, who have also added their "bit" to our programs.

An exhibit of "War Stamps," prepared by one of the CIub members, was placed on exhibition in the City Library and attracted much attention during the month it was there. Other exhihits are being planned for.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary.

JOHN W. PREVOST, Secretary.
ROBERT C. MUNROE, Vice-President.

## BRANCH NO. 30.

665 Hippodrome Building, Cleveland, Ohio, August 8th, 1919.
Dr. H. A. Davis, Sec'y, American Philatelic Society, 125 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir: If not too late, I wish to submit the following report from the Garfield Perry Stamp Club, A. P. S, Branch \#30, for the past year.

During the year the Garfield Perry stamp Club has held 38 meetings bi-monthly from August to January, 1919, and from February, 1919. We have held meetings every Thursday night, with business meeting, and auction on the first meeting of every month, which has proved to be very successful. The average attendance at our meetings was 16 . The Club at the present time has a membership of 82 members, an increase of 15 members over last year.

We expect that the coming year will be a bigger year than ever for GarfieldPerry, in which we celebrate our thirtieth anniversary next March.

Respectfully submitted,
MILEHAM H. LEWIS, Secretary.

## BRANCH NO. 39.

Baltimore, Md., August 14, 1919.
Mr. H. A. Davis, Secretary, American Philatelic Society, St. Louis, Mo.
Dear Sir: Respectfully submitting this report of the Baltinore Philatelic Society, Branch \#39, A. P.S., I beg to advise you that this branch has held its regular meetings (second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Hotel Emerson unless elsewhere by invitation) through the season, with a fair average attendance. Through removals due to war work and other causes our memhership has heen reduced to thirteen ( 13 ), hut we expect a revival of interest with the opening of the fall season and consequent accession of new members. The financial condition of the branch is quite satisfactory.

THOMAS W. WELSH of F., Secretary.

## BRANCH NO. 43.

Passaic, N. J., August 9th, 1919.
American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: The Passaic Stamp Club, A. P. S. Branch \# 43, held 20 meetings during the past 12 months. The following officers were elected for 1919:

President, C. W. Holliday.
Vice-President, Van Dyke MacBride.
Secretary-Treasurer, A. E. Landvatter.
Sales Department Manager, C. W. Holliday.
Trustees, J. W. Sampson and J. Van Ness.
Members, as per last report, 31; new memhers admitted, 3 ; total, 34 ; resignations accepted, 2 ; died, 1, leaving 31 members in good standing, of which 11 are members of the A.P.S.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. LANDVATTER, Secretary.

## BRANCH NO. 46.

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 15, 1919.
To the President and Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen: The Cincinnati Philatelic Society, A. P.S. \# 46, has held regular meetings during the year, meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month
at the Chamber of Commerce, excepting during the summer months of June, July and August. Our meetings are always well attended, having special features for each meeting, consisting of lectures, philatelic talks on stamps, exhibitions of stamps, contests, and one meeting a month is given over to an auction sale, in which the small as well as the advanced collector benefits. A big public auction is under way for the fall opening of the Society.

At our first meeting in March the following officers were elected for 1919: President, A. D. Fennel; Vice-President, Stanley Ashbrook; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter J. Ossege. The Board of Directors consists of Messrs. P. M. Weiss, Rudolph Wurlitzer, Samuel W. Richey and F. G. Huntington.

Every three (3) months a Bulletin is gotten out by a committee, which is quite interesting. On the first of the year the Society had a membership of 27 ; since then one has died and one has resigned, leaving us with 25 members. Prospects for the Society for the coming year look very bright.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER J. OSSEGE, Secretary.

## BRANCH NO. 47.

Detroit, Mich., August 9, 1919.
The Collector's' Philatelic Society of Detroit, Mich., changed the name to "The Michigan Stamp Club' on March 1st, 1919.

Forty-five active members are on the roll. Six new members were added since the last report, while e even have been dropped on account of non-payment of dues and lack of interest in the Society.

It is the aim of the Michigan Stamp Club to make it the most progressive Society of its lind in the country. Each and every member has expressed and shown his willingness to help his fellow collector in any manner possible.

The Club is very ably presided over by Mr. Z. Dworkowski, who is now on his second term as president. Mr. J. D. Hubel is on his second term as vice-president. Mr. L. Albright had already served two years as secretary and asked to be relieved from further duties along this line. Mr. Ray Neutwig was then elected to succeed him to this office. Mr. K. Koslowski also asked for relief, as he had served two terms as sales manager. Mr. H. Hoskins was then elected to this office. The board of trustees were re-elected in a body. They are Mr. A. C. Wood, Mr. J. E. Scott and Mr. C. C. Keller.

Respectfully submitted,
RAY J. NEUTWIG, Sec'y Branch \#47, A. P. S.

## BRANCH NO. 48.

Lewiston, Me., August 11, 1919.
Annual report of Androscoggin Stamp Club, A. P. S., Branch \#48.
The Androscoggin Stamp Club was organized in January, 1919, and received its A. P. S. charter in February. 1919. Its purposes are to further the interest of
the collectors in the collection and study of stamps and to hold monthly meetings, at which matters of philatelic interest are discussed.

The Club has to date fourteen members, many of whom are also members of the A. P. IS.

Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month and are well attended. As a rule some member has some special subject to discuss, with a collection to illustrate.

In order to have a good philatelic section in the Public Library, where it will be accessible to all, the Club plans to purchase philatelic literature and place same in library, to which end at each meeting auction sales are held of lots donated by members, the proceeds of which go toward swelling the library fund.

Meetings have been suspended for the summer months, to be resumed in September. A very successful season is looked for, also the addition to the Club of many new members.

# By-Laws of the American Philatelic Society. 

As Adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and Amended at the Subsequent Conventions, including Amendments Adopted at the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention, August 19, 20, 21, 1919.

## ARTICLE I.-Capital Stock.

Section 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this society shall be for a single share only and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions: That the holder thereof has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Society in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock, or the certificate thereof, shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Society and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Society of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock certificate is surrendered to the Society, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Society. That the Society has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Society, and that no transfer there shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Society; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Society, that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock
shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws. That upon the expulsion of the holder, or his resignation, or the dropping of his name from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society or any of its departments, his stock shall revert to the Society, and his certificate become and remain null and vo:d.

Sec. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Society, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for the purpose. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

Sec. 3. Certificates of stock shall be valued at $\$ 1.00$ each, and all money received for stock certificates as provided for by Article II, Section I, shall be kept by the Treasurer in a separate and inv:olate fund to be known as the Stock Fund, the interest of which may be applied to current expenses; and the Treasurer shall place this fund at interest in such manner from time to time as the Board of Directors may approve or direct.

## ARTICLE II.-Membership.

Section 1. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society shall file with its Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors, signed by one member of the Society, and, if the applicant is of legal age, accompanied by one
or more commercial references, which commercial references shall not be the firm, or a member of the firm, of which the proposer is a member, and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person, obligating himself for the proper fulfilment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Society in case the applicant is admitted, such guarantor to furnish one or more commercial references. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of $\$ 1.00$, for one share of stock and the amount of dues for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending August 31, the whole to be refunded if admission is refused. The Secretary shall acknowledge the receipt of each application, stating the date when the applicant will be come a member, provided no objections are received. The Secretary shall cause the name, age, occupation, and address of each applicant and the name of his references and bondsmen to be published in the American Philatetist, and if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after publication, the applicant shall become a member. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant they shall notify the Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and may accept or reject the applicaut in their discretion, and shall certify the: 1 result to the Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

In case the Secretary is advised that objections to applicant have been received by the Vice-Presidents, he shall continue to publish the applicant's name in the American Philatelist, but under such circumstances the applicant shall not become a member until the Secretary be advised by the Board of VicePresidents that they, after investigation have accepted the applicant.

Any member may become a member for life by the payment of $\$ 20.00$; $\$ 6.66$ of which shall be credited to subscription to the American Philatelist.

Such life membership being subject to the same rules of conduct as applies to the ordinary annual member and may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors for just cause.

Sec. 2. As it is important to the wellbeing and prosperity of this Society that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-Laws from time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Society shall be addressed in writing, accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and report their findings thereon to the Board of Directors who may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member, and declare his stock forfeited to the Society, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Directors deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next convention of the Society, and such convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The annual dues shall be $\$ 1.80$ to all members except life members, payable in advance, to the Treasurer, on the first day of September. Of said amount of $\$ 1.80$, sixty cents shall be for one year's subscription to the American Philatclist. Every new member for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his admission to membership shall pay at the rate of fifteen cents per month, or fraction thereof from the date of his application, five cents per month of which shall be for his subscription to the American Philatelist for such period.

No assessment other than the annual dues shall be levied except on recommendation of the Board of Directors, published in the call for an annual convention, special meeting, or mail vote, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of
all the stockholders voting thereon; provided, that the number of affirmative votes shall be not less than one-third of the whole number of stockholders entitied to vote.

Sec. 4. In case any member fails to pay the aunual dues or any indebtedness to the Society or any department thereof, within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid within thirty days thereafter, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary by whom his name shall he stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Society, and his name shall be omitted from the printed membership list. The Secretary shall notify the Sales Superintendent to debar from the privileges of the department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls.

Any stockholder or branch society having resigned in good standing, or any stockholder or branch society whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues or debts as aforesaid, may be reinstated on payment of such debts, and $\$ 1.00$, plus the amount of dues for the remainder of the current year, and a share of stock bearing the original stock number shall be reissued, and in case of reinstatement of a branch society, a charter certificate bearing the original number shall be reissued. In case of minors a new guarantee shall be required, and in the case of members who have been suspended for more than one year new references shall be required.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the American Phitatelist and treated in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

Sec. 5. Any stockbolder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Society. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next American Philatelist, and if no objec-
tions are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockbolder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Society. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have the power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

Sec. 6. No stockbolder of the Society who has not attained the age of twentyone years shall be eligible to any office.

Sec. 7. Any Philatelic Society outside the United States and possessions may he elected by the Board of Vice-Presidents upon the recommendation of the International Secretary, or by the Society in convention assembled, as an honorary corresponding memher, and shall receive all publications of the So. ciety and shall be exempt from dues; such honorary corresponding membership shall not carry the right to vote or hold stock. A list of such members shall follow the branch societies in the annual list. of members.

## ARTICLE III.-Meetings.

Section I. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Society, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be beld each year at such date and such place, within or without the state of Minnesota as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the American Philatelist of the proceedings of the convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but the President shall also issue a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of convening thereof, to be published in the number of the American Philatelist issued not less than sixty days prior to the holding of such convention.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Society may be called
by the Board of Directors, or by one hundred stockholders of this Society. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be puhlished in the American Philatelist at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

Sec. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in the American Philatelist at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote sball be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Society as entitled to vote as a stockbolder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Board of Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the American Philatelist. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question suhmitted but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

See. 4. All stockholders of the Society who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Society shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any annual convention, at any special meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

No member of the Society shall be allowed to vote more than fifty proxies.

Sec. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 6. No director of this Society shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockbolder of this Society.

Sec. 7. At all meetings of the Society all questions of order and parlimentary law shall be determined by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 8. At all meetings of the Society, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

Sec. 9. At the annual convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

A Committee on Finance;
A Committee on Library;
A Committee on Sales Department;
A Committee on Branch Societies;
A Committee on Resolutions;
A Committee on Place of Next Convention; each to consist of three members.

A Committe on By-Laws, to consist of the President, who shall be chairman of the committee, and four other members.

The following shall be the order of business:

## FIRST SESSION.

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Call.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reading of Minutes of last Convention.
5. President's Address.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Permanent Committees.
9. Communications.
10. Assigned Matters.
11. New Business.

## SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Call to Order.
2. Supplementary Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Communications.
4. Assigned Matters.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Reports of Special Committees.

Sec. 10. At all special meetings of the Society, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees is are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

## ARTICLE IV.-Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of nine members, who shall all be citizens of the United States.

Sec. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Society, and shall hold his office until the close of the next annual convention, and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of the'r number shall be collectors and not dealers by profession. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of thirty miles. The remaining six Directors must be residents of as many different states, which states shall be other than that from which any V:cePresident is elected. In case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same state or locality as another candidate for Director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidates, even though he have a greater number of votes.

Sec. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the ByLaws to be appointed by the Board of Directors. The two Directors not holding any of the above offices shall be known as Directors-at-Large.

Sec. 4. The Board of Directors may
meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph a sufficient time before hand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. To expedite the transaction of business by the Board of Directors they may take mail votes upon any question in the following manner: Any member of the Board desiring to submit any matter for their action may reduce the same to writing in the form of a motion and shall mail a copy thereof upon separate sheet of paper to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he desires to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon receipt of such motion each member shall write upon the same sheet of paper his vote for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the ballots of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result. accompanying the certificate with original ballots. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Socity and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-Laws; may require special reports from any officer. from time to time; may remove any office apointed by them as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own
number arising from any cause except removal hy stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Society, as provided by law.

## ARTICLE V.--Duties of Directors.

Section 1. President-The President in addition to the general dut:es of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on the Treasurer for moncys expended by the Society, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes and other obligations entered into by the Society, including the approval of bonds of the Secretary, Treasurer and Sales Superintendent, as provided in these Bylaws. Prior to each annual convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III, Section 1; shall appoint a committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in performance of the:r duties to be defrayed from the general fund of the Society. At each annual convention he shall address the Society on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

Sec. 2. Vice President-The three Directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of the number to act as chairman of the Board of Vice-Presidents who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death, or disability of the President. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall decide all questions aristing as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and shall investigate all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II, Section 2, 4, and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Society, as provided in Article II, Section 2. They shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections and prepare an authorized form of proxy to he used at all sonventions.

The Board of Vice-Presidents from
t:me to time, and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the President, for publication in the American Philatelist and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the annual convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence, which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams, and registry fees shall be certified by the chairman, and be paid from the general fund.

They shall elect one of their number to act as Recorder, who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

Sec. 3. Secretary-The Secretary in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Society, seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper hooks of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates, membership cards, and receipts, countersign, register, and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall also keep a set of loose leaf ledgers for members in good standing, as well as for past members, each scparate page of which shall represent a stockholder, and shall have all data regarding his application and admission into the Society clearly set forth, together with a record of the annual payment of dues, or the date of suspension, expulsion of reinstatement. He shall, under the supervision of the President, edit the official matter published in the American Philatelist; provided, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, said matter shall be submitter to the Board of Directors. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the American Philatelist, and conduct all
correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article IL, Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-Laws and the list of members of the Society to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article Il, Sections 4 and 5 , and perform all such duties as are incident to $h$ :s office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each annual convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Society, required by law to be made by the Directors, together with complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by all of his books of account and record. He shall cause to be published in each number of the American Philatelist, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Society, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the convention, and $\$ 5.00$ per day during the session. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery and printing, for which. purpose $\$ 100.00$ of the Society's money sluall be in his hands, which fund shall be reimbursed on the first of each month by warrant on the General Fund to the extent of the expenses of the preceding month, so that on the first of each month this fund will always equal $\$ 100.00$. In addition he shall be allowed the sum of $\$ 200.00$ per year for his further use in the prosecution of the duties of this office.

He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of not less than $\$ 500$, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some Surety Company to be approved by the President.

Sec. 4. Treasurer.-The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property, and securities of the Society. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and dishursments showing balance of cash on hand, to the Secretary, who shall publish it in the American Philatelist. Among his accounts shall he kept a separate suspense account, to which shall be credited all moneys received for other than current accounts; also an account showing receipts and expenses of the American Philatelist. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and Secretary, and shall present to the annual convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of ilis department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers, all his books of account, a cashier's certificate of the amount of money on deposit at the date of such statement, and any and all such other papers and instruments as may be requisite for a complete auditing of his books and accounts. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Board of Directors, to the account of the Society, and shall give bond to the Society in the sum of not less than $\$ 3,000$, said bond to be ohtained at the expense of the Society, of some surety company to be approved by the President. He shall be allowed $\mathrm{l}_{1}$ is reasonable expenses for postage stationery, and printing, and in addition thereto the sum of $\$ 100.00$ per year, which shall be in full for all other incidental expenses.

Sec. 5. International Secretary.The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Society or the Board of Directors, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall whenever called on to do so, assist the Secretary or any other officer of the Society, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Society and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or tenporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Conven-
tion a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt the changes in membership so long as this Society continues interested in its publication. He shall, so far as possible, report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in fore:gn journals of items affecting the welfare of this Society or its individual members.

Sec. 6. The two Directors-at-large shall have special oversight of all the branch societies, and it shall be their duty to promote the organization of such societies.

## ARTICLE VI.--Elections.

Section 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such elections a plurality of votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the Committee.

Sec. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the annual convention, and at all special elections at such times as shall be named in the call for the election.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote at least s:xty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the
ballot shall be designated in all published notices of election.

Sec. 4. The special election to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the Statutes of the State of Minnesota in case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted as far as pos-s-ble in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Society.

Sec. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but siall be called by the Pres:dent, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelope for enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

Sec. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be held may be sent by any five members or any branch of the Society to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the American Philatelist nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

Sec. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII.-Officers and Standing Committees.

Section 1. In addition to the nine Directors, the officers of the Society shall be:

A Sales Superintendent.
An Examiner of Sales Books;

An Editor of the American Philatelist;

An Attorney;
A Librarian;
An Assistant Librarian, and
A Counterfeit Detector.
Sec. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Permanent Committees:

An Expert Committee:
A Committee on Philatelic Literature;
A Committee on Philatelic Index;
A Committee on Philatelic Hand Books;

A Recruiting Committee, and
An Obituary Committee.
Sec. 3. All of the officers and Permanent Committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Society, when called upon to do so. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurrel by any officer or standing committee appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Sales Superintendent.
(a). The Sales Superintendent shall conduct the Sales Department in accordance with the provisions of this section and of the sections of Article VIII of these By-laws.
(b). He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of $\$ 10,000$, for the strict and faithful performance of his duties and proper rendering of true accounts for all moneys, stamps, or other property received by bim, whether for the Society or individual owners, and
until be has notice from the Secretary of the Society that the bond tendered by him, within a reasonable time, after $h{ }^{\circ} s$ appointment, has been approved and accepted by the President, he shall not ask or advertise for, or receive from the preceding Superintendent or from individual members, any stamps or other philateilc property for bis department.
(c). The Sales Superintendent shall on the first days of October, January, and April, respectively, make to the Board of Vice-Presidents a quarterly report of the affairs of his department, including a full and accurate balance sheet of such bookkeeping entries as shall satisfy said Board, taken from his books upon the last day of the preceding month; and not less than twenty nor more than thirty days prior to the opening day of the Annual Convention he shall make to said Board an annual report, covering the transactions of the department for the past year, and including similar balance sheet or entries. Said reports shall be audited by said Board, who may at any time make or cause to be made by themselves, or a committee, or agent, appointed by them, such examination as they may deem expedient of said Sales Superintendent's books and accounts and of the affairs of his department, and shall cause such an examination to be made in connection with the auditing of the annual report, and shall submit said annual report with the report of such examination and the:r recommendations on said report and examination to the annual Convention. The approval of the Sales Superintendent's report by the said Board shall not be construed as an admission by the Society of accuracy of said reports or as a release by the Society of either said Superintendent or the surety on his official bond from liability to the Society or any member thereof for any breach of duty on his part.
(d) The Board of Vice-Presidents may for cause suspend the Sales Superintendent and require him to deliver and turn over all accounts, books and other property of his department, to-
gether with all stamps then in possession of said department, to them or to such person as they may designate as Sales Superintendent, pro tempore, who shall exercise all powers of Sales Superintendent until the Board of Directors shall take further action in the matter.
(e). The Society shall provide account books for the Sales Superintendent. Such account books and the correspondence of the department shall be and remain the property of the Society; and shall at all times be open to the examination of the Board of Vice-Presidents and their representatives duly authorized. Except for the purchase of such books, the Sales Superintendent shall pay all expenses of the department.
(f). Upon retiring from office the Sales Superintendent shall turn over to his successor all stamps in his hands as such Superintendent, together with all books of account, official correspondence, papers, instruments, moneys and evidences of indebtedness belonging to the department, and the business of the department shall thereafter be conducted by the new Sales Superintendent. All sums due the department shall be collected by the new Sales Superintendent, who shall pay therefrom to his predecessor such commissions as the latter may have earned thereon, also the requisite payments to the Insurance Fund, and all balances due from the department to members at the time of his assuming the office. Upon a change of Superintendents the Board of VicePresidents shall give notice to all parties interested, by publication in the American Philatelist, calling on them to file with the Bord a statement of their claims against the department within thirty days, so that the ontgoing Superintendent's accounts may be properly audited and he be given an honorable release. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall also cause an examination to be made of his books and accounts, and upon the expiration of the period of thirty days from publication of the above prescribed notice shall send to each member who has not filed accounts
and whose name appears on the Superintendent's books a statement of his account, and in default of acknowledgment within thirty days thereafter, such account shall be deemed correct.
(g). The Sales Superintendent shall assess a charge of one per cent. upon the net cash value of all books of stamps sent him for circulation in the department, immediately upon their arriving in his hands, with a minimum charge of ten cents per books, and shall remit on retirement of such books the sums so assessed to the Treasurer of the Society, who shall keep it in a spectal account, known as the Insurance Fund. The Superintendent shall receive all claims for payment desired by owners out of the Insurance Fund, for whatever cause, and shall submit the facts and papers of every case to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who, if they approve, shall certify the case to the Secretary of the Society who shall thereupon draw a warrant upon the Treasurer against the Insurance Fund, in the regular manner pursued for payments from other funds. If at any time the Insurance Fund becomes insufficient to meet any such warrant so drawn against it, the sum shall be paid the owner out of the General Fund of the Society, and shall subsequently be transferred to that fund from the Insurance Fund, as soon as the assessments duly collected shall suffice.
(h). The Superintendent shall submit to the Examiner of Sales Books all books sent in for circulation, remove from books sent him for circulation all stamps which are clearly and obvionsly counterfeits or non-governmental reprints, and return all stamps removed by him or by the Examiner of Sales Books, as provided in the next section, at once to the owner of the book from which they came, stating the price at which they were marked, and the value to which the book has been reduced by their removal; and he shall place the words, "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials in the space thus left vacant.

A fine of twenty-five (25) cents shall
be imposed upon the owner of any book of stamps submitted for circulation for an'y and every counterfeit contained in such book, unless said stamp, or stamps, shall be of less catalog value than twen-ty-five ( 25 ) cents in which case the fine shall be the catalog value of such stamp; such fine to go to the Examiner of Sales Books, or such other expert as he may call to his assistance, subject to the conditions of the following paragraph.

The action of the Examiner of Sales Books or other expert shall be final and binding upon all parties. In the event the owner of such stamp or stamps, so removed, being dissatisfied with the decision of the expert's action, he shall have a right to appeal from their decision to the Counterfeit Detector at his own expense, and the decision of the Counterfeit Detector shall be final. In case such stamp, or stamps are found by the Counterfeit Detector to be genuine, then the fine shall be removed, and the expense of the examining shall be borne by the Examiner of Sales Books.
(i) The Superintendent shall furnish to members of the Society control stamps, and at a cost not exceeding five cents each, books for bolding stamps to be circulated in this department, of such form as may be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; provided, that they be printed on one side of the leaf only, contain space for ten ordinary adhesive stamps on a page, have successive numerals not less than an inch in height on the reverse or unused side of each leaf, and contain no advertisements save of the Society or its Sales Department.
(j). He may refuse to circulate any stamps not mounted in the books so provided by him, or books containing an excessive amount of display, notes, or remarks by the owner; or any books for any reason previously approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; and he may decline to send stamps to any member or to a foreign country when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice-Presidents that cnstoms, laws or other conditions make it impracticable or undesirable for the department to do
business with such a member or in such country.
(k). When all the preceding duties shall have been satisfactorily performed, as occasion demands, or no charge or notice to the contrary be in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Superintendent shall be allowed to retain for himself a commission of twelve and one-half per cent. out of the amounts remitted to the selling owners upon the sales then settled for, made through the regular circuits of the department, and already paid for by cash to him, not including settlements out of the Insurance Fund for theft or other losses of all or any part of the circuit. Provided, however, that in the case of foreign members, they shall pay 25 per cent. commission, and twelve and one-balf per cent. of this amount shall be credited to the Insurance Fund. He shall also receive a salary of $\$ 25.00$ per annom.

Sec. 5. Examiner of Sales BooksThe Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc. that may be sent to the Sales Superintendent before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

He shall remove from all books all stamps that he considers counterfeit or reprint, with the exception of reprints sold by the government originally issuing the stamps they represent and receivable for postage at the time of their sale by that government, also all stamps which have been repaired or manipulated for the purpose of increasing their value, unless so marked by the owner and return them to the Sales Superintendent, together with the number of the book from which they came, the name of the owner of such book, and the price at wh:ch they are marked; and shall place the words "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

Sec. 6. Editor of the American Phil-atelist.-The Editor shall edit all advertising and reading matter excepting offic:al matter originating with the President or Secretary, and shall invite liter-
ary contributions and pass upon the same for publication.

He shall solicit and arrange all advertisements. He shall collect all moneys due on advertising accounts and shall turn the same over to the Treasurer without deducting, immediately after the issuance of each number, accompanied by an itemized statement showing specifically on which contracts payments have been made and the several amounts; such moneys to be placed in the proper Fund. He shall in general act as business manager in all matters pertaining to the publication of the American Philatelist.

The editor's compensation shall be $\$ 100.00$ per year in addition to postage and printing expenses; which shall be paid to him by warrant on the general fund.

He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of not less than $\$ 500$, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some Surety Company to be approved by the President.

Sec. 7. Attorney. - The Attorney shall endeavor to collect and settle any claims that may be sent him by members of this Society against any person whatsoever, or to recover any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Board of Directors, to see that proper steps are taken, and the proper authorities notified, to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his service all actual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc., and ten per cent of all amounts recovered; provided, that in case of collections made for the Society he shall charge only actual disbursements without commission.

Sec. 8. Assistant Librarian.-It shall be the duty of the Ass:stant Librarian to preserve, and properly care for the records of the Society as received from retiring officers or hoards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Society of printed matter, and attend to binding the same, and shall at proper times for-
ward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

He shall also, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. He shall also keep a record of all books passing through his hands.

Sec. 9. Counterfeit Detector.-The Counterfeit Detector shall when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging thereof five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted at one time, but if less than five stamps are submitted at one time the charge shall be twenty-five cents; except that the prices for examination of all surcharges as well as cancellation shall be 15 cents per stamp. Postage or expense of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by owners.

He shall not be required to pass upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee.

Sec. 10. Expert Committee.-It shall be the duty of this committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question to he signed by all members of the committee. For the examination of each stamp the committee shall receive the sum of $\$ 1.00$. This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted.

Sec. 11. Comm:ttee on Philatelic Lit-erature.-It shall be the duty of this committee to report, through the columns of the American Philatelist, upon all new catalogues, handbooks, manuals, and papers that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their annual report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for,

Sec. 12. Committee on Philatelic In-dex.-It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and compare for publication an index on philatelic literature.

Sec. 13. Committee on Philatelic Hand Books.-It shall be the duty of this committee to undertake the publication as opportunity offers of Philatelic Hand Books that shall be of low cost yet worthy of the name of the American Philatelic Society. The conditions under which said books be issued shall be left to the Committee, whose plans for publication shall be endorsed by the Board of Vice-Presidents before definite action be taken; but, in case the publishing of any such book involves the expenditure of money from the treasury of the Society, it shall be necessary for the Board of Directors to consent to such expenditure before the approval of the Board of Vice-Presidents shall become operative.

Sec. 14. Recruiting Committee.-The Recruiting Committee shall prepare and disseminate literature caluculated to impress upon the philatelic public the many advantages to be derived from affiliation with the Society. They shall also investigate the standing of applicants upon the request of any officer of the Society.

Sec. 15. Obituary Committee.-lt shall be the duty of this committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the American Philatelist from time to time, and to -bring them together in their annual report in the form of a summary for publication in the Proceedings of the Society.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. Every member of the Society whose dues are paid for the current year is entitled to participate in the privileges of the Sales Denartment except as provided in Article VII, Section 4, paragraph $\mathbf{j}$, or until he becomes a debtor of the Society or any of its departments of more than two week's standing, or is suspended by the Board of Directors in accordance with the pro-
v:sions of Article II, Section 2, of these By-Laws, or has been dropped from circuit lists by the Sales Department for non-payment of fines, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.
S.ec. 2. A member who desires to be placed on circuit lists, must make application to the Sales Superintendent, stating his wish and he will be irrevocahly taken thereby to promise and pledge himself to abide for so long as he participates by all the rules for the conduct of this department now contained in these By-Laws in this Article or Article VII, Section 4, or elsewhere, and any which may hereafter be made, by amendments to these By-Laws, or by the Superintendent for matter properly w:thin his discretion. Every member who receives books on circuit agrees to give a written receipt for them to the preceding member from whom they are received, and to take a like written receipt from the member next on circuit to whom he delives them; to pay a fine of ten cents per day for each day a circuit is kept by him over three days, not counting Sundays or legal holidays, which fines shall be collected by the Superintendent and paid over by him to tle Treasurer for the Insurance Fund; to account for every space from which he removes stamps by placing therein an adhesive control stamp furnished by the Superintendent, and properly cancelled, or by writing his full name in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed, or by plac:ng therein any other mark previously approved in writing by the Superintendent; and immediately upon forwarding a circuit to send to the Superintendent a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps reported upon each time regardless of whether or not he, as an owner, has at the same time stamps circuiting in the department, or any other consideration or debt due or clained by him from the Society. Every member agrees by his participation in the department to pay the Society the full priced value of any circuit traced to him, for which he can show no written receipt from any other member; and
the value of any stamps found by the Superintendent to be missing from books which have passed through the hands of said member, either by reason of the disappearance of any stamp from a space not accounted for, or the loss of an entire page out of a book, or several pages, if he bas not immediately upon receipt of the damaged book notified the member preceding him on circuit, and adjusted the matter with him. The Superintendent shall suspend from participation in the department any member for non-payment of fines or failure to make reports promptly, or to accompany them with the requisite remittance, or npon notification from the Treasurer that said member bas been a debtor to the Society for more than two weeks, or at the request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and any member so suspended shall be restored to the priviledges of participation again, only by a vote of the Board of Vice-Presidents, certified to the Superintendent in writing before being acted on by him.

Sec. 3. Any member who desires to circulate stamps in the department must send them to the Superintendent mounted in proper books furnished for the purpose, with his name on the cover, the price visible near each specimen, and the total value of the book in the place provided on its cover. Counterfeits, non-governmental reprints, bulky entires, and books excessively written in will not be circulated, and the Superintendent may further refuse circulation in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 4, of these By-Laws. Every owner participating agrees to make cash remittances for any stamps he may buy, during the time bis stamps are in the department, exactly like any other purchasing member of the Society and submit to the assessments for the Insurance Fund and Superintendent's commission, when made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the ByLaws. Claims for losses shall be made to the Superintendent, and payment accepted by warrant on the Treasury, as provided in Article VII, Section 4, of these By-Laws. Claims for payment for
substituted stamps shall always be accompanied by the substituted stamps in the books as received by the owner, and such substituted stamps shall become the property of the Society, to be sold for the benefit of the Insurance Fund upon payment of the claims made by the owner.

## ARTICLE IX.-Publications.

Section 1. The Society shall publish "The American Philatetist," which shall be issued as often as once a month, and more frequently if the Board of Directors shall so determine. It shall be edited by the Editor and approved by the President for publication.

Reports of officers, committees and branch societies shall be published in the American Philatelist from time to time, together with such literary matter as the Editor may deem expedient, subject to the approval of the President.

Advertising shall be admitted subject to the approval of the Editor at a rate to be determined by the President.

The yearly subscription price to members shall be sixty cents as provided in Article II, Section 3, and to non-members one dollar. The price of single copies shall be ten cents. All receipts on account of the American Philatelist shall be kept by the Treasurer in a separate fund, against which fund all expenses of publication shall be charged.

Sec. 2. The full report of the convention proceedings together with the charter, the By-Laws and the rules of all departments which may not be included in the general By-Laws, shall be published as soon as practicable after each annual convention and one copy sent free to each member. Copies to the public and extra copies to members shall be sold for twenty-five cents each.

A revised list of members, officers, branch societies, etc., shall be published on or about the first day of March in each year and one copy sent free to each member. Copies to the public and extra copies to members shall be sold for fifty cents each.

The list of members shall be arranged alphabetically, numerically and geo-
graphically, and the specialties of each member, if furnished by him, shall be indicated by proper reference marks. The names of minors shall be marked in the alphabetical list with an asterisk, the significance of which shall be explained in a foot note on each page.

Sec. 3. The Secretary immediately after the convention, shall request bids for the printing of the American Philatelist and the other publications herein autborized. The contract shall be awarded by the Board of Directors, who may at their descretion reject any or all bids.

Sec. 4. Copies of publications of the Society shall be sent to such libraries and other institutions as may be approved by the President.

All copies of the American Philatelist remaining after each issue shall be held for sale and for supplying of duplicate or sample copies.

## ARTICLE X.-Branch Societies.

Section 1. Branch societies of this Society may be formed as follows:-A charter may be issued by the Board of Vice-Presidents for such a branch socity on formal application to such Board; provided they shall have adopted a name and rules for their government, and shall submit a copy of the same with a list of the members, at the time the application is made; and provided that the said rules of the branch society are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-Laws of the Society.

Sec. 2. Five or more stockholders resident in the locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same state, shall be necessary before a charter can be granted.

Sec. 3. Local and state branches so formed shall be numbered in regular order, in consecutive series, and each shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it; provided, that the name of the state branch includes the name of the State for which it is chartered.

Sec. 4. Branch societies may admit
to membersbip persons not stockholders in the American Philatelic Society, but such members shall have no vote on matters pertaining to the American Philatelic Society, or be eligible to hold the offices of President, Secretary or member of the governing Board.

Each branch shall furnish to the Secretary of the Society the name and address of its Secretary, to whom all official communications shall be sent. At each annual convention said officer shall make a report showing the number of meetings his branch has beld during the year, the number of members in good standing and any matters pertaining to the work of the Branch Society. Upon request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Secretary of any Branch shall furnish any information which the Board may request pertaining to the membership and work of said Branch.

All changes in the by-laws of a branch society shall be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents before the same can become effective. In the event that the membership in any Branch is reduced to less than five members or in the event that a branch refuses or fails to comply with any of the above requirements, the Board of Vice-Presidents may submit the facts to the Board of Directors, as in the case of a member, for the purpose of having the revocation of the charter of such offending branch voted upon.

No person, who may be elected an bonorary member by any branch, unless he or she is a member of the American Philatelic Society in good standing, shall be permitted to vote or take any active part in the business proceedings of the branch with which affiliated.

Sec. 5. Each branch society so organized shall be required to subscribe for, acquire, and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Society and may vote the saune by proxy.

## ARTICLE XI.-Property.

Section 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, pa-
pers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Society, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

Sec. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Ass:stant Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Assistant Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the Board in which they originated.

Sec. 3 A duplicate form record book shall be kept, one by the Secretary and one by the President, wherein shall be securely fixed a duplicate of each form or printed matter that is used by any officer to whom is delegated execut:ve power. All such blanks or forms shall have printed on them in a noticeable place "Form approved by Board of Directors" (date to follow) ; said approval to apply to the necessity of issuing and to form, and also to subject matter except as otherwise provided in the ByLaws.

## ARTICLE XII.-Amendments.

Section 1. The By-Laws of this Society may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendments; provided, that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Society entitled to vote. Amendments may he made at the Annual Convention, or at any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the Bylaws shall be final, if such proposed amendments shall have been published in the American Philatetist at least thirty days prior to the date of such convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-Laws adopted by any convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or ByLaws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III, Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the American Philatelist.

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## To the abbreviations used in denoting the specialties of members in the following

 list.Note-In order to keep this list short as possible it will be necessary in some few cases to refer to two or more abbreviations in order to fully determine the meaning of the reference. To explain:

FOR. REV.-FOR. stands for Foreign and REV. for Revenue stamps.
COL. following the name of a country denotes that the member collects the colonial stamps as well as those of the mother country.
U. S. (I. D. LN. R.) signifies the members collect the Postage, Departmental, Envelope and Revenue stamps of the United States.

## Abbreviation

ABYSA. . . . . . . . . . . . Abyssinia.
AE. CANC. . . . . . . . . . . Aeroplane Cancellations.
AFG. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Afghanistan.
AIT. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aitutaki.
A. L. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Alsace-Lorraine.

ARG. ..................Argentine Republlc.
AUS. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Austria.
AUSTRI. . . . . . . . . . . . Australian Colonies.
B. A. C................ . British American Colonies.

IЗАН.... . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bahamas.
BAL. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Balkan Countries.
BAR. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Barbadoes.
BAV.. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bavaria.
B. C. . ............... . British Co'umbia.
13. G. ................. British Guiana.
13. II. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . British Honduras.

BLLiS. . . . . . . . . . . . . . Blocks.
IBR. COT. . . . . . . . . . . British Colonials.
BEL. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Belgium.
BER. . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bermuda.
IBOS. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bosnia.
BRA. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Brazil.
BR. EDIP.............. . British Empire.
13. N. A. .............. British North America.

HUL. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bulgaria.
13. W. I. . . . . . . . . . . . . . British West Indies.
C. A. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Central America.

CAN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Canada.
CANC. . . . . . . . . . . . . . Cancellations.
CAY. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Cayman Islands.
CLEN. COY. ............Censored Covers.
CEY. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ceylon.
C. F. S. . . . . . . . . . . . . Congo Free State (Belgian ('rngo.)
C. G. H. . . . . . . . . . . . . Cape of Good Hope.

CHIN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . China.
CHIN. T. P. . . . . . . . . . . Chinese Treaty Ports.
CHIL. . . . . . .......... Chili.





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## FIRST SESSION.

## Tuesday, August 10, 1920.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. by Judge Robert S. Emerson of Providence, representing the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

Judge EMERSON: Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a great pleasure to call this gathcring to order in the city of Providence. The city of Providence and the state of Rhode Island have taken a great deal of interest in this convention's coming here, and the most active organization in Rhode Island that has taken a live interest and helped us to carry through the plans which we are in hopes will entertain you is the Providence Chamber of Commerce. We have asked the president of the Providence Chamher of Commerce to welcome you to Rhode Island and to Providence. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Mr. Edwin O. Chase, president of the Providence Chamber of Commerce. (Applause.)

ADDRESS OF WELCOME
Edwin O. Chase, President, Providence Chamber of Commerce.
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:
Your presiding officer has indeed expressed all that I may be able to say on hehalf of the Providence Chamber of Commerce. We are indeed glad to have you with us. I do not know what I can add to what he has already said to assure you that the Chamber of Commerce stands ready to assist you all in having as pleasant an occasion as is possible to give in Rhode Island, and we believe that Rhode Island is one of the finest playgrounds in New England.

I have not come prepared to make a long speech to you; in fact, the secretary of our organization said to me only a short time ago, "I notice that you are in considerable demand for short speeches." I have been trying to satisfy myself ever since whether it was because of the shortness of the speech or because of the quality of the speech-probably because of the shortness.

I heartily approve of the object of your organization. Yours is a work that assists in bringing the future and the past together, and it is one of the simpler pleasures that is worth while. You know there are today a great many people who feel that in order to be progressive they must discard all that is past and forget the
wisdom that is gained by years of experience, and look forward, to use a common expression, to a new day. Personally I believe that a great deal can be gained by studying the past. The wisdom and the art and the many things that come to us from the past I believe assist us in guiding our actions for the future. 1 feel many times, too, that many of us have mistaken the word "pleasure" for "happiness," and 1 can conceive a great happiness that you get ont of the work that you are doing. And I submit, that it is a simple happiness, not of the type that I thought of only this morning. We are very apt in these days to take our pleasure in a strenuous way. A friend of mine said to me, "I had a very pleasant week end. I druve 643 miles in three days in my automobile." Now that may be pleasure for some, but I submit that it would not be pleasure for me, because I can conceive of no pleasure in racing through the country 643 miles in three days, an average of over 200 miles a day. And so I say in these times we are very apt to take our pleasure and try to jrovide our happiness in a strenuous manner. And I believe that your hobby, if I may call it so, is one of the simpler kinds, that you may get a real pleasure and provide a real good for posterity.

Without going further into the merits of your organization I want to again welcome you on behalf of the Providence Chamber of Commerce to our city. We are very proud of our city; we are proud of our organization. Our organization does some things for this city that we believe we have reason to be proud of. We have recently organized a movement to build a brand new nineteen-story hotel in Providence, and the next time that your organization is here we hope that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you in that new hotel. Within a week our organization has been successful in getting a new steamship line hetween Providence and Manchester, England, for which the government has given us four ships. I speak of these things because in welcoming you on behalf of the Providence Chamber of Commerce I want you to feel that you are in tonch with a real live organization. I hope that you will continue to enjoy yourselves, that the weather may cooi off a little so that you may see somewhat of our city and somewhat of our beautiful Narragansett Bay. I thank you. (Applause.)

Judge EMERSON: I am sure that we are all glad to have Mr. Chase with us and we hope that this new steamship line will be in operation so that all of us may engage passage to attend the Ferrary sale, which is reported to be held in Paris in the near future.

Mr. Diamant: Before you turn over the chair to the President, I cannot resist the temptation to say that from what I have gathered from Mr. Chase's talk, he does not like this strenuous occupation at week ends. I suggest that you try to make a stamp collector of him for the reason that that is such a nice little restful hobby, and I move that the members present give a vote of thanks to Mr. Chase for his address.

The motion was seconded.
Judge EMERSON: It is moved and seconded that this organization extend a vote of thanks to 'Mr'. Chase for coming here and giving his address.

Mr. GROSS: Mr. President, I think we ought to include a packet of a thousand, all different.

