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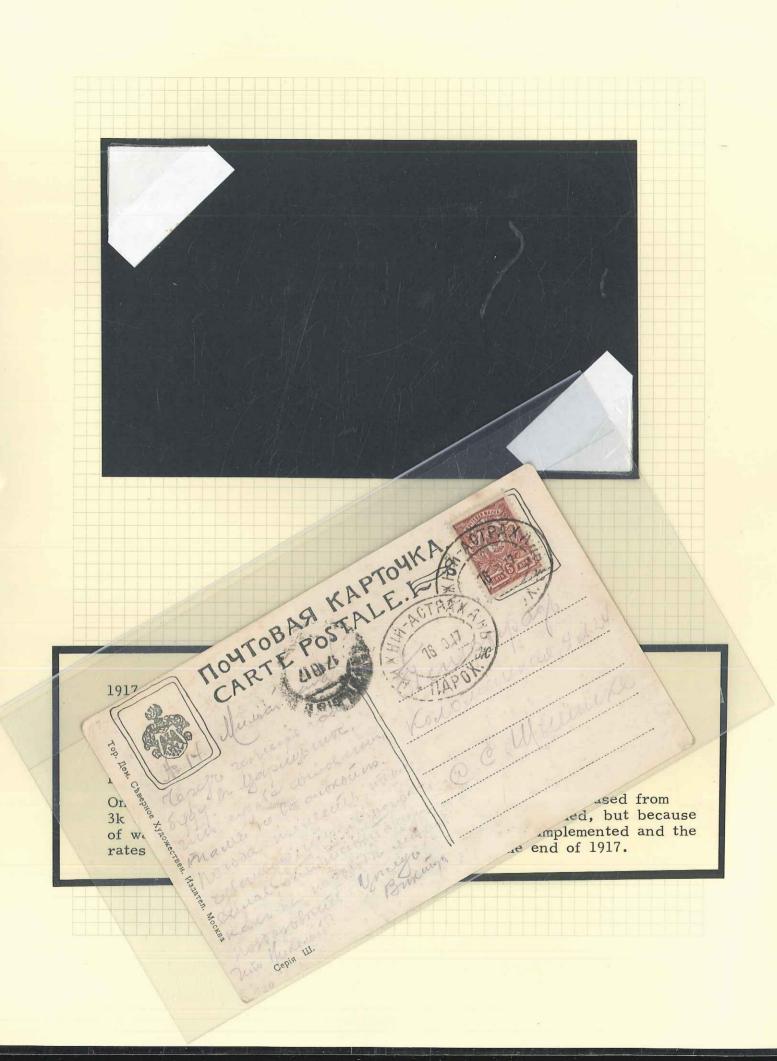
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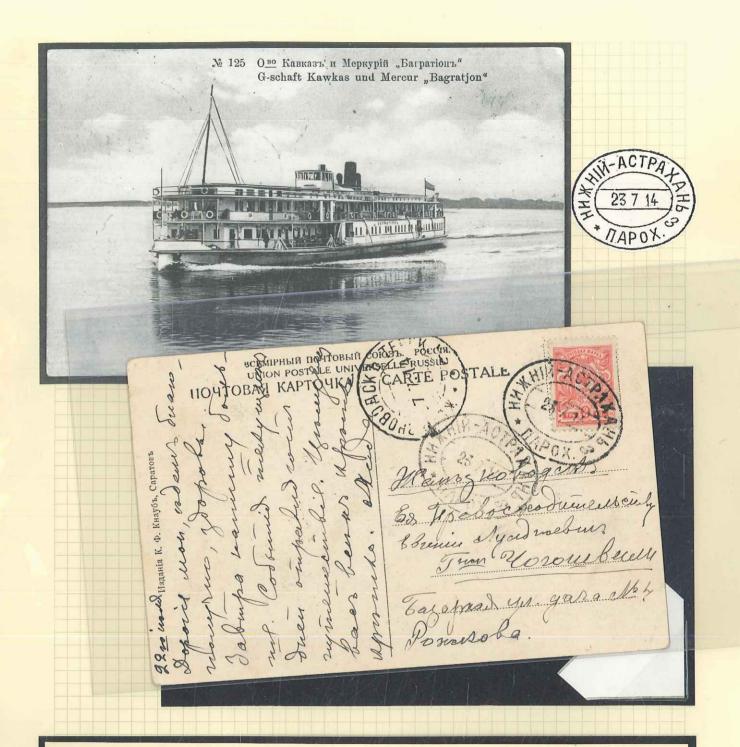
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Picture-card of "Caucasus & Mercury" Company's ship "BAGRATION", addressed to ZHELEZNOVODSK, 3k stamp cancelled oval

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN/STEAMSHIP 'z' 23 7 14

This card suggests that serial 'z' probably belonged to s.s. "Bagration".



Viewcard of "Caucasus and Mercury" Company's steamship "TSESAREVICH ALEKSEI", posted to SAMARA on ship, 3k ROMANOV stamp tied by oval date stamp (Wortman Type 4) reading

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII/STEAMSHIP 'n' 12914

The message on the card identifies serial 'n' as belonging to S.S. TSESAREVICH ALEKSEI'.