Judge EMERSON: Before putting the motion I will appoint Mr. Gross one of a committee of thirteen to see that the packet is delivered. We are all friends, I might say to the audience.

The motion of Mr. Diamant was put to vote and unanimously carried.

## announcements by committee of arrangements.

Judge EMERSON: Before turning over the meeting to the President there are a few announcements that we who have labored with pleasure before your arrival
would like to make, and Professor Chambers of the convention committee-Professor Chambers of Brown University-will make this announcement if you will give him your attention for a moment.

Prof. ROBERT F. CHAMBERS: I just want to say a few words about these trips. This afternoon we will meet at 2 o'clock right in front of the hotel, on Dorrance street, and if you will please be there promptly at 2 o'clock, for the simple reason that we have special cars there and they cannot wait. There are no sidetracks and so we will have to get on the cars as sooll as they come up. So if every-' body will please be there promptly we will go down to Rocky Point and you can enjoy yourselves there as you see fit and the cars will leave for return at 5.30.

This evening the address by Mr. Slater on the Providence postmaster stamp will be given in this room.

I just want to say a word in regard to the banquet tickets. The banquet will come Thursday night, also in this hotel, in the room right across the hall. The price of those tickets, -we are sorry we are obliged to charge for them, but we are, they will be $\$ 2.50$ and they can be obtained from the registration desk in the other room or from several gentlemen who will be selling them around here during the convention. They really cost more than $\$ 2.50$, but that is all you have got to pay for them.

There has been a slight change made in regard to the official photograph. It has been suggested that Thursday is a bad day for that, as possibly you all will not he here, so the photograph has been set ahead and it will be taken at the beach at Newport tomorrow. And also in regard to the trip to Newport tomorrow, we have asked you to be in front of the hotel at 8.30. The boat does not leave at 8.30, but we have got to be very early if there is to be any possibility of reserving space to hold the meeting. They will not reserve space on the boat for us; we tried, and they would not do it and so we have got to be there, a big gang of us, early if you want to reserve any space for the meeting on the boat. Therefore please be prompt at 8.30 and if we get there early enough we will have the space.

I think that is all I will speak to you about now. At the end of the meeting there may be something else. It may be interesting to know that there are at present 120 registered.

Judge EMERSON: If it is as warm at Newport tomorrow it may be we will want to take that official photograph in bathing suits. We will have to see the committee in regard to that.

It gives me great pleasure to turn this meeting over to the President of the American Philatelic Society, President Wilson. (Applause.)

Mr. BATCHELDER: Never mind the fourteen points.
President Wilson thereupon took the chair.
President WILSON: Gentlemen, this is the opening of the thirty-fifth annual convention of our society. The Secretary will please read the call.

The call was read by the Secretary, as follows:

## CALL FOR CONVENTION.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:
The Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will he called to order at Providence, R. I., on Tuesday, the tenth day of August, 1920, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Credentials:

Chas. E. Hatfield, Chairman;
P. M. Wolsieffer,

Jerome Fleischer,
Geo. R. Brown, and
Chas. D. Skinner, Jr.
I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:
A. B. Slater, Chairman;

Roy S. Barker, V. Chairman;
Frank M. Mason,
Robert F. Chambers, and
Courtland G. Bartlett, Jr.
Announcement of the Convention Headquarters, Committees, etc. will be made in due season in the American Pbilatelist.

H. H. WILSON, President.

Blank forms for ballot and proxy are herewith enclosed as well as an addressed envelope in which the ballot may be mailed. Please read carefully the instructions upon the ballot and conform to them strictly in order that your ballot may be propper and legal in every way.

## H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous conventicn. That is usually handled this way. It would take a long time, and all the members have been given a copy of the proceedings.

Mr. $\operatorname{sTONE}$ : Mr. President, I move that the report of the convention as printed in the last Year Book be accepted.

Motion seconded and carried.
The PRESIDENT: I believe it is usual for the President to make an annual report or address, so I have written a few words of recommendation here which I will now read.

## ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 10th, 1920.
Fellow Members of the A. P. S.:
This is the thirty-fifth time our Society las met in annual convention, which is a record that any society may well be proud of.

When I took office a year ago I found the society more or less disorganized by the death of President Scott. In addition to this two of our most important officers had resigned, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, our efficient Sales Superintendent for so many years, and Mr. Joseph B. Leavy, Editor of the American Philatelist, who refused to serve any longer at the meagre salary of $\$ 100.00$ per year, which is the a mount specified in our By-Laws.

Several months elapsed before Mr. Guest, who succeeded Mr. Wolsieffer, qualified, and in the meantime the work of this department was at a standstill, causing much dissatisfaction among our members. We were fortunate in securing a successor to Mr. Leary, Mr. Stone agreeing to serve regardless of the small salary, and I think the society owes a debt of gratitude to him for the efficient manner in which he has carried on his work,

I shall be greatly disappointed if at this Convention the salary of the Editor is not increased to a sum more in keeping with the responsibilities that belong to and go with this position. I believe the members of this society appreciate the fact that we are publishing a very high grade paper and want this standard to be maintained. If so, they should be willing, and I believe that they are willing, to pay a more liberal salary to the Editor.

In this connection I also want to call the members' attention to the small salary paid our Secretary, whose labors have increased tremendously since the sum of $\$ 200.00$ per year spec̣ified in our By-Laws was thought to be sufficient. 1 believe this matter should also have attention during the Convention, and I so recommend.

Regarding our membership, the goal of two thousand set up as a slogan in 1917 seems almost impossible to attain, due principally to the fact that almost every year we are obliged to drop a hundred or more members for non-payment of dues. The increase in membership this year over last is very small, only 108, which is a great disappointment to me. Our Recruiting Committee, although not appointed until half of the year had elapsed, have worked hard and have secured many new members, for which they deserve the thanks of the members.

At the St. Louis Convention last year two committees, Lookout and Publicity, were added to the list. The former has made progress and I think should be continued. The latter, however, should be discontinued unless the Society is willing to appropriate a liberal sum of money, which we unfortunately failed to do at St. Louis. Mr. Diamant, Chairman of the Committee, submitted an elaborate plan of publicity to the Board of Directors and asked for a liberal appropriation, but the Board thought that this matter should be referred to the next Convention, and so nothing has been accomplished during the year. I therefore recommend that unless we are willing to finance this project properly, this Committee be discontinued.

In turning over the office of President to Dr. Carroll Chase, I feel that the Society in honoring him has honored itself and I sincerely hope that under his direction much more will be accomplished than has been during the past year. In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me and also to thank all of those officers who have helped to carry on the affairs of the Society during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. WILSON, President.

The PRESIDENT: Unless there is some objection this will be put with the other papers in the file.

The next matter is the report of the Committee on Credentials. Is the chairman ready with that report?
'Mr. CHARLES E. HATFIELD: Mr. President, this is of course only a partial report, so far as we have received proxies and ballots up to today.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

## ELECTION REPORT.

President Number of Votes Received.
Carroll Chase, New York ..... 462
Scattering ..... 4
Vice President
Robert C. Munroe, Mass. ..... 446
Jno. W. Prevost, Mass. ..... 441
H. P. Atherton, Mass. ..... 445
Scattering ..... 6
Secretary
H. A. Davis, Colorado ..... 467
International Secretary
Eugene Klein, Pennsylvania ..... 451
Scattering ..... 13
Treasurer
J. E. Scott, Michigan ..... 467
Director at Large
H. B. Phillips, California ..... 441
Alvin Good, Ohio ..... 443
Scattering ..... 29
Blank Ballots ..... 7
Defective Ballots ..... 10
Largest Number of Ballots Cast for One Candidate ..... 467
484
Total Ballots Cast ..... 487
Necessary for Choice ..... 24.4
CHARLES E. HATFIELD,
Chairman Committee on Credentials, C. D. SKlNNER, JR. JEROIME FLEISCHER. J. R. BROWN.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER.
REPORT OF PROXIES.
P. M. Wolsieffer ..... 50
C. E. Hatfield ..... 50
C. E. Severn ..... 50
C. F. Heyerman ..... 48
H. M. Clark ..... 30
W. C. Stone ..... 27
H. P. Atherton ..... 12
Eugene Klein ..... 10
Percy McG. Mann ..... 10
F. M. Mason ..... 10
Carroll Chase ..... 7
Henry Look ..... 7
A. B. Slater ..... 5
Roy S. Barker ..... 3
H. A. Diamant ..... 3
A. W. Dumning ..... 3
L. J. Flerlage ..... 3
C. W. Kissinger ..... 3
J. M. Bartels ..... 3
R. F. Chambers ..... 2
J. E. Guest ..... 2
J. D. Hubel ..... 2
H. B. Mason ..... 2
R. C. Munroe ..... 2
Alvin Good ..... 1
A. A. Jones ..... 1
N. Joseph ..... 1
C. A. Nast ..... 1
Elliott Perry ..... 1
J. W. Prevost ..... 1
J. A. Solomon ..... 1
E. T. Wallis ..... 1
W. O. Wylie ..... 1
Total Number of Proxies ..... 353
CHARLES E. HATFIELD, Chairman.
C. D. SKINNER, JR.JEROME FLEISCHER.J. R. BROWN.P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

The PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, you have heard the reading of the report of the committee-

Mr. HATFIELD: Partial report, Mr. President.
The PRESIDENT: Partial report. What is your pleasure?
Mr. CHARLES E. SEVERN: Mr. President, I move that the report be received.
Motion seconded and carried.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The PRESIDENT: I have appointed the following committees to serve during this convention:

Finance: R. W. Smith, F. H. Mason, George A. Bell.<br>Sales: P. M. Wolsieffer, Angust Bollman, J. C. Hoffstetter.<br>Library: H. A. Diamant, Henry Lord, A. B. Slater.<br>Branch Societies: Alvin Good, Hugh M. Clark, Rev. C. C. Silvester.<br>Resolntions: C. E. Severn, Dr. H. A. Davis, A. W. Batchelder.<br>By Laws: H. H. Wilson, W. C. Stone, F. H. Burt, C. A. Howes, C. K. B. Nevin.<br>Next Convention: C. F. Heyerman, Percy HcGraw Mann, J. B. Leavy.

If the chairmen of the committees after this morning's meeting will come forward the Secretary will turn over the papers, and they will please get their committees together and report tomorrow or next day.

The next order of business is reports of officers. The first will be the report of the vice-presidents, which the Secretary will read.

The SECRETARY: Mr. Whipple, the recorder of our Board of Vice-Presidents, wrote me a few days ago that it would be impossible for him or any other member of the Board to be present and asked me to read his report, which of course I would have done without this request. (Reading):

## ANNUAL REPOIET OF THE BOARU OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society, ASSEMBLED IN CONVENTION at Providence, Aug. 17, A. D. 1920.
GREETINGS:
Your Board of Vice Presidents reports as follows:
The Board has held eight ( $\delta$ ) meetings during the course of the year.
Twenty-four complaints have been presented to the Board for adjustment. Sixteen (16) have been adjusted and two (2) are now pending.

The Board has been compelled to recommend six members for expulsion during the course of the year.

Claims amounting to $\$ 31.98$ have been allowed against the insurance fund. All claims were for substitutions. The "petty thievery" creeps in despite all the care of the Board and the Sales Superintendent.

We submit herewith the Amual Report of the Sales Superintendent and the report of the Examiner of Sales Books.

While the report of the Sales Superintendent is not up to the standard that we would like, yet considering the handicap with which Mr. Guest started, the Board is more than pleased with the report presented. The first four or five months of the year the department was dis-organized by the transfer from Mr. Wolsieffer to Mr. Guest. The marked increase showu in the last few months is a source of satisfaction to the Board and we have no hesitation in recommending the present incumbent to the next Board of Directors.

We wonld recommend that all complaints filed with the Board be verified. Also, members making complaint, should immediately advise the Board of any adjustment. During the course of the last year several members iailed to advise the Board of adjustments, without several requests from the recorder.

The Board wishes to voice its appreciation of the hearty co-operation and the valuable services reudered by the secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, and the Sales Superintendent, Mr. J. E. Guest.

> Respectfully submitted,
> Board of Vice Presidents,
> By F. H. PARMELEE, Chairman. H. A. WHIPPLE, Recorder.

Dated at Omaha, Nebr., August 7, 1920.
The SECRETARY: With this report is incorporated, of course, the report of the Sales Superintendent, which is a part of the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents inasmuch as the Sales Superintendent is under their supervision. There is a note here: "Copy of this report together with books for audit have been forwarded to Providence for attention." I presume this package sent to Mr. Mason to be delivered to me is for the Committee on Sales Department. (Reading report of Sales Superintendent):

Wichita Falls, Texas, July 17th, 1920.
To the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen:
It is with pleasure that I tender my first annual report as Sales Manager. Not that I am entirely satisfied with the results of the past year as far as volume is considered, but the fact that the Sales Department is now well under way and growing each month is its use by the membership.

On account of the advisability of retirement by Mr. Wolsieffer of all books in
circulation sold up to $20 \%$ at the time the department was turned over to me, there has never been at any time during the past several months enough books in circulation to fill all demands for circuits that have been made, but your sales manager has endeavored to rotate the books so that all would have a chance. Especially is this true of books of United States stamps, there is even at present a waiting list of several names for these circuits, and only an occasional circuit has been sent out over the present lists.

I wish to call the members attention to the fact that damaged stamps, unless of high catalog value, and marked at a great reduction are not attractive to the buyers in the department, neither are stamps cataloguing under 10 c , unless they happen to be new issues.

I regret to say that there have been some instances of substitution. One claim in particular which is not being checked up by the Branch Sales Manager in whose city it occurred. It is a regrettable fact that occasionally even the best stamp societies pick up a member who is so small in caliber that he will resort to substitution. I urge all members noticing substitutions to immediately notify the sales manager without delay.

Another suggestion I would make and that is that members who purchase from circuits secure a rubber stamp to mark the blank spaces. One of two controversies have arisen this past year when members checked up short in their remittance and claimed that their name had heen forged. I would suggest if possible that the Board rule that a member will have no comeback on such a claim unless he has taken necessary precaution in marking the space so that no such claim could arise. Members should be more careful in checking up their sale also as a few cents each time, while it does not amount to much, in the aggregate amounts to quite a lot.

I wish to thank Mr. Wolsieffer for his real help extended all through the year, and the officers generally for their full support.

As is customary in our sales department your sales manager has made advances on books entered, where in his discretion the sending was worthy. Also advances have been made from time to time as sales were made. In order to get advances on their books members must enter a number of books of really desirable stuff, priced right and attractively arranged. Well arranged books sell much more quickly.

The rule adopted last year regarding the extra commission on sales made for foreign members has somewhat kept out the flood of usual foreign stuff, however a few have been entered and as yet none have been retird under the new provision.

I would like to suggest that members use a little more care in cataloguing their stamps. This saves quite a lot of work for both tbe sales superintendents and Sales Book examiner. Quite a number of members fail to note the difference hetween the higher priced varieties and the lower priced ones, and either thru ignorance or for some other reason, they pass it up to the Department hy always pricing the cheap variety at the high catalog price. Counterfeits have not occurred with as much frequency as previously, probably because of the small number of hooks entered.

## STATEMENT OF SALES DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

Received from Mr. Wolsieffer:486 Books. Original net value$\$ 12,369.28$
Received from members to 2-1-20:
187 Books. Net value ..... 4,522.25
Received from members 2-1 to 4-30:
222 Books. Net value ..... $5,340.37$
Received from members 5-1 to 7-10:264 Books. Net value6,170.99
Total 1159 Books. Total net value ..... $\$ 28,402.89$
Retired 145 Books to 7-10-20. Total ..... 3,747.88
Leaving 1014 Books in circulation. Total net ..... $\$ 24,655.01$
BOOKS RETIRED.

|  |  | Value | Sales. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To May 1st, 1920 | 41 Books | \$ 906.98 | \$ 449.16 |
| May 1 to 7-10 | 104 Books | 2840.90 | 1195.00 |
|  | 145 Books | \$3747.88 | \$1644.16 |

## CASH REPORT.

Cash from Mr. Wolsieffer account sales ..... \$ 661.59
Sales to July 10th, 1920 ..... 3933.68
Advances to members by Mr. Wolsieffer assumed ..... 246.01
$\$ 4841.2 \mathrm{~S}$
145 Books reired (valued at $\$ 3747.88$ ) ..... 1644.16
Advanced to members ..... $\$ 1744.27 \$ 3388.43$
$\$ 1452.85$
Advanced to Sales Superintendent on commission earned ..... \$ 202.08
Cash on hand July 10 th, 1920 ..... $\$ 1250.77$
SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS RETIRED BOOJS.
145 Books reired valued at $\$ 3747.88$. Sales $\$ 1644.16$
Cash remitted owners ..... \$1384.88
Postage on books to owners ..... 1 I. 95
Fines for counterfeits ..... 4.00
Commission to Sales Superintendent ..... 202.23
Insurance to Treasurer ..... 41.10
$\$ 1644.16 \quad \$ 1644.16$

Since changing my address from Minneapolis to Wichita Falls I have had much more time to devote to the sales department, and if re-appointed, and I trust I will be, I will do my level best to put the A. P. S. sales department to the front in every possible way and make it one of the greatest benefits of our membership. The co-operation of the membership is necessary but I feel confident that they will stand by me as they have done in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. GUEST, Sales Supt.

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary will now read the report of the Examiner of Sales Books, then we will pass all these three reports together and take action on them.

The Secretary read the following report:

## REPORT OF EXAMINER OF SALES BOOKS.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 24, 1920.

To the American Philatelic Society, in Convention Assembled:
During the short time I have been sales book examiner, I have removed from the books six counterfeits, one bad surcharge, and twelve reprints. I also removed eight stamps wrongly classified, but only when the stamp entered is worth much less than the one it purports to be. This is something which is not provided for or for which no fine is levied, but it seems to me that the buying members shonld be protected against as much as against counterfeits. In either case the stamps may be sold and bought in good faith, and the purchaser may be out of pocket nearly as much in one case as the other. In other cases where there was very little difference in the value I made a note of the correct number under the stamp and allowed it to remain in the books. Members should be more careful in classifying stamps, and if in doubt, have them examined before entering for sale.

The question of hinges used in mounting stamps shóuld be brought to the attention of the members. The use of poor or even used hinges often results in stamps falling out of the books in handling. The sellers of course are paid for all stamps not returned to them, but losses occasioned by their own carelessness should not be borne by the Sales Manager, the Insurance fund or the buyers who handle the stamps. Respectfully submitted,

> L. R. SOURS, Examiner of Sales Books.

The PRESIDENT: You have heard the reports. I think one motion might cover all these three unless some one else has a different idea. What is your pleasure?

Mr. P. M. WOLSIEFFER: I move that they be referred to the proper committees.

Motion seconded and carried.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, I have listened attentively to what has been going on and I have found it very difficnlt indeed to hear all that has been said, and I think it is well nigh impossible for those in the rear to hear much of anything. Now I would suggest that if it is not going to inconvenience those at the President's table too much the window on the right of the stenographer be closed. I think that if that is done the sound would come back here and we would hear much better.

The SECRETARY: If we can't stand it we will take off our coats.
The PRESIDENT: Next is the report of the Secretary.
Mr. BATCHELDER: One of the gentlemen suggests that instead of closing that window the street cars be stopped.

The PRESIDENT: That is a very good suggestion, I think.
A MEMBER: I made that suggestion last night.
The SECRETARY: I regret, Ladies and Gentlemen, that my voice is not stronger and deeper but I am using it to its full capacity. (Reading Secretary's report):

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.
To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:
The following is the summary of membership to date:
Total Membership August 12, 1919 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1680
New Stockholders admitted to membership . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 290
Reinstatements . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 29
Replaced on Roll . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 18 337
From which must be deducted the losses as follows:
Resignations accepted ..... 31
Deceased ..... 20
Expelled by Board of Disectors ..... 6
Dropped for non-payment dues ..... 172
Total Membership Jnly 31, 1920

From this it will be seen in comparison that we have a larger gain in membership than any previous year during the last five, having added 108 new members net, nearly twice as many as the previous year.

We record four less lost by death than last year, and 12 more resignations. Thers are 6 iess reinstatements and 13 less replaced on Roll. There were two more expnlsions than last year. These detrimental figures are more than offset by our adding 105 more members this year tban last.

May I at this time call to the attention of onr members, that all applications must state a reference other than the proposer. This will save much time and correspondence. Another snggestion: That reference to banks be discouraged as much as possible. It seems that bankers can think only in terms of finances. It is very common for the secretary to receive a letter from a bank in answer to an inquiry somewhat like the following: "Mr. So and So has carried a small account, (or a large account as the case may be) with us for several years."

This means nothing to us and we have to write the applicant for another reference. We care not of the financial record of an applicant, but what we do wish to know: Is he honest and trustworthy, and will he discharge his obligations promptly.

The following members are credited with the number of recruits set opposite their names:
A. A. Jones 40 ; P. M. Wolsieffer 20 ; C. Gordon Fennell 15 ; J. E. Guest 11; Vahan Mozian 9 ; Eugene Klein and H. H. Wilson 6; Howard E. Day, W. F. Goerner, Dr. A. E. Hussey, N. Joseph, and C. E. Severn 4; H. A. Diamant, Ralph Eilers, Karl Koslowski, W. C. Stone and C. W. Kissinger 3; James Guy, N. A. Georgantas, Joseph Gallant, C. E. Hatfield, Dr. S. Handler, J. D. Hubel, Dr. C. W. Hennan, Otto Haker, Reuel W. Smith, E. P. Seebohm, J. E. Scott, W. H. Wilkinson, H. A. Whipple, E. L. Walker, Percy lleG. Mann, George $\mathbb{M}$. Moreland and Andrew Andreassen 2; The following one each: Otto Arco, Ferd. Buczynski, R. E. M. Bain, Chas. M. Breeder, Geo. M. Brack, Geo. L. Baldwin, Geo. T. Bush, Roy E. Collins, Hubert L. Clark, Benj. Cadbury, J. B. Corcoran, Brnce Cartwright, H. C. Crowell, H. M. Clark, P. G. Doane, A. W. Dunning, J. S. Davis, A. D. Fennell, L. J. Flerlage, W. H. Fedder, Thos. S. Futcher, C. J. Goodman, A. E. Gorham, E. A. Gifford, L. M. Hunt, Jas. B. Helme, F. E. Hadley, Dr. L. H. Hartley, D. W. Heath, Chas. C. Keller, John Kay, Danl. J. Kaib, P. J. Kranz, Geo. W. Linn, H. J. Lelande, H. M. Lewy, Geo. B. Mitchell, H. B. Mason, W. R. M'Coy, Dr. W. I. Mitcheil, Wendover Neefus, Ross O'Shaughnessy, Julius Ottinger, H. S. Powell, H. L. Preston, J. S. Reynolds, V. W. Rotnem, C. W. Richards, Chas. E. Regan, W. O. Staab, E. J. Stanbrough, E. W. Schneider, M. R. Sanborn, H. S. Swensen, C. N. Smith, T. K. Scott, Wm. Seering, C. P. Sutton, M. J. Smith, W. F. Slusser, W. Schwede, Lee G. Taylor, M. W. Taylor, F. Morgan Taylor, H. S. Wintermute, P. H. Ward Jr., J. R. Wilson, Carl Wessbecher, H. Wendell, Jacob Weigel, A. W. Weigel, Cornel Kmentt, A. C. Kanfman, Dr. H. D. King, G. H. Youngs, R. E. Zesati and W. J. Zink. The Secretary 72.

The Secretary has received notice from different sources of the following deaths during the year:

Dr. J. C. Alderson, Wausau, Wis. Kenneth Damon, Williamsburg, Mass.

Col. Clyde B. Parker, Washington, D. C.<br>'Bruno Wolfrum, New York.<br>Rush B. Smith, Norristown, Pa.<br>John Alden, Hyde Park, Mass.<br>Geo. B. Cresson, Swarthmore, Pa.<br>Edw. H. Buehler, Chicago, Ill.<br>Leon V. Cass, Badin, N. C. Miss Gertrude Paul, Baltimore, Md.<br>C. S. Rogers, Kansas City, Mo.<br>Gustav Klaffke, Milwaukee, Wis.<br>H. D. Humphrey, Dedham, Mass.<br>Rev. A. Battiste, Port au Prince, Haiti.<br>F. W. Armstrong, Ogleshy, Ill.<br>Admiral A. G. Winterhalter, Washington, D. C.<br>J. Q. Abbott, Leominster, Mass.<br>Chas. Spaeth, Rochester, N. Y.<br>D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.<br>Mark H. Harris, Lock Haven, Pa.<br>Picher, O. S., Chicago, Ill.

The following amounts of money has been collected by the Secretary and forwarded to the Treasurer monthly.
Sep. 1, 1919 ..... $\$ 192.05$
Mch. 1, 1920 ..... 76.95
Oct. 1, 1919 ..... 94.40
Apr. 1, 1920 ..... 84.50
Nov. 1, 1919 ..... 388.00
May 1, 1920 ..... 76.15
Dec. 1, 1919 ..... 108.20
Jun. 1, 1920 ..... 90.10
Jan. 1, 1920 ..... 54.45
Jul. 1, 1920 ..... 77.05
Feb. 1, 1920 155.05 Ang. 1, 1920 ..... 78.10The following warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer.
No. 1322 Aug. 15, 1919, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 4.00
" 1323 Aug. 15, 1919, Merritt Printing Co. ..... 30.00
" 1324 Aug. 15, 1919, Guy Knox ..... 1.00
" 1325 Aug. 25, 1919, H. A. Whipple ..... 2.00
" 1326 Aug. 25, 1919, Jos. B. Leavy ..... 8.97
" 1327 Cancelled.
" 1328 Aug. 25, 1919, H. A. Davis ..... 106.64
" 1329 Aug. 25, 1919, H. A. Davis ..... 25.82
" 1330 Sep. 15, 1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 104.60
" 1331 Sep. 15, 1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 83.07
" 1332 Sep. 15, 1919, J. E. Scott ..... 27.10
" 1333 Sep. 15, 1919, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 5.00
" 1334 Sep. 15, 1919, Virginia Bland ..... 76.10
" 1335 Sep. 15,1919 , P. M. Wolsieffer ..... 15.99
" 1336 Sep. 15, 1919, H. A. Diamant ..... 50.00
" 1337 Sep. 15, 1919, Prompt Printery ..... 16.00
" 1338 Sep. 15, 1919, Merritt Printing Co. ..... 58.00
" 1339 Oct. 1, 1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 92.33
" 1340 Oct. 1, 1919, H. A. Davis ..... 30.16
" 1341 Oct. 18, 1919, C. W. Kissinger ..... 10.00
" 1342 Oct. 18, 1919, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 4.00
" 1343 Oct. 18, 1919, Stanton Print Shop ..... 7.00
" 1344 Oct. 18, 1919, Jos. B. Leavy ..... 24.37
" 1345 Oct. 18, 1919, Jos. B. Leavy ..... 50.00
1346 Nov. 1, 1919 , Henry Romeicke ..... 4.80
1347 Nov. 1, 1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 96.70
" 1348 Nov. 1, 1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 272.50
1349 Nov. 1, 1919, H. A. Davis ..... 31.92
" 1350 Nov. 15, 1919, H. A. Whipple ..... 4.75
1351 Nov. 15, 1919 , P. M. Wolsieffer ..... 2.00
1352 Nov. 15, 1919, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 4.00
" 1353 Nov. 15, 1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 21.27
" 1354 Nov. 15, 1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 1.75
" 1355 Nov. 22, 1919, Oppenheim \& Field Ins. Co. ..... 7.50
" 1356 Dec. 1, 1919 , J. E. Scott ..... 6.44
" 1357 Dec. 1, 1919 , H. A. Davis ..... 24.66
" 1358 Dec. 15,1919, J. W. Stowell ..... 7.50
" 1359 Dec. 15,1919 , J. W. Stowell ..... 53.03
" 1360 Dec. 15, 1919, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 5.00
" 1361 Dec. 15,1919 , Stamp Herald ..... 5.50
" 1362 Jan. 2, 1920 , Wm. C. Stone ..... 13.91
1363 Jan. 2, 1920 , J. E. Scott ..... 10.00
1364 Jan. 2, 1920, H. A. Davis ..... 24.27
1365 Jan. 2, 1920 , Philip Dengler ..... 15.06
" 1366 Jan. 2, 1920, Philip H. Ward, Jr. ..... 1.66
1367 Jan. 2, 1920, P. M. Wolsieffer ..... 2.00
" 1368 Jan. 2, 1920, H. A. Whipple ..... 4.00
" 1369 Jan. 15, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 84.95
" 1370 Jan. 15, 1920, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 4.00
" 1371 Jan. 15, 1920, J. E. Gnest ..... 3.85
1372 Feb. 2, 1920, Merritt Printing Co ..... 51.50
1373 Feb. 2, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 128.87
1374 Feb. 2, 1920, H. A. Davis ..... 22.24
" 1375 Feb. 16, 1920, Walter R. Phillips ..... 2.00
" 1376 Feb. 16, 1920, W. C. Stone ..... 28.26
" 1377 Feb. I6, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 36.48
1378 Feb. 16, 1920, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 5.00
1379 Feb. 16, 1920, J. W. Stowell ..... 275.00
" 1380 Mar. 1, 1920, Jas. McKinnon Co. ..... 8.40
1381 Mar. 1, 1920 , H. A. Davis ..... 32.72
1382 Mar. 15, 1920, J. W. Stowell ..... 114.23
1383 Mar. 15, 1920, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 4.00
1384 Mar. 15, 1920, Theo. Q. Pardee ..... 7.73
1385 Apr. 1, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 119.14
1386 Apr. 1, 1920, S. D. Childs \& Co. ..... 17.75
1387 Apr. 1, 1920 , H. A. Davis ..... 25.24

- 1388 Apr. 15, 1920, Herrin Journal ..... 65.50
" 1389 Apr. 15, 1920, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 4.00
" 1390 Apr. 15, 1920, H. A. Whipple ..... 1.00
- 1391 May 1, 1920, Jas. McKinnon Co. ..... 14.60
1392 May 1, 1920, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 4.00
1393 May 1, 1920, Merrit Printing Co. ..... 54.25
1394 May 1, 1920, W. C. Stone ..... 12.18
1395 May 1, 1920 , W. C. Stone ..... 25.00
1396 May 1, 1920 , H. A. Davis ..... 26.44
1397 May 15, 1920 , J. E. Scott ..... 3.52
" 1398 May 15, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 110.59
" 1399 Jun. 1, 1920 , A. A. Jones ..... 5.00
" 1400 Jun. 1, 1920, H. A. Davis ..... 22.72
" 1401 Jun. 15, 1920, J. W. Stowell ..... 114.14
" 1402 Jul. 1, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 52.30
" 1403 Jul. 1, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 247.96
" 1404 Jul. 1, 1920, Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co. ..... 9.00
" 1405 Jul. 1, 1920, Merritt Printing Co ..... 8.50
" 1406 Jul. 1, 1920, Jas. McKinnon Co ..... 21.45
" 1407 , Jul. 1, 1920 , Whitbeck Printer ..... 3.75
" 1408 Jul. 1, 1920 , H. A. Davis ..... 38.36
" 1409 Jul. 15, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 88.16
" 1410 Jul. 15, 1920, Merritt Printing Co. ..... 5.50
" 1411 Jul. 15, 1920 , J. W. Stowell ..... 24.05
" 1412 Jul. 28, 1920 , P. M. Wolsieffer ..... 25.00
" 1413 Jul. 28, 1920 , H. A. Whipple ..... 1.82
" 1414 Jul. 28, 1920, H. A. Davis ..... 32.54
March 1, President Wilson relieved the Secretary of recruiting duty and appointed a Committee with A. A. Jones, Herrin, Ill. as Chairman. In the six months since the Committee has been at work the average receipt of applicatious monthly is $401 / 2$. The last Monthly report of the Secretary shows 53 new admissions.

Respectfully submitted,

## H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Upon reaching the list of warrants drawn on the Treasurer the Secretary said: "If there is no objection I will not read the list of warrants."

A MEMBER: What is the total?
The SECRETARY: I have not got the total. You can get the total, though, from the Treasurer's report, assuming that the Treasurer has added his report. If there is no objection I will omit them; they will appear in the proceedings.

Mr. JOHN KAY: Mr. President, hefore that report is accepted I feel insulted. It is not correct. I only get credit for one memher and I brought in two. Now that is not right.

The SECRETARY: Mr. President, I may say-Mr. Kay?
Mr. KAY: Yes.
The SECRETARY: - that the chances are that the other one is still pending and this does not include any applicants other than those that have been admitted. There are something like 125 now pending.

Mr. KAY: I accept the apology.
The PRESIDENT: You will get credit next year, Mr. Kay.
Mr. KAY: I hope I shall have more than two, then, next year.
Mr. MANN: May I ask what I ever did to the Secretary that he didn't mention niy name?

The SECRETARY: Didn't I mention your name?
A MEMBER: He mentioned your name.
The SECRETARY: I know that Mr. Mann did present some applicants and if I skipped some name I must have been a little rattled or something. Mr. President, may I ask Mr. Mann how many he proposed

A MEMBER: Four or five, he says.
Mr. MANN: I haven't any count of it, Doctor:
Mr. BATCHELDER: You read it, Mr. Secretary; he was asleep.

The PRESIDENT: I might say, Mr. Mann, that the report will be corrected so that you will get credit in the published report.

Mr. MANN: Thank you.
On motion, the Secretary's report was referred to the proper committee.
The PRESIDENT: I think the next is the Treasurer's report. Will you read that, Mr. Scott, and so relieve Mr. Davis? His voice is getting hoarse.

Mr. SCOTT: Yes, sir. (Reading Treasurer's report):

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 3rd, 1920.
To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:
I present herewith my report as Treasurer, for the fiscal year of 1919-1920, being specifically from Aug. 8th, 1919 to Aug. 3rd, 1920.

STOCK FUND.
Balance Aug. 8th, 1919 .................................. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 5086.66$
Received from sales of Stock . .......................... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 289.00
Total
. $\$ 5375.66$
Disbursements:
Redemption of one share of Stock, Voucher No. 1324 . . . . . . . ............ 1.00
Balance Aug. 3rd, 1920 ............................................................ $\$ 5374.66$
INSURANCE FUND.
Balance Aug. 8th, 1919 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 2012.98$
Received: From Sales Superintendent .......................................... 243.35
Received: From Secretary ........................................................ . . 3.50
Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 2259.83$
Disbursements:
Voncher: No. 1335, $\$ 15.99 ; 1351, \$ 2.00 ; 1365, \$ 15.06 ; 1366, \$ 1.66 ; 1367$,

$\$ 41.44$
Balance Aug. 3rd, 1920 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 2215.39$

## EXCHANGE ACCOUNT.

Balance Aug. 8th, 1919 ......................................................... . . ${ }^{\text {. }} 7.31$
Receipts .......................................................................... . . . 1.65
Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 8.96
Disbursements . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 0
Balance Aug. 3rd, 1920 ........................................................... 8.96
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.
Balance Aug. 8th, 1919 .......................................................... $\$$. 57.19

Total
$\$ 100.84$

## Disbursements:



Disbursements:
Voucher: No. $1322, \$ 4.00 ; 1323, \$ 30.00 ; 1325, \$ 2.00 ; 1328, \$ 106.64 ; 1329$,
$\$ 25.82 ; 1331, \$ 83.07 ; 1332, \$ 27.19 ; 1333, \$ 5.00 ; 1334, \$ 76.10 ; 1336$,
$\$ 50.00 ; 1337, \$ 16.00 ; 1338, \$ 58.00 ; 1339, \$ 30.16 ; 1341, \$ 10.00 ;$
$1342, \$ 4.00 ; 1343, \$ 7.00 ; 1346, \$ 4.80 ; 1349, \$ 31.92 ; 1350, \$ 4.75 ;$
$1352, \$ 4.00 ; 1356, \$ 6.44 ; 1357, \$ 24.66 ; 1358, \$ 7.50 ; 1360, \$ 5.00 ;$
$1361, \$ 5.50 ; 1363, \$ 10.00 ; 1364, \$ 24.27 ; 1368, \$ 4.00 ; 1370, \$ 4.00 ;$
$1371, \$ 3.85 ; 1372, \$ 51.50 ; 1374, \$ 22.24 ; 1378, \$ 5.00 ; 1381, \$ 32.72 ;$
$1383, \$ 4.00 ; 1386, \$ 17.75 ; 1387, \$ 25.24 ; 1388, \$ 65.50 ; 1389, \$ 4.00 ;$
$1390, \$ 1.00 ; 1392, \$ 4.00 ; 1393, \$ 54.25 ; 1396, \$ 26.44 ; 1397, \$ 3.52 ;$
$1399, \$ 5.00 ; 1400, \$ 22.72 ; 1402, \$ 52.30 ; 1404, \$ 9.00 ; 1405, \$ 8.50 ;$
$1408, \$ 38.36 ; 1410, \$ 5.50 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$
Balance Aug. 3rd, 1920 ..... $\$ 4168.94$
AMERICAN PHILATELIST ACCOUNT.
Debit Balance Aug. 8th, 1919 ..... $\$ 3032.42$
Receits: From Subscriptions ..... $\$ 1198.49$
Receipts: Transfer from Suspense Account ..... 15.09
$\$ 1380.13$
Reducing Debit Balance to ..... $\$ 1652.29$

## Disbursements:

Voucher: No. $1326, \$ 8.97 ; 1330, \$ 104.60 ; 1340, \$ 92.33 ; 1344, \$ 24.37$; $1345, \$ 50.00 ; 1347, \$ 96.70 ; 1348, \$ 272.50 ; 1354, \$ 1.75 ; 1353$, $\$ 22.27$; $1355, \$ 7.50 ; 1359, \$ 53.03 ; 1362, \$ 13.91 ; 1369, \$ 84.95$; $1373, \$ 128.87$; $1375, \$ 2.00 ; 1376$, $\$ 28.26 ; 1377, \$ 36.48 ; 1379$, $\$ 275.00 ; 1380, \$ 8.40 ; 1382, \$ 114.23 ; 1385, \$ 119.14 ; 1391,1 \$ 14.60$; $1394, \$ 12.18 ; 1395, \$ 25.00$; 1398, $\$ 110.59$; 1401, \$114.14; 1403, $\$ 247.96 ; 1406, \$ 21.45 ; 1407, \$ 3.75 ; 1409, \$ 88.16 ; 1411, \$ 24.05 \ldots \$ 2207.14$

Debit Balance Aug. 3rd, 1920
$\$ 3859.43$

## SUMMARY.

| Credit Balances: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Stock Fund | . $\$ 5374.66$ |
| Insurance Fund | 2215.39 |
| Exchange Account | 8.96 |
| Suspense Account | 50.90 |
| General Fund | 4168.94 |
|  | \$11818.85 |
| Debit Balance: American Philatelist Account | 3859.43 |
| Net Credit Balance Aug. 3rd, 1920 | \$ 7959.42 |
| Comprised as follows: |  |
| Bonds . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 5489.34$ |  |
| Cash in Bank . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2470.08 | \$ 7959.42 |
| Cash in Bank, as per Certificate of the Auditor of the Dime Savings Bank of Detroit ...................................................... $\$ 2585.99$ |  |
| Deduct unpaid checks as follows: <br> No. $1409, \$ 88.16 ; 1410, \$ 5.50 ; 1411, \$ 24.05 \ldots . . \ldots \$ 117.71$ |  |
| Less Dues of No. 5037 Perez, in process of adjustment........ 1.80 | \$ 115.91 |
|  | \$2470.08 |
| RECAPITULATION OF THE YEAR'S FINANCES. |  |
| Increase in Balances: |  |
| Stock Fund | \$ 288.00 |
| Insurance Fund | 202.41 |
| Exchange Account | 1.65 |
| General Fund | 1562.01 |
|  | \$2054.07 |
| Decrease in Balances: |  |
| Suspense Account . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 6.29 |  |
| American Philatelist Account . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 827.01 | \$ 833.30 |
| Net increase in Assets . . | \$1220.77 |

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

## THE DIME SAVINGS BANK.

Detroit, Mich., August 4, 1920.
This is to certify that the balance to the credit of the American Philatelic Society at the close of business August 3,1920 , as shown by our books was Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents.

GEO. S. GREEN, Auditor.

Mr. C. F. Heyerman,
19 MacGraw Building, Detroit, Mich. My dear Mr. Heyerman:

I herehy appoint you Chairman of Auditing Committee of the A. P. S. to audit the accounts of Mr. J. E. Scott, Treasurer. The other members of the Committee are John Kay and T. P. Ladue, alternate Chas. F. Sharpe in case either Mr. Kay or Mr. Ladue are not available. Please notify the other members of the Committee.

Looking forward, with pleasure, to meeting you next month at Providence, and hoping that Mrs. Heyerman will also attend, I remain with kind regards,

> Yours very truly,

H. H. WILSON, President.

On reaching the heading "Dishursements" the Treasurer said:
This, of course, ought to correspond to the Secretary's report, and inasmuch as he has got two pages 1 have got two pages. If there is no objection I will read the total instead of the amount of each individual warrant. Of course these, as stated by the Secretary, appear in the printed report. Is there any objection?

There was no objection.
After the completion of the reading of the report, the Treasurer said:
Attached to this report is the certificate of the Auditor of the Dime Savings Bank that we have on deposit the amount as read, and from the Auditing Committee who checked me up a report as follows:

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMLMTTEE.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 6th, 1920.
Mr. H. H. Wilson,
Pres. American Philatelic Society.
Dear Sir:
In accordance with your letter of July $19 t h, 1920$, the undersigned hereby certify that they have examined and andited the books and vouchers of James E. Scott, the Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society, and have verified the Bank halance and bonds in his possession. We report finding his accounts correct and in accordance with his report.

Three checks in the amount of $\$ 117.71$ have not yet been cashed.
The following honds the property of the society are in the possession of the Treasurer:
City of St. Paul Sewer Bond No. 984 S, Face Value . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 1000.00$
City of St. Paul Sewer Bond No. 9849 , Face Value . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1000.00
City of St. Paul Fire Dept. Bond No. 1030, Face Valne . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 500.00
Sen-Sen Chiclet Co. sinking fund gold hond No. A. 1081 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1000.00
United States 2nd Liberty Loan Bonds . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2000.00
Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 5500.00$
Respectfully submitted,
C. FREDERIC HEYERMAN, Chairman. JOHN KAY, THEODORE P. LADUE,

Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, you have heard the very interesting report from our Treasurer, Mr. Scott. It appears that our financial condition is in very good shape. What is your pleasure with this report

On motion, the report was referred to the Finance Committee.
The PRESIDENT: The next is the report of the Editor of the American Philatelist, Mr. Stone.

Mr. STONE: I will try and talk against the street cars; I don't know whether you can hear me or not.

## REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF ANERICAN PHLLATELST.

Springfield, Mass., August 7, 1920.

To the American Philatelic Society:
With the issue of the September number of the American Philatelist it will have completed its thirty-third volume and year. Mr. Joseph B. Leavy declining further service last fall the position was offered to me by President Wilson and on October 18 th I received notice of the confirmation of my appointment. The November issue was naturally gotten out in somewhat of a hurry and contained only 26 pages. This shortage however was made up later by the February and March issues containing respectively 48 and 44 pages. All other numbers have contained 40 pages each so that the annual volume will be of the same size as that of the previous year. The editor has been very fortunate in securing manuscripts for publication as will be seen by the following summary of the more important articles:

> History and Biography of the 1870 issue U. S. J. B. Leavy. Czechoslovakia and its stamps. Brewer Corcoran.

I might say in this connection that I sent a copy of the issue containing the article on Czechoslovakia to the editor of the Czechoslovak Review, the official organ of Czechoslovakia in this country. I immediately received a letter from the editor asking permission to reprint it in full ix his paper, and I have since received a copy of the Review with the article printed in full, so that we shall get considerable publicity from that article.

Turks and Caicos Islands. Robert C. Munroe.<br>United States Local Stamps. Henry C. Needham.<br>U. S. Railroad cancellations. Carroll Chase.<br>Defacing Cancellers. William Evans.<br>Mississippi River Steamer Cancellations. Geo. B. Sloane.<br>Saint Pierre Miquelon. John W. Prevost.<br>C. S. A. Postal Legislation. The editor.

The editor considers himself very fortunate in securing the articles on United States local stamps together with the right to reissue the entire work in book form when completed. Mr. John A. Klemann who published the early installments of the work in the Philatelic Gazette very kindly turned over to the Society all the cuts previously used and gave permission as ahove stated for the reprinting of the work.

The advertising patronage has increased considerably during the year. A detailed statement of the same will be affixed to this report. The editor does not believe in making our journal too much of a commercial enterprise but would like to see a few more pages each month of advertisements. The little "Wants \& Exchanges" have increased until they now occupy two full pages. The rate charged is ridiculously low and we ought to have many more of them. Many dealers to whom application was made responded promptly and liberally, others who use much space in other journals ignored the letters completely.

One dealer wrote me, "Have got more business than I can attend to now." His advertisements still continue in other papers.

A large demand from foreign collectors and dealers for sample copies and rates has resulted in a few subscriptions and ads. but it is hardly time yet to expect much from that source.

The editor desires to express his approval of the proposed amendments to our by-laws increasing the subscription rate for the journal as it is far too low for a magazine of its quality.

The Chronicle of New Issues has been one of the leading features of the journal and has been illustrated to quite a liberal extent. The editor however regrets to see that many of our members, dealers and collectors, prefer to send novelties to other journals rather than their own society paper for chronicle. Please be a little more patriotic.

The lateness of our journal in publication for several months is greatly to be regretted. Numerous things have combined to bring this about. The mail congestion at the holiday season, the shortage of paper, labor troubles, illness in our printer's family and the loss of a package of proof which in itself alone delayed us ten days or more are some of the causes. We hope to catch up sometime however and beg your indulgence until that time.

I find that $I$ have unfortunately come away from home without the summary of the advertisements, which will be duly filed with the proper officers.

Respectfully submitted,

## WM. C. STONE, Editor.

The PRESIDENT: Now, gentlemen, you have heard the interesting report from our friend Stone. What is your pleasure?

Mr. SCOTT: I move it be referred to the proper committee.
Motion seconded and carried.
Mr. STONE: Mr. President, the members may have noticed that there was a smaller amount stated in the Treasurer's report as received from advertisements. The balance of about $\$ 300$ will be transmitted to him at an early date.

The PRESIDENT: Mr. Diamant has offered to loan his voice for the reading of other reports.

Mr. IRELAND: If it is not running a willing horse to death, can't we get our Treasurer to read them?

The PRESIDENT: We have several offers to help out, and I will ask Mr. Silvester to read the report of the Assistant Librarian.

Mr. Silvester read the Assistant Librarian's report, as follows:

## REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Pittsburgh, Penna., August 6th, 1920.
Mr. H. H. Wilson, Pres.,
American Philatelic Society, Providence, R. I.
My Dear Sir:
Your Assistant Librarian begs to report for the year ending August, 1920 , as follows:

He again reports that periodicals and books received were very limited-in fact, tnere were less received during 1919-1920 than on any previous occasion. List of periodicals received is attached hereto. Number of calls for periodicals and books was not very large, although the demand exceeded the year 1918-1919.

Regarding the indexing in accordance with resolution adopted at the 1918 convention, this matter still remains the same.

Mr. Dietz forwarded volumes of the American Philatelist but, on account of the crowded condition and the shortage of help, this matter is deferred for attention during the coming year.

In connection with report of last year, I again call your attention to the desire on my part to be relieved of the duties of Assistant Librarian. They are not excessive but I believe that the department can be made a very important one of the Association. I again request that you accept my resignation and I would suggest that Mr. C. M. Tyler, 583 East End Avenue, Pittsburgh, Penna., be appointed as my successor. Mr. Tyler is very active in the Pittsburgh Society and is well qualified to take hold of the library. He also has the endorsement of the officers of the Pittsburgh Branch, and I personally can recommend him.

Yours truly,
ADAM E. DAUM, Asst. Librarian.
"El Filatelico Espanol," Barcelone, Spain:
Vol. XIX: No. 194, March-April, 1919; No. 195, May-August, 1919; No. 196, September, 1919; No. 197, Nov.-Dec., 1919.
"Madrid Filatelico," Madrid:
Vol. XXII: No. 246-7, July, 1919; No. 247-8, August, 1919.
Vol. XXIII: No. 250-11. No. 251-12, Nov.-Dec., 1919; No. 252-1, January, 1920 ; No. 253-2, February, 1920; No. 254-3, March, 1920; No. 255-4, April, 1920 ; No. 256-5. May, 1920; No. 257-6, June, 1920.
"Philatelic News," Published at Weimar by Karl Hennig:
September, 1919, Special Edition.
Vol. I: No. 1, January, 1920.
Vol. II: No. 2, February, 1920 ; No. 3. March, 1920; No. 4, May, 1920.
"The Albemarle Stamp Collector," Charles H. Mekeel, Editor, Bethlehem, Pa.; The P. J. of A., Publisbers, Federalsburg, Md.:

Vol. V: No. 7, July, 1919; No. 8, August, 1919; No. 9, September, 1919; No. 10, October, 1919; No. 11, November, 1919.
Vol. VI: No. 1, January, 1920; No. 2, February, 1920 ; No. 3, March, 1920; No. 4, April, 1920.
"The Collectors Journal," Published by Edgewood Stamp Co., Milford, Conn.:
Vol. X: No. 3, Whole No. 111, October, 1919; No. 5, Whole No. 113, Midwinter Number; No. 6, Whole No. 114, April, 1920 ; No. 7, Whole No. 115, May, 1920.
"The Australian Philatelist," Published at Sydney, Australia:
Vol. XXV: No. 11, July 7, 1919; No. 12, August 7, 1919.
Vol. XXVI: No. 1, September 6, 1919; No. 2, October 9, 1919; No. 3, November 11, 1919 ; No. 4, December 9, 1919; No. 5, January 8, 1920 ; No. 6, February 7, 1920 ; No. 7, March 8, 1920 ; No. 8, April 8, 1920; No. 9, May 7, 1920; No. 10, June 8, 1920.
"The British Guiana Philatelic Journal," Published by the British Guiana Philatelic Society, Georgetown, British Guiana.
No. 27, December, 1919; No. 28, June, 1920.
"The Postage Stamp," Edited by Fred J. Melville, London, England.
Vol. XXII: No. 5, November, 1919; No. 6, December, 1919; No. 7, January, 1920; No. 8, February, 1920; No. 9, March, 1920; No. 10, April, 1920 ; No. 11, May, 1920; No. 12, June, 1920.
Vol. XXIII: No. 1, July, 1920.
"The Stamp Lover," Edited by Fred J. Melville, London, England.
Vol. XII: No. 5, October, 1919 ; No. 6, November, 1919; No. 7, December, 1919.
"The Stamp Collector," Published by Margoschis Bros., Birmingham, England.
Vol. XXII: No. 258 , July, 1918 , No. 7.
"The U. S. Three Cent Stamp of 1908-1918," By N. Hagenauer, Issued by the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh.

Dr. H. A. Davis, Secretary,
American Philatelic Society, care Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I.

My dear Doctor:
Your letter of July 1st was duly received, and I am attaching hereto my report for the year ending August 1st.

I hope the Society will arrange for the appointment of Mr. Tyler as my successor.
Owing to the pressure of many other duties, I am not able to give the attention to the library matters which I think they are entitled to.

Mr. Tyler is very much interested in philately and does considerable philatelic literature work himself,' and I am sure he would make a very good man.

Yours truly,

## A. E. DAUM.

Mr. IRELAND: How many calls for books and periodicals does he say there were?

Mr. SILVESTER: There is no summary. I will count them up.
The SECRETARY: Those are papers that have been presented?
Mr. SILVESTER: They are monthly magazines that have been received.
Mr. IRELAND: My inquiry was. Mr. President, how many calls there have been for literature; I mean, how many people wanted books out.

Mr. SILVESTER (reading): "Number of calls for periodicals and books was not very large, although the demand exceeded the year 1918-1919." If you want the number of magazines and books received during the year I will count those up.

The PRESIDENT: Does anybody care for that?
Mr. STONE: It is not necessary.
The PRESIDENT: Unless there is some objection the report will take the regular course.

The report was referred to the Committee on Library.
The following report was read by Mr. Silvester:

## REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 15, 1920.
To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society.

## Gentlemen:

I have the honor to tender herewith my report for the year 1919-1920.
No official communications from the "Corresponding Societies" has been received by your International Secretary and I am therefore unable to report on foreign relations. Twenty-two letters in foreign languages concerning mostly complaints or adjustmnets of claims by foreign members were submitted for translation and executed.

Other (non-official) correspondence was also translated whenever requested by
any member of the A. P. S. Thirty-two letters and postals, under this heading, were translated.

No official foreign correspondence is pending at this time; I have therefore nothing to refer or turn over to my successor in office.

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& \qquad \text { PHILIP DENGLER. }
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Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, I notice from that report that the translations of foreign letters were "executed." I am afraid that was the case.

Mr. SILVESTER: I noticed that when 1 read it.
The PRESIDENT: The report of the International Secretary will follow the usual course unless there is some objection.

We will now have the report of the Attorney. Mr. Silvester, will you oblige once more?

Mr. Silvester read as follows:

## IREPORT OF ATTORNEY.

New York, July 30th, 1920.
To the Members of the American Philatelic Society:
As Attorney appointed in the place of Mr. Schmalzreidt, I desire to report that during my period of office four small matters have been submitted for attention, three of which had already been in the hands of Mr. Schmafzreidt.

The results as yet are not ascertainable. It would appear, however, that in all cases a favorable result will eventually be obtained.

By way of suggestion, I wonld like to add that members do not fully appreciate what is necessary to submit to an attorney in order that he may have all the data necessary to properly act. In the first place, original documents are always to be preferred over copies, in fact, copies are useless except by way of memorandum. Dates, exact amount and correct information must always be furnished, and anything that approximates, is of no avail.

One of the claims that I received was from a foreign stamp dealer through a member. I am not informed as to whether or not this foreign dealer is a member. If he is, it is much preferahle for him or other foreign dealers to write direct to the attorney, rather than through a third party.

If a foreign dealer is not a member, is his claim to be handled? I wonld assume that in the interest of Philately such would be the case.

Respectfully submitted,
H. M. LEWY, Attorney.

The PRESIDENT: This report, also, gentlemen, will follow the usual course unless there is some objection.

We will now listen to the report of the Expert Committee, which is very short.
The following report was read:

## REPORT OF THE ENPERT COMMTTEE.

178 Fulton St., New York, July 14, 1920.
American Philatelic Society, Providence, R. I.
Mr. President and Fellow Members:
On hehalf of the Expert Committee I have to report that during the past year we have examined two stamps for members.

The PRESIDENT: That also follows the usual course. Here is the report of the Philatelic Literature Committee, also of the Philatelic Index Committee.

Mr. Silvester read the following reports:

## REPORT OF THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE COMNITTEE.

The report of this committee has been held up on account of want of information and want of time to do the work on the part of the chairman. It has taken most of the spare moments during the past winter to get the letters of the Index, "F" and "G" ready. But as I have the manuscript for the 19 th, 20 th and 21 st report partly done $I$ expect to complete it in the very near future for publication by the society. It might be best to bring this up to date and if this is done the 22 ud year will be addied.

## REPORT OF THE PHILATELIC INDEN CONLITTTEE.

The letters " $F$ " and " $G$ " are nearly ready and as soon as finished I hope thie Society will publish the whole at once as suggested by Mr. Park at last Convention. Then the Introduction and first 108 pages should be reprinted from the "American Philatelist" in pamphlet form. This will be followed by letters "U. S." (United States) as I have this part also nearly ready.

Respectfully subinitted,
WILLIAM R. RICKETTS, Chairman.
The PRESIDENT: Report of the Recruiting Committee; the Secretary will read it.

## REPORT OF RECRUITING COMMPTTEE.

The SECRETARY: Just a month previous to the call for the convention-I am saying this for the benefit of Mr. Diamant-I sent out invitations to the officers to send me their reports, as I do every year, and I have the following as an answer to that from the chairman of our Recruiting Committee, Mr. A. A. Jones:
"I am so busy, various matters, and have no report lined up. Have been doing best I could with rest of committee, trying to increase membership, and I trust we have not failed to do our share of the work. Sorry unable to attend the convention. and trust all present have an enjoyable time.

Sincerely,

> A. A.JONES, Chairman, Recruiting Committee."

This is the longest letter I ever received from the chairman of our Recruiting Committee. I believe, gentlemen, that he is a live member and my report which will cover this will show that. He is getting the collectors into our society, those not only that he proposes himself by his own personal influence, but he has got his committee working.

The following report was read by the Secretary:

## REPORT OF LOOKOUT COMNITTEE.

Your committee have held many meetings in Washington and interviews with philatelists and others in regard to the question of publishing illustrations of foreign
stamps. After due deliberation they came to the conclusion that it was unwise at present to press the matter and ask for further time.

For the Committee:
H. F. COLMAN,
E. R. ACKERMAN,

CHARLES E. HATFIELD.
The report was placed on file.
Mr. Klein, Counterfeit Detector, read the following report:

## REPORT OF THE COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

1318 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., August 7, 1920.
To the Officers and Memhers of the American Philatelic Society,

## Gentlemen:

From August 15, 1919 to date 370 stamps were submitted to me for exainination. Of these 162 were originals, 68 counterfeits, 22 reprints, 31 forged overprints and cancellations and two faked grills; also, 85 stamps presented for classification.

There is considerable interest in the stamps of the near East, especially Egypt. There are excellently done forgeries of the 1888 issue postage due both perforated and imperforate which are lrequently offered as genuine stamps and sometimes as reprints. The inner frame enclosing the value consists of three parallel lines, a thick line in the middle. Part of this thick line on the right side extends beyond the corresponding line at top and touches the upper frame line in the originals. In the forgeries this short line is lacking and the frame lines appear to be regular. I subnit for your inspection forgeries and originals, also a diagram in which the difference is indicated.

Many new stamps have been issued in Europe during the last two or three years which have found their way into collections and which according to recent information received, appear to be unauthorized. Several of the West Ukrainia and Hungary surcharges seem to come under this category. Issues like the Russian West Army and Tirol seem to be devoid of philatelic value. However, time will clear all.

My attention has been called to a German forger who produces wonderful errors in postage stamps and rarities in cancellations. In answer to an advertisement by a memher of our Society asking for his specialty which happens to be Denmark, a letter was received which I give in full translation as follows:
"Referring to your advertisement I take the liherty of sending you a sample selection of interesting stamps on approval and I hope to be able to furnish you other interesting stamps. According to your advertisement you purchase originals as well as forgeries. Since you particularly seek cancellations of Denmark, iSweden, Norway, Schleswig Holstein, old German States with Danish cancellations or vice versa, I would be in a position to furnish you enormous material in half originals at low prices. As you will see by the inclosed samples I am able to transfer any stamp picture or cancellation from one original stamp to another without hurtin or altering the cancellation in any way. I could, for instance, take unused old Danish stamps and transfer to them original cancellations from Swedish, Norwegian and German stamps and vice versa. You understand that in this way it is possible to produce the greatest rarities in cancellations, etc. in half originals. With careful work it is impossible to distinguish them from originals. As yon will see by the Thurn and Taxis 30 k the 220 ring cancellation was transferred from a cheap 3 k stamp. You will no doubt find many purchasers there for these half originals. The method is new and I could possibly let you have the use of it in the United States. It can be easily learn-
ed and you could employ a young man or girl from fourteen to sixteen years old to do the work. As you will see from the samples it is possible to produce various philatelic curiosities such as double prints, shifted prints, inverted surcharges and other things very easily; all these are readily sold with large profits. If you are interested in this matter please send me at once a selection of cancellations on common stamps or entires, and I will transfer them to Danish and other stamps. You had better send me the unused stamps along with indications which cancellations are to go on them. Please pay me in U. S. A. bank notes for the inclosed stamps in case they interest you. I will leave the price to your integrity. For transferring cancellations on stamps that you furnish I will charge you from Marks 5 to Marks 10 depending on the amount of labor involved, providing the order is not less than 200 pieces. (He does not say whether this is for the 200 pieces or so much a piece.) Cancellations from entires can be transferred more easily and cleaner, which please bear in mind. (No doubt because the cancellation goes beyond the stamp, so he could lift up the entire thing instead of just a portion of the cancellation which he will find on a loose stamp without the cover.) Hoping to have your early reply, I remain

Very truly yours,"
It will interest you gentlemen to see the work of this man, and I am therefore submitting for your inspection a few of the characteristic pieces as follows:

## Printed on both sides:

U. S. 1902 13c

Brazil 1906300 r

## Double Prints:

Denmark 1902150 printed over 1896100
Sweden 1886 200. This is a remarkably well made piece. The forger no doubt took pains with it.
Surcharge transferred:
Denmark 150 surcharge of 1904 on 150 stamp of 1902

## Cancellations transferred:

Denmark 1896 8o with Reykjavik (Iceland) cancellation.
Thurn \& Taxis 30 k with cancellation transferred from a common stamp making this stamp catalogue $\$ 12.50$ in place of 25 c .
You can readily see the possibilities that this man's work opens up before us. Fortunately the forged portions of the stamps are soluble in water and we therefore will have a fairly good test in determining similar forgeries.

Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE KLEIN,
Counterfeit Detector, American Philatelic Society.
In exhibiting to the members the stamps referred to in the letter, Mr. Klein said:
You will see a Harrison stamp there printed on both sides, both sides almost equally well done. The thing would fool anybody. Brazil, 1906,300 reis, the same thing, printed on both sides. He simply took the picture of one stamp, lifted it up bodily and printed on the back of another stamp without hurting it at all. It looks engraved. It has all the earmarks of an engraved stamp, not a photograph or anything else.

The Denmark 1902,15 ore printed over 1906 , 10 ore, when you examine it it looks as well as any double print that bas ever been shown in this country in any collection.

In the Denmark 15 ore surcharge of 1904 on 15 ore of $\$ 902$, he made a bogus stamp which looks good.

Mr. DIAMANT: That report evidently is one of great interest and is unquestionably a report which I think should be taken carefully into consideration by a committee or by some one before it is published verbatim in our yearly. I believe that it is a serious proposition. I do not think that that kind of knowledge will help philately very much if it is known that work of this kind can be done. Some action should be taken all over the world to stop it. I think that we should take this matter up very seriously in this convention. Why, this is something remarkable.

The PRESIDENT: Do you know, Mr. Klein, what is being done to stop this?
Mr. KLEIN: Oh, yes, yes. The American Stamp Dealers' Association is taking up this matter and is corresponding with the German Stamp Dealers' Association and also the Dresden society, which is the largest society in Germany, both of whom will undoubtedly take action on this and all we can do, I think, is just wait and see what they will do. This man is in Germany and we surely cannot do anything with him iight here. Mr. Diamant wishes to know whether the mau's name appears in that report. I told him no, it does not appear. This is a confidential letter. What we are trying to do is to have the German societies take action. It is something that we cannot do; the man is not here.

Mr. BA'TCHELDER: Mr. President, I move that the compound word "half original" be added to our philatelic dictionary. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT: Well, Gentlemen, do you want to take action on this report now?

Mr. STONE: I move it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.
Mr. KAY: I am heartily agreed with my brother in regard to going into the matter very cautiously, but I believe in publishing it to let people know what is being done as to these forgeries. I think to hide any murder or anything of that sort is wrong. It is wrong to hide any forgery or anything wrong; publish it; let the people know what is being done and let the ignorant know what they are up against.

Mr. DIAMANT: I don't think it would be right that such knowledge should be disseminated so as to give information to some people who are dishonest that this man would instruct them for so much money. I want even the greatest publicity as to the fact that this work is being done so that philatelists may protect themselves.

Mr. KLEIN: With your permission, Mr. President, for your information I will say that only three men in this country know this man's name and would know how to get in touch with him. They are members of this Society, members in good standing. They will not do anything that is not proper.

The PRESIDENT: Then if there is no objection this report will be referred to the proper committee for action or for publication, whatever appears to be for the best.

I would like to know how the members feel about an adjournment now for about ten minutes, or shall we adjourn until tomorrow? One of the Providence papers wants to take our picture for publication; they are all ready to take the picture now.

Mr. DIAMANT: Excuse me; if I understood correctly the next meeting is to take place on the boat?

The PRESIDENT: Yes, tomorrow.
Mr. DIAMANT: You will remember at St. Louis we had the opportunity to transact a great amonnt of business on the excursion, but if the committee is not able to set aside a certain portion of the boat on which we can have the meeting we may find it difficult to transact much business tomorrow. So in view of that fact I would like to know what would be done in regard to preparing for holding the meeting on the boat. The program for this afternoon has been set for two o'clock.

The PRESIDENT: We can adjourn now for ten minutes to have the picture taken, and then return here. It would only take a few minutes, if I understand it.

Mr . KAY: I think that is very sensible.

Mr. HATFIELD: Let us take a recess for ten minutes.
On motion, it was voted to take a recess of ten minutes subject to the call of the Chair.
(Recess.)
The PRESIDENT: The meeting will come to order again.
The report of the Handbook Committee was read by Mr. Stone, as follows:

## REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK CONDITTEE.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the A. P. S.:
Your Handbook Committee has endeavored to select, from the varied material available, three or four subjects of more than casual interest to the majority of our members, with view of publishing these in booklet form.

As we look at it, a handbook of interest to perhaps ten or twenty-five specialists, but of no use to most of our members, has no legitimate excuse for heing published at the expense of the Society-particularly while printing costs are so excessively high.

If, however, we can produce one or a series of handhooks that are really needed by the average collector, -books to which he can profitably refer repeatedly for information he needs,-we will have accomplished something worth while.

With this in mind, we have made the following selections:
First, Kjellstedt's work on Sweden, published in the Journal some time ago.
Second, Bertram Poole's serial on Denmark, which also apyeared in the Journal, and which we believe Mr. Poole will consent to revise and bring ap to date for our purpose.

Tbird, Needham's masterpiece on U. S. Locals, now running from month to month in our publication.

It is our belief that these three handbooks will be in such demand among collectors outside the Society that "outside" sales will largely if not entirely defray the expense of publication in handbook form.

A handbook on France is also, in our opinion, much needed, as no handbook on this country has yet beeu printed in English. We have not yet been able to arrange for the preparation of the material for this, but wish to pass the suggestion along to our successors.

Of the three subjects definitely selecteă, two can be turned over to the printers very promptly, and the third can follow by the time the others are completed. This will be, at least, a start in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SAMPSON,

WM. C. STONE,
Handbook Committee.
August 5th, 1920.
The PRESIDENT: Have you anything to add to that, Mr. Stone, from your personal knowledge?

Mr. STONE: I think Mr. Sampson has included practically everything that I suggested in my last letter to him. We have had no opportunity to submit the report to Mr. Ault for his signature, but I know that he is in accord with our suggestions.

The PRESIDENT: Unless there is some objection this report of the Handbook Committee will follow the usual course.

Are you ready to report on the Publicity Committee, Mr. Diamant?
Mr. DIAMANT: Isn't that a standing committee?
The PRESIDENT: Yes, but all these reports are reports of standing committees.

## REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Mr. DIAMANT: Mr. President, No action has been takeu by the Publicity Committee and therefore $I$ am able to report no progress. This is the first time since $I$ have been old enough to associate with business or social organizations that $I$ have been compelled to make such a statement. In justice to the Committee and to our President who honored us in this appointment, I feel called upon to make a statement, and if I may be permitted to take up the time of the members for a few moments I would like to have this matter brought up before the Association, if it is so deemed necessary, for action. Have I that permission, Mr. President?

The PRESIDENT: As far as I am concerned.
Mr. DIAMANT: The reason for this condition is because of lack of funds. Your committee made the request after the appointment for a sum of money to be given for propaganda, $\$ 1000$ donated by the Association and the guarantee of an additional $\$ 1000$, making a sum of $\$ 2000$ which would be used for that purpose. A program of activities was submitted and in the wise judgment of the Board or Committee to whom this proposition was referred they did not think it advisable to make this appropriation. That we were disappointed is evident, I believe, to all of you, hecause very little could be done without an appropriation. What the reason was for having been unwilling to make this appropriation, I must confess I do not know. But it seems to me that if any result can he obtaincd it will be necessary to have an appropriation. Opportunities for propaganda last year were very good. Those of you who attended the St. Louis meeting know of the work done by the newspapers in st. Louis. The articles-half-page articles and column articles-published were reproduced in many papers all over the United States and the work could have been continued from the interest that had been taken if we could bave had sufficient money to spend for the purpose. It is not necessary for me to go into detail now as to what. the program was; suffice to say that it was to employ at a reasonable salary a newspaperman who was capable, who was industrious and whose situation would enable him to get the co-operation of other newspapers in the United States to reproduce his articles. The man in question was to have given his time, his stenographer's time, and he was to prepare articles and do a great deal of other work for what was considered at the time by the Committee a very reasonable salary. The balance of the money was to be spent for the making of slides for lectures and sending them to the different branch societies, and for the purchase of a great many thousand sets of new issues of foreign stamps to be given away to the boys who would attend the lectures and to disseminate knowledge in general that would help philately. After all we must educate the rising generation to collect postage stamps. We older men will soon pass to the great Beyond and once a boy collector, as he grows into manhood the seed is sown in him and he becomes a collector in his later years. As he becomes older and increases his interest in postage stamps and likes the hobby he naturally continues to collect them and to buy rarer and scarcer stamps; he may become an enthusiast, as some of us are, and through his activity in later years the hohby of collecting stamps will be continued for a long time to come.

My object now is to ask whether the American Philatelic Society are always going to keep in their treasury the amount of money now there without its being put to the uses for which it should be put. I am ready to be corrected if I state that one of the reasons for the failure to provide the funds was because the money could not be taken out of the treasury without the approval of the members of the Society. Is that correct?

The PRESIDENT: That is what the Directors thought, yes, sir.
Mr. DIAMANT: In looking over the by-laws I find that there is no mention-I want to be corrected if I have overlooked anything-there is no reference to how the
money in the possession of this Society is to be expended, to what use it is to be put excepting that in Article I there is some mention ahout giving hack a dollar a piece to the members for the redemption of their stock. Is that correct?

The PRESIDENT: That is correct. The stock is held, I believe-
Mr. DIAMANT: That stock account is held for the purpose of giving back to the members one dollar for each certificate of stock that is returned. But there is a joker there. It says such a memher can be expelled and his stock forfeited if he owes the Society any dues. And I want to know how we can spend $\$ 5000$ for the redemption of stock if the memhers who owned that stock are not entitled to that dollar for the redemption. There was $\$ 5000$ there in 1919 and it has increased $\$ 300$ more in 1920. There is a part of that fund that could he used for publicity purposes to good advantage if the members of this Society can act upon it. If, according to your judgment, it is unwise to do this, what ohject, what benefit can this Society gain from money that is tied up if it cannot be put to any use according to your by-laws except the redemption of stock? It states so specifically in your by-laws and there is rothing else in your by-laws which states what shall be done with it. Either the members must find some other use for it than as the hy-laws state, or it has got to stay there forever.

Now that is a question. If you want publicity, and the right kind of puhlicity, it will cost some money to get it. I believe that all of us in our own way do something to help philately. Our little societies help it, our branch societies; we individually help it in propaganda among our friends. We give away stamps to hoy collectors. In St. Louis propaganda meant that after the lecture was given to a large attendance the Teachers' Association asked for speakers at their schools and at several of the high schools those of the boys who were interested in collecting postage stamps were permitted to have meetings in the afternoons, set aside from their regular courses, and to form little local high school societies presided over hy one of the teachers who took the time to study some of the points of philately in order to he of some benefit to these boys. They elected their little president and their vice-president and their secretary and their treasurer and they have their sales, they have their little articles which they read to each other, and they have their little prizes at their exhibitions and they are our future philatelists. A column in a newspaper on stamp collecting, the same as these puzzle columns which appear in the weekly issues-articles in the newspapers by those who know something about stamps have a great influence with the public. And hy the way, here is Mr. George D. Emery, of Philadelphia, a well-known philatelist, who has done some of the most remarkable work I have ever read of on postage stamps-full pages. This page appeared in the Boston Evening Transcript. (Showing a full page article on air mail stamps in Boston Transcript.) This page appeared in the Philadelphia Public Ledger; this also appeared in the Ledger; this appeared in the Boston Evening Transcrift, this in the Sunday Sun (showing other articles). Now look at these page articles on philately. Such articles are hound to increase interest in philately, but they cannot he secured without funds. I have an article here which should be read, but I am afraid at the present fime that it would take too long. But it is an article that should be given careful attention when the time comes and you gentlemen are ready to take up the motion which I am about to make.

I want you to seriously consider this. I want you to look it up as a pure business proposition. Do you or do you not wish to spend any money to ohtain publicity, and if you do, vote on this proposition: I move yon, Mr. President, that $\$ 1000$ be appriated from the stock fund for publicity purposes, with the understanding that contributions be secured for an equal amount, making a total of $\$ 2000$, to be spent during the year 1920-21 for that purpose.

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, I certainly would wish it were possible-

The PRESIDENT: Wait a minute. Has that motion been seconded?
The motion was seconded.
Mr. WOLSIEFFER: I wish it were possible under our by-laws that we had money enough to take up this matter that Mr. Diamant speaks about. But if Mr. Diamant bad gone back into bistory when this matter has come up many times of spending the stock fund, he would have found that not only are our by-laws so constructed that we cannot use that money, but that sentiment is against it. Mr. Diamant's fellow townsman, John K. Tiffany, in the early days of the Society when these by-laws were first framed was asked about this stock fund. He said: "The idea is more or less one that is sentimental, that we must maintain a stock fund up to a certain point"-he mentioned at that time $\$ 10,000$. He said, "By that time the interest on the stock fuad will help defray the expense of the official journal, furnish additional money for the secretary and treasurer and such officers as are absolutely needed to run the society." This stock fund must be maintained inviolate for the reason that on call any member may ask to have his stock certificate cashed in. I have now in my possession probably a dozen different certificates of stock of different members which have been sent to me with little lots of stuff to be sold, and I have asked them, "What do you want done with it?" "Oh, well," they said, "it is no good to me; just keep it." Well, now, it would be possible for me to surrender those shares of stock and ask the treasurer to give me back $\$ 12$ or have the heirs of these people do it. Now, as long as there is one share of stock ont, the treasurer can be called upon to redeem that one share of stock. It may be true that we had only one this year, possibly ten some other years; we may not have had any in some other years; but we bave got to keep the money intact, we bave got to keep it inviolate. There migbt be a proposition made whereby a committee duly anthorized might borrow a certain amount from this fund or transfer it, with the understanding that it be replaced. But I can see no way in which it can be used if it is not to be replaced. Old "Papa" Doeblin was called the "watchdog of the treasury," and many a time propositions bave been advanced to take money out of the stock fund, but each time it was found that it could not be done, either legally or sentimentally, without some other action under the by-laws. And I would like to see this money raised in some way and used for this purpose, but $I$ shall certainly be opposed to taking it from the stock fund, no matter for what purpose whatever.

Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President-
Mr. DIAMANT: Excuse me one moment; I would like to reply to Mr. Wolsieffer.
The PRESIDENT: Mr. Diamant.
Mr. DIAMANT: I must confess that John K. Tiffany was a very brainy man and he was a good man, and I should hate, being a St. Louisian, to feel that I bad done anything that was contrary to his wishes. We were good friends. I bave got something in mind which may offend some, but I would like to say one thing regarding Mr. Wolsieffer's remarks, and that is this: That I feel that there is no danger of any great amount being asked for the redemption of stock certificates, because particularly the by-laws provide "That upon the expulsion of the holder, or his resignation, or the dropping of his name from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society or any of its departments, his stock shall revert to the Society, and his certificate become and remain null and void."

So therefore there is a great deal of stock that cannot be redeemed. But I will amend that motion, because your Secretary has just informed me-1 was so far back at the time the report of the Treasurer was read that I did not hear it-that there is approximately $\$ 4000$ in your General Fund. Now if it is the desire to help the Publicity Committee we can take the $\$ 1000$ out of the General Fund, and then the stock fund will not be touched, and failing to do that the Society can do as Mr. Wolsieffer suggests, borrow it from the stock fund and put it back when you have got the money.

The PRESIDENT: Is it your motion now to amend, instead of taking that money from the stock fund, to take it from the General Fund?

Mr. DIAMANT: From the General Fund.
The PRESIDENT: Does the seconder agree to that?
Mr. ——: Yes, sir.
Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President, I believe that I can sympathize with the gentleman who has just spoken. I have been in touch with much of the work that he has done and I know that he has labored earnestly and well. Mr. Diamant, I may say, is comparatively new as a member of the A. P. S. I say that kindly, of course, and it is a tribute to your enthysiasm that you take the active interest that you do in this organization. Now undoubtedly we should support a proposition of this kind, and I think, ordinarily speaking, we would vote a fair sum to the working out of a plan which might be submitted by the chairman of the Publicity Committee. As 1 take it, it is a question of amount and whether or not we as business men can afford to give the amount suggested by 'Mr. Diamant.

Now, Mr. President, it is not my wish to anticipate legislation in any way, but I assume-perhaps I have no reason for doing so-that this suggestion or motion or whatever it is will come before the Committee on By-Laws, and no doubt the Committee on By-Laws will make a recommendation as to amount, because I think it is fair to say that we are all in favor of the idea of a publicity fund. But mark you, members, the sinews of war should 'be supplied in great measure by professionals of philately. The stamp dealers and others should contribute lavishly to that fund and the A. P. S. by showing its g,ood disposition in the matter, by contributing a certain fund-l think personally the amount stipulated by Mr. Diamant is rather highwould show our good will and approval of this movement.

In regard to the stock fnnd, of course that is a traditional bone of contention. In my younger days we used to attack the stock fund deviously and artfully, but the older members defended it violently, and perhaps with age cometh wisdom. I now see the necessity, gentlemen, of maintaing inviolate the stock fund, because the stock fund is carried as a liability of the A. P. S., and I believe any bookkeeper present or any auditor will maintain that the stock fund is a liability and therefore we dare not touch it, because theoretically that money is not ours; we are trustees, we are custodians. And notwithstanding, gentlemen, that the by-laws assert that the stock may be redeemed, I will guarantee that I can employ a lawyer-Mr. Ireland, for instance, if my retainer was sufficiently large-to attack that provision of the by-laws and get back the one dollar that I gave this Society upon surrender, properly endorsed, of my certificate of stock. That is why, gentlemen, I think it is dangerous to attempt any disturbance of the stock fund.

The amount of subscription, of course, necessarily should be gauged according to the money in the general fund and the prospective expenses for the coming year. But as I say, if the By-Laws Committee, which I suppose will pass upon this motionor is it the Resolutions Committee, perhaps, that might have something to do with this-the matter will then be open for discussion.

Mr. STONE: Resoluions.
Mr. SEVERN: And I think the proper proposition is to determine the amount of noney that we can subscribe to show our approval of this form of publicity.

Mr . Stone and Mr. Diamant addressed the Chair.
Mr. STONE: Can I speak just a moment? I would like to suggest if we are going to meet at two o'clock prompt we have got to have some time to get lunch. Wouldn't it be well to postpone further discussion?

Mr. DIAMANT: Please don't. Let us go without it, but let us get this thing through. I want to get it out of my system. Why should this be put upon the ByLaw Committee? There is nothing in your by-laws which states how the General

Fund shall be spent. You are spending it for all kind of purposes. The By-Laws Committee has nothing to do with this proposition. The members of the society should vote on it. Before you vote on it, gentlemen, of course the thing to do is this: You have made a statement, Mr. Severn, that this should be put before the By-Law Committee. Now should it be put hefore the By-Law Committee?

The PRESIDENT: There is no motion to that effect. You have got the resolution hefore the meeting now; it has got to be voted on.

Mr. SEVERN: My reference to the Committee was not particularly specific and was not meant to be. My point was that it was a matter for the deliberation of the members and perhaps a Committee by giving due attention to the proposal could embody in its report all the salient features, and then when the concentrated essence is brought hefore us we could give it consideration perhaps more intelligently and in the long run more quickly that we could by voting upon it at the present time.

Mr. DIAMANT: Well, but if I understood you aright, you didn't think that the amount asked for, $\$ 1000$ -

Mr. SEVERN: That would be the point, yes.
Mr. DIAMANT: Now I maintain that if you cut that proposition you cannot do the work properly. 1 also maintain that in order to get that $\$ 1000$ from the Society the Publicity Committee have got to go out and get $\$ 1000$ from someone else. They may get $\$ 5000$, but it is the initiative, it is the start, because if the Publicity Committee approach someone else who is interested 'in philately aud they say, "Here, the American Philatelic Society have donated $\$ 1000$ to it; what are you going to give? You ought to give $\$ 500$; you ought to give $\$ 250^{\prime \prime}$ - there is no limit to what yon can get. But if we only get $\$ 1000$ more, that makes only $\$ 2000$, and $\$ 2000$ is not a great sum of money to spend for the good work that can be done with it. It will not he wasted, it will not he thrown into the gutter or the money burned up. Before you vote on this I think I will read this paper-I will read it fast. I want you to feel in your own hearts that publicity will do some good to philately. (Reading.)
"Publicity is to philately what butter is to bread; it's not so bad WITHOUT it, but it's a whole lot better WITH it.
"And it is just as easy to combine successful publicity with philately, with beneficial results to each, as it is to spread hutter on bread, with the consequent addition to the taste of both the butter and the bread.
"That's all there is to it. If a story is printed in the Boston Transcript about the thousand and one new war stamps, or a story ahout the sale of the Ferrary collection, or a story about Jos Steinnetz's air mail hobby, or a story about another great find of old Carriers, there will he hundreds of persons who will be galvanized into a search for their hoyhood albums, or who will clean out Grandad's old trunk in the hope of discovering a $\$ 5000$ rarity. Such stories appeal to one of the commonest of human frailties-the desire to collect things; and the result is that dozens of letters and personal queries come from north, south, east, and west asking advice and information.
"This is not conjecture. It is fact. Because I have written just such stories and received just such letters, letters from husiness men who long ago forgot there was such a thing as a postage stamp except that it is something disagreeable to lick. Such letters, every one, unouestionably mean the birth of new collectors, new business for the dealers, new interest in the science that too long has been studied and exploited by the few. Nothing is motionless except inanimate things, and if philately expects to live and grow and prosper it had hetter get a move on-and publicity is the fuel that will put pep in the motor.
"Philately needs publicity now more than it ever did hefore; it needs the sowing of new seed in fields never before cultivated, because it is getting top-heavy.

Why, the album-makers couldn't make a book big enough to hold all the stamps, so they made one book for nineteenth century ones and another book for twentieth century ones. Think of all the new designs and new perforations and new snrcharges and provisional issues and commemorative issues and war issnes and peace issues that have appeared since the Kaiser went on the war-path, and then think of the acres and acres of embryo collectors merely waiting for the irrigation and cultivation that publicity can provide. Can any body imagine a 12 -year-old boy whose greatest ambition in life is not to possess one of those Le'ronia map-backs?"

I am not an old man, and yet I bought a complete sileet so I could see the whole of the war map on the back of it. (Reading):
"All of which may sonnd reasonable, but just to prove that I am not writing merely for the sake of giving the old Remington a little exercise, how about this for a practical, common-sense means of spreading publicity on philately so that it will taste to everybody more like cake than a stale bread-crust? Here's the idea:
"Suppose ten, or fifteen, or twenty postage stamp dealers in the United Statesdealers who can see beyond their noses and can appreciate the fact that general publicity in the long run is equal or superior to selfish, jealous, individual propaganda -suppose ten, or fifteen, or twenty such dealers were to agree to make monthly contributions to a fund, a fund of real cash as well as a fund of real up-to-the-minute news and information, the former to provide for the distribution of the latter into the various newspaper or magazine channels where it wonld do the most good.
"Suppose this information were to be filtered and boiled down and polished off by a professional newspaper man, who not only knows news when be sees it but thinks he can tell the difference between Type 1 and Type 2 of Scott's U. S. No. 30 , and then distributed to ten, twenty, thirty newspapers, free or at space rates, all. over the country, each paper to print the 'dope' in 'column' form or as special magazine articles according to the individual preference of the editor. Illustrations, a question and answer corner, dealers' advertisements to accompany the publicityall such possibilities should be anticipated.
"Suppose these things were to happen? What's the result? All the newspaper readers who don't know ANYTHING about postage stamps soon would find they were missing a whole lot of things going on all around them; all the newspaper readers who know A LITTLE about postage stamps would soon find they know considerably more about the Ukraine trident and the Schleswig plebiscite; all the newspaper readers who think they know ALL about postage stamps would soon find they don't know as much as they thought they did. In short, philatelic publicity, no matter what it is jnst so it has to do with the subject of postage stamps and stamp collecting in either technical, special 'magazine' form, or 'primer' style articles for the kids, would be the inevitable means of bringing NEW collectors into being as well as regenerating, inspiring, improving the OLD ones. And who wonld benefit: the man who writes the publicity, the man who sells stamps to the man who reads the publicity, the man who buys stamps from the man who sells stamps as a result of the publicity.
"But-so far, the stamp dealers and the publicity man are doing all the work and spending all the money. The members of the American Philatelic Society should take a hand, becanse, in the long run, they are the ones who will reap the biggest harvest.
"Let's take the case of a lot of property owners, each assessed by the city government for the laying of a new sewer pipe or the extension of modern paving in their street. Each property owner has to pay his proportionate share of the expense; some may need the improvement more than others, hut in the long run all are benefitted; the general public benefits; the city itself benefits.
"Postage stamp collectors are the property owners, and publicity is the new sew-
er piping or the modern paving; the collectors, the members of the American Philatelic Society, should be assessed for the 'improvement' which ultimately will return them ample dividends, which will bring new collectors into the fold, which will evelltually raise the plane of philately itself."

Mr. KAY: Who is that article by?
Mr. DIAMANT: This article is by Mr. George Emery.
Enough has been said on this subject to bring this matter to action. Now, gentiemen, it is up to you.

Mr. KAY: What was the purpose of this article?
Mr. DIAMANT: This article was written for the purpose of slowing exactly what publicity means to philately. There are some points here-

Mr. KAY: There is one there that ought to be taken out.
Mr. DIAMANT: What is that?
Mr. KAY: There is one name there that ought to be taken out if you want to do philately any good.

Mr. DIAMANT: Well, I think I won't repeat. I will just close these remarks by asking that this matter be taken over-

Mr. KAY: I am in favor of your proposition, surely.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Personaliy I am wholly in favor of an appropriation by this society. The question of an appropriation from the stock fund is no longer an issue. The question is of an appropriation from the general fund. Now I wish I had time to tell you what I know about stamp publicity. I will just say a word about it. About fifteen years ago I was in the habit of going to Europe every year. The London papers, particularly the illustrated papers, every week would have pictures of new stamps and a little matter about them. I carried that bug around in my head to see what we could do about it in this country. And soon afterwards I was in Washington, where I met Burroughs, a correspondent, and had a long talk with him. He said, "I can do something along that line." I said, "Write me a letter." Shortly after I got a letter in which he made certain specific suggestions. I knew it was not wise for me to bring the matter up. I went to see Wylie of Mekeel's Weekly. He thought it was too expensive. He said, "I will write back to Washington and get Burroughsto write you that letter." I said, "If it comes from me it will be very hard indeed to get the sympathy and support of the other dealers, or some of them." So I wrote back to Burroughs and told him to write the letter to Wylie. Wylie got this letter which I had previously received and immediately called a meeting of the dealers of Boston. Now the dealers of Boston never would have worked together any more than the dealers of New York or any other city would have worked together if I had started it, but coming from Wylie they all got there and were all entiusiastic. Mr. Carpenter, whom you all know, was made the treasurer of that committee and 1 Mr . Rotifuchs was made president. Mr. Carpenter raised the first year $\$ 1500$, coming mostly from dealers. That was the beginning of stamp publicity in this country. Our point was that there had been publicity before, but not of the rigint kind; we wanted publicity of facts and not of fiction. That work went on for several years. The first year we raised $\$ 1500$. The second ycar some of the dealers quit, the third year more. The amount that we could raise gradually grew less and less. Their excuse was, "Oh, the Boston dealers are benefitted." No Boston dealer ever was inciuded under that heading. Mr. Wylie handled the whole business. It finally came into the hands of the American Philatelic Society and from that time to this is has been fluctuating more or less. For several years the Scott Stamp and Coin Company and the New England Stamp Company of Boston practically supported that whole business. Every year they contributed fifty or a hundred dollars which was as much as all the rest of the dealers in the United Stätes together contributed; and in addition to that they supplied the packets to be given out by the "American Boy" and other similar publications which were given to any hoy who applied to them.

This proposition today is really a continuation of that work, the best work that was ever done in America or anywhere else for stamp puhlicity. I am heartily in favor of appropriating this $\$ 1000$, then the committee with this $\$ 1000$ and Mr. Diamant's $\$ 1000$ can go to work and ask for subscribers, and a committee of this kind backed by this society ought to get several thousand dollars for the heginning of that work. Any dealer who will not contribute to a fund like that, who cannot see that it is for his benefit-the little dealers say it is for the benefit of the big dealers; the big fellows say it is the little dealers that will benefit-but any dealer who will not contribute to a fund like that simply does not know his business. It would come back manifold. Instead of the Biblical saying, "Cast your bread upon the waters, and you shall find it after many days," it would be a case of casting your bread upon the waters and having it returu in a few days. I am in favor of this appropriation of $\$ 1000$.

Mr. - - - I think there are a good many good arguments being advanced to a meeting of only 25 people when we have 120 here. This discussion ought to bé continued when we have a better attendance. We are getting the arguments and the others are not getting them. Let us get the matter before as many members as we can. I say we should adjourn now and when we get a larger number together on the boat or at the Bourse we can meet again and we should take it up when we are all together. We few should not take it up alone. We have not here a quarter of the people who are at the convention.

Mr. BATCHELDER: You never again will see as many members as you have this morning, never again at this session; mark my words.

ANOTHER MEMBER: There are enough here to act on it.
The PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?
MEMBERS: Yes.
The PRESIDENT: You understand what you are voting for, an appropriation of $\$ 1000$ now?

Mr. DIAMANT: With the understanding that there is to be not less than $\$ 1000$ more contrihuted. I want this distinctly understood, because $\$ 1000$ will do nothing. You have got to have $\$ 2000$ or more for it.

Mr. SEVERN: You insist, Mr. Diamant, that you cannot do with less than $\$ 2000$ ?

Mr. DIAMANT: Yes.
Mr. IRELAND: If we are going to vote on that now there is a great deal more to be said. It seems to me really the thing to do is to refer it to the committee on Resolutions. The management of any well organized society knows how much it has to appropriate out of its year's budget. There are to he a number of raises of salaries and a number of other propositions for the expenditure of money. We have a fixed amount, as our Treasurer has told you in his excellent and well digested report, which we can count upon to meet our expenses. We ought to vote on those together, or at least after they have all heen considered by a committee.

If we take a thousand today and two thousand tomorrow on the boat, we may not have a hundred over the expense of the magazine, and we need it. I submit that a proper disposition of this matter will be to let it go over for one session until the committce on Resolutions has a chance to meet and consider all proposed expenditures for the coming year. I therefore move you that it he referred to the committee on Resolntions, with instructions that it be brought in at a later session.

The PRESIDENT: You roove that as an amendment?
Mr. IRELAND: No, sir, not an amendment; as a reference to a committee.
The PRESIDENT: We have got to dispose of this matter.
Mr. STONE: I move that the resolutions be referred to the committee on Resolutions.

The PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?
Mr. STONE: Mr. President, I move that we now adjourn until the next session.
Mr. BATCHELDER: I will second that motion, although I would like to see this thing go through. But every one has a right to be heard and I knew before there were a good many here who wanted to be heard on this question. I second the motion.

The PRESIDENT: I believe a motion to adjourn is always in order. All those in favor of adjourning, leaving this matter open till the next session, say Aye. Contrary minds No. The Ayes have it.

Adjourned at 12 minutes past 1 o'clock to Wednesday morning, August 11.

## TUESDAY EVENING.

The members and guests met in the convention hall of the Narragansett Hotel to hear an address by Mr. A. B. Slater of Providence, on the Providence stamps. Judge Emerson, upon calling to order, said:
"It gives me pleasure to introduce the 'Grand Old Man' of philately in Providence. A good many years ago the cotton gin was invented down in Virginia. It is the only kind of gin I know of that isn't worth much today, but at any rate it was utilized and some of our friend's ancestors in the Slater family built the first cotton mill in Rhode Island. This gentleman is the man that went out to St. Louis and by some arrangement of his own succeeded in bringing the convention here. I want to assure you that we collectors of Rhode Island feel honored, delighted, flattered; we are having a wonderful time.
"The Providence Journal has done all it could, as I said this morning, to advertise this convention and assist us. They had a little article not long ago in which they said that the Providence Society had among its members one who had recently obtained 'a copy' of the Providence stamp, a most unusual thing. Mr. Slater has brought with him tonight 'a copy' of the Providence stamp and he will show you that copy before the evening is over and will tell you a lot of other things about the Providence stamp and its relations to this community. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Mr. A. B. Slater, who will show his collection of Providence stamps." (Applause.)

Mr. SLATER: Your Honor and Gentlemen of the Jury: You have all heard the remarks of the learned counsel for the prosecution, and we will now lay before you the testimony of credible witnesses to substantiate the facts that are offered in defense. We won't question his knowledge of gin at all. We really tried hard to get some one to make a nice address tonight, but one after another, as they found they were going to be introduced by a certain laywer, slid away and we didn't get them. Finally one member of the committee said, "Get old man Slater to pull off his Providence stuff. He won't know any better and Emerson can say something so funny that it will keep them good natured until they get through."

Now all get in an easy position, so that if you do go to sleep you will wake up refreshed when I get through.

Mr. Slater then delivered his lecture on "The Providence Postmaster Stamp," exhibiting the original plate of the stamps, numerous original specimens, both used and unused, reprints of both printings, and several specimens of the forgeries. He stated that his collection of these stamps, with the plate, were to be given by a deed of trust to some organization, probably the Rhode Island Historical Society, to be available for purposes of examination and study. "It is my belief," he said, "that such a collection having been made in Providence it ought to stay, and I do not propose to give anybody a chance to procure these stamps."

## SECOND SESSION.

## Wednesday Morning, August 11, 1920.

The Convention reconvened on board the steamboat Mt. Hope en route from Providence to Newport at ten o'clock a. m., President Wilson in the chair.

The PRESIDENT: Ladies and Gentlemen of the A. P. S., please come to order. The present business is the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials; Mr. Wolsieffer.

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention: I have been requested by several members to fill in what we omitted yesterday, and that is the number of proxies assigned to each member, so what I am reading now is that information that we did not give you yesterday.
(Mr. Wolsieffer read the report on proxies as printed in the original report of the Committee on Credentials, as printed on a previous page.)

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: That is the number that each member held yesterday. The supplementary report for today is as follows:
"Providence, R. I., Aug. 11, 1920.
To the President \& Convention of the A. P. S.
Gentlemen:
Your Committee on Credentials reports further proxies received as follows:

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& \text { C. E. HATFIELD, Chairman; } \\
& \text { J. R. BROWN, } \\
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The PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, you have heard the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials; what action will you take?

On motion of Mr. Heyerman it was voted that the report he received and accepted.

The PRESIDENT: Mr. Secretary are there any further reports?
The SECRETARY: Report of the Obituary Committee.
Mr. BURT: Mr. President, the names of twenty deceased members have already been read in the report of the Secretary and such details of their lives and their interest in philately as your Committee have been able to obtain will appear in our full report. The most prominent among them undoubtedly was Read Admiral Albert G. Winterhalter, who passed away on June 5, 1920, after a distinguished career of forty-three years in the Navy. He was one of our oldest members, having been admitted in January, 1895. Mark H. Harris of Lock Haven, Peunsylvania, was one of the few veterans of the Civil War among our number and has been a stamp collector for thirty-five years. Charles Spaeth of Rochester, who died June 16, began stamp collectiug in his boyhood home in Germany and a part of his collection will find a permanent home in the stamp exhibit which he helped to install in the Municipal Museum. His last visitor was a fellow stamp collector and his last act, a few
minutes before his death, the examination of stamps sent him through our society.
The Boston philatelists have lost a warm friend and long time associate in the death of Henry D. Humphrey of Dedham, treasurer of the County of Norfolk and a Mason of high rank.

It has been a sad dnty to record the death of Kenneth Damon of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, who though a boy of only eighteen years, was a member of this Society, of the Society of Philatelic Americans and of the Junior Philatelic Society of London. In a short experience as a stamp collector he had accumulated a fine collection of United States stamps and his tragic death by drowning removed one who undoubtedly would have been highly honored in the philatelic world had his life been spared.

Among all the members whom we have lost the past year the one best known and loved by our membership was Demetrius T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, a member from the early years of the Society and Secretary from 1903 to 1906 . A veteran stamp dealer, he was a recognized authority on philatelic matters and he well deserved the tribute paid him in Mekeel's Weekly: "All who came in contact with him were impressed with his rugged character and sterling honesty." To his memory it it fitting that the Society should pay special tribute.

The detailed report will be filed with the Secretary and I move that it be printed with the proceedings.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, I would second the motion of Mr. Burt that the report be printed in the Annual Report of the Convention, and I want to add a word of personal tribute to Mr. Eaton. Mr. Eaton was a friend of mine for a great many years. He was a regular attendant at the Convention, together with his good wife. During the first year of my presidency he served as secretary and our relations were always most cordial. He was a painstaking worker and I think his successor would bear testimony to the condition of the office as in applie-pie order when turned over to him. I feel that I have suffered a great personal loss in the death of Mr. Eaton. I had not seen him for many years-I understand he had been in poor health for a long time-and I regret very much that I was not able to meet with him last year at St. Lonis.

The PRESIDENT: It is moved and seconded that the full report of the Obituary Committee be printed in the report of the Convention.

The motion was carried.
The PRESIDENT: Are there any other committee reports that have not been handed to the Secretary? (No response.)

We will now listen to communications, which the Secretary will please read.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

The SEECRETARY: I have here two invitations for holding the next convention which I imagine will come up later in the Convention, so we will not treat those as communications but refer them at the proper time.

I have a letter here from Joseph B. Parker. You will all remember the gentleman, a member of the Association, who came to us from Canada and the last few years has been present at every meeting. This letter was received by me, written by him from Yorkshire, England, June 30, 1920.

Yorkshire, England, June 30, 1920.
Dr. H. A. Davis, Secretary, A. P. S.,
In Annual Convention Assembled.
Dear Mr. Secretary and Fellow Members:
The above address will afford sufficient reason for my non-attendance at the annual gathering at Providence this summer. I have not had a real opportnne time
to visit my boyhood home and haunts since I left in April 1886 until now-so bringing Mrs. Parker along we are having a right royal holiday enjoying everything and expect to return to our home in Regina, Canada, by Sept. 1st.

I know you will have a splendid gathering, and do many good things to help along our splendid hobby.

I am anticipating a grand "stamp time" when we go up to London next month -see the Tapling collection in the British Museum, Gibbons' and Bright's shops, etc. and have a chat with Harris, Vallancey and other celebrities.

With all good wishes for you all and the A. P. S., Faithfully,

JOSEPH B. PARKER.

The PRESIDENT: Unless there is some objection this communication will be placed on file.

The SECRETARY: I have a letter here from Theodore Q. Pardee.

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\text { Cleveland, Ohio, July } 7,1920 \text {. }
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To the Members of the American Pilatelic Society in Convention at Providence, Rhode Island, August 1920 :
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I take this opportunity of bringing before the Convention the name of one of our officers who is worthy of reappointment. I refer to Mr. J. E. Guest, Sales Superintendent, whom I have found in every way a capable and energetic officer. I have had a great deal of dealings with Mr. Guest while he was an officer of this as well as other Societies, and I sincerely hope that he will be reappointed to his present office.

I regret that $I$ am unable to be present at your Convention in person, but $I$ am keenly interested in the doings of same and shall carefully follow the reports at an early date.

Very truly yours,
THEO. Q. PARDEE.
The PRESIDENT: This also will be received and placed on file unless there is some objection.

The SECRETARY: I have one other communication.

## COLLECTORS' DIGEST.

80 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y., July 25 th, 1920.
Mr. H. H. Wiison, Brooklyn. N. Y.
My Dear Mr. Wilson: .
Several members of the A. P. S. who are also subscribers to the "COLLECTORS DIGEST" have insisted that 1 place before the coming convention certain facts concerning member No. 4866 , IIr. C. A. Burner of Normal, Ill.

Sufficient details are included on the enclosed circular. If this was a matter that concerned me personally, no one would probably have known the circumstances. As it is, about a thousand collectors, most of them members of the A. P. S., have paid me 25 c in advance for a copy of this annual and they are entitled to consideration.

We have heard from the majority by personal letter. They do not want their money back, but they do want what they paid for.

Ever possible means that we could think of has been tried to persuade or force Mr. Burner to complete his contract. From the evidence in our possessiol it is a clear case of fraud. He was paid more than half the amount in advance, his plant
has been running almost continually the fourteen months that he has held our job, and there is not a single good reason for him to hold up the work more than a month at the most.

As it will be impossible for me to attend the convention, will you see that this evidence is placed in the proper hands for consideration and acted upon if thought necessary.

Respectfully,
A. H. PIKE, Editor.

The $\operatorname{SECRETARY}$ : Mr. Pike submits with this letter a copy of his forerunner of the Annual called the Collector's Library in which he sets forth a few additional facts regarding this subject.

## THE COLLECTOR'S DIGEST.

Contract for printing the 1919 Annual was let to Mr. C. A. Burner of Normal, IIl. (publisher of the "Philatelic Index"). The MS. was sent him June 1, 1919. A partial proof was sent us in August and a complete galley proof in November. During the months from June to November, Burner's letters were filled with excuses and promises, many of which we believed at the time. In his letter dated November 24, 1919, we quote as follows, "We started putting it into pages today. As I figure it there will be forty ( 40 ) pages besides the cover. I am going to get this right out for you, etc., etc." From this date until May 1, 1920 , we were unable to get any word from him although we wrote repeatedly and sent many registered letters demanding return receipts. We placed the matter in the hands of our attorney April 19 th, and this brought the first reply from Burner in five months. This letter from Burner contained the usual number of excuses with one new promise, "I will immediately turn over the job to a printer friend and will see that he gets the job out for you promptly, etc." We have given Burner every chance to come clean on this deal and nesitated to make a public statement to the collecting fraternity knowing the injury that it would do him. Burner has also done great injury to the good will of the "Plilatelic West"; the last issue which he printed was September, 1919. We have received reports from residents of Normal which prove that Burner has made many misstatements and that the "West" and "DIGEST" both have been shelved in order to handle local work. There is no possible excuse for holding up a job of this kind for three months, much more a yėar. There is no use going into the minor details, the above facts are sufficient for you to form an opinion of his buisness methods. Our attorney has been instructed to bring suit for damages and breach of contract, and we will see that the case is bronght to trial at the earliest possible time if in no other way we can induce him to complete the job. We know that the type is set and it only means a run of 2,000 copies, a week's time at the most. Under the circumstances we ask the indulgence of our subscribers for a little longer, knowing that they will be fully repaid when they see their copy.

The PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, you have heard this communication from Mr. Pike. I think the proper thing to do with that is to refer it to the incoming Board of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. KISSINGER: To the Attorney.
Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. Burner, I think, has been dropped for non-payment of dues. He is no longer a member.

The PRESIDENT: Has, he, Mr. Secretary?
The SECRETARY: Yes, he has been dropped.
Mr. LUFF: We have, therefore, nothing to do with it, I suppose.
The PRESIDENT: We have nothing to do with it.
Mr. BATCHELDER: All off.

The PRESIDENT: Then I suppose it goes on file.
That finishes the communications, gentlemen, anđ the next order of business is assigned matters. We have no assigned matters.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The PRESIDENT: The next is unfinished business, under which head the matter of the appropriation to the Publicity Committee will come up. I think it might be well for the Secretary to read the latter part of what was done yesterday.
(The stenographer stated that while Mr. Diamant's motion was pending Mr. Ireland moved that it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions with instructions that it he brought in at a later session, and that without action on this motion the Convention voted to adjourn.)

Mr. BATCHELDER: I wish to offer a substitute motion which is: "That the sum of $\$ 1000$ be appropriated from the General Fund, said amount to be expended under the direction of the Publicity Committee under a plan which shall first be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors."

My reason for offering that motion is this: I am heartily in favor of the appropriation and there are members present who would have opposed the motion as it was up to this time if this is not substituted. I want to see that appropriation go through, not by a 51 per cent. vote but by a 100 per cent. vote. I do not see how any member of this Association can ohject to this motion, which simply means that the Piblicity Committee do the work, that they plan the work, that they carry out the work, according to their own ideas, but the general plan shall first be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. That will prevent the blocking of the plan by any narrow-minded man on the Board of Directors, if such there might be, who would not approve an appropriation from the General Fund, because only a majority of the Board of Directors will have to approve the general plan, then the Publicity Committee will do their work.

The PRESIDENT: Is the motion seconded?
Mr. DIAMANT: I second that motion.
The PRESIDENT: Mr. Diamant seconds the motion.
Mr. DIAMANT: And I second it in view of the fact that it was absolutely my ifitention to use the very greatest effort in my power to obtain this appropriation, and believing as I do that this appropriation is only the beginning of what in the future the American Philatelic Society will do in the future for the dissemination of knowledge in educating and in benefiting stamp collectors in general, and that the present Board of Directors is made up of men who, I feel quite sure, will see that this money is properly expended. I sincerely hope that our work in this behalf will be productive of good and I ask for a hearty vote from all the members present.

The PRESIDENT: Any further remarks?
(Cries of "Question".)
Mr. IRELAND: Mr. President, I confess that I still think that $\$ 1000$ is too much to give this Committee. I have not been changed over night in the opinion by the discussion that I have heard. In the first place, this has for many years been a collectors' society and there have been from time to time in the past efforts to make a difference of opinion between the collectors and the dealers. I do not think that is quite fair and I do not think we want to start that again at this time. But we must remember that a majority of the members-perhaps not of those present but in the whole Association-are collectors, not dealers. We are asked to appropriate $\$ 1000$ for general publicity which will make an innumerable number of possible boy collectors. This is to be done by general publicity work, that is, in the general press, not in the philatelic press, the idea being by giving away packets and by signed arti-
cles to get people who are not interested in stamps to take up collecting. That in the end is really going to benefit the dealers. It will to a certain extent benefit the collectors also. But what this Society primarily wants, I believe, is more members. What we ought to do with the money with which we are entrusted that we have receired in the past is, first, to use it to get more members. I think a rough estimate wonld pot the number of collectors in the United States who are not members of this Society at something like ten thousand. Now we could spend $\$ 1000$ by offering to give free a share of stock to the next thousand persons in the United States who will become members of this Society, on the general theory that the American citizen will take anything free if he thinks he is getting something for nothing. I think we will be more likely to get a thousand members out of that than we would by spending that amount of money for stamps to be given away. If we go into this undertaking we are going fifty-fifty on this, and ont of the ten thousand stamp collectors whom these articles might reach we might get possible ten per cent. at the outsideI personally do not believe more than one per cent, would ever bcome members of the Association. In other words, the dealers are asking us to pay half the expenses and get ten per cent. of the benefit. I don't really think that we need pull out altogether, but I think if the Committee thinks it can raise the $\$ 1000$ from dealers within a certain geographical radius, there is much more possibility of raising $\$ 1750$ from dealers all over the country. There is a great deal of publicity work which can be done among United States collectors to get them to become members. My idea of the position in which we are placed in voting away money of the collectors throughout the country who have been members in the past and are members now, is that it should be primarily devoted to getting members of the Society, and I think it can be better expended in that way than in the ways that are proposed. I therefore move you the substitution of a provision that the amount to be appropriated be $\$ 250$, and to add the condition that $\$ 1750$ be raised outside of the Society before any of the $\$ 250$ of this Society is expended.

The PRESIDENT: Do you move that as an amendment?
Mr. IRELAND: As an amendment to Mr: Batchelder's resoiation.
Mr. DIAMANT: Mr. President-
Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President-
The PRESIDENT: No one seconds that?
Mr. BATCHELDER: No second?
The PRESIDENT: No second.
Mr. STONE: Mr. President, I will second it and give Mr. Diamant a chance.
Mr. LUFF: I suppose he has an opportunity to make remarks anyway if he wants.

The PRESIDENT: Of course he can make remarks. The motion has been seconded.

Mr. DiAmant: Mr. Ireland states that this is a collectors' socieiy. The collectors of the American Philatelic Society elected the Board of Directors. This resolution states that the plan of the spending of this noney is to be approved by the Board of Directors, and if the Board of Directors in their wise judgment feel that the plan is not sufficiently good to warrant the belief that it will be a benefit to collectors in general, they can refuse to accept it. There has been no plan at all made for the spending of this money, and therefore there is no plan whatever approved. And I think under the circumstances, if we appropriate this money, the Board of Directors alone can decide for the benefit of the collectors who elected them whether it can be spent to good advantage.

I want to say here tbat although I was appointed last year as chairman of the Publicity Committee I will not accept any part of this work; therefore any plan which I may have had in view and which may have created the impression on the part of

Mr. Ireland that this was to be for the dissemination of knowledge to benefit the boy collector, will not he taken into consideration as far as I am concerned, and inncerely hope that the members will not accept this amendment but will let the resolution as originally introduced be carried.

The PRESIDENT: Are you ready to vote on the amendment? Any further remarks?

Mr. LUFF: Mr. President, I have just a little hesitation in saying anything because I unfortunately belong to the unholy dealer class. At the same time I have always been accused of being at times more a collector than a dealer, and I would like merely to call attention to one thing-that I have seen on more occasions than one in European papers criticisms of the American Philatelic Society as holding an annual meeting and doing a lot of talking and having a good time and doing nothing the rest of the year; as having a very large fund in the bank with which we did nothing, and they wanted to know why we did not spend some money and do something for philately instead of putting it away in the bank and doing nothing with it. It seems to me it is time we did something with our money.

The PRESIDENT: Any further remarks? Are you ready to vote on the amendment.

The question was put on Mr. Ireland's motion to amend by substituting "\$250" for " $\$ 1000$."

The PRESIDENT: The amendment is defeated. Are you ready for the substitute resolution introduced hy Mr. Batchelder?
(Calls of "Question.")
The question was put.
The PRESIDENT: It is carried unanimously.
Is there any more unfinished business? Any new business?

## APPRECIATION.

Mr. H. B. MASON: Mr. President, may I at this time, because I have got a very short time, simply extend my thanks for the courtesy that has been shown to the Washington members? I am going away this evening. I simply wish to extend the thanks of the Washington members for the courtesy that has been shown us and the kindness of you all to us, and if ever you come to Washington you must come down and see us. We have a society there, the Washington Philatelic Society, which emhraces some fifty or sixty members, which meets twice a month, on the second and tourth Wednesdays. The first meeting is a social meeting, the second is a business meeting, but the rooms are always open and you are always welcome.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. I am sorry you have to leave us.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Mr. Diamant: Mr. President, I was so pleased with the liberality of the members of the A. P. S. in voting this $\$ 1000$ to the publicity fund that $I$ feel it incumbent upon myself to bring up a proposition similar to that which I brought up at the last meeting of the American Philatelic Society in St. Louis. I have just heen informed by Secretary Davis that the life membership certificates are about ready. When we met last year there were four life members and, as you all know, I figured that for a very large society four life members was a very small number and especially so as quite a number of us felt that once a life member we would always be a member of the Philatelic Society and our interest prohahly would not lapse, and I agreed that I would become number five if we could get fifteen more, and we did. Now, gentlemen, let us get together again and see if we cannot duplicate what we did in

St. Louis. I have heard from all sources that you are going to be as liberal here as you were in St. Louis. Let us see how many of you are going to become life members. The price is twenty dollars; twenty dollars for life. I have spoken to several members and I have four of them promised. Now get up.

Mr. BATCHELDER: I will be one of ten.
Various members thereupon gave their names for life membership.
Mr. KLEIN: Mr. President, can a new applicant be a life member?
The PRESIDENT: Yes.
Mr. KLEIN: Mr. President, I would like to propose my daughter Dorothy Klein for life membership. (Applanse.)

The PRESIDENT: Mi'. Klein proposes his daughter for life membership.
The SECRETARY: Mr. President, I move that this Convention accept this applicant on the floor of the Convention at once, suspending the rules and admitting the applicant at once.

Mr. DIAMANT: I second the motion.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Think of the conventions she will be able to attend.
The PRESIDENT: It has been moved and seconded that Miss Dorothy Klein be accepted for life membership on the floor of the Convention. All those in favor say Aye, contrary No. The vote is unanimons.

I think it will be well to read the names that the Secretary has bere of the life members.

The list of names pledged for life membership, numbering twenty-six, was thereupon read, as follows:

Albert W. Batchelder, Salem, Mass. Harry S. Swensen, Minneapolis, Minn.
W. H. Barnum, Detroit, Mich. William Loeb, Providence, R. I. J. Murray Bartels, New York City, N. Y.
A. W. Morris, Springfield, Mass. Duncan S. Wylie, New Kork City, N. Y. Percy McG. Mann, Philadelphia, Pa. M. Ohlman, New York City, N. Y. Mrs. Hugh M. Clark, New York City, N. Y.
Reuel W. Smith, Auburn, Maine. John W. Prevost, Springfield, Mass. Eugene N. Costales, Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss Debby Lewis Kirk, Kirklyn, Pa. Charles C. Keller, Detroit, Mich. Vahan Mozian, Rutherford, N. J. Charles D. Gregory, Charles K. B. Nevin, Boston, Mass. Harry B. Mason, Washington, D. C. John Kay, Detroit, Michigan. Charles W. Sebbens, Worcester, Mass. E. C. Stanley, Highland Park, Conn. Robert S. Emerson, Providence, R. I. Miss Dorothy Klein, Philadelphia, Pa. E. R. Ackerman, Plainfield, N. J. Dr. Carroll Chase, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. DIAMANT: I suppose, Mr. President, you understand that there is no limit to the number of members who can become life members, so in case anyone has been omitted or has not been heard, they have plenty of time to come in and increase this number so it will go on record.

Mr. $\qquad$ : I move that a committee consisting of every man within the hearing of my voice he appointed to get every other member hefore he leaves the vessel.

Mr. SWENSEN: Mr. President, I understand that there are no dues attached to this life membership; is that right?

Mr. DIAMANT: That pays for life.
Mr. BATCHELDER: We young fellows have got a long life to look forward to.
Mr. DIAMANT: Now, Mr. President, I must confess that 1 had an ulterior motive in this activity to ohtain life memhers and I hardly think that a hetter time than now would be to find out the consensus of opinion as to whether this life membership proposition, which means an actual increase in the general fund of the Associationwhether a plan could not be devised by which a part of the amount received from these life memhership dues could not he used as a special fund for publicity. I would not like to feel that every year we would have to go through the same work that we have had to go through here in order to get some money for publicity. It is something like the story that I heard once about an Irishman who was only an ordinary laborer and he was down in a deep ditch digging for three dollars a day. One clay a man came to the edge of the ditch and called down, "Is that you, M:ke?" "Yes." "Mike ('Toole"" "Yes." "Did you live in Killarney?" "Yes." "Weli, I want to tell you that you have just fallen heir to $\$ 10,000$. Your uncle has died and left you \$10,000."

Milie got up out of the ditch, threw down his tools, walkel away and spent a year in riotous living. Of course that was hefore they put on the lid. At the end of the year he came back and went to work again. After about six months he was down in the bottom of the ditch again one day when a voice called from the top, "Is that you, Mike?" "Yes." "I've got some more news for you." "What is it?" "Your aunt has died and left you $\$ 10,000$." "Go on away wid ye! I couldn't go through that again and live." (Laughter.)

So please consider this proposition and if in your judgment you think we can do something with this fund in the way of appropriating a part of it for a publicity fund, I would he much interested to hear it.

Mr. IRELAND: Mr. President, wouldn't it be necessary to have an amendment to your by-laws touching the disposition of a fund, if you have any?

Mr. DIAMANT: I had that in mind.
Mr. PREVOST: Mr. Diamant has mentioned the fact that the Irish gentleman did not want to go through another session of that riotous living. To prevent us from doing the same thing I would move you that this fund ohtained from the dues of life members be established as a separate fund and that the interest of this fund only be spent for puhlicity.

Mr. BATCHELDER: Second the motion.
Mr. WOLSIEFFER: I rise to a point of order, Mr. President. The motion is not in order, for the reason that we are trying to change the by-laws of the Association by a mere motion. I think there ought to he an amendment properly framed in a resolution, referred to the Committee on By-Laws and taken up in the regular way.

The PRESIDENT: I think you are right. You can make a motion that this be referred to the Committee on By-Laws for consideration. Do you want to amend your motion?

Mr. PREVOST: I will amend the motion that way.
The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on By-Laws was seconded.
The PRESIDENT: The motion is made and seconded-
Mr. KELLER: Mr. President-
The PRESIDENT: Wait a minute. The motion is made and seconded that a special fund he made of this money coming from the life members and the interest-

Mr. PREVOST: Only.
The PRESIDENT: -only be used for puhlicity.
Mr. DIAMANT: That is the idea. Naturally I had that in mind.
The PRESIDENT: It is moved that this be referred to the Committee on hy-Laws for consideration.

Mr. DIAMANT: Second the motion.
The PRESIDENT: Are there any remarks?
Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, isn't this already provided for? Doesn't part of it go to the official journal now?

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, that is for the By-Laws Committee to find out.
Mr. KELLER: I think that the mere matter of the interest from this money wlll not he of sufficient volume to be of any use to the Publicity Committee. I think we ought to give the Publicity Committee a portion much larger than what the interest would be.

Mr. SWENSEN: Mr. President, I presume the Committee on By-Laws will consider the efficacy of the proposed amendment.

The motion to refer to the Committee on By-Laws was put to vote and carried.
The PRESIDENT: Mr. Stanley, do you wish to make some remarks? (Mr. Stanley having previously addressed the Chair.)

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. President, I did want to suggest that we give three cheers for the Rhode lsland Philatelic Society and the Providence Chamber of Commerce. If the gentlemen feel like giving three cheers for those bodies I would like to have it done.

The PRESIDENT: The Committee on Resolutions has been appointed and they will bring in a resolution.

Mr. FRANK M. MASON: Mr. President, the official picture will be taken about ten minutes before dinner. Please assemhle about quarter of two in front of the dining hall.

Mr. STONE: I move that we adjourn to meet at the call of the President.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Kissinger.
The PRESIDENT: The motion is made to adjourn to the call of the President. We will probably have a session this afternoon.

The motion was put and carried and the Convention thereupon, at eleven o'clock, adjourned subject to the call of the President.

## THIRD SESSION.

Thursday Morning, August 12, 1920.
The convention met in the Narragansett Hotel at 10 A. M., President Wilson in the chair.

The PRESIDENT: Please come to order, gentlemen. The first business is the supnlementary report of the Committee on Credentials. Have you anything, Mr. Wolsieffer?

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: (Reading) :
"Providence, R. I., August 12, 1920.
Mr. President and Members of the Convention:
Your Committee on Credentials reports the receipt of the following proxies and hallots:
L. J. Flerlage ..... 3
C. W. Kissinger ..... 1
W. C. Stone ..... 8
Total ..... 12

Three additional ballots were received which are too late for the official count. Respectfully submitted, C. E. HATFIELD, GEORGE R. BROWN, P. M. WOLSIEFFER."

The PRESIDENT: Unless there is some objection this supplementary report will be adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

The PRESIDENT: The next is communications. Have you any communications, Mr. Secretary?

The SECRETARY: I have some telegrams here. Someone with a good strong voice, if he wants to exercise it now, I will accept his invitation.

The PRESIDENT: Come on, Mr. Silvester.
Mr. Silvester read the following telegram:
Wichita Falls, Texas, August 10.
H. A. Davis,

American Philatelic Convention, Providence, R. I.

Trust you had successful and well attended convention. Sorry $I$ was too far away to attend. Anticipate banner year for Sales Department.
J. E. GUEST.

The SECRETARY: I have two other telegrams here, after which I presume Mr. Stone will want to make an announcement.

Mr. Sllvester read as follows:
H. H. Wilson, President the American Philatelic Society, in convention, Narragansett Hotel, Providence.
We want you in nineteen twenty-one. Let us welcome you to our city.

> HENRY A. FIELD, President, Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. MANN: Where?
Mr. SILVESTER: Springfield, Massachusetts. (Reading) :
Springfield, Mass., August 10.
H. H. Wilson, President The American Philatelic Society, in Convention, Narragansett Hotel, Providence.
In behalf of the citizens of Springfield wish to extend cordial invitation to hold next meeting in our city.

ARTHUR A. ADAMS, Mayor.

Mr. MANN: They have slipped a cog, haven't they?
Mr. PREVOST: Mr. President, I would like to state that this invitation is intended for 1922. I was supposed to have it on my person when I came here, but it was not ready. They have sent the telegrams and have made an error in the year. Springfield, everybody knows, wants it in 1922.

The PRESIDENT: Yes, I think that is general!y understood. It is 1922 they want.

Mr. Batchelder: That Springfield gang always was a fast crowd.
The PRESIDENT: They got one year ahead. (To Mr. Stone) You don't want these telegrams referred to the committee?

Mr. STONE: No, sir.
The PRESIDENT: All right.
Mr. Silvester read the following:
257 West 92 d Street,
New York City, August 5th, 1920.
Dear Sir:
Though uncertain whether my request is "in order," I should like to call the attention of my fellow members of the A. P. S. to the dilatory way in which philatelists generally conduct the answering of letters.

Some few years ago a similar procrastination existed in England, but when our leading stamp paper pointed out that our hobby, if worth taking up at all, should be pursued properly; afterwards considerable improvement was evident.

Perhaps, therefore some pronouncement on the matter from the Chair would not be out of place, and might bear good fruit. I am, Yours faithfully,

R. E. B. ROE,

A. P. S. 5342 ; J. P. S. 134 Brighton (Eng.) Branch.

To the President, A. P. S. Convention, Providence, R. I.
Mr. STONE: I suggest its referenec to Mr. Howes.
The SECRETARY: Mr. President, here is a communication that came to the Credentials Committee.

The PRESIDENT: I might say that this last letter will be published in our proceedings, so all our members will get the benefit of it. I don't believe we can do anything else with it.

Mr. Silvester read the following letter:
Fostoria, Ohio, August 5, 1920.
Mr. W. O. Wylie,
Dear Sir:
Find inclosed my proxy for the coming convention.
I would recommend that you use your influence in order that the Secretary should secure a $\$ 500$ raise or increase, which he justly deserves.

Yours for a greater and better A. P. S.,

## ALVIN FEASEL.

## (Applause.)

The SECRETARY: I have two more invitations to meet the next year. If there is no objection, under the direction of the President, I will hand them to the committee on that subject with the other matter pertaining to it.
(Invitations from Buffalo and San Francisco were referred to the committee on Next Convention.)

The PRESIDENT: Are there any further communications?
Mr. KAY: Mr. President, I addressed one last year to your predecessor, quite a lengthy one, and I understood that that has been referred to the committee. If this is the proper time $I$ would like to hear from that committee. If it is not, will you kindly inform me when the proper time comes?

The PRESIDENT: I will keep that in mind.
Mr. KAY: Thank you.
The PRESIDENT: We have some reports here from branch societies which have not been read.

Mr. BATCHELDER: I move they be printed.
Motion seconded.
The PRESIDENT: It is moved and seconded that these reports be printed in the proceedings.

The motion was carried, and the reports referred to are printed in the latter part of these proceedings.

The PRESIDENT: The next order of business is Assigned Matters. The next order is Unfinished Business. The next order is New Business. Have we anything under new business?

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY.

Mr. DIAMANT: Mr. President, I will make a motion that a special committee of five be appointed by the Chair for the purpose of immediately considering the question of publicity and report to this convention the outline of a general plan which is to be carried out by the standing committee when appointed.

The PRESIDENT: The Standing Publicity Committee?
Mr. DIAMANT: No. I will read it again to you. (Reading the motion again.) Now this is only a special committee to be named so that there will be no delay in getting some work done by the committee when it is appointed. Is that seconded?

Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, the idea is simply this-that before we ad-journ-

The PRESIDENT: Wait a moment, Mr. Batchelder.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Do I talk too fast?
The PRESIDENT: I have heard no seconder to that motion.
A MEMBER: Second the motion.
The PRESIDENT: All right, go ahead.
Mr. BATCHELDER: The idea being that before this convention adjourns they shall have some idea of what is proposed in the way of carrying on publicity; that is all. The committee will consider the matter and report a general plan, which of course is to be acceptable to this convention and later to the Board of Directors. Then you will have some idea of the general plan proposed. That is the idea.

The PRESIDENT: Any other remarks? Are you ready for the question? (Putting the question). It is so ordered. I will appoint a committee of five: H. A. Diamant, A. W. Batchelder, Charles E. Severn, Hugh M. Clark, and Alvin Good.

Mr. GOOD: I prefer not to be on that committee, as I am a director.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, I object to the gentleman not serving on that committee. The Board of Directors have no right whatever to shirk any duty which is handed to them. It is up to you.

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, I disagree with Mr. Batchelder, because Mr. Good is going to be placed in a very difficult position when he passes on this.
'Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, he won't pass on anything. He is one of the outgoing Board of Directors.

Mr. STONE: He is re-elected.

Mr. BATCHELDER: Oh, I forgot; at large.
Mr. GOOD: There is a clause in this motion of yesterday, the latter part of which says: "Said amount to be expended under the direction of the Publicity Committee muder a plan which shall first be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors." Anybody can see the position it wonld place me in to be on this committee.

The PRESIDENT: That is very true. I think you should be excused.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, I had wheels at the time. I thought he was one of the ontgoing directors. I forgot he was at large.

The PRESIDENT: I will appoint Mr. Howard H. Elliott on that committee.
Anything further under the head of New Business? If not, we will proceed toMr. MANN: Mr. President.
The PRESIDENT: Just a minute.

## INVITATION TO PHILADELPHIA FOR 1926.

Mr. MANN: On behalf of Philadelphia I will say that Philadelphia wishes to extend her invitation to the American Philatelic Society to come in there in 1926 . It is a little distance away-I don't mean Philadelphia, but the number of years; but it is time to prepare for a very large convention. That year will be the 150 th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and the Cradle of Liberty, Philadelphia, is going to have a world exposition, and 1 think the American Philatelic Society should convene in Philadelphia in that year, so we place that in the hands of the society so that they will not endeavor to make plans for any other city. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT: I think that is very nice.
Mr. BATCHELDER: When did we last meet in Boston?
SEVERAL MEMBERS: 1916.
Mr. NEVIN: Mr. President, some 40 years ago this convention first met in BosIon and it was there voted that every 10 th year we should meet in Boston. They have met four times in the succeeding 10 years and by vote of the convention it was to go to Boston in 1926, so I do not see as we have anything to say about it.

Mr. MANN: When your country calls you generally obey the call of the country.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Of course if there is money enough.in Philadelphia to buy off Boston and free that year and they have it the year before or the year after, it might answer, but it wonld have to be raised.

Mr. STONE: I am glad Mr. Batchelder has owned up to what he is looking for.
The PRESIDENT: Anything further under the head of new business? If not, we will proceed to reports of standing committees. The first committee is the Finance Committee, R. W. Smith, chairman Will you report, Mr. Smith?

Mr. Smith read the following report:

## REIPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Providence, R. I., August 12, 1920.
To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:
Your Finance Committee has looked over the reports of your Treasurer and Secretary and find them correct and to properly correspond.

That the funds are safely invested but recommend that part of the money now deposited in a Savings Bank be invested in safe Bonds.

We also recommend that the Stock Find be called "Membership Fnnd" and the question submitted to the entire membership whether we shall keep that fund as it is now or reduce it to approximately the amount necessary to cover the one dollar per member of our society and the balance of this fund transferred to a general fund for the advancement of philately and our Society in particular.

We believe that indefinitely tying up funds is not wise. It savors too much of control by a Dead Hand.

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Mr. SMITH: The other member of the committee departed for Washington yesterday afternoon and we did not see him last evening.

The PRESSIDENT: You have heard your Finance Committee's report, gentlemen; what is your pleasure?

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, that report contains recommendations which would require changes in our by-laws, and I move that it be referred to the By-Laws Committee. (Motion seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer and carried.)

The PRESIDENT: The next committee is the Committee on Sales Department, Mr. Wolsieffer, chairman.

Mr. Wolsieffer read the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SALES DEPARTMENT.

Providence, R. I., August 11, 1920.
To the President and the Convention of the A. P. S.:
Gentlemen:
Your committee on Sales Department report that they have carefully examined the books of the Sales Superintendent and find that they agree with the figures of his annual report as submitted to this convention.

For the purpose of a complete audit your committee would recommend that in the future the Sales Superintendent's books be not sent to the convention but that an auditing committee be appointed before the convention to write a complete report, as has been customary in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

> P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chairman;
> I. C. HOFFSTETTER,
> A. BOLLMAN.

The PRESIDENT: You have heard the report of your Sales Department Committee.

Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, is that matter also regulated by by-law?
The PRESIDENT: I know it has been the custom, Mr. Batchelder, for the Board of Vice-Presidents to appoint an Auditing Committee in the home town of the Sales Superintendent.

Mr. BATCHELDER: But, Mr. President, does the by-law say it must be done in that way? If it does, this motion will have to go to the By-Laws Committee. If it does not we can act on it here. If the by-law says nothing I second the motion.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, you will find on page 92 of the by-laws:
"* * * not less than twenty nor more than thirty days prior to the opening day of the Annual Convention he shall make to said Board (of VicePresidents) an annual report, covering the transactions of the department for the past year, and including similar balance sheet for entries. Said report shall be audited by said Board."

Mr. BATCHELDER: Second the motion,

Mr. STONE: So it should have been audited by the Board of Vice_Presidents before being sent.

Mr. BATCHELDER: Of course they can delegate their powers. I second the motion, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: Please state your motion again, Mr. Wolsieffer. Or is it on here?

Mr. STONE: The point is already covered by the by-laws, you see.
The PRESIDENT: I don't think there is any vote necessary on that; it will simply he placed on file.

Is the Library Committee ready to report, Mr. Diamant?
Mr. DIAMANT: I will just read a little rough draft of report and then I will turn it over in the proper form, signed by the members of the committee.

## REPORT OF MIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Library, to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Librarian, beg leave to report:

That after due consideration we ascertain that matters in this department of the society are at a standstill, primarily by failure of the memhership to avail itself thereof.

The library in our opinion should receive more consideration in the future, and we recommend that the Chair appoint a regular committee, one of whom shall be Librarian, with a view of preserving the library and adopting some plan to increase its benefit.

## Respectfully submitted,

H. A. DIAMANT, Chairman.

The PRESIDENT: Does that mean to appoint a committee now?
Mr. DIAMANT: According to the by-laws the President is expected to appoint a Library Committee. I noticed that last year there was a Librarian appointed and an Assistant Librarian appointed, hut no standing committee.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, I think that Mr. Diamant is mistaken. There is a convention committee on the Library, hut our by-laws provide for a Librarian and Assistant Librarian. The Librarian is also ex-officio the librarian of the Carnegie Library in Pittshurgh, where our lihrary is deposited. The Assistant Librarian has always been the Pittsburgh member who has access to the library and does all the correspondence in regard to it. The books would be sent to him and he would see that they were turned over to the proper authorities in the Carnegie Library.

Mr. SLATER: Mr. President, on account of the street cars passing and making so much noise I could not quite catch all of Mr. Stone's remarks, but the report of the committee on Library referred to the appointment of a standing committee on the Library. In the American Philatelist, Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention, 1919, on page 87, By-Laws, Article III, section 9, says:
"At the annual convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

A Committee on Finance;
A Committee on Library;
A Committee on SaIes Department;
A Committee on Branch Societies;
A Committee on Resolutions," etc.
The PRESIDENT: That has already been dọne, and your committee iṣ the Library Committee of the convention.

## Mr. SLATER: Mr. President, do I understand we are a standing committee?

Mr. STONE: For the convention.
The PRESIDENT: These are all temporary committees. They just hold office for the time during the convention.

Mr. SLATER: I don't see why they should be called standing committees.
Mr. DIAMANT: Mr. President, I believe that as so little has been accomplished in regard to this library some changes are necessary in order to make that library of use and benefit to the members of the organization. I have looked through the reports quite a number of years and the reports are always the same: Very few requests, consequently very little done in regard to it. If we have a library why not get some benefit out of it? I have thought probably that if a committee, a regular committee, was appointed, the same as other committees, one of whom shall be the librarian, some suggestions or some work or something could be done, some ideas that would be conducive to better results. The Librarian, as you hear, is the Librarian of the Carnegie Library. The Assistant Librarian comes in and says that he hasn't got the time and recommends somebody else. Now make the committee responsible; let them see what they can do. Try it out and see whether any good can be accomplished this year. I don't know whether we have got to make an amendment to our by-laws for that or not. If we do $I$ would like to have the report referred to the By-Laws Committee, and instead of saying "a standing committee' I would say "a regular committee."

The PRESIDENT: Is that motion seconded?
Motion seconded.
The PRESIDENT: The motion is made and seconded that this report be referred to the By-Laws Committee. Any remarks? Putting the question) It is so ordered.

The SECRETARY: Do I understand, Mr. Diamant, that you will submit that report in proper form?

Mr. DIAMANT: Yes, just as soon as I can get the signatures of the other members.

The PRESIDENT: The next committee report is on Branch Societies. Mr. Goorl, inave you a report?

Mr. GOOD: We only received the reports of the branch societies today and I have had no opportunity yet to call my committee together.

Mr. DIAMANT: Before the report is read, Mr. President, will you kindly call the names appointed for that special committee on Publicity, so we can spend a few minutes and bring back a report before the convention adjourns?

The PRESIDENT: Mr. Diamant, Mr. Batchelder, Mr. Severn, Mr. Clark and Mr. Elliott.

## REPORT FROM THE COMNITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President, no nember of the organization submitted anything in the form of a resolution, and for that reason we have nothing to report further than what was reported by Mr . Batchelder at the boat session, and the report was disposed of in proper form. Now it is even yet not too late for any member who cares to present in written form a resolution to this or that effect, becansë I suppose a supplementary report is always in order. So I may be seen by any one who cares to introduce any resolution.

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Before Mr. Severn goes I want to ask him if he has no resolution of any kind at all?

Mr. SEVERN: No resolutions have been presented by members. I suppose at the proper time various resolutions of a formal kind will be presented.

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: That is what I understood.
The PRESIDENT: Report from the Committee on Next Convention; Mr. Heyerman?

Mr. SILVESTER: Not here yet.
Mr. LEAVY: Mr. President, under that committee head there is but one request from a branch society for the next convention; that is from Milwaukee. Consequently the report of the committee is that Milwaukee be recommended for the next convention. Mr. Heyerman has that report and it will be signed.

The PRESIDENT: We will delay that for a few minutes. The next is the report of the Committee on By-Laws. Mr. Stone, will you present their report?

Mr. STONE (Reading) :

## REPORT OF COMMITTTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 12, 1920.

To the American Philatelic Society:
The Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred certain recommendations in the President's address, certain changes in the by-laws proposed in the American Philatelist for July and an amendment proposed at this Convention, have considered the same and report recommending the adoption of the following amendments:

## Article II, Sec. 1.

This is in relation to life memberships, barmonizing the present provision. I will read it as it now reads:

Any member may become a member for life by the payment of $\$ 20.00$; $\$ 6.66$ of which shall be credited to subscription to the American Pbilatelist. Such life membership being subject to the same rules of conduct as applies to the ordinary annual member and may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors for just cause.

We recommend that the following be substituted:
Any member in good standing may become a life member by the payment of $\$ 20$. Life members shall have the same rights and privileges as annual members and shall be subject to the same obligations except that of payment of annual dues.

All payments for life memberships shall constitute a permanent fund, and shall be invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Board of Vice-Presidents. One-third of the income of said fund shall be paid over to the special fund for the American Philatelist, and the remainder shall be used for such purposes as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct.

We recommend its adoption.
Mr. WOLSIEFFER: I move its adoption, Mr. President.
Motion seconded.
The PRESIDENT: It is regularly moved and seconded that this recommendation from the By-Laws Committee be adopted. Any remarks?

The amendment was adopted.
The PRESIDENT: The next, Mr. Stone?
Mr. STONE: (Reading):

## Article II, Sec. 3, relating to annual dues.

Strike out the first paragraph and insert the following: Very little change, except in the amounts. (Reading):

The annual dues shall be $\$ 2$ to all members except life members, payable in advance to the Treasurer on the first day of September. Of said amount of $\$ 2$, seventy-five cents-

## instead of sixty-

shall be for one year's subscription to the American Philatelist.
Every new member, for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after bis admission to membership, shall pay at the rate of fifty cents per quarter or fraction thereof from the date of his application, twenty cents per quarter of which shall be for his subscription to the American Philatelist for such period.

This raises the dues from $\$ 1.80$ to $\$ 2$. and it raises the amount which is credited to the American Philatelist fund from sixty cents to seventy-five cents. Menibers who come in after the beginning of the year will pay at the rate of fifty cents for each quarter or fraction of a quarter instead of paying, as it now stands, at the rate of fifteen cents for each month. The committee recommends its adoption.

Mr. GOOD: Mr. President, I move it be adopted.
Mr. KELLER: Second the motion.
The PRESIDENT: It is regularly moved and seconded that this substitution of by-law be adopted. It raises the dues to $\$ 2$ instead of $\$ 1.80$ a year. Any remarks?

Mr. KELLER: Mr. President, I think that the adoption of this measure would be the means of increasing the number of life members, but it will also act as a deterent towards a large number of members who will not become life members and have little or no incentive of remaining with us. There are too many of them now. that are on the verge of dropping out. I think that this would be harmful to adopt.

The SECRETARY: Mr. President, may I inquire of Mr. Keller if he thinks any member of this society will drop out because he has to pay twenty cents more a year? Mr. KELLER: I do, Mr. Davis; I think so. In fact I know so.
The SECRETARY: Then I think we better lose them.
Mr. KELLER: Well, perhaps so.
Mr. GOOD: Mr. President, I would like to inquire of Mr. Keller where he gets the information that there are many on the verge of dropping out.

Mr. KELLER: All the information that I can get is what I can observe in our home affairs right in Detroit, where I come from. I know that there are a great many of them that are very slow about paying up and do not care particularly about remaining members of the A. P. S.

Mr. KAY: Mr. President, I am from Detroit. I don't know of any one that will kick at twenty cents or even a dollar more. We are all delighted and glad to belong to the American Philatelic Society and I think if any one objects to the twenty cents, we should be glad to get rid of him. That is my opinion and I think I voice the opinion of the Detroit men.

The PRESIDENT: I believe that this objection kills the amendment.
Mr. KELLER: Mr. President, if it is going to kill the action on this measure entirely I will withdraw my remarks. I haven't made any motion.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, I would like to say one thing. I think one reason why a good many members are dilatory is because perhaps they don't run bank accounts and they can't draw a check for $\$ 1.80$. They don't think to go to the post office and get a money order. If they can send a two dollar bill in the envelope it will come in a good deal quicker than if they bave to wait and wait and wait.

Mr. SILVESTER: I agree with Mr. Stone absolutely. I am treasurer of a historical society of which the dues are a dollar, and Mr. Ackerman is also a member of that society, and I find that it is a great deal easier for people that have large bank accounts to let their dues lapse for five years and then send $\$ 5$ than it is to bother with a paltry sum once a year. To my mind it would he a good deal easier to collect two dollars; it is a larger amount than $\$ 1.80$.

Mr. STONE: I will say for information that some years ago our dues were $\$ 1.20$ and we had just as hig a list of dropped for non-payment of dues as we have now.

The PRESIDENT: All those in favor of the adoption of the by-law please slgnify by saying Aye; contrary minds No. The by-law is adopted.

Mr. STONE (Reading):
"Article 3, Section 9, (the list of convention committees) :
'At the Annual Convention the President shall appoint the following standing committees:'"

Then follows the list of committees. After the words "A Committee on Resolutions," insert "A Committee on Appropriations."

We have every year recommendations from various committees for an appropriation for so much for the Library, so much for publicity, so much for salary of this officer, so much for the salary of that officer. They are generally dealt with on the floor and turned over to the By-Laws Committee. Our idea in recommending this is to have a special committee to whom all such requests for appropriations will be referred. They can take them, look them over, consult with the Treasurer, who should properly be on that committee, and find out whether our income according to our past experiences will warrant such appropriations. Then they can bring them before us and they will have the facts to back up the recommendation that we appropriate so much for this, that and the other. The committee recommends the adoption of this amendment.

Mr. IRELAND: May I inquire if the subsequent reocmmendation of the Committee on By-Laws is going to contain a statement of the duties of that committee and of the existing committees now appointed?

Mr. STONE: We have a subsequent paragraph as to each of their duties, providing for their duties. If you have a statement of the duties of this committee to present later it will no doubt cover my point; if not, I will defer my suggestion until that time.

Mr. STONE: I think I have explained in my remarks what the duties are to be. These are temporary committees, convention committees.

Mr. IRELAND: I think I will recommend that after the word "Appropriations" there he inserted a comma and the words "to whom shall be referred all requests for appropriations from any source brought before the Annual Convention."

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, I will say that I don't think there is anything in the by-laws which provides what the Finance Committee shall do, or Lihrary Committee or Sales Department or any of those convention committees. That is left towell, common sense, I suppose; perhaps the lawyers would call it common law or something of that kind.

Mr. IRELAND: My intention, of course, Mr. President, is to see that this committee gets all the appropriations. It has been well known in various bodies that have appropriations committees that special interest or special influence gets that appropriation by without going to the committee for the very purpose-the committee which was intended to take care of that. It seems to me if we are going to establish that committee that kind of clause ought to be put in at this point.

The PRESIDENT: Well, I hardly think it is necessary, because the resolutions
are talked of on the floor, you know. Here is then a place to refer them to, a committee to refer them to. We have no committee now and they all go to the By-Laws Committee. The natural way to do is to refer to a committee anything that is proposed from the floor. I think the duties are not specified of any of these committees. Are there any further remarks? (Putting the question) It is adopted.

Mr. STONE (Reading):
Article V. Sec. 3, 8th line from end of section, fixing compensation of the Secretary: Strike out " 200 " and insert " 400 ."

## The committee recommends the adoption. (Applause.)

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: I will move the adoption.
The PRESIDENT: Any remarks?
The motion was seconded.
Mr. STONE: I will add that this is in addition to the $\$ 100$ petty cash fund for incidental postage expenses and the like.

The PRESIDENT: Any further remarks? (Calls of "question".) All those in favor of the adoption of this by-law please say Aye; contrary minds No. It is also adopted.

Mr. STONE: (Reading) :
Article IX, Sec. 1, fourth paragraph, fixing subscriptiou price of the American Philatelist:

This is necessary in consequence of the change in our dues.

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Strike out in the second line the word "sixty" and insert "seventy-five," so as to read:
"The yearly subscription price to members shall be seventy-five cents as provided in Article II, Section 3, and to non-members one dollar."
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The committee moves the adoption.
Motion seconded and adopted.
Mr. STONE: (Reading) :
Article IX, Sec. 1, the last sentence of which now reads:
"All receipts on account of the American Philatelist shall be kept by the Treasurer in a separate fund, against which fund all expenses of publication shall be charged,"

Amend by adding at the end:
"Any deficiency shall be made up from the General Fund, and the Treasurer's annual report shall set out the net cost to the Society of the publishing of the American Philatelist each year."

It is all in the Treasurer's report, but it takes some little time looking around and putting one or two items together to show you at a glance just what the paper costs. It makes practically a fictitious balance in one or two places. This will clear it and it will be charged off at the end of each year, not carried over from year to year. Mr. WOLSIEFFER: I move the adoption.
Motion seconded.
The PRESIDENT: Any remarks? (Putting the question.) The by-law is adopted.

Mr. stone: Mr. Howes will make his report.
Mr. HOWES: Mr.President, Mr.Stone's extreme modesty throws the finishing up of the By-Laws report upon myself. It is recommended that Article VII, Sec. 6, the third paragraph, fixing the salary of the Editor of the American Philatelist, be amended by striking out the figures " 100 " and inserting " 300 ," making the compensation of the Editor of the American Philatelist $\$ 300$ per year instead of $\$ 100$. I might say that we were moved to recommend this from the fact that the compensation of $\$ 100$ for the Editor of the American Philatelist was, placed in the hy-laws almost 15 years ago, at the time, I helieve, when the year book was changed into a quarterly. There was, of course, a great deal of work on the quarterly. I happen to have been the editor of the quarterly for a while and I speak from full knowledge. A great deal of time had to be given to the getting in of material for reading matter, a great deal of time had to be fut in in getting advertisements, or at least in attempting to get advertisements, because I found that in a quarterly magazine you could not get from the advertisers the attention that either a monthly or even a semi-monthly such as we had afterwards brought. So between the correspondence, advertisements, editing, proof reading, dealing with the firm of Ault, I' believe, which was a considerable difficulty, the editor found that he had practically to expend all of his remuneration and time on the quarterly. Since then we have had the quarterly changed into a semi-monthly and at present into a monthly. The work has grown, expenses have grown, everything has grown, and we feel that we are really putting Mr. Stone intō a hole by leaving that compensation at $\$ 100$. And we therefore feel that it is no more than right that we should increase it, not to what we think it ought to he increased to as a real compensation for the Editor, but as far as we can, and we are hoping that you will feel that we have heen just to him and to the Society in fixing the increase at $\$ 200$, making the compensation $\$ 300$ for the year.

Mr. MANN: I move the adoption of this resolution.
Motion seconded.
The PRESIDENT: The motion is made and seconded that this by-law be adopted. Any remarks? (Putting the question) The by-law is adopted.

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Mr. President, while we are on this subject of official journal, one of my proxies wants to know-he does not make a formal recommendation -he wants to know why the American Philatelist could not come back to its former state of a semi-monthly, it would make it so much quicker for news to travel around the society. Maybe Mr. Stone would like to say something ahout that.

Mr. Leavy: Mr. President, may I answer for Mr. Stone as Mr. Stone's predecessor?

The PRESIDENT: All right.
Mr. LEAVY: The work on a monthly publication is more than any man ought to do and is worth five times the amount that the society can pay. To make that a semi-monthly is certainly an atrocious thing to ask. A man cannot devote his time unless he is doing nothing else. We are getting now for seventy-five cents under the new order of things a paper that is worth $\$ 2.50$ at least and then somebody asks, Why don't they make it a semi-monthly? Gentlemen, forget it!

The PRESIDENT: That is all the recommendations the By-Laws Committee have, I believe.

We wiil now hear from the committee on Next Convention. Are you ready to report, Vr. Heyerman? (Applause.)

## REPORT OF COMLITTTEE ON NENT CONVENTION.

Mr. HEYERMAN: Before reading the report I would like to state that the only invitation from all A. P. S. branch comes from a city that is getting its reputation
as being famous in the past, and that light is rather dimming a little, I imagine, for the time being anyway, and they want us to light it up a bit by having the A. P. S. Convention there. From all I can learn they are a good live bunch. From what has appeared in the papers during the last year they have got the right spirit of getting us the publicity without expense by educating the younger collector, hy having contests and exhibits and lectures at their public library. The committee reports as follows:

Providence, R. I., Aug. 11, 1920.
American Philatelic Society:
Your committee on place of next meeting have, after due consideration, unanimously agreed to recommend that the annual meeting of this society in the year 1921 be held in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, accepting the invitation extended by the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Branch No. 24, A. Y. S., being the only invitation received from an A. P. S. Branch.
(Invitations from convention bureaus of Buffalo, Chicago and San Francisco were also received.)

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH M. CLARK, JOSEPH B. LEAVY, C. FREDERIC HEYERMAN, Chairman.

The PRESIDENT: Yon have heard the report from your Committee on Next Convention; what is your pleasure?

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: Mir. President, I want to move the adoption of the committee report and second the nomination of Milwaukee for the next convention. I have a number of proxies that call for that city. I have two others from the most prominent members, including tue President of the Milwaukee Society, and I want to say to you gentlemen that we had a convention in Milwaukee some years ago and we had a very successful convention there, that they are all earnest philatelists and they know how to entertain and are very much interested at present time, more so than ever before. And from wat I have learned on the side-I am not at liberty to say -that have already underwritten the convention before hand. You know what we are up against when we go to Milwaukee. You are going to have a very good time and mieet a fine lot of collectors. In addition to that recommendation I want to say that the Chicago Philatetic society has made a trip to Milwaukee many times and enjoyed their hospitality. The Milwaukee boys are all first class fellows. I hope you will all vote for Milwaukee. (Applause.)

Mr. STONE: In rising to second Mr. Wolsieffer's motion in favor of holding the next convention in Milwankee, I want to say I know Mr. Wolsieffer had a good time at the last convention, because I was with him. I know he had a good time and if we go we will all of us have a good time.

The PRESIDENT: Any further remarks? All those in favor of holding the next convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, please say Aye. Contrary No. The next convention will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. PREVOST: While we are talking on this subject I will see if I can get the president of the Chamber of Commerce and the mayor of the city of Springfield to change the year on their telegrams to Springfield for 1922. (Applause.)

The following was the invitation from the Milwaukee Philatelic Society:

Secretary, American Philatelic Society, Providence, R. I.
Dear Sir:
The Milwaukee Philatelic Society (Branch No. 24 A. P. S.), at a meeting held July 30th, unanimonsly voted to extend a most hearty invitation to the American Philatelic Society to hold its annual convention for 1921 at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, as yon doubtless know, is one of America's most attractive convention cities, and I am sure can offer the A. P. S. everything that goes to make a national convention a marked success. We are centrally located, with the best of railroad and boat connections, fine hotel accommodations, and desirable meeting places. Moreover, we have a very lively stamp society here in Milwankee, among whose members are some very prominent collectors.

We can, even at this very early date, promise not only the customary special programs for meetings, meeting place, banquet and auto trip to the various places of interest, but also as special features, an extensive exhibition of stamps held at the Public Museum where we will probably hold the meetings, and also for one entire day to transfer the convention by trolley through a beautiful country to one of Wisconsin's famous lake resorts. These are only a few first thoughts. No knowing what additional features of entertainment a live wire committee snch as we can put on the job may suggest.

No Milwaukeeans, as far as I am able to ascertain, are to attend the convention this year. Hence, as much as I regret to do so, it is necessary for me to extend our invitation in this manner.

Hoping that Milwaukee may be honored with next year's convention of our National Society and with best wishes for a very successful meeting this year I am Very truly yours,
L. D. PEASLEE, President Milwaukee Philatelic Society.

## COMPLAINT BY ML. JOHN KAY.

The PRESIDENT: Now, Mr. Kay, we are ready to hear from you regarding that matter.

Mr. KAY: Mr. President, and Fellow Philatelists: Last year I addressed a communication to the late President in regard to one Philip Ward, by whom not only I but other members of our Society had been treated in a very unjust, unbusinesslike and dishonest manner. I understand that a committee was appointed to investigate these charges and before saying anything more I would like to hear from that committee.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, in the proceedings of the last convention it was voted to refer that matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents. Mr. Severn suggested that the Secretary write the gentleman a letter. I would like to ask if that has been done. This appears on page 43 of the proceedings.

The SECRETARY: Yes.
Mr. STONE: Perhaps that would answer Mr. Kay's question.
Mr. KAY: I did not hear that answer.
Mr. STONE: The Secretary was instructed to write-
Mr. KAY: I would like to get that answer from Mr. Ward.
The SECRETARY: As I understand Mr. Stone's question, he asked if the Secretary had written Mr. Kay?

Mr. KAY: Mr. Ward?
Mr. STONE: Here is what it says (reading from proceedings of convention of 1919) :


#### Abstract

"Motion unanimously carried. "The PRESIDENT: The matter will be referred to the Board of VicePresidents. "Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President, in view of the fact that this recommendation was made to us by Mr. Kay, in all good faith and kindness, 1 think it should bo referred back to him in a very tactful way, and that be be gently shown that it is better for the Convention to act upon anything that is embodied in the Vice-Iresidents' report, rather than anything that is brought boldly to the attention of the Convention, because we have no way of investigating on short notice the many different details that must enter into a case of this kind. "The PRESIDENT: Is it your suggestion, Mr. Severn, that the Secret.ary


 write him a letter?"The SECRETARY: I think that is a good idea.
"The PRESIDENT: It is so acted npon."
The SECRETARY: I think Mr.Kay will acknowledge that 1 wrote bim that letter. Mr. KAY: You wrote to me, but I haven't heard from Mr. Ward, or yon either. You asked me if those charges were correct; I said, "Yes." I haven't heard anything on the part of Mr. Ward.

The SECRETARY: I wrote you a letter, I think my dnties ended in that regard, and the matter was referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. KAY: After your letter?
The SECRETARY: Yes.
Mr. KAY: Well, what did the Vice-Presidents say? "Can't do anything"?
The SECRETARY: We haven't any report on the matter at all.
Mr. KAY: I think, Mr. President and gentlemen, it is a very loose way to treat a society like the Detroit Society. I am not here representing myself. I can take care of myself, but when 1 have good friends like Dr. Babcock, Mr. Ladue, Mr. Schmalzreidt and others treated as I was-although I will say before I say anything further that Mir. Ward did compensate them somewhat-only somewhat-in the matter in which they and I were treated. If you gentlemen are not conversant with Mr. Ward's actions--no doubt you are, becanse it is in our annual report-Mr. Ward wrote to me, Mr. Schmalzreidt and others, as follows: "lly dear Mr. Kay" -but prior to this, remember, gentlemen, that we all thought the world and all of Mr. Ward. There is no man in the United States as a collector, as he represented himself as a collector, who stood as high in the estimation of the collectors of Detroit as Philip Ward, and he has one of the best friends who stood by him in Harmon Wendell, who tried to give him good direction and advice in what he failed to do. Mr. Ward wrote as follows:
"My dear Mr. Kay:
I have been very successful in finding"-
Now listen: "finding"-
-"Ic, 2c and 3c of the compound perforation IIxI0, and I will make the small charge of $\$ 8$, and as there is a limited number those who send their cash first will get the blocks."

It is the first time in my life that $I$ have ever been asked for cash. Dealers know me pretty well and know that if they send anything they get their money. But I, like all the rest of us, realizing that there were only a very few blocks, we sent our $\$ 8$.

Now, gentlemen, 1 want you to remember that Mr. Philip Ward knew perfectly well that that was a fraud in the first place. I say it was a fraud because it was, be-
cause Mr. Ward six or eight months ago wrote in regard to this issue that was coming out from plate 170 . He knew it as well as $I$ knew it, and all others. And when he received those stamps, 1 c and 2 c and 3 c stamps, a sheet of 100 , he knew perfectly well that the letter which he wrote to us was a deceptive letter, because if he lad said to any of us, especially Dr. Babcock and myself, that his stamps were from plate 170, we would know perfectly well that it was no find. Every one of us, all of our society, thought at once when we received these letters it was like the find of that 2c one some six months before that, of $11 \times 10$. It was only natural for us to think so. You can fancy my surprise after I sent my $\$ 8$ when the next day I received from J. E. Willams, who is a member of our society from New York, who is head of the Railroad Service Commission, one of the principal meu that President Wilson selected to look after the Railroad Commission-sent me by a mail a block of six of these 1c, 2 c and 3 c and stated that there were hundreds of sheets of those in the New York post office and also in their office. And upon making inquiry Mr. Williams said that his secretary had had those for one or two months and that he objected to their coming into the plate 160 because they didn't fit with the other perforations and he didn't know what to do with them, so Mr. Williams sent them on to me to get my opinion of them. I thought that was very strange and I wondered if that was the same with Mr. Philip Ward. Three days later I had a letter in which Mr. Ward refused to return my money and also informed me that it was a sale and I would have to stand by it.

Now, gentlemen, I think some others here will back me up on the fact that others who spoke to me during the last six months will tell the couvention what their opinion of Mr. Ward is. I think he onght to be properly reprimanded in some way. I know what I would do with him. Three very prominent dealers in New York prior to this incident informed me that they had recently talked with Mr. Ward on his underhand work.

Now, gentlemen, my only object in bringiug this before your convention is to guard against these unscrupulous collectors and dealers-thank God there are very few dishonest dealers, but we strike one once in a while, but there are lots of collectors and we are briuging in new members into our association and 1 want to put a guard onto these fellows that the new members won't be deceived. And for that reason I want something done with Philip Ward and 1 would like to hear from some others.

Mr. GOOD: Mr. President, I received a similar letter from Mr. Ward offering the same blocks, and there was this one important clause in that letter that Mr. Kay left out. It says, "and they will undoubtedly become rare"- "undoubtedIy become rare." He said he only had one sheet of each; he was offering them in blocks. A sheet of a hundred would make 25 such blocks. These letters were all sent broadcast. I don't know how many of them were sent out. It was a duplicate letter. He may have had one sheet-that was all he did have; hut I stand by Mr. Kay on that one clause in that letter where he said, "They will undoubtediy become rare."

Mr. KAY: I thank you, Mr. Good. I left that out; 1 did forget it. But there is something else. I found out that he had more than one sheet of those, and he didn't find them, he bought them. He paid a big sum for them. Now granting that he paid a big price, $\$ 200$ or $\$ 300$ for them, Philip Ward, the man we have to look up to, has a knowledge of stamps. He says he is in close communication with the Bureau of Engraving. I know that he is not. If he was he would lave had that die 1. I had them sooner than he did. I contend that I am closer than he is. Now when he tries to deceive in his letters in Mekeel's Weekly-and I will say now that it is a disgrace to have his letters in Mekeel's Weekly, because there is not one of us in Detroit that believes a word he writes and has not for a year-there is oue thing I want to tell you. 1 put the case up to Mr. Wendell and asked his advice. He was thunderstruck;
he wonldn't believe it. He wrote to Mr. Ward and Mr. Ward wrote to Mr. Wendell and thought he had treated me very fairly-very fairly indeed. I put the case to Mr. Wendell and he said. "Mr. Kay, yon are right;" and he wrote a very strong letter to Mr. Ward and said: "The only way we can continue our friendship is that you return to all the members, not only the Detroit society bnt everywhere that you received money for those stamps." Mr. Ward never answered that letter.

Mr. KELLER: Mr. President, at the very same time that this controversy took place, at the time that Mr. Kay received these stamps, I received the three blocks of four from Mr. Colman of Washington for $\$ 10$.

Mr. KAY: And I can say further in regard to Mr. Colman that he deserved an increase in the-the difference between the cost of what the stamps were and the $\$ 1.25$, and he sold qnite a lot of blocks and I bought a set myself for that, because they were only $\$ 1.25$, the day after I heard from Mr. Ward.

The PRESIDENT: Did yon receive any commnnication from the Board of VicePresidents, Mr. Kay?

Mr. KAY: No, Mr. Wilson, I have not, except-no, not from the Vice-Presidents. I heard from Brother Davis and I answered, but I have not heard from the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The PRESIDENT: I am sorry, but they mnst have neglected to take any action, then.

The SECRETARY: Mr. Whipple wrote me that they had commonicated with you, Mr. Kay, relative to this, and that yon at the present time didn't want to make any charges and at a certain time you would take the matter up yourself.

Mr. KAY: No, not myself; if I remember right-I have not got my copy of my letter, but I did say that I expected the officers of the society to take action; it was not for me to take action, it was the officers' duty, and that I shonld bring it before this convention now.

The SECRETARY: The idea is this, that the Board of Vice-Presidents were ready to take up this matter and wrote you relative to it, and you replied in such a way that they thought yon didn't want then to take it up at that time.

Mr. KAY: Well, they misnnderstood. They can do it now. I think it is a convention matter anyway; I really think so. I may be mistaken, Mr. President, but I think it is a convention matter and shonld be brought up.

The PRESIDENT: Well, I will say, Mr. Kay, that the convention really cannot handle a matter like that very well, because they can't get the other side. There may be some defense they don't know. We only get one side, your side.

Mr. KaY: Mr. President, you have the defense of Mr. Ward there when he says he will not communicate with me fnrther. What defense?

The PRESIDENT: Do yon want to suggest any resolution or anything?
Mr. KAY: Yes, I will suggest, if yon want me to do so, that he be expelled from our association.

The PRESIDENT: Do you make a resolution?
Mr. KAY: I do. I make that resolntion, that he be expelled from the American Philatelic Society as a warning to others.

The PRESIDENT: Is there a seconder to that resolution of Mr. Kay that Mr. Ward be expelled? (A pause.)

Mr. KELLER: Mr. President, merely for the purpose of securing action on this matter, in order to make it legal, I will support that motion.

The PRESIDENT: Yon second the motion?
Mr. KELLER: I second the motion, merely for the purpose of bringing some action-

Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, I haven't heard any of the conversation, I only got the last part of it. Is there any thought in the minds of those present about giving the man a chance to answer?

Mr. PULLEN: Mr. President, are we not establishing a very bad practice if we take action of this kind? We have only ex-parte testimony on this subject, and if we proceed in a manner like this we are setting a precedent that might be very embarrassing at some future time. Now there is no report from the Board of Vice-Presidents in resard to it. While I believe everything Mr. Kay says to be a fact, still we should have some report to base action upon if we are to impose such a punishment upun any nember of this association.

Mr. KAY: Mr. President, I agree with the gentleman. I can see myself that it is not exactly fair to Mr. Ward. I was in hopes that Mr. Ward would be here and I would talk to him, and if he was gentleman enough to ask forgiveness i would be only too glad to give him the right hand of fellowship and say 1 would forget the past. I think $I$ am wrong in asking this and I think you ought to have an investigation of his side of the question.

The PRESIDENT: Do you withdraw your motion?
Mr. KAY: Yes-only so far as I think that I am wrong, that is, in making this request before this association, and if 1 am not-I would like to hear some of the other members.

The PRESIDENT: That was the attitude taken by the last convention, Mr. Kay, that it was hardly fair to expel a member or take any action directly by the convention when the other side was not present,-the party was not present-to make his defense.

Mr. GOOD: Mr. President, I move that Mr. Kay's motion be eliminated from the records and in place of it I wish to offer a motion to submit the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The PRESIDENT: I think your motion is in order.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Second the motion.
Mr. KAY: I am satisfied.
The PRESIDENT: Is that motion of Mr. Kay's seconded?
Mr. BATCHELDER: I seconded it.
The PRESIDENT: That the matter be referred to the new Board of Vice-Presidents?

Mr. OHLMAN: Mr. President, I didn't know much about this case except what I read, but I think the Board of Vice-Presidents should report on thai in one way or other this time, not defer it, because this will go on continuously. I don't know Mr. Ward or either party, but we want it settled one way or the other.

Mr. LUFF: Mr. President, I agree with Mr. Ollman on that thing. As the matter stands, being deferred, it is neitler fair to Mr. Kay nor Mr. Ward. Some action should be taken on the matter and it should be threshed out, and if Mr. Ward doesn't put up a good defense the society doesn't want a member of that sort. If Mr. Ward can put up a good defense, then he should be vindicated. Don't you think that is fair, Mr. Good?

Mr. GOOD: Very fair, indeed.
Mr. LUFF: That no action should be taken in the matter.
Mr. KAY: I don't want to do anything unfair. I only want to see justice done not only to myself but to others, and I am suprised that the Vice-Presidents did not go further into this detail because I consider it a very serious charge, not only I but others, and I would like some one that has expressed that themselves about Mr. Ward -don't hesitate to get up and talk about it, be a man, talk about it.

Mr. BATCHELDER: Mr. President, did Mr. Kay prefer written charges to the Board of Vice-Presidents?

Mr. KAY: I went as far as I could in my letter and communication.
Mr. BATCHELDER: But, Mr. President, my point is this: If written charges were made to the Board of Vice-Presidents I can't see how the Board of Vice-Pres-
idents could defer it. It seems to me that they were in duty bound, compelled to make some report on any written charges preferred against anybody.

The PRESIDENT: The charges, Mr. Batchelder, were made direct to the convention, the last convention.

Mr. BATCHELDER: And not in writing?
Mr. KAY: It is in writing. I gave it in writing. It is all in writing, the whole thing.

The PRESIDENT: It was referred to the Board of vice-Presidents.
Mr. BATCHELDER: Then they should have reported on it.
Mr. STONE: Doesn't it simmer down to that-that the matter was referred by the last convention to the Board of Vice-Presidents and they actually ignored the whole thing?

The PRESIDENT: Yes.
The SECRETARY: Mr. President, they did not. They wrote Mr. Kay, according to a letter that I have from Mr. Whipple, recorder of the Board, who stated that they had written Mr. Kay, and Mr. Kay replied that he was not making any charges. Now I don't know just what the words of this letter were, hut the Board was willing to go into this, and I understand that Mr. Kay did not want them to go into it at that time. That is my impression.

Mr. KAY: No-
The SECRETARY: I have these letters and I will he glad to submit them to him.
Mr. KAY: No, not at that time. Allow me to refresh your memory. Perhaps you are right and $I$ am wrong. You wrote to me that you were ready to take up this communication referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents:

The SECRETARY: Mr. Whipple.
Mr. KAY: Mr. Whipple did, and wanting to know what further action I wanted them to take. I did say to them it was not for me to take that action towards Mr. Ward, but the Vice-Presidents or the committee that was appointed. I think that was right, wasn't it?

The SECRETARY: I don't remember. Anyway, the board wrote me-
Mr. KAY: It was not for me to take up this matter at the time; it was for the committee that was appointed by the Board of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, our by-laws say:
"All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Society shall be addressed in writing, accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same," etc.

Mr. KAY: They have that all in writing from me.
Mr. STONE: With an affidavit?
Mr. KAY: Sure, everything. It was addressed to the President and the convention.

Mr. STONE: It should have been sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents.
The PRESIDENT: The resolution hefore the house is that this matter be referred to the new Board of VicenPresidents.

Motion seconded.
The SECRETARY: Mr. President, may I say a word? I would like to offer an amendment to that resolution: that the Board of Vice-Presidents be requested to investigate the matter and report next year.

Mr. SEVERN: Why next year?
Mr. STONE: They report to the Board of Directors anyway.

The SECRETARY: The way you have your resolution now, the Board of VicePresidents need never report. You don't ask for a report.

Mr. KAY: Well, Mr. President, I think last August that they had this report, referring the matter to a committee. I think it was February before I heard from them. Now if it is going to be referred to the new Board of Vice-Presidents, I don't want them to wait till next Fehruary, Marcil or April; I want them to do it at once so as to get it in our hands. Let the Board of Vice-Presidents write to Mr. WardI am satisfied they should do so-get all his say-so about it, and then I will come hack with mine.

The PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of referring this matter to the new Board of 'Vice-Presidents please say Aye; contrary minds No, and it is so ordered.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMDITTEE ON PUBLICCTY.

The PRESIDENT: Is the special committee ready to report?
Mr. DIAMANT: Mr. President, may I have the opportunity now of reading the report of the special committee as appointed by you on publicity? I will read it from the notes and give to the Secretary the report properly signed. (Reading):

Your committee respectfully submit the following plan for recommendation to the Board of Directors:

## Newspaper Publicity.

Holding public illustrated lectures under the auspices of the Branches of the A. P. S. and other Philatelic societies as already done by these societies in Chicago, Boston, St. Louis and elsewhere and also through Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts, Rotary Clubs and similar organizations at which time packets of stamps and suitable literature shall be distributed.

Engagement of a suitabel person to have charge of newspaper work to be directed by the committee appointed by President.

None of the money expended or obligations assumed until a fund of not less than $\$ 2000$ including $\$ 1000$ appropriated be available.
We expect that members will cooperate in the gathering of information for the use of the committee.
H. A. DIAMANT, Chairman;
C. E. SEVERN,
A. W. BATCHELDER, HUGH M. CLARK, HOWARD H. ELLIOTT.

The PRESIDENT: You have heard the report from the special committee; what is your pleasure?

Mr. HOWES: Mr. President, I move it be accepted and referred to the permanent committee when appointed.

Mr. DIAMANT: Or Board of Directors?
Mr. HOWES: The Board of Directors.
Motion seconded by Mr. Stone.
The PRESIDENT: It is moved and seconded that this report be accepted and referred to the Board of Directors. Are there any remarks? (The question was put.) It is so ordered.

Have you the Library Committee report ready, Mr. Diamant, for submission?
Mr. DIAMANT: I haven't got it typewritten yet, but I will read it. I read the Library report, didn't I?

The PRESIDENT: You said you had a temporary report.
Mr. DIAMANT: I mean I had it just made in notes but that I would have it typewritten and present it to the Secretary later. I was reading it from the notes.

The PRESIDENT: But this is the last session, unless we adjourn.
Mr. DIAMANT: I have got to go ont and have both these typewritten. Have you finished all your business?

The PRESIDENT: All except two matters that have been referred this morning to the By-laws Committee.

Mr. DIAMANT: I can bring it back in ten minutes. It will be exactly as I have read it.

Mr. OHLMAN: Mr. President, he says he has already read that to the Society. The only thing is to hand the typewritten copy to the Secretary.

Mr. DIAMANT: And properly signed.
The PRESIDENT: That report has been referred to the committee on By-Lawn. They have got to have something to act on. The Committee on By-Laws is to meet in ten minutes to act on it.

The SECRETARY: I move we take a recess for ten minutes.
Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President, I wish to inquire what the expectation of the members is in regard to another session? Is it the purpose in mind to continue until all the work is transacted?

The PRESIDENT: That is the intention, yes.
Mr. SEVERN:, Well, under the circumstances I suppose a recess would be in order so that we might reconvene in a short time and finish up the work in case ynu think it may be finished up at this session.

The PRESIDENT: Do you make a motion for a recess-
Mr. SEVERN: Yes.
Thn PRESIDENT: -for twenty minutes.
Mr. SEVERN: Any length of time.
Mr. HOWES: You will never get them back.
Mr. SEVERN: If they get away perhaps we should make that a recess of ter minutes.

The PRESIDENT: A recess of ten minutes, and you are all requested to stay sc: we can finish this up. Will the Committee on By-Laws please come up to the front table?

## (Recess.)

The session was resumed at 12.10 p. m., the President in the chair.
Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President, may I make an announcement? The other morning a gentleman, a member of this society, when he came into this room saw a stamp on the floor. Unfortunately there was no one here, consequently he could not tell to whom the stamp belonged. He picked up the stamp, which is now in my possession, and I would like to know if any member has lost a stamp?

Mr. BATCHELDER: What was it-a Post Office Mauritius?
Mr. SEVERN: I don't want to identify the stamp too closely, because that would remove all mystery.

A MEMBER: Why not give the country of the stamp?
Mr. SEVERN: Argentine Republic. It is a pair. The lucky finder to whom this pair reverts is Mr. Pullen of Louisiana.

A MEMBER: May I ask, Mr. Severn, when this stamp was found?
Mr. SEVERN: The stamp was found the morning before last and it was given into my hands at the session yesterday. I have a pair of Argentine stamps.

Mr. STONE: Charlie used to specialize in peaches instead of pairs.

Mr. MANN: Is it out of a collection or a dealer's stock?
Mr. SEVERN: It is hard to say.
Mr. DIAMANT: Is it valuable?
Mr. SEVERN: Fairly so.
Mr. DIAMANT: Fairly?
Mr. SEVERN: Yes, two or three dollars.
Mr. GOOD: I will go fifty-fifty with Charlie.
The PRESIDENT: Come to order, gentlemen. The two matters referred to the committee on By-Laws have had consideration and we are ready to report. Mr. Stone, will you-

## FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAIVS.

Mr. STONE: The recommendations of the Finance Committee which were referred to us were as follows: The Finance Committee find "that the funds are safely invested but recommend that part of the money now deposited in the savings bank be invested in safe bonds."

Section 3 of Article I of our By-Taws provides: "The Treasurer shall place this fund (the stock fund) at interest in such manner from time to time as the Board of Directors may approve or direct."

That matter is taken care of by the by-laws and requires no further action. (Reading from report of Finance Committee):

> "We also recommend that the stock fund be called 'Membershin Fund" and the question submitted to the entire membership whether we shall keep that fund as it is now or reduce it to annroximately the amount necessarv to cover the one dollar per member of our society and the balance of this fund transferred to a general fund for the advancement of philately and our Society in particular."

I will read the section of the by-laws which deals with that matter:
"Section 3. Certificates of stock shall be valued at $\$ 1.00$ each, and all money received for stock certificates as nrovided for by Article II, Section I, shall be kept by the Treasurer in a senarate and inviolate fund to be known as the Stock Fund, the interest of which may be applied to current expenses."

According to this it wonld require an amendment to the by-laws to make the change as recommended by the committee. The matter of the Stock Fund has been made, as said before, the subject of a good many attacks. People say, "Why have we got so much money tied up that we don't use. 'the interest of which may be applied to current expenses' "? We have always looked forward to a large endowment fund, as it is called in other organizations. of which the interest would go as it does now to our general expense fund. so that we would be sure of a steady income. Another thing which would militate against the use of that fund as proposed by this recommendation is that some of the legal members tell us that that fund is practically a liability against the association; we are liable to have a demand from any of our past members for the return of his dollar. In case a trouble-breeder might arise in the association and get a lot of these former members to club together and make a sudden demand, it would cost us considerable money to figbt it. We would have to draw on this fund if we were held liable, and consequently it has always been deemed advisable to leave that fund as provided in this by-law, a separate and inviolate fund. Your committee do not deem it advisable to make any change whatever in the clause. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT: So much for the recommendations of the Finance Committee; now the Library Committee.

Mr. SCOTT: Mr. President, Mr. Stone states that the committee does not wisb to recommend any change in the by-laws. Does that refer also to the name by which this fund shall be known, or the whole thiug? In other words, leave it as it is, Stock Fund, or from now on call it the Membership Fund?

Mr. STONE: It is provided in the by-laws that it be called the Stock Fund.
Mr. SCOTT: So it will continue under that name?
The PRESIDENT: There is no action needed. Unless there is some action deemed advisable that report will be accepted. Now the Library Committee's recommendations.

Mr. STONE: You all heard the report of the Library Committee, that there was very little use made of the Library, and recommending that steps be taken by the alppointment of a Library Committee instead of an Assistant Librarian, who would try to get more good out of the Library for the members. I think that was the purport of your report, Mr. Diamant?

Mr. DIAMANT: Yes.
Mr. STONE: Many years ago we had a Library Committee instead of an Assistant Librarian. You all know how difficult it has been to get three members of the committee together to do business when you are all right here at the same hotel. If that committee was appointed from different cities they would have to do their business by correspondence. If they were all appointed from Pittsburgb, as they would have to be, as the Library is located there, it would be just as difficult. If we had a committee of three they would be located around the city or in the suburbs and they could not get through the business. Now a Librarian ex-officio is provided for. When the Library was deposited at the Carnegie Library at Pittsburgh the Librarian of the Carnegie Library was made the Librarian ex-officio. In order to handle requests for the loan of books and to receive acquisitions so that the association will get due credit, we appoint an Assistant Librarian. He is the man to whom gifts go. He collects from the members what he can and puts them in shape and turns them over to the Carnegie Library. He is the go-between between the members and the Carnegie Library. If you want to borrow a book don't write to the Carnegie Library; write to the Assistant Librarian and tell him. The Carnegie Library will not Iend you a book unless the requests come through the Assistant Librarian, who lives in Pittsburgh and has access to the Library. If we tried to put this duty on a committee we should have just as much fun as some of our states have found in dealing with commissions of three or five members. "Well, I didn't know; I didn't have time; the other members did it." You can't put your finger on one han and hold him responsible. Single headed commissions are growing in popularity. We don't want, I think, a Library Committee who would do very little work during the year and would file an annual report which would not contain any more activity than we already had. Your committee recommend that no change be made in the by-laws.

Mr. DIAMANT: Mr. President, I don't know whether I would be in order, but at the same time I would like to take an exception to the report of the Committee on By-Laws in regard to the report of the Library Committee. One of the reasons was because such a committee had been appointed before and had not done its work properly or effectively. Any business man or any organization who have directors or committees or who employ anybody to do any work for them, if the work is not done satisfactorily, make a change. If in the past a committee was not successful in making the Library of more benefit to the collectors, is that any reason that the attempt should not be made again? It is possible that we might find a committee that would give the Library their attention and make it of more use to the members. Why not make the effort again? We don't all quit because we fail; we go ahead if we have got any enthusiasm and energy and try over again. That was one point that

I wanted to ask for consideration. Another was that we don't want to saddle the work of the Assistant Librarian on the committee. Our intention was that the Assistant Librarian be a member of that committee; in other words, if you make the Assistant Librarian the gentleman that was recommended by Mr. Daum, have two other members of the A. P. S. work in conjunction with him, for the reason that probably their ideas aud his ideas might work together to make the work very mucin better and more satisfactory. I hope that the By-laws Committee will reverse their action and give the members of the association another opportunity to see what can be done witl: this Library, which is extremely valuable. And if I may be permitted to say, I have been unable to find whether we really own that Library, whether it was given to the Carnegie Library, loaned there or deposited there or what position we can take regarding it.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, I think I cau assure Mr. Diamant that we cannot remove the library; it is deposited there permanently. 1 would like to ask Mr. Diamani just what more the committee could do than the Assistant Librarian has done. The Assistant Librarian admits that he did not have the time and that he did not get the inquiries regarding the books, and that very little had been done. Now probably a committee out of Pittsburgh might push this gentleman a little bit and might see that be made greater efforts to get the society to use the books. Something might be done. Otherwise you will get the same reports that you have had in the past"Nothing doing." "Little doing." Read over the reports of the past few years.

Mr. $\qquad$ : Mr. President, I don't see what the Librarian could do or what the Assistant Librarian could do to get the members interested if they won't use the library. A few years ago the Carnegie Library printed a full catalog and it was sent to every member, with instructions how to use it, and I don't believe we ever had, I was going to say, 20 calls a year. Perhaps I am putting it too high. The members simply will not wait. When you want to use a book you want to use it right off. You will not wait and send to a library for it even if it is for two or three days only. It would prohably take longer for many of the members. I fail to see where a committee could do better than the Assistant Librarian.

Mr. SEVERN: I think perhaps this discussion has been a little unfair to the Assistant Librarian. I have heard no complaint about the conduct of the library and I judge from the remarks that we have heard that perhaps it is thought that there are no satisfied users of the library. Well, I hear testimony to the fact that there have been, and I see no way by which we can force the use of the books in the library upon the members. It is distinctly specified in the year book how members may borrow from the library. The gentleman who is now Assistant Librarian wishes to be relieved of the work. He says nothing about having neglected the work and I doubt whether he has, and while it might be somewhat reactionary to say that we are satisfied with present condition, I certainly am and I see no reason why anything should be done further than perhaps act upon the suggestion of the present Assistant Librarian that he be relieved and that another Pittsburgher be appointed in his place.

Mr. KAY: Mr. President, l agree with Mr. Severn. It is exactly what I was going to say. I do not see how you are going to improve the situation by having a committee of three. I think a committee of three would be a mistake; one is quite sufficient, and if this one is not doing his duty, try another one. I think the increase in inquiries in regard to the books in the library ought to come from the members outside, and if our Monthly would perhaps take notice or inform the members of the benefit which they could receive by getting these books out of the library, I think the situation would be quite different.

Mr. SILVESTER: Mr. President, Mr. Stone speaks of the catalog or a list of books available having been printed some years ago. I have been a member six
years and I have never known what books were in the library or what were not. It might be well, unless a reprint could be prepared of that list, bringing it up to date, that when the application cards are sent for all new members, to inclose a list of the books that are available at that time to members. I thought that the use of the library was for a select few. There is a book that I have long desired to look into and did not feel like buying outright; in fact it is out of print now, it is impossible to buy it, but doubtless it is in the library and I myself would be very glad to draw it out in the near future. But I do not know what books are in the library and what are not, and I have been in the society six years. I think some of the publicity money might be spent in making a reprint of that list of books and having it distributed to all the members of the society.

Mr. SEVERN: I think that is a very reasonable snggestion. I know that in the past at least one list of the books in the library has been prepared and circulated; Mr. Stone said two. And I think that the suggestion of Mr. Silvester is very good and the proper person should be deputized to see that such a list is prepared, if necessary at the expense of the society, and circulated among the members.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President, as Editor of the American Philatelist, I will promise that there will be a partial reprint at least made of the more important books in the columns of the paper from time to time in order that the members may keep posted. (Applause.) If there are any additions the Assistant Librarian should file monthly reports and I think it is up to the Board of Directors to instrnct him. If they will instruct nim to file reports of all additions they will appear. Such reports used to appear from time to time, but they seem to have been neglected for a number of years.
(Mr. Klein and Dr. Chase addressed the chair, and Dr. Chase was recognized.) Dr. CHASE: 1 move the adoption of the committee's report.
Motion seconded.
The PRESIDENT: Have you got auything yon want to say, Mr. Klein?
Mr. KLEIN: I only wanted to say that a list of books is obtainable at the library by anybody who wants it. Anybody interested in the library can just write to the Librarian or our Assistant Lihrarian, who will furnish tīe list. The list is still available. Now this list is fairly up to date; when it was printed, six or seven years ago, I think it was up to date. There were comparatively few additions made. The additional ones are not very important; it is virtually $n p$ to date and anybody can obtain it.

In addition to this $I$ would like to say a few words about libraries in general. I have a working library of ahout 1500 bound volumes, which includes 400 hand books and 1100 journals, arranged, bound and classified. In most of the literature 1 send out I have enclosed a slip calling attention to this library, the use of which I offer free of charge to anybody who wants to come to my place and use it. The handbooks are as up to date as anybody can obtain them. I make it a point to buy every new book that comes out, Annerican and foreign. I would say this to you, that people knowing this in Philadelphia, philatelic literature collectors, of whom there are a number of advanced men, specialists who are bound to ask for new books, such as the London Society's New South Wales, all the London Society's publications which are obtainable, the Switzerland book by _____, are very frequently called for. But it very seldom happens that anybody from ont of town writes for a book. In the first place, it is an expense, and then it is a loss of time. Occasionally, though, I do get a request; I had not long ago a request for a book from a gentleman in Texas. I sent it to him with the understanding that he take reasonable care of it and return it to me as soon as he could. I think if I were to make a report on my library I would say to you that I only have a record of its having been used maybe a dozen times during the year. As a matter of fact it is used during every week, al-
most every day somebody comes in and asks for a book and sits down and reads it, but no record is kept of anytbing like that. Therefore I will say to you that you. need not worry about the American Philatelic Society's library. There are no doubt a good many collectors in Pittsburgh who are calling and looking at the books. There are a number of interested collectors who are sufficiently anxious to stop in and ask for the books on the subject that interests them.

Mr. BATCHELDER: Doesn't the difficulty, so far as our members are concerned, lie in the fact that 99 per cent. of the members do not know, if they ever did, that there is such a library? I will venture to say that if you should ask the people here to hold up their hands who remembered that there was today a library, there would be mighty few. Then there is anotber fact that is far more important, in that so many of our societies have good libraries that are easily accessible. No member of this society or no stamp man in Boston would be so foolish as to send to the Pittsburgh library if he wanted any stamp information. He would go to the Boston Pailtelic Society or to the Boston Public library, both of which have fine libraries. I think every society in the country has more or less of a library. That is where the members get their information. That library in Pittsburgh, of course, will remain there forever; it will be something that some people can go to if they choose, but they are not going to go there when they can get the information so much more readily elsewhere.

Mr. HOWES: When I got up before 1 was going to make both the points that Mr. Klein and Mr. Batchelder have made; the first one, that the library has available a catalog which can be obtained on requests. I am sure it has not run out of print yet. Any one who is interested can by the expense of a two-cent stamp to the Assistant Librarian either get that reprint of that catalog or find out from bim whether the book he was looking for was in our library, and the procedure is described in the by-laws. Also Mr. Batchelder's point that in the centers there are philatelic libraries and collectors who are handy will naturally use those libraries instead of sending to Pittsburgh. Our library, of course, is of more use to scattered collectors who are not near the philatelic centers than to any others, and if those scattered collectors have snfficient interest in getting a book they can simply use a two-cent stamp and write the librarian and if they have not a catalog find out if it is there and get it. I would suggest, instead of appointing a Library Committee in place of the Assistant Librarian, that perhaps in the first place the Board of Directors, if they appoint an Assistant Librarian, should get a live man, and in the second place, that Mr. Diamant should circularize the membership at large and get them waked up. They are the ones that need waking up if you want more use of the library.

Mr. BURT: I happen to be familiar with a condition somewhat similar to ours in another organization. I was one of a committee in the National Shorthand Reporters Association which acquired a valuable shorthand library which had been gathered through the efforts of one of our deceased members. This library, after considerable discussion, was finally deposited with the New York Public Library, and on their shelves it is available not only to our members but to the general public.: Several other valuable shorthand libraries exist in the United States, belonging to private collectors, and it is expected that some of these libraries will ultimately be left by their owners to the National Shorthand Reporters Association. It has been suggested that in such a case the duplicate libraries should be placed in libraries in the large cities in various parts of the countries so as to be within reach of people in every section of the United States. Such a comrse seems a very desirable one to take with any specialized library belonging to a national organization which has no permanent headquarters, and its books can thus be placed in such localities as to be of the greatest benefit not only to its members but to the public.

Mr. IRELAND: I cannot allow to go unchallenged the statement that that library must remain in Pittsburgh forever and that we have lost all control over it. I think at the time it was given it was expressly said that it was a loan, but even if it was not there is no doubt whatever that on application the trustees of the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh could let us have it back and put it where we wanted it. I have always thought that since it was put in Pittsburgh it was not the best place for it and it was not a place where our members could get the most use of it. I think New York is a better place and I think Mr. Burt's experience with the shorthand library shows that it was the intention in that body to place it where it would be available to the greatest possible number of persons who might be desirous of naking use of it. Personally, when I went away in 1916 I did not know whether I should use the library or not and I could consult the library there. I hope that we may make an effort sometime to establish the nucleus which Mr. Burt suggests 11 tach city so that those wishing to do so may call personally at the library and use ${ }^{\circ}$. 1 think that is the only way that philatellsts are going to benefit by our library. It should be where it may be accessible on personal application to be looked over, and not where it can only be reached by mail, involving trouble and expense. I have always been in favor, althaugh I do not believe the meeting will do it, of moving the library from Pittsburgh to New York or some other center where more philatelists can see it.

Mr. NEVIN: May I add one thing. If any of you do not have success in getting books that you want out of the library of the American Philatelic Society, apply to the Boston Philatelic Society and we very likely can loan them to you. One reason why I speak of this is that we have made it a rule in the society that books can be loaned to outsiders through any one of our members, and it may be of interest to branch societies, also to other philatelic societies, to know that if you will do that you can then import books free of duty, which is a thing we do and we therefore save paying duty on everything we import. No one book amounts to a great deal, very seldom more than two or three dollars, hut it makes it worth while, I think, and also it gives everybody the privilege of borrowing from a library of that kind.

The PRESIDENT: I might state, gentlemen, that Mr. Daum wrote me when I reappointed him last year that this was positively the last year he would serve. He tried to resign three different times, had not the time to give to the matter. So from that you will see it will be absolutely necessary for the new President to appoint a new Assistant Librarian.

Now I believe the resolution before the house is that the decision of the ByLaws Committee that no action be taken on this recommendation be approved. Are you ready for the question? (Putting the question.) It is so ordered.

Mr. STONE: There are two other items that the By-Laws Committee would suggest. At present section 9 of Article III reads:
"At the Annual Convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:"
There seems to be a' little misunderstanding as to what that means and we wish to make that clear. We wish to amend it as follows:
"At the Annual Convention, the President shall appoint the following committees to serve during the Convention:"
And in the order of business, in the same section, where it reads " 7 . Reports of standing committees", amend it to read "Reports of convention committees." The committee recommends those changes.

Mr. SEVERN: I move the adoption, Mr. President.
Motion seconded by Mr. Good and carried.

## RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The PRESIDENT: Now, Mr. Severn, are there any resolutions?
Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President, we have several formal resolutions, hut they are presented not the less heartily for that reason. Before giving them I wish to say that no resolution has been handed to the chairman of the committee by any member, and for that reason we have nothing further in that regard to present.

The Committee on Resolutions wishes to thank most heartily the Rhode lsland Philatelic Society for the hospitality that has heen dispensed, and we wished particularly to call attention of the efforts so successfully made of men such as Mr. Slater and Judge Emerson and Mr. Mason-I cannot name them all-who have contributed so heartily to the enjoyment of this occasion. And furthermore we wish to thank the newspapers of Providence, especially the widely-known Providence Journal, for the intelligent and liberal publicity that we have received. I move the adoption of the resolution. (Applause.)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stone.
The PRESIDENT: You have heard these resolutions which have heen duly seconded. Any remarks? (Putting the question.) They are adopted unanimously.

## REPORT OH COMDITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Mr. GOOD: There have heen reports received from ten different branches. I don't know that it is necessary to read them; I think it will suffice to simply publish them in the American Philatelist. The majority of them are quite interesting. There are no recommendations of any kind to make.

Mr. SEVERN: Mr. President, I move the receipt and acceptance of the report, with special commendation for those branches that did submit a report covering their activities for the year past.

Motion seconded and carried.

## APPRECIATION OF RETIRING I'RESIDENT.

The PRESIDENT: Is there any other business to come before this convention?
Mr. SEVERN: Mr. Davis, in rising to address you as the fitting officer to receive a motion of this kind I make no apology to the President, and on hehalf of the members I move a vote of thanks to our retiring President for the sincerity with which he has labored during the past year to improve the standing of the organization in every way possible. Some of us know of the great length to which he has gone to serve and improve the interests of our organization, and for that and other reasons I make this motion.

Motion seconded.
The SECRETARY: You have heard the motion, gentlemen; it has been seconded. What is your pleasure? All in favor of this motion will please manifest it by rising. The motion is unanimously carried by a rising vote. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT: I thank you very much gentlemen. I do, not think it is deserved, however, hut I take it in the kindly spirit with which it was presented.

Any other husiness? If not, it is now my pleasant duty to introduce the newly elected President, Dr. Chase. (Applause.) I congratulate you, Doctor, most heartily.

Mr. WOLSIEFFER: So do we all.
The President-elect, Dr. Carroll Chase, assumed the chair and said:
Gentlemen, it is with deep appreciation that $I$ accept this honor. I feel that there are many other men more capable and more deserving than I. I promise you I will do my hest this year and $I$ hope to live up to the most excellent record made by Mr. Wilson.

If there is no other business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn is in order.

Mr. STONE: Mr. President.
President CHASE: And I take great pleasure in recognizing Mr. Stone.
Mr. STONE: In obedience to an unwritten law that dates back to the ancient history of the association, I move that the association adjourn sine die, and in doing so I wish to remind you that 1922 is Springfield's year. (Applause.)

Motion seconded.
President CHASE: It is moved and secouded that we adjourn. All those in favor signify it by saying Aye. The meeting is adjourned.

Former President WILSON: Hold your seats just a second, gentlemen. Dr. Davis has some announcement.

The SECRETARY: Gentlemen, if you wish to order a picture you will find them in the last room.

Mr. BATCHELDER: How about this afternoon, Mr. President?
The SECRETARY: We have also one face on that photograph that we have not been able to identify. Will you all take a look at it and see if you can help the local committee out.

Mr. MANN: What is the number?
The SECRETARY: 127.
On account of the inclement weather and the fact that the convention photograph has been taken the trip to Roger Williams Park this afternoon has been cancelled. In case some wish to go througin the park there will be several automobiles at the lotel entrance at 2.30 .

Thereupon, at 1 o'clock, the Conveution adjourned.

Attest:
Approved:
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.
h. H. TVILSON, President.

## ADDIESSES AT THE BANQUET.

Narragansett Hotel, Thursiay Evening, Angust 12.<br>Opening Address of the Toastmaster, Judge Fobert S. Emerson.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The hour has arrived when we must call you together for the final session of this Convention and it gives me great pleasure to greet you on this occasion. The Banquet Committee some time ago advised me that I must act as toastmaster. I said I did not think I ought to he called on to do that. They said, "Oh, yes, you will know all the men here." But Mr. Severn and I would like to meet all the ladies before the Convention's conclusion.

I feel rather guilty and apologize that I have not become better acquainted with the ladies, but some of us have been quite busy with these men.

We bave enjoyed this Convention-I speak now for those of us in Providence-. a great deal, and it has been with a great deal of pride and gratification that we have looked around on all the friends that have come from all over the country to be with us at this time. As 1 sat here tonight I was trying to think of some little story that would sum up my chief impression of this Convention, and I recalled a story that was told a great many years ago when "Stan" Ashbrook and some of those fellows from Cincinnati were little hoys, but old fellows like Slater will probably remember
it. It is a story of the Maine woods. The guides up there used to get together and brag about how much game they could get in a day's hunting. There were two or three of them sitting around a campfire and telling about different times when they bad been in the woods in the winter and each told his story. It finally came the turn of this one guide, and as you will see, he was rather a modest man. He said "Well, we were in camp about eight or ten years ago and we all got out of provisions. There was pretty hard snow that winter, you will remember. We were snowed in and we knew we couldn't get out for a month. Our provisions were pretty low; our shot had given out"--the old days when they used to ram the bullets into the guns. "All we had left in camp was one charge of powder and bullet. They picked me out hecause I was the best dead shot and sent me out to get what game I could. They said, 'Jack, we have all got to live on the game that you get with this one shot. Now come back with some.' So I went out and traveled all day long, badn't seen any game at all; in fact, 1 didn't think there was any left in the Maine woods. Along about evening a rabbit ran out from alongside of a tree. I leveled at it, and then I thought it wouldn't do to come back with just that rabbit. About that time there was a bear came out from the other side of the tree. I had my hunting knife with me and I drove the point into a limb and left it standing up with the edge of the blade towards me. I thought I would split that bullet and let the rabbit have one-half and let the bear have the other. I sat down to kind of steady myself. About that time there was a partridge flew up overhead and there was a snake kept rising in front of me. Well, I kept cool and I fired that sbot right at the point of the knife. I was sitting down by the hank of the stream and when I fired it the gun exploded and the force of it kicked me back over into the river. I finally got up out of the river and looked around. There was the bear lying dead on one side of the tree and the rabbit lying dead on the other. The trigger had blown off and killed the snake; pieces of the barrel of the gun when it exploded flew up and killed the partridge. I had a muskrat in one hand and a mink in the other and the seat of my trousers was so full of trout that a suspender button flew off and killed a squirrel."

That sums up in several ways some of my impresions of this Convention. I never saw so many fine stamps of IS47 and I didn't believe there were so many you could get with one shot as we have gotten by having Senator Ackerman's collection here. And there is another way in which that story reminded me of this Convention, and that is in the personnel of the people that are here-that stamp collectors from all over this country, this great country of ours, inave come from as far as Louisiana and Kansas and from Maine, and I feel that we in Providence should be particularly grateful for all that you have done for us, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for coming and I hope that you feel repaid.

I am not going to take very much time talking. I promised the Banquet Committee that I would be a proper toastmaster and let the speakers do the talking. The first speaker that I am going to introduce this evening is one that needs no introduction, but I want to call your attention to one fact-that this American Philatelic Society has by this Convention introduced a precedent which we hope the Nation will adopt-it has retired a President Wilson. (Laughter and applause.) It gives me great pleasure to introduce our former president, Mr. H. H. Wilson. (Renewed applause.) (Mr. Batchelder. Amen!)

## Remarks of Mr. H. H. Wilson.

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:
That is quite a hard introduction, I think. But as a matter of fact I received a letter not long ago, after the nomination for president had been made, in which one cf our members asked me why I didn't accept a renomination, since the usual rule
was that a president should serve two terms. And he said in the latter part of the letter, "Was it on account of your name?" (Laughter.) So many people are nar-row-minded and prejudiced against the name of Wilson.

Well, I don't know whether it was or not. I suppose, however, I have the honor to sit at this table with the distinguished gentlemen on account of the fact that $I$ am a retired president, in other words, an ex-president of the A. P. S. Yon know three ex-presidents were standing out in front of the hotel this very afternoon. We were waiting for a bus to take us out for a drive throngh the Park. We had quite a long wait. Before very long an empty hearse drove up, stopped right there in front of the hotel, and some one was mean enough to say, "Well, there's the wagon; you better get in." But we refused, all of us. We may be of some use.

Not long after that another hearse drove by very slowly. I didn't know how the others felt, but I didn't know but it was an ill-omen. I was talking with my wife tonight about what I was going to talk about, and I said, "I am rather worried about this thing tonight." I said that I had interest enough to ask one of the other speakers what he was going to talk about. He told me that he was going to depend on the inspiration of the moment. Now my wife is a very clever woman and she quickly responded, "Well, you can depend on the perspiration." (Langhter.) I have made good on that all right. I hope I will make good with my wife.

Well, I don't want to let this opportunity pass without extending my thanks and appreciatiou for the fine entertainment that has been furnished us by the Rhode Island Philatelic Society. The courtesy and interest that has been shown us here and the good time we have had, I think, are duly appreciated by all the members and guests. We certainly have had a fine time here during the past two or three days. On my own account I am sorry that it is all over. But we certainly have enjoyed it and I want to thank personally and perhaps in belialf of the Society as an ex-president the committee and the membership for the good time they have given.
$l$ think also that the Convention has been a successful one. We have actually appropriated money-something that has not been done very recently-I mean in large amounts. This is to be spent for publicity purposes. We have also raised the salaries of two of our best officers. There did not seem to be any objection and I think it was a good thing to do. I am glad it has been done.

I have been trying to think of a story all day long that wonld typify the state of mind I am always in when I get up to address a gathering of this kind in sort of a turmoil. The only story I could think of was the story of the two fellows that went out with the boys-this was before prohibition was in effect-and they stayed till about three o'clock in the morning. The cars were not running and they were obliged to walk home. They were rather unsteady and quite tired and weary, and finaliy both embraced a lamp-post to steady themselves. One said to the other, "Say, do you know a fellow by the name of Tom Jones?" The other fellow thonght that over a minute or two and he finally said, "What's his name?" That sort of paralyzed the first man, and he said, "Who?"

Well, gentlemen, I don't know of anything else to say. I have run out of stories, but I want to say again that we have had a very enjoyable time here in Providence and I hope they will get nerve enongh to invite $u$ s to come again by and by. (Applause.)

Judge EMERSON: Well, so far as the President can speak for the local Society, I will say that we would like to have you come again just as soon as you want to come to Providence for another Convention, and as long as the dues of the Society have been raised twenty cents a year I should think we ought to make the Convention one day longer next time. We ought to get something for the extra twenty cents, so I think if we get another day on the Convention perhaps that will compensate us to some extent.

I promised not to do very much talking, but I do want to say one or two words about the next speaker. A man who is busy in public affairs and with large private interests has given up those affairs to come up here and play with us, with our stamp collections, and look at stamp collections with us. He has been kind enough to say that some of us had nice collections and those of us that have seen his collection wonder how he can possibly say it-a man that is one of the oldest collectors in this country. He knows stamps from the time he was a boy. I am not sure but he has been a dealer in stamps, but he probably knows as much about the old game of stamp collecting from boyhood on as anybody here, possibly anybody that is living and a nember of the Society. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Senator E. R. Ackerman of New Jersey, who is going to talk to us about some of his personal reminiscences in stamp collecting. (Applause.)

## Address of Hon. E. R. Ackerman.

Mr. Toastmaster, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am sure I do not deserve the gracious introduction of your honored president of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, but I esteem it a great honor to be with you this evening. I certainly have enjoyed myself. You have all made it so pleasant for me. You have been gracions regarding the few stamps that I brought with me and I have enjoyed tremendously these collections of the membership here present of the Association. I shall go home treasuring this occasion as one of the bright spots in memory's pages. And although it is the first Convention that I have ever attended I hope that if fortune and health permits that it may not be my last. (Applause.)

When your worthy president and toastmaster asked me if I would say a few words I really had a chill. I left New York with the idea that I was coming to have a vacation and that nothing would be expected of me and that I could sit in a corner and pass unnoticed. I am sorry that you have dragged me out into the limelight and not having prepared anything at home in advance I was rather taken aback as to what I should say. I have asked one or two of those present if I should speak on the line of some personal reminiscences in connection with stamp collecting and of collecting in many countries of the world that it has been my opportunity to visit.

Perhaps it would be interesting to know how I became interested in stamp collecting. It was away back in the days shortly after the department stamps were first put forth by the Government. My father was a patent attorney and one day he sent me to the postoffice. I remember it was Box 38 in the Plainfield city postoffice. Coming home I had a large, long letter from the Department of the Interior. I can see it today just as well as I saw it nearly fifty years ago. It had fifteens and twelves and threes and sixes and twos and ones on it. I thought it looked very pretty indeed, quite different from the green stamps we had in those days. And I said, "May I have it?" "Yes; what do you want it for?" I said, "I thought it would look very nice with the green ones." He said, "You may have it." And I promptly proceeded to take them all off the cover. (Laughter.) I should have been executed if I performed such a service in the days of the twentietb century.

Shortly afterwards I had a few foreign stamps given to me and my interest was excited, very much so. I obtained a blank book and soon had six hundred.

A short time after that I obtained a Scott's album, issne of 1875 , and I still have that aibum with nearly two thousand of the original collection in it. Then my interest in geography and foreign countries was very much accentuated. I wanted to go abroad. Such a thing had never been heard of in our small and modest family and I was conning over timetables and steamship sailings and wondering how under the sun I could ever get abroad, to say that I had been in a few of these stamp-issuing countries.

Well, it went along tour or five years that way and linally an opportunity presented itself. 1 happened to be a friend of George Vincent, who is now the president of the Rockefeller Foundation. His father was Bishop Vincent of the Methodist Church. George and I were schoolmates. He was going to Europe; he asked me to go along. I didn't know how I could raise the money to go, but I thought of the stamp collection and I said to my mother that if she would only lend me enough money on the stamp collection to go to Europe with George it would be the finest thing she could do for me. I was about to graduate. I said, "We will go to Europe and send them a cablegram sending greetings to them on commencement day, and then we will get our diplomas just the same, as our examinations would be completed and our absence wouldn't be missed." Then it was arranged that the cable should be sent down the aisle of the Exhibition Hall as part of the program of commencement to create the desired enthnsiasm, and that was successfully carried out. Coming back on the Baltic the mail was taken on at Queenstown and I saw a big letter handed to the purser with two 2 -shillings brown of the issue which was then current. I had enough of assurance in me to ask the purser if I might have those two 2 -shillings brown. He was very gracious, gave them to me, and one of those I still have. That stamp is worth more than two shillings even in the depreciated currency of Great Britain today. Shortly after that I had an opportunity to use a little capital and I went into the stamp business. I was but a lad, but I bethought myself of the Youth's Companion. A dollar and seventy-five cents a line was a large sum to pay for advertising in those days. More than $\$ 1.75$ of my money went into the advertising department and into the books of the Youth's Companion, or the firm of Perry Mason \& Co., and many were the responses that I received. Sometimes I would get forty or fifty letters a day. I thought that was a great many. I worked nights, sometimes to the detriment of the business that $I$ was then engaged in, attending to my stamps.

A few years later more responsibilities came upon me and I had to give up my stamp business, and I had the good fortune to have accumulated a list of names that was worth while, so that a dealer said to me, "I will give you $\$ 1000$ worth of stamps from my stock for your list of names." The transaction was concluded on and inasmuch as I obtained at prices of those days a double Geneva for $\$ 20$, I don't think I made a bad bargain.

In those days also the reissues were obtainable at the Post Office Department at Washington and prior to my going out of business in the stamp line I franked all my circulare and everything that went out of the office with 1 -cent 1869 reissues, sn tlat I can certainly claim to have been as liberal a purchaser of those reissues as almost any dealer in America.

The first time that I went around the world I sailed from San Francisco. We reached Honolulu in a few days. It was interesting. I had letters of introduction to President Dole. I weut up and had a very pleasant evening with him. I asked a few questions about the postoffice and anxiously waited for the morrow. I had visions of seeing Hawaiian typeset numerals already mine, hut I did not have a look at one. The postoffice was probably just about the same as it was in the days that those were current. I did go in there, however, and talking to oue of the clerks asked him if he had any old Hawaiian stamps. He said yes, they had some, hut they were all stuck together. I said I would like to see them. He hrought out several large groups of the stamps. There were sheets of the five and thirteen, head of king, and they were all marked "Reprint" and cancelled, but all stuck togther. I said, "How do you get them apart?" "The only way is to take them and knock them on the platform or on the desk and they will come apart gradually: Then you can pull them apart without taking off all the ink and all the color." I continued that opera-
tion for ahout half an hour and obtained about a dozen fairly respectable sheets which I took back with me to the ship. They were very much surprised on the ship to see this sort of stamp coming from the Hawaiian postoffice. The captain said, "Where did you get those? I have been stamp collecting for many years, but I never found anything like these." I said, "The next time you come to Hawaii see Clerk So and So and you can get all you want." Shortly afterwards I heard that the stamps had all been burned. I suppose I made too much trouble for the clerk on that occasion.

Reaching Japan the first thing that comes to your attention is the sheets of facsimiles that are sold everywhere. But later on, having been to Japan on several occasions, I found that the stamp bnsiness has been growing there as it has everywhere else and there are many collectors and many good things lave been unearthed. The last time that I left Japan, just prior to the outbreak of the European war, I was rewarded by getting hold of one very fine cover of 1871 with nine of the two hundred mons vermilion and black on the same, with a very fine postmark over the stamps as well as on the cover itself.

In China of course you know, especially in the cities of Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai and Pekin, there are postoffices of many countries-the Russian postoffice, the Austrian postoffice, the United States postoffice, the British postoffice, and so on. In each of these you can mail letters and each of these countries has its postoffice and carrier system. In the city of Shanghai they have their own local stamps and I mailed several covers to myself at the hotel so as to secure used specimens. In Canton they have others that they use which do not come as far north as Shanghai. In Singapore they are very entertaining and want you to huy stamps, and they are conspicuous for their readiness to serve anyone who evidences any interest in philately.

In Java you can frequently pick up in the hill postoffices old issues that have been there twenty-five or thirty years if you engage the attention of the clerks in the right manner. In the same way at Ceylon you can pick them up and I know out of the way postoffices where sometimes stamps have been done up in packages twenty years before there has been any dmand for them, although they have been distributed in the normal course of the postoffice department.

I have also had interesting experiences in the Sudan in engaging the attention of a postmaster, and notahly, one at Wady Halfa (?), where he allowed me to put postage due stamps on letters addressed to myself in various combinations and thus have them perform the duties of the ordinary postage. And thus I have in my collection at home some very remarkable comhinations which have been legitimately used and which paid postage.

In Jamaica also the officials were very kind and allowed me to use official stamps on correspondence intended for the home office and also to various friends. In Trinidad we used to stnff long envelopes with great packages of newspapers and mail them with a halfpenny stamp in order to obtain the eight-pence or shillings postage dues which would be invariably placed thereon by the postoffice authorities and which were very difficult in those days to obtain in any other manner.

In Constantinople as well as Jerusalem they have these various postoffices and the German postoffice in those days was always anxious to compete with the other posteftices and paid special attention to any stamp collector coming therein. But in China it was almost impossible to get anyone interested in the sale to you of a special delivery stamp because they said it was against the law and one took his life in his hand if lee sold to a prospective purchaser the entire stamp. I notice that some of them have been coming to this country recently, but how they get here I don't know. Possibly there has been some change of governmetnal regulation which allowed that to take place.

In Macao 1 became well acquainted with the postmaster whom it took several visits in order to get him to open up the inner recesses of his safe, and he pulled out some very nice old issues of the crown type which I obtained for the ordinary prices thereof, no attention being paid to the catalogue, although they were worth from fifty to seventy-five and a hundred times what I paid for them. 'I also had a great deal of pleasure in mailing many postcards at Hammerfest, the northernmost town of the world. And then in Iceland, at Reikiavik the postoffice was quite alert as to what was rare and what was not, and all the errors had been removed from the sheet, so that when you undertook to purchase them at wholesale you only got the ordinary variety, and they were very speckled and fragmentary sheets that were handed to you over the counter. In St. Vincent and St. Lucia the clerks were very accommodating and obliging. Some of the old shillings were readily ohtained for the face value.

In Brazil the clerks were not accommodating at all. l never saw them so unaccommodating as they were in Rio, hut in Santos I managed to pick up some of the Brazilian bull's-eyes-not over the counter, but it was interesting because they were purchased in the country of origin. But in Mlontevideo you could go to the postoffice and ask for used stamps and they would sell you sheets all prepared over the connter. When I asked for some stamps they said, "You want used, of course; here they are, nicely cancelled," pushed them right out to me and the price was just the same as the unused.

In Spain of course I hothered the postmasters for these sheets of four hundred one-fourth cent de peseta. It takes forty of them, you know, to prepay a postal card. It is very hard to get forty on a postal card; you have to cut them down and paste them as closely together as possible, sometimes pasting them on the back in order to get the right amount of postage. I sent several of them and I think they all arrived safely.

In Buenos Aires I ohtained the largest cover that I possess. I have always been fond of covers. This cover was the size of a mailbag, almost. It was ahout twenty inches wide by about three and a half feet long. It carried an issue of bonds between Moscow and Petrograd and there it was over in Buenos Aires. It contained 960 stamps of five rubles each, equal to about 4800 rubles, and at the time the postage was paid it was something over $\$ 2600$. So far as I know this is the largest cover and the largest amount of postage that I have ever seen.
lt may be interesting to you to know that years ago Mr. Chandler of Collingsville, lllinois, was secretary of one of the local philatelic societies and in the local consignments that he sent out he sent to me a one penny Transvaal with inverted surcharge. That was placed in my collection and no attention paid to it for several years, until one day Mr. Phillips of Stanley Gibhons was looking at my collection and said "I will give you £う0 for that stamp." That caused me to he very much interested and I said, "Why?" "That is one of the rare printings that was current at that time, and it is genuine." 1 didn't care for the exchange just then. Later on I sold that very stamp for $£ 100$ in exchange for a fine set of English envelopes, compound and otherwise, and telegraph hlanks, to Mr. Field of London. So I think that was one good thing that I got out of an exchange association. Other things like that will ocenr from time to time undouhtedly. There is always a pleasant surprise of that kind awaiting participants in exchange circuits.

I think I will interpose just one word here that has a little reference to the general situation, and that is, if I may be permitted a word of advice, I think it would be a most excellent thing if the ladies and gentlemen here present and the members of the American Philatelic Society make the fact known to their congressman or their senator that they are interested in stamps and stamp collecting, and that those who are so interested are not mere enthusiasts hut are pursuing a hobby which has a great many adherents, possibly to the extent of a million in the United States alone, and
that in time, whether it is a democratic or republican or what ticket it may be, they have influence, and if the congressman or the senator knows that there are that many voters in the country-for the ladies will all soon vote-why, it will have additional beneficial influence in Washington for the benefit of our hobby.

Now having had a business experience of quite a number of years in railroadiug, banking, manufacturing, and consequently meeting with the vicissitudes and shocks incident thereto, as fire, explosions, and robberies, I have never failed to find quiet and peace of mind by turning over the pages of my albums. Therefore, as a solvent for the complete retention of one's faculties when upset by some sudden catastrophe, I believe I am qualified to speak for the hobby as possessing the highest virtues.

With a million collectors in the country, and the number growing because of the marked accession to the ranks by reason of the World War, stamp collecting has become the premier hobby, combining instruction, entertainment and profit, a true exemplification of the efficiency that is so much needed. The hobby not only keeps the capital therein invested intact but the dividends in present enjoyment are continuous and the future "melons" when cut are substantial. When the habit is once acquired it is non-eradicable and I have found many a rough spot in life smoothed over most delightfully by looking over the pages of an album, so that the most upset occasion can be made to conclude like "the end of a perfect day." (Applause.)

Judge EMERSON: I am sure that we all enjoyed the last speaker and all that he had to say, and we realize how much it bas meant to Senator Ackerman to have a hobby like stamp collecting. I presume that all of us have felt at times a good deal as he has. We have been distracted with one thing and another, sometimes our own troubles and sometimes other people's troubles, and we have taken refuge in our stamps and temporarily forgotten the troubles and regained our equilibrium.

The next speaker that I am going to introduce is a most remarkable example of that. He is, perhaps, the "Scientific American" among philatelists in this country - the new president of our Society. All you have to do to Dr. Chase is to show him a 3 -cent 1851 and say, "Doc. what's that?" He looks at it: "That is 23 on the left pane of plate 42 " just like that, which reminds me of a story of a teacher who thought she would test Johnny's brightness, so she said. "Johnny I want to give you a little mental exercise. If you qive me a number I will write it on the blackboard." Johnny looked at ber with a little flush. He said, "48." She wrote it on the blackboard " $84 . "$ "Johnny, give me another number." "69." She wrote it on the blackboard "96", turning it around. "Johnny. I would like another number." "33. Monkey round with that a while!" (Laughter.)

Now I am going to introduce Dr. Chase. who will talk to you on how he has monkeyed around with the 3 -cent 1851 s and the 1 -cent 1851 s and the other good stamps, to whom we are all so much indebted for a great deal of pleasure that we get ont of collecting United States stamps. The new president-elect, Dr. Chase. (Applause.)

## Remarks of Dr. Carroll Chase.

## Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Just to be on the safe side and to tell you in advance that I am not going to worry you, I am not going to say one word about 3 -cent 1851 s . It is a little hard. I rather made the resolution that 364 nights in the year is enough for stamps and at least one night is going to be left free for personal plewares.

I want to tell you a little bit how I feel, if I can, to begin with. I am nervous. I am not used to speaking and it is pretty difficult and pretty hard to use the English
language the way I want to. They tell the story about an American colored soldier in France who was off on outpost duty somewhere. He got pretty lonesome and finally he was overjoyed to see coming down the road a French Colonial soldier as black as he, and he said to himself, "Ah guess Ah'm right now." He walked np to the French soldier and said, "Boy, Ah'm mighty glad to see yuh; how is yuh, anyway? It's ahlong time since Ah seen a cullered man and Ah do want to talk to one." The French negro looked at him in bewilderment and said "Ne comprends pas." And it took that American negro about fifteen minutes to realize that the other man couldn't speak English. He turned away in disgust. "Jes' look wat de wah hab done for dat man; he's clean forgot his own lanwidge." (Laughter.) I feel the same way. I don't want to get quite as hadly mixed up as the man who on his first appearance as a public speaker started out sonewhat in this wise: "Ladies-and gentlemen: I represent one of the-greatest political parties in this conntry, one of whom I am which." (Laughter.)

There is another story-this is a true one, too-about a colored soldier in France. This was before the United States went into the war. I walked down the length of a ward one morning looking over the newly arrived wounded. There were several negroes among them. The French had a good many colored troops, you know. And as I was walking down I heard something very much like the phrase "Oh, golly!" I turned around and thought I would take a chance and I said, "What you doin' in dat bed, yuh big bnck nigger?" And he very nearly jnmped out. He said: "'Moh, moh! dat's de fust Frenchman ah've heard could talk United States." (Langhter.) And I asked him how he came to be in a French nniform, in a French hospital and on a French bed. He said, "Boss, Ah'll tell ynh. Ah was oher heah when dis wah hroke out. Ah was workin' ronnd shore (?) Dey sent me ober from Memphis, Tennessee, 'bout two yeah ago, an' eberybody tole me his heah wah wasn't gwine to last oher six weeks or two months at de outside an' Ah'd bettah get in it-Ah'd hah a good time. Ah fell foh it. Ah've been two yeahs in de Foreign Legion. Mah cur'osity got de bettah of mah intelligence!"

I couldn't say much to the contrary about my first experience at an A. P. S. meeting.

I said I wasn't going to say anything about stamps. I can't resist the temptation to congratnlate the Providence Society on having the only universal specialist among the collectors that I have ever met. Naturally I refer to Mr. Emersen. In looking over his stamps-I was up here two or three months ago-one phrase kept ringing in my head over and over and over, and finally I placed it. It seems that before this country was fortunate enough to get into the war there was a pacifist meeting in Carnegie Hall in New York which was addressed by the president of one of the California universities, a very gifted speaker hut who fully met his match that particular night; a splendid orator; long rolling sentences beantifully delivered, and along toward the end of his talk he made the statement-I wish I could imitate him but I can't-"Ladies and Gentlemen, it costs the Allied governments the sum of over $\$ 6000$ for every German soldier killed. How many Germans would yon see killed at that rate?" And a little man with a falsetto voice in the back of the hall piped np, "All of them!" It rang throngh my head as I viewed Mr. Emerson's collection.

Now if the stenographer will please not take notes for a minnte there is a matter a little more serions that I want to talk to you ahout.
(Dr. Chase referred to the coming meeting at Milwankee and the peculiar conditions now existing in that city, concluding with the announcement: "I have had a wireless message 'Schlitz is on the reception committee!'") (Applause.)

Jndge EMERSON: They say that William J. Bryan is the enemy of the late departed spirfts, but I didn't know that Dr. Chase was thinking of joining the ranks.

I hope the Doctor will reform because we don't want him to be associated with William J. Bryan in anything that is semi-political.

The next speaker is a genlteman that needs no introduction. In fact, none of these speakers do, and I don't see the usefulness of having a toastmaster. He is about as useful as a pessimist at any kind of a lawn party or a good time or anything. And that makes me think of the definition of a pessimist, if the ladies will pardon me. I say it with all due respect, but I heard it on the boat: "Two fellows met; one was kind of down in the mouth and the other said: "You look like a pessimist." "What is a pessimist?" inquired the other. "He is a fellow that wears a belt and suspenders." I heard it on the boat and it helongs to the Society and I want the Society to know all about it.

I am going to introduce as the next speaker a gentleman that those of us who live around New England have looked up to for years in philately and stamps. When we were boys we went to Boston and if we had a stamp that we didn't know what it was we went to Mr. Batchelder and tried to find out, and when he told us what it was we felt that the king had spoken. We didn't know about Mr. Luff in this country in those days and Mr. Batchelder was our last word. Mr. Batchelder has been in the business of dealing in stamps so many years that I won't attempt to tell you how long. He may or may not, but I have asked him if he will not tell us about some interesting experience or find that he has had as a dealer in all these years, and I hope that out of his memory he can pick out one of those occasions that I know will rejoice all of us. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Mr. Batchelder, formerly of the New England Stamp Company. (Applause.)

## Remarks of Mr. Albept W. Batchelder.

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen: I shall be very proud to tell Mrs. Batchelder that I was applauded here tonight. I shall be very careful not to tell her at which end of my remarks.

Your toastmaster asked me if I would tell you here tonight something out of my experience along the lines that every true stamp collector dreams and hopes that some day good fortune will bring to him-a stamp find. Now in fifty years' experience any one must have a good many pleasant memories to look back to along that line. I want to say to those who have not been acquainted with me until the last two or three days and who perhaps may have got the impression that I did not always tell the truth, that the story I am going to tell you here tonight is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I have the impression that while I have told the story before, perhaps never before have I told the whole truth. By that I do not mean to say that I have told in connection with this aprticular story anything but the truth, but I have omitted some parts because of circumstances which gradually having pased away I can now tell the whole truth.

Some ten or eleven years ago one morning we received in our office a letter from Newark, New Jersey. It was crude and somewhat illiterate. It said that the writer had a two and a five cent stamp of the first issue of Hawaii and what would we give for them? I replied that it was impossible to say; that the first stamps of Hawaii rarely came in good condition and that they were frequently counterfeited, and that without seeing them we could form no opinion, but if the writer would send us the stamps we would be very glad to purchase them.

Perhaps a week or so afterwards Mr. Clifton A. Howes, who sits at the end of the table, walked into my office. I was sitting at my desk with the slide out, and he put a letter on the desk. I looked at it "and said, "It's counterfeit." He said, "What?" I said, "Why, it's counterfeit." "Why," he said, "I thought that was good." I said, "Howes, that is the finest thing I ever saw. Now I think I know
where it came from. Where did you get it?" He said, "I was in Wylie's just now"Mekeel's Weekly-"and he showed it to me and I thought that you wonld like to see it." I said, "Well, I would. Now have you any objection to my going over to Wylie's with you?" "No."

We went. And on the way over the wheels were working and before I got there I had formed my plan.

I went in and put the letter on Wylie's desk and I said, "Wylie, I have an idea that I know where that came from. About a week or so ago I got a letter from Newark, New Jersey saying that a man had those two stamps, and I wrote hack and asked him to send them to us and we would he glad to buy them. If I had had any idea, or if the man had said that the stamps were upon a letter, I would have looted the cash box and you couldn't have seen my heels for dust for the train." He said, "That is where they came from." I said, "Now, Wylie, I want to buy that letter. There is $\$ 500$ for you in that letter if we get it. We are going to New York tonight and I am going to pay the bills whether we are successful or not. Tomorrow morning we are going to Newark and get the letter."

We went to New York. On the way to Newark the next morning I said to Wylie, 'Now don't call me by name; just say we were iu New York on husiness"-which, of course, you see, was true-"and this friend has come on with you from New York." We went to the address which was given of the man and we found a dilapidated, tumble-down house in a shabby street. We saw the man's wife. It was his residence and she told us where we could find him, in an old tannery not far from the depot. We went there and found our man and Mr. Wylie did all the talking for a while. He asked the man where he got the stamp. The man showed us. This was an old tannery that had not been used for any purpose for more than 35 years It was a deserted, tumble-down place. They were engaged in pulling the place down and cleaning it up. This man, a common day laborer, had found in the furnace in a half-burned pile of papers the letters which had been thrown there when the office, 1 suppose, had been cleaned out, more than 35 years ago, chucked into the fire, burned up, and the last box put into the furnace had choked the fire. From that mass of dehris and ashes he had got this letter. On the upper right hand side was a two cent and five cent missionary-that is what the early Hawaiian stamps are called-making seven cents. On the other side, on the corner, was a pair of three cent United States 1851 . Mr. Wylie asked him if he had found anything else, and he said No, nothing of any consequence. But-yes, he had found a-Wylie asked if he had found any other Hawaiian letters and he said yes, one, but it was half burned up. And Mr. Wylie said, "Well, don't you want to sell this stamp?" He said, "No; I never had a rare stamp and I want to keep it for my collection. I have got a little collection." And Mr. Wylie went this way (illustrating) -his face was vanishing into thin air. I said to Wylie, mixing in for the first time, "Didn't you tell me that that was a valuable stamp?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Didn't you tell me you thought you could get a thousand dollars or more for it?" "Well," be said, "yes." Presto change! I thought the other fellow would have a fit. His eyes stuck out a foot, metaphorically sreaking. I said to him, "Wouldn't you sell the stamp for a thousand dollars?" He said, "I guess I would!" "Why don't you give it to Mr. Wylie to dispose of, with the understanding that he shall pay you a thousand dollars for it?" "Oh, sure, sure!" He was all of a tremble. And I said, "Well, you hetter give it to him in writing, Mr. Wylie, that you have got the stamp, -a receipt for the stamp-and also take a writing from the man that you have the stamp to dispose of and he must be paid a thousand dollars." Oh, it wasn't necessary; he knew Wylie-Mekeel's Weekly; it wasn't at all necessary. I said, "It is business. Mr. Wylie might be killed on the way back to New York; anything might happen, so you better have something in writiug." So they both exchauged written
papers. Just before leaving I suggested to the man that he send this half burned letter, as he called it, to Mr. Wylie. He said he would. We went out and after we got out of the door and out of sight I put the stamp in a little book and put it in my pocket.

On the way back to New York Wylie said, "I suppose we will send him a thousand dollars?" I said, "No. The man doesn't live that can say that the New England Stamp Company ever took advantage of him. Now," I said, "that man, if he had been offered $\$ 50$, would in my opinion have jumped at it. When he said that he had never had a rare stamp he had no more idea of the value of that stamp than the man in the moon." I had told Wylie in Boston that there was $\$ 500$ in it for him; that I would pay up to $\$ 2500$ for the stamp and divide anything that we saved from that $\$ 2500$. I said to Wylie, "We will pay the man $\$ 1600$. With your $\$ 500$ that makes $\$ 2100$. We will divide the other $\$ 400$. In other words, you will get $\$ 700$," and he did. He kept it for a while and then it was taken from him by the proprietor of the paper. I have my opinion of that transaction.

When we got back to Boston the next day I gave Wylie a check and Wylie sent the Newark man his check for $\$ 1600$. Wylie got his. A few days later Mr. Wylie got the half burned letter. It was a piece of paper; the whole back of the envelope was there. The front of the envelope was no larger than that (bolding up a small piece of paper). It contained a strip of three 13 cent missionaries. Now up to that time we thought that we knew how the missionaries were printed, but not even a pair had been known to exist before that time. This was a strip of three. You gentlemen know the shape. A piece of paper was burned out of the strip there from the stamps and a piece was burned out there, and since I have been sitting here I have torn that out and that is about the shape of the strip of three that was left. We sent it to W. H. Beckett in London, who sent it to Paris and it cost us $\$ 250$ to get that mended. We sold it to Heury J. Crocker for $\$ 2500$. I should have said that before it went to Europe we had a photograph made of it. After it came back from Europe we had another photograph made of it. I have an idea that some of you gentlemen have a photograph of that letter before and after. The first letter that I spoke of went into the collection of Mr. George H. Worthington and it cost him the modest sum of $\$ 5,000$.

Now that is from a money standpoint the greatest find that I ever made, but I could talk to you for hours ahout things not as interesting as that, because that seems to me like a miracle-marvelous to think that a lot of papers, chucked into a furnace, could 35 years later produce two letters for which we got $\$ 7500$.

Now I don't know whether yon are tired or not, but when I get going it is always a question when 1 stop, and $I$ am going to tell you of one other find and then I am going to stop. In 1895, the first Clayton convention (turning to Mr. Burt). Right?

Mr. BURT: Yes.
Mr. BATCHELDER: In 1895 I attended the first Clayton convention. After the convention our party went on down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, from there to Quebec, then a part of us went on down to Riviere du Loup and up the Saguenay river. Returning, I left the party at Trois Rivieres, and went on along the Intercolonial Railway to Moncton, New Brunswick. I had been corresponding with a man there who said be had a collection of stamps that he wanted to dispose of. I went to the hotel and found that it was full of people-there was a convention of something of that sort going on and they said they could not give me a room. I kept after them and kept after them, and they finally said they would see what they could do. They sent for the housekeeper, who after a little conversation with the clerk said that I could have her room at 11 o'clock at night, Well, I went to the theatre that
evening and spent the time as best I could, and afterwards went to my room and retired.

The next morning I woke with a start. The sun was shining in the room bright and as I lay in the bed I glanced up and there on the wall was a frame with the words "God hless our home." Round that frame was a border. The border was made of alternate sixpences and shillings New Brunswick, unused; the letters "God bless our home" were threepence, unused. I dressed as quickly as I could (laughter) and called the housekeeper. I told her that I was interested in stamps and had seen that frame and asked her if I could not buy it. She said no. She said that her husband had formerly been postmaster at Moncton and her son had been interested in stamps, and after her husband's death her son had found these stamps amongst his father's effects, long after he had been postmaster, and she said that her son had made that frame and that he too was now dead. I said to her, "Well, now, that is very valuable. Would you not rather have something else of much greater value to remember them by?" I said, "There must be some price at which you would sell that frame." Well, she didn't know. I said, "Now make it large. Tell me what you would sell that frame for." She hesitated, and just then-I woke up. (Laughter.) Now you have that same privilege. (Applause.)

Judge EMERSON: I thought Mr. Batchelder was going to prove to us that prayer was answered. But apparently he has left us to wake up. His great discovery reminds me of the story that I heard in the Irish dialect, a little interview between Pat and Mike, two of our leading citizens here in Providence, who went out to Roger Williams Park and in one of the outdoor cages they saw a kangaroo. Pat says to Mike, "What's that?" Mike says, "Why, that's a native of Australia." "Is that so? Me sister married wan iv thim." (Laughter.) Another discovery has been made.

The next speaker that I am going to introduce is another officer of the American Philatelic Society, a gentleman who is known to all of you, loved by all of you, who comes across the continent to the Convention-"Doc" Davis of Denver, Colorado. (Applause.)

## Remarks of Dr. H. A. Davis.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,-Members of the American Philatelic Society: I tried to evade this, but I was something like the negro grocer down in an old Southern town who was sitting hefore his shop. And by the way, I have told this story several times; I never told it in Providence before, because this is my first visit east of New York. Perhaps some of you have heard it you will please excuse the repetition.

An old negro lady came along and she saw a basket of eggs sitting in front of the old gentleman between his knees. She said, "Is dose eggs fresh?" The old fellow said, "Well, I isn't sayin' dey aint." "Well,' she says, "I isn't askin' you is dey aint, I'm askin' you is dey is? Is dey?"

Seriously, I am no hand at speech-making and I would much rather that our toastmaster had called on some of our orators, of whom we have many in this room tonight. However, I want to say that we had a meeting of the Board of Directors today which may be of interest to you, in which we saved a great deal of time. We did as much work in the board meeting yesterday on the boat and in two hours just before the hanquet this evening as we would have accomplished in two weeks had we not had the opportunity to meet. The board has not completed all its appointments; I believe there are one or two yet to be made and you will receive those announcements through our official journal, the American Philatelist.

I want to express my appreciation to the local philatelists and our local society for the splendid manner in which we have been entertained. It is very gratifying.

I also want to thank the American Philatelic Society as a society for the splendid treatment that they gave me today in our final session, and I appreciate it. I thank you. (Applause.)

Judge EMERSON: I did not know but the speaker would tell us how he came to get the advanced salary. I understand that they advanced salary and that sort of thing pretty much all along the line, and then just before we started this hanquet tonight the waiters in the hotel heard about it and they all struck, and I don't know as you realize it, but this banquet was served by the head waiter and three bell hops. We don't want to apologize for it exactly, but are very sorry that the waiters saw fit to go on strike this afternoon just before our banquet.

It would not be fitting to omit one speaker from this occasion, as it seems to us in Providence, a gentleman who is the dean of us Providence collectors, a charter member of this society, two or three times its ex-president; the gentleman who went out to St. Louis and persuaded the conventiou there that Providence would be a good place to meet this year. He is the chairman of this convention committee. I could tell you a lot more ahont him, but he told me to lay off on that family stuff tonight. 1 talked about the slater family the other night when I introduced him. I told him I knew it, but I didn't know how to work the cotton gin-that that was the only kind of gin that was any good-unless I pusined it on to a hranch of the Slater family. So I suppose it is time for him to get back at me. We call him Uncle John. I don't know whether you know him by that name or not, but even the waitresses in the restaurants you will hear say, "Here comes Uncle John." I am going to introduce him tonight as Uncle John; that is the way we all know him. (Applause.)

## Remarlis of Mr. A. B. Slater.

Mr. Toastmaster and Friends: I had a good story all fixed, but I can't think of it now. But then 1 suppose for one thing, you have had all this wit and wisdom and now go from the sublime to the ridiculous and hear the jackass bray. They were all live ones and now that the convention has adjourned sine die I suppose I am the representative of what you are liahle to be after you die if you clon't behave.

The banquet was fine. I say that because it tasted good to me, although I was thinking all the time, "He has put us right through from soup to nuts, and I am a nut." I had something else to try to think of this afternoon, but this is all I know any way. If I should lose that I wouldn't be in it. My glasses are smoky now, I can't use them, but I suppose he got me here a good deal like the case of the mah in a story I once heard. There was a steamer going down the bay and there was an old gentleman sitting near the rail. It was pretty cold and all at once he gave a tremendous sneeze and out flew his teeth overboard. He was pretty well worked up over it and finally a lady who sat near him with some children came up and said, "Mister, wonld you mind doing tinat again, it tickles the children so?" (Laughter.)

Mr. Toastmaster mentioned the committee, and in justice to the rest I want to say one thing concerning that committee, and that is this: They did me a great honor of putting my name down as chairman of the committee, but l haven't amounted to a row of beans on that committee. I have been away most of the time, unable to attencl to thimgs, and the other members, particularly Dr. Chambers and Mr. Stimson, have been the wheel horses of this affair and the power belind the throne. They have steered it so that we managed to pull through somehow. At any rate we feel that we have given you a hot time.

I can't think of that story I had to save my gizzard. I have been worrying all the time for fear Mrs. Slater wouldn't bring me down a spare collar. When our toastmaster spoke to me and said that he was going to call on me to speak I knew he was getting something that was out of place. I forget what 1 was going to pull off now. I objected, because, as I told him, I conldn't make a speech to save my gizzard. He
said, "Well, just pull off something foolish and"-as my friend Diamant suggested "talk for a minute and then beat it". I feel as if I had talked my minute but he is asking ahout the organ grinder.

The Italian told it something like this:-
Non sabe a parla della Italiano? No? Me speeka bum Englese: Me grinda da organ, maka da mon. Maka da musica alia day. Save da mon, huya de piccolo monka. Maka da reda coat an cappa lika soldato e getta tin coppa for monka catcha da mon. Onea day plenty kids maka beeg dance e fine signora na winda upa stair maka smile e hava da mon. Monka climb sinka spout, getta da penna, comma down, hava da penna, na mouth hut Irishman he tickela monka, maka monka swalla da penna. Monka sneeza beeg, no chucka da penna. Me taka monka squeeze hard, no pukea da penna. Grahba da tail, shaka da monka heada down, no spilla da penna! O diavolo!! Me matto, furioso!!! Pulla da knife, r-r-r-rippa da gutta, getta da penna. Santo sacrato!! Killa da monka. O dam!

Judge EMERSON: I realize that it is pretty warm tonight and we had hoped that we would have a little cooler weather. We have with us so many persons whom we would like to hear from that the banquet committee hardly knew where to start and where to finish. There are prohahly twenty or thirty other gentlemen here that we know of that we would like to hear from and we don't know which of the ladies are the best speakers, so we didn't know what to do ahout that. But in view of the extreme heat we felt that it would be better not to have too many speakers and the next speaker will be the last unless there is some request sent to the Chair. I made a promise not to call on one or two persons this evening, but of course that does not bind you. I don't call any names; if there is anybody you would like to call on, just send the request and I will carry out any requests that come to me. In the meantime it gives me great pleasure to introdnce Mr. Charles Severn, who has come here to see us from Chicago. I don't know whether he is proprietor of Mekeel's Weekly or not, hut he is the power behind the throne, as somehody has used the expression, and $I$ know we will all be delighted to hear from him. (Applause.)

## Liemarks of Mr. Chatles E. Severn.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I feel very thankfnl tonight. First of all I wish to say that I realize the power behind the throne in regard to the entertainment that has been provided for us. I always think it incumbent upon me to say something of the preliminaries that are gone through, weeks before the actual convention takes place. It seems to me that each convention exceeds in interest and real sociability the convention held before, and I certainly thank the Providence men for the entertainment that has been provided.

This convention has been a very human one and I think that in philately we need the human touch and I am glad to see that these men of scientific achievement are willing to inject the spirit of humanity in their remarks and to show, notwithstanding they have achieved greatness, that they are yet simple men in the sense that they enjoy the give and take of the social side. I feel that we have a little world complete in itself in the greater one and this convention time is the connecting link, so to say, hetween the ordinary routine of the year and the vacation period. The fact that we are potent enough through our hohby to call from all parts of the country men and women is a significant one and proof that if one is so inclined one may find in this little world all the complementary things that go to make up the larger world.

Now I know you want nothing serious and I wish to call attention to the fact that our world has its mysteries and one of them is embodied in a Providence man. I don't want to refer to anything quite so mystical as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, but, ladies and gentlemen of Providence, you shonld know that you have in your midst
a gentleman of dual personality, I refer to Mr. Slater, who came to St. Louis last year incognito. He made his presence known to no one and he slunk about mysteriously, nodded here and there, and nobody knew who the gentleman was, but at the psychological moment he rose in his majesty and demanded the convention for Providence, and before we in our surprise could recover ourselves Providence had the convention.

The toastmaster in speaking of the strike this evening said that the waitresses knew Mr. Slater by name. I can readily believe that. He is the quickest hummer when it comes to waitresses that 1 ever had the pleasure of knowing. (Laughter.) I had the pleasure and the real pleasure, hecause Mr. Slater insisted on paying for my hreakfast that day in Chicago, of seeing how it might be effected in other lines than philatelic ones-the manner of approach, the deft evasions, and so on, ending with the complete surrender of the fair one, commanded our admiration to the extent that we were spellhound. I have tried to copy, I hope with advantage, some of the wiles that he practiced on that unsophisticated maiden, hut somehow I lacked the connecting link. I hope that you really appreciate the genius of this man, hecause I understand that genius is composed of the faculty of doing many things well, and I avouch that Mr. Slater does many things well. I saw his Providence collection and to me it was a revelation. It is most meaningful. It means so much historically to Providence, because on the pages of his collection may be read the history of this city, and the many suggestions that enter into the covers and specimens that are shown there must be a source of great local pride to collectors, because from the pages, as I said hefore, may be read the history of your fair city. You always use the adjective "fair" in connection with any city that you may live in. I am very glad nuts were the concluding item-I speak editorially-we always refer to anything as an item-the concluding item in our hanquet tonight. It would have heen very unfortunate had we ended with cheese, because then I am afraid Mr. Slater would have said, " 1 am the cheese." (Laughter and applause.)

Judge EMERSON: Mr. Slater might have told the truth if he had said that.
I have not received any requests for other speakers, due probably to the modesty of some of those present. There is one item in which you may be interested. The attendance at this convention, so far as the register shows-there may be some who have not registered, but so far as the register shows, is 17 life members, 83 stockholders, 74 guests, a total of 174 registered at this convention. (Applause.)

Ladies and gentlemen, we want you to come to Providence again. We want you to come just as soon as you would like to come. And if you will put out the S. O. S. call we have got the organization already. We liave got the experience of one convention behind us. Send us word and come aloug. I thank you very much. (Applause.)

## ENTERTAINMENT.

## HOSPITALITY.

To put it mildly the members of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society spared no pains to make the Providence Convention of the A. P. S. a memorable one.

From the moment the first member arrived in Providence, until the last one left the Banquet Hall everything possible was done for the entertainment of the guests. And how well the details were arranged!

Under the ahle chairmanship of Mr. A. B. Slater everything was worked out scientifically, as only a philatelist can do, hut there was team work also manifested, and to every member of the Rhode Island Society the thanks of all who attended the Convention are due.

What a treat it was coming from Detroit, or Denver, New York or Chicago to meet Messrs. Slater, Mason, Emerson, Chambers, Gross, Barker and others who made us feel at home immediately in the midst of a strange city.

It was a splendid Convention and Providence with its philatelists made us all enjoy it to the utmost.

Tuesday afternoon, in special trolley cars, we journeyed to Rocky ${ }^{\text {POint }}$ to see the beauties of Narragansett Bay, and the catchpennies for amusements. Some dared to brave the flying horses, or to taste the creamy waffles, but there were no fatalities and all returned eager to listen to the lecture on the Providence Postmaster's Stamps by Mr. Slater, and it was a treat.

Wednesday the Convention assembled on the good ship "Mount Hope" en route to Newport, and some little business was transacted, but at Newport the clan separated into groups to see the wonders and the beauties of the famous town. Some disported themselves in the Ocean, and others took the Twelve Mile Ocean Drive, notwithstanding the fog which cut off all seaward views; but at 1.30 all gathered on the beach near the Dining Pavilion, for the Official Photograph.

Then for the clam dinner-and how the memory of that repast lingers. To some it was a new experience but to others one that is always appreciated, however oft repeated. And as a souvenir of the occasion each one present received a Providence made rule to measure stamps or perforations, surcharges, or anything else.

And still the Rhode Island Society were our hosts.
After the clams and lobsters had been disposed of then again we went our ways, some to promenade, others to watch the billows, and still others to see the sights of Newport-the Old Stone Mill, said to be a relic from the days of the hardy Norsemen, or the shops of Thames St.

At 5.15 we boarded the steamer homeward bound and though for the first hour we were groping our way through fog, and conld not see the beautiful coast line and islands, yet everyone was unanimous in pronouncing the day a splendid one, even if the weather had not been propitious.

In the evening an exhibition was held when all had opportunity to see the wonderful collection of Providence Stamps of Mr. Slater, and the 5 and 10 cts. 1847 of U. S. helonging to the Hon. E. R. Ackerman, U. S. Congressman from New Jersey, besides the collection of U. S. Revenues of Mr. Emerson, and of Roumania by Mr. Dengler.

Thursday afternoon when all the business of the Convention was over we were taken to Roger Williams Park in automobiles and saw the beautiful natural scenery there, with lakes and woodland abounding and miles of excellent roads winding their way through the loveliness.

Then came the Banquet, which notwithstanding the waiters' strike, was a most fitting close to a grand Convention. Such a flow of oratory followed the repast that it added to the joyousness of the occasion. Mr. Emerson was Toastmaster, and filled the position with due regard to the traditions of the Rhode Island Society, and each of the speakers had interesting things to say, especially Congressman Ackerman and Mr. Batchelder.

Thus came to an end the A. P. S. Convention of 1920.
All thanks to the Rhode Island Society, both individually and collectively, for their wonderful hospitality in entertaining the Convention, and to those of who attended, the day will never come when we shall tire of talking of the good times we had, and the friendships that we made.

Providence and her Philatelists have learned the art of Hospitality. Till we meet again-adieu.

CLARENCE C. SILVESTER.

## REIPORT OF OBITUARY COMMMTTEE.

(For full list of members deceased during the year, see Secretary's report, p. 16 ; also see page 43 for oral report made by the chairman of the Obituary Committee at the convention.)

DEMETRIUS T. EATON (1039), secretary of the A. P. S. from 1903 to 1906 and one of its best known members, died at his home at Muscatine, Iowa, June 25, 1920 , of heart disease. He was born in Marion County, Indiana, Jan. 22, 1855, but spent most of his life in Iowa. A stamp dealer for many years, he had become a recognized authority on philatelic matters, and a wide circle of friends in the stamp world mourn his loss. He was married April 26, 1882, to Miss Nettie Smith, wbo survives him.

ALBERT GUSTAVE WINTERHALTER, Rear Admiral U. S. N. (896), who died at Washington, D. C., June 5, 1920, after a short illness, was one of the oldest members of the A. P. S., having been admitted in January, 1895. He was born in Detroit, Oct. 6, 1856, and was a son of Capt. John Winterhalter, an officer in the Mexican War. Appointed to the Naval Academy in 1873, he graduated in 1877, and in forty-three years of active duty he served with distinction in many different capacities. During the Spanish war be was on the Philadelphia. He attained the rank of captain in 1909, commanding the battleship Louisiana for two years, when he was appointed on the General Board of the navy. Promoted to rear admiral in 1915 he commanded the Asiatic fleet for two years, returning in 1917 to the General Board. At the coronation of the Emperor of Japan Admiral Winterhalter was one of the representatives of the United States.

MARK HALFPENNY HARRIS (3624) was born at Millheim, Pa., May 17, 1842 , and died at Lock Haven, Pa., July 9, 1920. Mr. Harris was one of the few veterans of the Civil War among our membersbip, having served in Company $C$ 101st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and Company A, 22 nd Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry. His early years were spent in Saxton, Bedford County, Pa. A few years after the war, when 27 years old, he went West and engaged in railroading. He was for many years a passenger conductor on the Chicago, Burlington \& Quincy Railroad in Iowa, retiring in 1890. His interest in stamps dates back some thirtyfive years and he had acquired a large general collection. He leaves a widow and is survived by a brother, Charles F. Harris of Altoona, Pa.

CHARLES SPAETH (5452) was born in Darmstadt, Germany, February 5, 1869. He came to the United States in 1888 for a visit and having but little knowledge of the language applied himself to study. He decided to remain in this country and entered Pittman's Business College in Philadelphia and later graduated from the Rochester Business lnstitute. Entering the insurance business he followed it until his death, being then general agent for the Home Life Insurance Company of New York. He passed away June 19, 1920 , after a brief illness.

Mr. Spaeth's interest in philately dates from his boyhood in Germany and he brought with him to America a considerable collection. This interest never waned
and a fondness for detail found gratification in painstaking study of stamps. In later years be devoted himself almost wholly to the collection and study of North American issues, specializing in those of the United States and her dependencies. While not large his collection is notable for the perfection of every specimen. Quite recently be gathered from European sources a number of war issues.

As a member of the Rochester Philatelic Association Mr. Spaeth assisted in installing a pernanent stamp exhibit in the Municipal Museum, where a collection of his stamps will be placed in his memory. His last visitor was a memher of the Rochester chapter and his last act, a few minutes before his death, the examination of a number of books of United States stamps sent him hy the American Philatelic Society.

KENNETH DAMON (5238), whose death by drowning is mentioned in the chairman's report at the convention (p. 44), was horn at Williamsburg, Mass., Oct. 31, 1900, and died July 13, 1919. He graduated from the high school and filled positions successively in the Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield and the Northampton National Bank. He began stamp collecting two years before his death and took it up with an enthusiasm and judgment rarely found in one of his age. Starting with a general collection he soon abandoned the foreign field and specialized in United States, and in the short time that his iife was spared he had acquired stainps to the value of $\$ 250$, making his purchases entirely from money saved from his own earnings. "He was very systematic and painstaking with his albums" writes his mother, who entered into her boy's enjoyment of his hobhy with all the enthusiasm that her sympathetic heart aroused. "He used to say that he cared more for his stamps than anything else in the world-except his mother! Only the week before he left us he told me he would starve rather than part with them." A lady friend, fond of stamps but less versed in their values than Kennetb, once offered him an exchange of a rare stamp for one of his duplicates. "No, I can't do it," was his reply; "yours is worth seven of mine." Besides his membership in the A. P. S. he was a member of the Society of Philatelic Americans and the Junior Philatelic. Society of London.

JOSEPH Q. ABBOTT (2821) was horn in Charlestown, Maś., Jan. 14, 1872, but spent all hut four years of his life in Fitchburg, Mass., where he graduated from the high school and became widely known in social and business circles. He was married Oct. 4, 1902, to Miss Mary Macready of Worcester. Their only child is a daughter, Norma, horn in 1905. For the last 23 years he was bookkeeper and cashier for the Iver Johnson Arms and Cycle Works Company of Fitchburg, but had lived recently in the adjoining village of North Leominster. He died July 4, 1920, after an illness with bronchial asthma, which had continued some seven months, but from which he was apparently nearing recovery up to the day hefore his death. He had collected stamps since a boy of thirteen and was especially interested in United States.

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## INDIANAPOLIS COLLECTOR'S CLUB, BRANCH NO. $4 \overline{5}$.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 2, 1920.
Mr. H. A. Davis, Secretary, Providence, R. I.

## Dear Sir:

Being unable to attend the annual meet and report to you verbally, I wish to submit the following for your consideration:

This Branch of the A. P. S. No. 45 has been in operation in this city for several years, but on account of having lost so many of its original members from various causes, numbers now only fifteen members in good standing.

Unfortunately oul President, Mr. H. A. Little, has been so occupied with his regular husiness and the erection of a new home that he has not been able to attend but one or two of our meetings, and I have found it a hard matter to get up any enthusiasm.

We have had only one meeting each month so far this year. However, our Sales Manager, Mr. E. Schneider, has succeeded in putting out several small circuits, consisting of 40 books with a net value of $\$ 150.00$. His sales since Jan. 1 have amounted to approximately $\$ 60.00$.

Our Treasurer, Mr. C. D. Vawter, reported at the last meeting a balance of $\$ 35$. Our treasury might have looked better had our Auction Manager followed the instructions of the Club last fall, and not have attempted a 500 lot auction instead of a 1000 lot as had heen planned. We losing thereby about $\$ 23.00$. Our running expenses are small, as we meet at the homes or offices of the various members.

Regretting my inability to be with you, and wishing you all a pleasant as well as a profitable meeting, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
LeGRAND PAYNE,
Sec. Indianapolis Collector's Club, A. P. S. Branch No. 45.
(Home 1026 Tecumseh St.)

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH, NO. 18.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 15, 1920.
To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society.

## Gentlemen:

During the past year the Philadelphia Branch No. 18 has held its regular monthly meetings with good attendance. Through courtesy of the Philadelphia Stamp Club its clubrooms are at the disposition of the Branch every fourth Tuesday when the meetings are held and the A. P. S. Branch Circuit Sales Books shown by the Sales Manager of the Branch, Mr. P. McG. Mann.

The prize offered last year by the Philadelphia Branch No. 18 was won by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the presentation of this prize (a five dollar gold piece) taking place on December 16, 1919.

Mr. Wolsieffer, accepting the prize, donated it to the Branch under the condition that it be offered again, as a prize by the Philadelphia Branch, to the simon pure eollector, member of the American Philatelic Society who secures the highest num-
ber of applications for membership in the A. P. S., in the fiscal year 1919-1920. Officers of the society, Dealers, Side-dealers, Publishers or any one connected with a publicity bureau to be debarred from the contest.

The Philadelphia Branch No. 18 in comjunction with the Philadelphia Stamp Club, has also started a movement to hold an International Stamp Exhibition on the occasion of the contemplated World's Fair in Philadelphia in celebration of the 150 th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP DENGLER, Secretary.

## ROCHESTER: PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, BRANCH NO. 41.

Rochester, N. Y., August 3, 1920.

American Philatelic Society, Dr. H. A. Davis, Secretary.

Dear Sir:
Branch No. 41, Rochester Philatelic Association, beg to report that its membership is growing. During the War period the association dropped to six memhers, who by their perseverance kept it together. We now have a membership list of 28 , all enthusiastic collectors. Meetings are held the 4 th Thursday of each month in the library room of the Rochester Municipal Museum; this courtesy heing granted to us gratis through the efforts of Curator E. D. Putnam. The association has assured the City of a permanent collection of stamps, a good start having already been made. Collection will he mounted in a case furnished by the City, the duplicate of the one in Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

During the year past, death has taken two of our members, Mr. Charles E. Spaeth and Mr. H. L. Smith.

Yours very truly, H. J. HADDLETON, Secretary.

## MLAWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, BRANCH NO. 24.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 13, 1920.

The membership of this Society at the beginning of the year was 40 . Since that time the Society has lost 2 members by resignation and one by death which were offset by the admission of two new members. The total membership at present is 39 .

The officers for the current year are:
President: Dr. L. D. Peaslee.
Vice-President: Mr. Wm. J. Uihlein.
Secretary: Mr. Ira Edwards.
Treasurer: Mr. Chas. F. Vogelsang.
Publicity Secretary: Mr. A. B. Rosenthal.
Librarian: Dr. Wm. H. Linke.
During the past season 15 meetings of the Society were held. Of these five were held at the homes of members of the Socity and the remainder in the Trustees Room of the Public Museum, the use of which was kindly donated to the Society by the Trustees of the institution.

In many ways the most notable event of the year was the Philatelic exhibition
held in the Coin Room of the Public Museum from Feb. 13-23. Many of the members made large exhibits of their stamps and the attendance was very flattering to the Society. The most prominent collections shown were:

United States Postage and Revenue by C. A. Regan.
United States Postage by L. A. Burmeister.
Hawaii and blocks of British Colonials by F. A. Kraft.
War Stamps and U. S. Postal Cards by L. D. Peaslee.
British, German and Portuguese Colonials by W. J. Uihlein.
United States Revenues by C. F. Vogelsang.
United States Envelopes by H. J. Stirn.
Austria and United States Proofs by W. O. Staab.
Austria, Scandinavia and Neurope by F. W. Noske.
Cuba and Netherlands by A. Krause.
B. West Indies and Neurope by C. Christensen.

War Covers by F. E. Matthes.
Members of the Chicago Philatelic Society and members of the A. P. S. living in Wisconsin and Illinois were invited to spend an evening with the Society and to view the collection. A goodly number responded and the evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

In the Spring of 1920 a Junior Branch of the M. P. S. was established here with an initial enrollment of about 45 members. Those eligible to this society are boys ranging from 10 to 21 years in age. They meet once a month in the Trnstees Room at the Pnblic Museum and have a very full attendance at each meeting. The parent Society in no way interferes in the management of the younger but merely exercises a helpful guidance over it; at least one member being present at each meeting of the Juniors. Respectfully submitted,

IRA EDWARDS, Secretary.

## BERKELEY BRANCH NO. 27.

Berkeley, Calif., July 26, 1920.
Dr. H. A. Davis, Secretary.
Dear Sir:
Berkeley Branch No. 27 wishes to report that they have held regular meetings each month as the Berkeley Philatelic Society. We meet on the fourth Sunday afternoon at 2.30 P . M. We have at present 30 memhers, the average attendance being 15. At each meeting we try to have some exhibit or auction, and at Christmas and on our birthday have special doings. With best wishes for the success of the Society, we are Fraternally yours,

HENRY CHALONER, Secretary.

## PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, HRANCH NO. 3.

Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post St., San Francisco, Calif., July 23, 1920.

[^40]The election of officers at our Annual Meeting in January resulted as follows:
Wm. Blackwell, President.
H. B. Phillips, 1st Vice-President.

Wm. H. Crocker, 2nd Vice-President.
Matt C. Dillingham, Secretary and Treasurer.
The membership of the Society is now 45 , being a gain of 7 for the year.
Regular meetings were held throughout the year on the third Wednesday of each month. The entertainment Committee was very energetic during the year and made arrangements to provide special features and have several collections on view at each meeting. Meetings held, special features of same and members present were as follows:

Aug. 20, 1919, Roumania, M. C. Dillingham
Sept. 17, 1919, War Stamps, G. M. Nisbett 11
Oct. 15, 1919, Oldenburg, M. C. Dillingham 121
Nov. 19, 1919, France, Lt. Col. Welby 11
Dec. 17, 1919, Xmas Jinks, Wm. Blackwell (resiđence) 11
Jan. 21, 1920, New Issues, J. T. Daniel 13
Feb. 18, 1920, U. S. Blocks 4, R. W. Rex 10 • 2
Mar. 17, 1920, General 19th, H. W. Doscher 151
Apr. 21, 1920, Special Competitions, 6 Exhibitors 1910
May 19, 1920, Special Competitions, 7 Exhibitors 16. 12
June 16, 1920, Special Competitions, 3 Exhibitors 1814
July 21, 1920, Danish West Indies, H. C. Marcus 16
Plans were worked out at the October meeting for holding special competitive exhibitions for members throughout the year 1920. The first competition was scheduled for April, to enable members ample time to rearrange their collections in loose leaf albums if desired. Silver loving cnps in each class were donated by the Society and its members, and gold, silver and bronze medals were given by Mr. A. L. Ott as a Grand Prix for members winning the most points in any three of the competitions. The competitions were open to the public and were held in the Trustees' Room of the Mechanic's Institnte. Local newspapers published announcements of the exhibits each month and later the results of same. The three exhibits so far held resulted as follows:

## April 21, America \& Possessions.

1st Prize, H. W. Doscher, Match \& Medicine.
2nd Prize, L. Lazarus, Mexico, Central and South America.
3rd Prize, Wm. Blackwell, Geveral.
Hon. Mention, Charles W. Arp, Brazil.
Hon. Mention, C. M. Hackmeier, U. S.
Hon. Mention, W. King, U. S. and Colonies.

## May 19, Enrojean States \& Colonies.

1st Prize, M. C. Dillingham, German and Italian States.
2nd Prize, H. C. Marcus, Denmark.
3rd Prize, H. Reullan, France.
Hon. Mention, Chas. W. Arp, Germany and Colonies.
Hon. Mention, Wm. Blackwell, General.
Hon. Mention, W. King, France and Germany.
Hon. Mention, L. Lazarus, General,

## June 16, Asia \& Australia.

1st Prize, Wm. Blackwell, General.
2nd Prize, A. L. Ott, Siam.
3rd Prize, A. M. Colson, General.
The three remaining exhibits will be held in September, October and November and prizes presented in December at the Xmas Jinks.

Arrangments have now been made to move the Club Rooms to the Mechanics' Institute at 57 Post St., San Francisco, where the Trustees' Room has very kindly been placed at our disposal for exhibition purposes and regular meetings. This is located in the heart of the City and consequently easy of access.

Philately is regaining its stride in the Far West and many new collectors are coming into the fold. Respectfully yours, MATT C. DILLINGHAM, Secretary.

## SPRINGFIELD STAMP OLUB, BRANCH NO. 28.

Springfield, Mass., August 7, 1920.

To the Board of Vice Presidents:
The membership of Branch No. 28 is now fifteen, a net gain of one over last year.

Meetings of the Branch are purely formal for Society matters only and are held quarterly. All the members of the Branch are members of the Springfield Stamp Club to which is left the purely philatelic programs. Many interesting meetings have been held at which entertaining and instructive papers have been read and exhibits shown. Several papers read at these meetings have been published in the American Philatelist, notably those on Czechoslovakia by Brewer Corcoran, Turks Island by R. C. Munroe, and St. Pierre-Miquelon by J. W. Prevost.

The officers of the Branch are the same as for several years past and are given below.

Members are already informally talking over plans for entertaining the Society in 1922 for which a standing invitation has been presented for some years past.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. STONE, Secretary-Treasurer.
J. W. Prevost, President.

Robert C. Munroe, Vice-President.

## ANDROSCOGGIN STAMP CLUB, BRANCH NO. 48.

Auburn, Maine, July 17, 1920.
The Androscoggin Stamp Club, which was organized two years ago, has held regular meetings upon the third Monday of each month, at the office of Reuel W. Smith, No. 81 Main St., Auburn. We have held nine regular meetings during the year with one special. The meetings for June, July and August are omitted.

At present we have eighteen members in the Club, with an average attendance at our meetings of twelve.

At the end of last year we devoted our surplus funds to buying stamp papers and magazines, which are deposited in the Auburn Public Library, and which are accessible to all the memhers of the Club. We have also induced the Library Trustees to buy certain otber literature along the same line.

Our meetings consist ordinarily of a talk by some member of the Club, upon some subject of general interest to the members, followed by an auction of such stamps as members wish to place on sale.

In January we entertained the Portland Stamp Club, and a few weeks later several of our members went to Portland and visited that Club. Both of these gatherings proved interesting and profitable.

Undoubtedly the coming winter will see the same program repeated. Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. DAY, Secretary.

## DETROIT PHILATELIC SOCIETY, BRANCH NO. 25.

Detroit, Mich., July 7, 1920.
To the President and Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society.
Gentlemen:
In accordance with the By-Laws of the Society, I beg to submit the following resume of the activities of the Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch No. 25, for the past year:

Our membership now numbers 43 , including $\&$ non-residents, some of whom are fully as regular in their attendance as the average of our local members, while others, former residents of the City and active in the Society, are reluctant to allow their memberships to lapse, even though they can attend only infrequently.
ln the period from September 20,1919 to June $16, \mathbf{1 9 2 0 , 2 0}$ meetings have been held, 9 business and 11 social. Repeating our pleasurable experience of other years, our first meeting for the season was held on Saturday afternoon and evening, September 20, 1919, at the country bome of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Heineman, in the beautiful Bloomfield Hills district, about twenty miles north of the City. A meeting of the Society was specially called to order for the purpose of electing our hostess, Mrs. Heineman, to bonorary membership, in appreciation of her share in making our "outing" meetings so hugely enjoyable year after year. The average attendance at meetings for the entire season has been 16 . Over half of the meetings have been featured by auction sales, and some choice material has changed bands.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM M. SWAN, Secretary.

## NEW YORK STAMP SOCIETY, BRANCH NO. 44.

125 W. 42d St., New York, N. Y., July 28, 1920.
Dr. H. A. Davis.
Dear Sir:
In response to you notice in American Philatelist would be pleased to furnish a brief record of our Society. Meetings first and third Wednesdays each month, well attended and quite a few visitors.

## EXHIBITS.

October 1, 1919, General Collection ( 30,000 varieties), by Mr. B. Schlesinger. October 15, 1919 , Fine Collection U. S., by Mr. E. J. Koller.
November 5, 1919, Turkey, by Mr. Mouhib.

November 19, 1919, Alsace-Lorraine, by Mr. Wagner.
December 3, 1919 , Stamps on Covers, by Messrs. Schlesinger, Herrmann and Wagner. March 3, 1920 , Austria and Levant, by Mr. Koller.
May 19, 1920, Austria, by Dr. Chittenden.
Officers, 1920 :
President, L. Hartley. Vice-President, V. Mozian. Treasurer, B. Schlesinger.
Trustees: J. Shack, H. Moye, A. Wagner.
Secretary, J. E. Halloran.
Yours truly,
J. E. HALLORAN, Secretary.

Home address: 4577 3rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

# GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB, BRANCH NO. 30. 

607 Exchange Bldg., 705 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, July 24, 1920.
Dr. H. A. Davis, 3421 Colfax "A", Denver, Col.
Dear Sir: The following is a complete report of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club Branch No. 30 for the fiscal year of 1919-1920.

The Garfield Perry Stamp Club held forty-eight meetings from August 1st, 1919 to July 22 nd, 1920 (every Thursday).

The first meeting of the month is given over to the transaction of Club Business, alt an Auction, the third meeting is known as Educational Night and is given over to the study of stamps, the other meeting nights are open dates for such entertainments as the variQus entertainment committees see fit to use. The average attendance during the year at our meetings was 18 .

During the year 26 new members were admitted into full membership, 6 resignations were accepted, and 6 juvenile members were dropped with the discontinuance of the Junior Branch of the Club.

Total membership of the Club stands as follows: Honorary members, 7; Life members, 4; Associate members, 26; active and sustaining members, 65-Total 102 mombers.

This year, the year in which we celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the Club's existence, has been the greatest and most successful year in the career of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club, so great has been our progress that we have been obliged to take larger quarters in the Exchange Building, and we now look forward to a bigger and better year during the coming season.

> Respectfully submitted,
W. J. ZINK, Secretary.

# By-Laws of the American Philatelic Society. 

As Adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and Amended at the Subsequent Conventions, including Amendments Adopted at the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention,

August 10, 11, 12, 1920.

## ARTICLE I.-Capital Stock.

Section 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this society shall be for a single share only and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions: That the holder thereof has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Society in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock, or the certificate thereof, shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Society and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attésted by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Society of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock certificate is surrendered to the Society, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Society. That the Society has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Society, and that no transfer there shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Society; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Society, that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock
shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws. That upon the expulsion of the holder, or his resignation, or the dropping of his name from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society or any of its departments, his stock shall revert to the Society, and his certificate become and remain null and void.

Sec. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Society, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secietary for the purpose. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

Sec. 3. Certificates of stock shall be valued at $\$ 1.00$ each, and all money received for stock certificates as provided for by Article II, Section I, shall be kept by the Treasurer in a separate and inv:olate fund to be known as the Stock Fund, the interest of which may be applied to current expenses; and the Treasurer shall place this fund at interest in such manner from time to time as the Board of Directors may approve or direct.

ARTICLE II.-Membership.
Section I. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society shall file with its Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors, signed by one memher of the Society, and, if the applicant is of legal age, accompanied by one
or more commercial references, which commercial references shall not be the firm, or a member of the firm, of which the proposer is a member, and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person, obligating himself for the proper fulfilment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Society in case the applicant is admitted, such guarantor to furnish one or more commercial references. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of $\$ 1.00$, for one share of stock and the amount of dues for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending August 31, the whole to be refunded if admission is refused. The Secretar'y shall acknowledge the receipt of each application, stating the date when the applicant will be come a member, provided no objections are received. The Secretary shall cause the name, age, occupation, and address of each applicant and the name of his references and bondsmen to be published in the American Philatelist, and if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after publication, the applicant shall become a member. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant they shall notify the Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and may accept or reject the applicant in their discretion, and sla all certify their result to the Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

In case the Secretary is advised that objections to applicant have been received by the Vice-Presidents, be shall continue to publish the applicant's name in the American Philatelist, but nnder such circumstances the applicant shall not become a momber nutil the Secretary be advised by the Board of VicePresidents that they, after investigation have accepted the applicant.

Any member in good standing may become a life member by the payment of $\$ 20.00$. Life members all have the same rights and privileges as annual
members and shall be subject to the same obligations except that of paynent of annual dues.

All payments for lifemembership ihall constitute a permanent fund, and ihall be invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Board of VicePresidents. One-third of the income of said fund shall be paid over to the special fund for the American Philatelist, and the remainder shall be used for such purposes as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct.

Sec. 2. As it is important to the wellbeing and prosperity of this Society that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-Laws from time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Society shall be addressed in writing, accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and report their findings thereon to the Board of Directors who may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member, and declare his stock forfeited to the Society, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Directors deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next convention of the Society, and such convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Directors.

The Annual dues shall be $\$ 2.00$ to all members except life members, payable in advance to the Treasurer on the first day of September. Of said amount of $\$ 2.00$, seventy-five cents shall be for one year's subscription to the American Philatelist.

Every new member for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his rdmission to membership, shall pay at the rate of fifty cents per quarter or fraction thereof from the date of his
application, twenty cents per quarter of which shall be for his subscription to the American Philatelist for such period.

No assessment other than the annual dues shall be levied except on recommendation of the Board of Directors, published in the call for an annual convention, special meeting, or mail vote, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the stockholders voting thereon; provided, that the number of affirmative votes shall be not less than one-third of the whole number of stockholders entitled to vote.

Sec. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or any indebtedness to the Society or any department thereof, within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid within thirty days thereafter, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary by whom his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Society, and his name shall be omitted from the printed membership list. The Secretary shall notify the Sales Superintendent to debar from the privileges of the department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls.

Any stockholder or branch society having resigned in good standing, or any stockholder or branch society whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues or debts, as aforesaid, may be reinstated on payment of such debts, and $\$ 1.00$, plus the amount of dues for the remainder of the current year, and a share of stock bearing the original stock number shall be reissued, and in case of reinstatement of a branch society, a charter certificate bearing the original number shall be reissued. In case of minors a new guarantee shall be required, and in the case of members who have been suspended for more than one year new references shall be required.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the American Phitatelist and treated in the same manner as
is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

Sec. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Socioty. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next American Philatelist, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Society. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisahility of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have the power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

Sec. 6. No stockholder of the Society who has not attained the age of twentyone years shall be eligible to any office.

Sec. 7. Any Philatelic Society outside the United States and possessions may be elected by the Board of Vice-Presidents upon the recommendation of the International Secretary, or by the Society in convention assembled, as an honorary corresponding member, and shall receive all publications of the So. ciety and shall be exempt from dnes; such honorary corresponding membership shall not carry the right to vote or. hold stock. A list of such members shall follow the branch societies in the annual list of members.

## ARTICLE III.-Meetings.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Society, to be designated as the Annual Convent:on, shall be held each year at such date and such place, within or without the state of Minnesota as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the American Philatelist of the proceedings of the convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such
meeting; but the President shall also issue a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of convening thereof, to be published in the number of the American Philatelist issued not less than sixty days prior to the holding of such convention.

Sec. 2. Special meetiugs of the stockholders of this Society may be called hy the Board of Directors, or by one hundred stockholders of this Society. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the American Philatelist at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

Sec. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in the American Philatelist at least one month hefore the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents: The call and the form shall each.state the time and place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Society as entitled to vote as a stockholder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Board of Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the American Philatelist. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

See. 4. All stockholders of the Society who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Society shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any annual convention, at any special meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

No member of the Society shall be allowed to vote more than fifty proxies.

Sec. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 6. No director of this Society shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Society.

Sec. 7. At all meetings of the Society all questions of order and parlimentary law shall be determined by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 8. At all meetings of the Society, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

Sec. 9. At the annual convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

A Committee on Finance;
A Committee on Library;
A Committee on Sales Department;
A Committee on Branch Societies;
A Committee on Resolutions;
A Committee on Appropriations;
A Committee on Place of Next Convention; each to consist of three members.

A Committe on By-Laws, to consist of the President, who shall be chairman of the committee, and four other members.

The following shall be the order of business:

FIRST SESSION.

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Call.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reading of Minutes of last Convention.
5. President's Address.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Permanent Committees.
9. Communications.
10. Assigned Matters.
11. New Business.

## SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Call to Order.
2. Supplementary Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Communications.
4. Assigned Matters.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Reports of Special Committees.

Sec. 10. At all special meetings of the Society, the President shall aproint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoins Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

## ARTICLE IV.-Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of nine members, who shall all be citizens of the United States.

Sec. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Society, and shall hold his office until the close of the next annual convention, and antil his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall he collectors and not dealers by profession. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of thirty miles. The remaining six Directors must be residents of as many different states, which states shall be other than that from which any VicePresident is elected. In case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same state or locality as another candidate for Director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidates, even though he have a greater number of votes.

Sec. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the ByLaws to be appointed hy the Board of Directors. The two Directors not holding any of the above offices shall be known as Directors-at-Large.

Sec. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph a sufficient time before hand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. To expedite the transaction of business by the Board of Directors they may take mail votes upon any question in the following manner: Any member of the Board desiring to submit any matter for their action may reduce the same to writing in the form of a motion and shall mail a copy thereof upon separate sheet of paper to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he desires to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon receipt of such motion each member shall write upon the same sheet of paper his vote for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall in case any amendment shall he offered, forthwith mail, or cause to he mailed a copy of the motion as amended to each memher of the Board who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the hallots of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with original ballots. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Socity and all its officers; - may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-Laws; may require special reports from any officer from time to time; may remove any office apointed by them as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Society, as provided by law.

## ARTICLE V.-Duties of Directors.

Section 1. President-The President in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on the Treasurer for moneys expended by the Society, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes and other obligations entered into by the Society, including the approval of bonds of the Secretary, Treasurer and Sales Superintendent, as provided in these Bylaws. Prior to each annual convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III, Section 1; shall appoint a committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in performance of their duties to be.defrayed from the general fund of the Society. At each annual convention he shall address the Society on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

Sec. 2. Vice President-The three Directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of the number to act as chairman of the Board of Vice-Presidents who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death, or disability of the President. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall decide all questions aristing as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and shall inves-
tigate all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II, Section 2, 4, and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Society, as provided in Article II, Section 2. They shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections and prepare an authorized form of proxy to be used at all conventions.

The Board of Vice-Presidents from t'me to time, and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the President, for publication in the American Philatelist and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the annual convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondeuce, which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams, and registry fees shall be certified by the chairman, and be paid from the general fund.

They shall elect one of their number to act as Recorder, who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

Sec. 3. Secretary-The Secretary in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Society, seal all 'documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates, membership cards, and rcceipts, countersign, register, and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall also keep a set of loose leaf ledgers for members in good standing, as well as for past members, each senarate page of which shall represent a stockholder, and shall have all data regarding his application and admission into the Society clearly set forth, together with a record of the annual payment of dues, or the date of suspension, expulsion of reinstatement. He shall, under the supervision of the President,
edit the official matter published in the American Philatelist; provided, that if there sball be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, said matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the American Philatelist, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnisb a copy of the Charter and By-Laws and the list of members of the Society to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article II, Sections 4 and 5 , and perform all such duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each annual convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Society, required by law to be made by the Directors, together with complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by all of his books of account and record. He shall canse to be published in each number of the American Philatelist, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Society, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the convention, and $\$ 5.00$ per day during the session. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery and printing, for which purpose $\$ 100.00$ of the Society's money shall be in his hands, which fund shall be reimbursed on the first of each month by warrant on the General Fund to the extent of the expenses of the preceding
month, so that on the first of each month this fund will always equal $\$ 100.00$. In addition he shall be allowed the sum of $\$ 400.00$ per year for his further use in the prosecution of the duties of this office.

He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of not less than $\$ 500$, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some Surety Company to be approved by the President.

Sec. 4. Treasurer.-The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property, and securities of the Society. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursments showing balance of cash on band, to the Secretary, who shall publish it in the American Philatelist. Among his accounts shall be kept a separate suspense account, to which shall be credited all moneys received for other than current accounts; also an account showing receipts and expenses of the American Philatelist. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and Secretary, and shall present to the annual convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of inis department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers, all his hooks of account, a cashier's certificate of the amount of money on deposit at the date of such statement, and any and all such other papers and instruments as may he requisite for a complete auditing of his books and accounts. He shall deposit all moneys in some hank, to be designated by the Board of Directors, to the account of the Society, and shall give bond to the Soc:ety in the sum of not less than $\$ 3,000$, said bond to be ohtained at the expense of the Society, of some surety company to be approved by the President. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage stationery, and printing, and in addition thereto the sum of $\$ 100.00$ per year, which shall he in full for all other incidental expenses.

Sec. 5. International Secretary.The International Secretary shall con-
duct all correspondence for the Society or the Board of Directors, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall whenever called on to do so, assist the Secretary or any other officer of the Society, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Society and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or tenporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt the changes in membership so long as this Society continues interested in its publication. He shall, so far as possible, report to the Board of- Vice-Presidents any publication in fore:gn journals of items affecting the welfare of this Society or its individual members.

Sec. 6. The two Directors-at-large shall have special oversight of all the branch societies, and it shall be their duty to promote the organization of such societies.

## ARTICLE VI.-Elections.

Section 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such elections a plurality of votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2. In regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the Committee.

Sec. 2. The polls for the annual elec.
tion shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the annual convention, and at all special elections at such times as shall be named in the call for the election.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of election.

Sec. 4. The special election to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the Statutes of the State of Minnesota in case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Society.

Sec. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manuer as other elections, but shall be called by the Pres:dent, and notice thereof shal! be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelope for enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee ou Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

Sec. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be held may be sent by any five members or any branch of the Society to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Amer-
ican Philatelist nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

Sec. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

## ARTICLE VII.-Officers and Standing Committees.

Section 1. In addition to the nine Directors, the officers of the Society shall be:

A Sales Superintendent.
An Examiner of Sales Books;
An Editor of the American Philatelist;

An Attorney;
A Librarian;
An Assistant Librarian, and
A Counterfeit Detector.
Sec. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Permanent Courmittees:

An Expert Committee:
A Committee on Philatelic Literature;
A Committee on Philatelic Index;
A Committee on Philatelic Hand Books;

A Recruiting Committee, and An Obltuary Committee.
Sec. 3. All of the officers and Permanent Committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for hy the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Society, when called upon to do so. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurrel by any officer or standing committee appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Dlrectors.

Sec. 4. Sales Superintendent.
(a). The Sales Superintendent shall conduct the Sales Department in accordance with the provisions of this section and of the sections of Article VIII of these By-laws.
(b). He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of $\$ 10,000$, for the strict and faithful performance of his duties and proper rendering of true accounts for all moneys, stamps, or other property received hy him, whether for the Society or individual owners, and until he has notice from the Secretary of the Society that the bond tendered by him, within a reasonable time, after his appointment, has been approved and accepted by the President, he shall not ask or advertise for, or receive from the preceding Superintendent or from individual members, any stamps or other philateile property for his department.
(c). The Sales Superintendent shall on the first days of Octoher, January, and April, respectively, make to the Board of Vice-Presidents a quarterly report of the affairs of his department, including a full and accurate balance sheet of such bookkeeping entries as shall satisfy said Board, taken from his books upon the last day of the preceding month; and not less than twenty nor more than thirty days pr:or to the opening day of the Annual Convention he shall make to said Board an annual report, covering the transactions of the department for the past year, and including similar halance sheet or entries. Said reports shall he audited by said. Board, who may at any time make or cause to be made hy themselves, or a committee, or agent, appointed hy them, such examination as they may deem expedient of said Sales Superintendent's hooks and accounts and of the affairs of his department, and shall cause such an examination to be made in connection with the auditing of the annual report, and shall submit said annual report with the report of such examination and their recommendations on said report and examination to the annual Convention. The approval of the Sales Superin-
tendent's report by the said Board shall not be construed as an admission by the Society of accuracy of said reports or as a release by the Society of either said Superintendent or the surety on his official bond from liability to the Soc:ety or any member thereof for any breach of duty on bis part.
(d) The Board of Vice-Presidents may for cause suspend the Sales Superintendent and require him to deliver and turn over all accounts, books and other property of his department, together with all stamps then in possession of said department, to them or to such person as they may designate as Sales Superintendent, pro tempore, who shall exercise all powers of Sales Superintendent until the Board of Directors shall take further action in the matter.
(e). The Society shall provide account books for the Sales Superintendent. Such account books and the correspondence of the department shall be and remain the property of the Society; and shall at all times be open to the examination of the Board of Vice-Presidents and their representatives duly authorized. Except for the purchase of such books, the Sales Super:ntendent shall pay all expenses of the department.
(f). Upon retiring from office the Sales Superintendent shall turn over to his successor all stamps in his hands as such Superintendent, together with all books of account, official correspondence, papers, instruments, moneys and evidences of indebtedness belonging to the department, and the business of the department shall thereafter be conducted by the new Sales Superintendent. All sums due the department shall be collected by the new Sales Superintendent, who shall pay therefrom to his predecessor such commissions as the latter may have earued thereon, also the requisite payments to the Insurance Fund, and all balances due from the department to members at the time of his assuming the office. Upon a change of Superintendents the Board of VicePresidents shall give notice to all parties interested, by publication in the

American Philatelist, calling on them to file with the Board a statement of their claims against the department within thirty days, so that the outgoing Superintendent's accounts may be properly audited and he be given an honorable release. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall also cause an examination to be made of his books and accounts, and upon the expiration of the period of thirty days from publication of the above prescribed notice shall send to each member who has not filed accounts and whose name appears on the Superintendent's books a statement of his account, and in default of acknowledgment within thirty days thereafter, such account shall be deemed correct.
(g). The Sales Superintendent shall assess a charge of one per cent. upon the net cash value of all books of stamps sent him for circulation in the department, immediately upon their arriving in his hands, with a miṇimum charge of ten cents per books, and shall remit on retirement of such books the sums so assessed to the Treasurer of the Society, who shall keep it in a special account, known as the Insurance Fund. The Superintendent shall receive all claims for payment desired by owners out of the Insurance Fund, for whatever cause, and shall submit the facts and papers of every case to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who, if they approve, shall certify the case to the Secretary of the Society who shall thereupon draw a warrant upon the Treasurer against the Insurance Fund, in the regular manner pursued for payments from other funds. If at any time the Insurance Fund becomes insufficient to meet any such warrant so drawn against it, the sum shall be paid the owner out of the General Fund of the Society, and shall subsequently be transferred to that fund from the Insurance Fund, as soon as the assessments duly collected shall suffice.
(h). The Superintendent shall submit to the Examiner of Sales Books all books sent in for circulation, remove from books sent him for circulation all stamps which are clearly and obviously
counterfeits or non-governmental reprints, and return all stamps removed by him or by the Examiner of Sales Books, as provided in the next section, at once to the owner of the book from which they came, stating the price at which they were marked, and the value to which the book has been reduced by their removal; and he shall place the words, "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials in the space thus left vacant.

A fine of twenty-five (25) cents shall be imposed upon the owner of any book of stamps submitted for circulation for any and every counterfeit contained in such book, unless said stamp, or stamps, shall be of less catalog value than twen-ty-five (25) cents in which case the fine shall be the catalog value of such stamp; such fine to go to the Examiner of Sales Books, or such other expert as he may call to his assistance, subject to the conditions of the following paragraph.

The action of the Examiner of Sales Books or other expert shall be final and binding upon all parties. In the event the owner of such stamp or stamps, so removed, being dissatisfied with the decision of the expert's action, he shall have a right to appeal from the r decision to the Counterfeit Detector at his own expense, and the decision of the Counterfeit Detector shall he final. In case such stamp, or stamps are found by the Counterfeit Detector to be genuine, then the fine shall be removed, and the expense of the examining shall be borne by the Examiner of Sales Books.
(i) The Superintendent shall furnish to members of the Society control stamps, and at a cost not exceeding five cents each, books for holding stamps to be circulated in this department, of such form as may be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; provided, that they be printed on one side of the leaf only, contain space for ten ordinary adhesive stamps on a page, have successive numerals not less than an inch in height on the reverse or unused side of each leaf, and contain no advertisements save of the Society or its Sales Department,
(j). He may refuse to circulate any stamps not mounted in the books so provided by him, or books containing an excessive amount of display, notes, or remarks by the owner; or any books for any reason previously approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; and he may decline to send stamps to any member or to a foreign country when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice-Presidents that customs, laws or other conditions make it impracticable or undesirable for the department to do buslness with such a member or in such country.
(k). When all the preceding duties shall have been satisfactorily performed, as occasion demands, or no charge or notice to the contrary be in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Superintendent shall he allowed to retain for himself a commission of twelve and one-half per cent. out of the amounts remitted to the selling owners upon the sales then settled for, made through the regular circuits of the department, and already paid for by cash to him, not including settlements out of the Insurance Fund for theft or other losses of all or any part of the circuit. Provided, however, that in the case of foreign members, they shall pay 25 per cent. commission, and twelve and one-half per cent. of this amount shall be credited to the Insurance Fund. He sball also receive a salary of $\$ 25.00$ per annum.

Sec. 5. Examiner of Sales BooksThe Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, ete. that may be sent to the Sales Superintendent before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

He shall remove from all books all stamps that he considers counterfeit or reprint, w:th the exception of reprints sold by the government originally issuing the stamps they represent and receivable for postage at the time of their sale hy that government, also all stamps which have been repaired or manipulated for the purpose of increasing their value, unless so marked by the owner
and return them to the Sales Superintendent, together with the number of the book from which they came, the name of the owner of such book, and the price at which they are marked; and shall place the words "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

Sec. 6. Editor of the American Phll-atelist.-The Editor shall edit all advertising and reading matter excepting official matter originating with the President or Secretary, and shall invite literary contributions and pass upon the same for publication.

He shall solicit and arrange all advertisements. He shall collect all moneys due on advertising accounts and shall turn the same over to the Treasurer without deducting, immediately after the issuance of each number, accompanied by an itemized statement showing specifically on which contracts payments have been made and the several amounts; such moneys to be placed in the proper Fund. He shall in general act as business manager in all matters pertaining to the publication of the American Philatelist.

The editor's compensation shall be $\$ 300.00$ per year in addition to postage and printing expenses; whicl shall be paid to him by warrant on the general fund.

He shall give bond to the Soclety in the sum of not less than $\$ 500$, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some Surety Company to be approved by the President.

Sec. 7. Attorney. - The Attorney shall endeavor to collect and settle any claims that may be sent him by members of this Society against any person whatsoever, or to recover any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Board of Directors, to see that proper steps are taken, and the proper authorities notified, to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his service all actual disbursements for postage, station-
ery, etc., and ten per cent of all amounts recovered; provided, that in case of collections made for the Society he shall charge only actual disbursements without commission.

Sec. 8. Assistant Librarian.-It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve, and properly care for the records of the Society as received from retiring officers or boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Society of printed matter, and attend to binding the same, and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

He sball also, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. He shall also keep a record of all books passing through his hands.

Sec. 9. Counterfelt Detector.-The Counterfeit Detector shall when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging thereof five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted at one time, but if less than five stamps are submitted at one time the charge shall be twenty-five cents; except that the prices for examination of all surcharges as well as cancellation shall be 15 cents per stamp. Postage or expense of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by owners.

He shall not be required to pass upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee.

Sec. 10. Expert Committee.-It shall be the duty of this committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question to be signed by all members of the committee. For the examination of each stamp the committee shall receive the sum of $\$ 1.00$. This amount must ac•
company each stamp so submitted.
Sec. 11. Committee on Philatelic Lit-erature.-It shall be the duty of this committee to report, through the columns of the American Philatelist, upon all new catalogues, handbooks, manuals, and papers that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their annual report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for.

Sec. 12. Committee on Philatelic In-dex.- It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and compare for publication an index on philatelic literature.

Sec. 13. Committee on Philatelic Hand Books. - It shall be the duty of this committee to undertake the publication as opportunity offers of Philatelic Hand Books that shall be of low cost yet worthy of the name of the American Phllatelic Society. The conditions under which said books be issued shall be left to the Committee, whose plans for publication shall be endorsed by the Board of Vice-Presidents before definite action be taken; but, in case the publishing of any such book involves the expenditure of money from the treasury of the Society, it shall be necessary for the Board of Directors to consent to such expenditure before the approval of the Board of Vice-Presidents shall become operative.

Sec. 14. Recruiting Committee.-The Recruiting Committee shall prepare and disseminate literature caluculated to impress upon the philatelic public the many advantages to be derived from affiliation with the Society. They shall also investigate the standing of applicants upon the request of any officer of the Society.

Sec. 15. Obituary Committee.-It shall be the duty of this committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the American Philatelist from time to time, and to bring them together in their annual report in the form of a summary for pub-
lication in the Proceedings of the Society.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. Every member of the Society whose dues are paid for the current year is entitled to participate in the privileges of the Sales Department except as provided in Article VII, Section 4, paragraph $j$, or until he becomes a debtor of the Society or any of its departments of more than two week's standing, or is suspended by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, of these By-Laws, or has been dropped from circuit lists by the Sales Department for non-payment of fines, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Sec. 2. A member who desires to be placed on circuit lists, must make application to the Sales Superintendent, stating his wish and he will be irrevocably taken thereby to promise and pledge himself to abide for so long as he participates by all the rules for the conduct of this department now contained in these By-Laws in this Article or Article VII, Section 4, or elsewhere, and any which may hereafter be made, by amendments to these By-Laws, or by the Superintendent for matter properly within his discretion. Every member who receives books on circuit agrees to give a written receipt for them to the preceding member from whom they are received, and to take a like written receipt from the member next on circuit to whom he delives them; to pay a fine of ten ceuts per day for each day a circuit is kept by him over three days, not counting Sundays or legal holidays, which fines shall be collected by the Superintendent and paid over by him to the Treasurer for the Insurance Fund; to account for every space from which he removes stamps by placing therein an adhesive control stamp furnished by the Superintendent, and properly cancelled, or by writing his full name in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed, or by placing therein any other mark previously approved in writlng by the Superintendent; and immed-
iately upon forwarding a circuit to send to the Superintendent a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps reported upon each time regardless of whether or not he, as an owner, has at the same time stamps circuiting in the department, or any other consideration or debt due or claimed by him from the Society. Every member agrees by his participation in the department to pay the Society the full priced value of any circuit traced to him, for which he can show no written receipt from any other member; and the value of any stamps found by the Superintendent to be missing from books which have passed through the hands of said member, either by reason of the disappearance of any stamp from a space not accounted for, or the loss of an entire page out of a book, or several pages, if be has not immediately upon receipt of the damaged book notified the member preceding him on circuit, and adjusted the matter with him. The Superintendent shall suspend from participation in the department any member for non-payment of fines or failure to make reports promptly, or to accompany them with the requisite remittance, or upon notification from the Treasurer that said member has been a debtor to the Society for more than two weeks, or at the request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and any member so suspended shall be restored to the priviledges of participation again, only by a vote of the Board of Vice-Presidents, certified to the Superintendent in writing before being acted on by him.

Sec. 3. Any member who desires to circulate stamps in the department must send them to the Superintendent mounted in proper books furnished for the purpose, with his name on the cover, the price visible near each specimen, and the total value of the book in the place provided on its cover. Counterfeits, non-governmental reprints, bulky entires, and books excessively written in will not be circulated, and the Superintendent may further refuse circulation in accordance with the provisions of

Article VII, Section 4, of these By-Laws. Every owner participating agrees to make cash remittances for any stamps be may buy, during the time his stamps are in the department, exactly like any other purchasing member of the Society and submit to the assessments for the Insurance Fund and Superintendent's commission, when made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the ByLaws. Claims for losses shall be made to the Superintendent, and payment accepted by warrant on the Treasury, as provided in Article VII, Section 4, of these By-Laws. Claims for payment for substituted stamps shall always be accompanied by the substituted stamps in the books as received by the owner, and such substituted stamps shall become the property of the Society, to be sold? for the benefit of the Insurance Fund upon payment of the claims made by the owner.

## ARTICLE IX.-Publications.

Section 1. The Society shall publish "The American Philatelist," which shall be issued as often as once a month, and more frequently if the Board of Ditectors shall so determine. It shall be edited by the Editor and approved by the President for publication.

Reports of officers, committees and branch societies shall be published in the American Philatelist from time to time, together with such literary matter as the Editor may deem expedient, subject to the approval of the President.

Advertising shall be admitted subject to the approval of the Editor at a rate to be determined by the President. .

The yearly subscription price to members shall be seventy-five cents as provided in Article II, Section 3, and to non-members one dollar. The price of single copies shall be ten cents. All receipts on account of the American Phitatelist sall be kept by the Treasurer in a separate fund, against which fund all expenses of publication shall be charged.

Any deficiency shall be made up from the General Fund, and the Treasurer's
annual report shall set out the net cost to the Society of the publishing of the American Philatelist each year.

Sec. 2. The full report of the convention proceedings together with the charter, the By-Laws and the rules of all departments which may not be included in the general By-Laws, shall be published as soon as practicable after each annual convention and one copy sent free to each member. Copies to the public and extra copies to members shall be sold for twenty-five cents each.

A revised list of members, offcers, branch societies, etc., shall be published on or about the first day of March in each year and one copy sent free to each member. Copies to the public and extra copies to members shall be sold for fifty cents each.

The list of members shall be arranged alphabetically, numerically and geographically, and the specialties of each member, if furnished by him, shall be indicated by proper reference marks. The names of minors shall be marked in the alphabetical list with an asterisk, the significance of which shall be explained in a foot note on each page.

Sec. 3. The Secretary immediately after the convention, shall request bids for the printing of the American Philatelist and the other publications herein authorized. The contract shall be awarded by the Board of Directors, who may at their descretion reject any or all bids.

Sec. 4. Copies of publications of the Society shall be sent to such libraries and other institutions as may be approved by the President.

All copies of the American Philatelist remaining after each issue shall be held for sale and for supplying of dupl:cate or sample copies.

## ARTICLE X.-Branch Societies.

Section 1. Branch societies of this Society may be formed as follows:-A charter may be issued by the Board of Vice-Presidents for such a branch socity on formal application to such

Board; provided they shall have adopted a name and rules for their government, and shall submit a copy of the same with a list of the members, at the time the application is made; and provided that the said rules of the branch society are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-Laws of the Society.

Sec. 2. Five or more stockholders resident in the locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same state, shall be necessary before a charter can be granted.

Sec. 3. Local and state branches 50 formed shall be numbered in regular order, in consecutive series, and each shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it; provided, that the name of the state branch includes the name of the State for which it is chartered.

Sec. 4. Branch societies may admit to membership persons not stockholders in the American Philatelic Society, but such members shall bave no vote on matters pertaining to the American Philatelic Society, or be eligible to hold the offices of President, Secretary or member of the governing Board.

Each branch shall furnish to the Secretary of the Society the name and address of its Secretary, to whom all official communications shall be sent. At each annual convention said officer shall make a report showing the number of meetings his branch has held during the year, the number of members in good standing and any matters pertaining to the work of the Branch Society. Upon request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Secretary of any Branch shall furnish any information which the Board may request pertaining to the membership and work of said Branch.

All changes in the by-laws of a branch society shall be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents before the same can become effective. In the event that the membership in any Branch is reduced to less than five members or in the event that a branch refuses or fails to comply with any of the above requirements, the Board of Vice-Presidents may sub-
mit the facts to the Board of Directors, as in the case of a member, for the purpose of having the revocation of the charter of such offending branch voted upon.

No person, who may be elected an honorary member by any branch, unless he or she is a member of the American Philatelic Society in good standing, shall be permitted to vote or take any active part in the business proceedings of the branch with which affiliated.

Sec. 5. Each branch society so organized shall be required to subscribe for, acquire, and bold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Society and may vote the same by proxy.

ARTICLE XI.-Property.
Section 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Society, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or ohligations until this requirement be complied with.

Sec. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Ass:stant Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Assistant Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the Board in which they originated.

Sec. 3 A duplicate form record book shall be kept, one by the Secretary and one by the President, wherein shall be
securely fixed a duplicate of each form or printed matter that is used by any officer to whom is delegated executive power. All such blanks or forms shall have printed on them in a noticeable place "Form approved by Board of Directors" (date to follow) ; said approval to apply to the necessity of issuing and to form, and also to subject matter except as otherwise provided in the ByLaws.

ARTICLE XII.-Amendments.
Section 1. The By-Laws of this Society may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendments; provided, that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Society entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, or at any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the Bylaws shall be final, if such proposed amendments shall have been published in the American Philatelist at least thirty days prior to the date of such convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-Laws adopted by any convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or ByLaws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III, Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the American Philatelist.

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