Ppc of giant raft on River Volga, posted to SAMARA on ship heading down-river, 3k Romanov stamp cancelled

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN STEAMSHIP 'b' 17 7 14

Received SAMARA same day.

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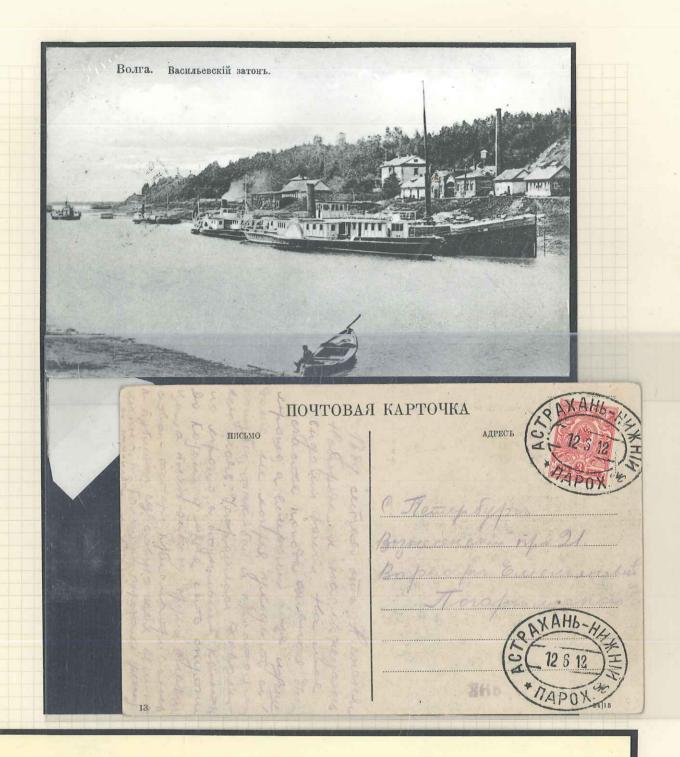




Card used to send greetings to LIVA, near REVEL, Estland Guberniya, from ROPiT steamship "BATUM" while at NOVOROSSISSK, Black Sea, 23 July 1912, before proceeding to TSARITSYN (R. Volga) that evening. Posted two days later on ship of River Volga service, 3k stamp cancelled

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII STEAMSHIP 'n' 25 7 12

Received REVEL 30 7 12 and passed to LIVA same day.



Viewcard of Vasilievskii creek, River Volga, posted on ship to St. PETERSBURG, 3k stamp cancelled oval date stamp (Wortman Type 4) reading

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII/STEAMSHIP 'zh' 12 6 12

The distance from Nizhne-Novgorod to Astrakhan, at the mouth of the Volga, is some 1200 miles, though it is uncertain whether any of the postal steamers served the whole length of this route.



Picture postcard of the "Rus" Company's ship "GRAND DUKE KIRILL", posted on board this ship to MOSCOW, 3k stamp cancelled oval

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII STEAMSHIP 'm' 9 9 12

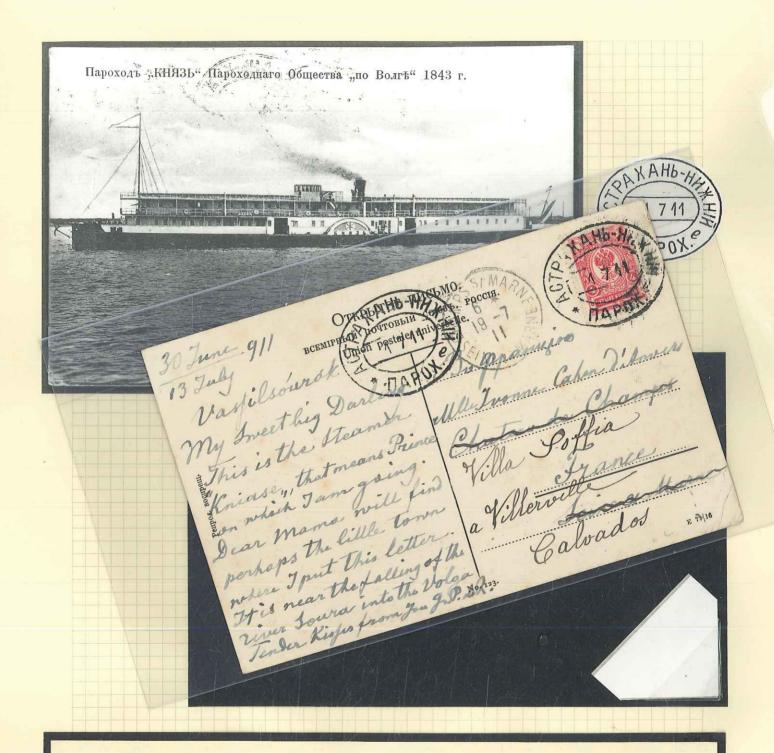
This identifies serial letter 'm' as belonging to the "Grand Duke Kirill".



Picture-card of "Samolyot" Company's ship "NEKRASOV", posted on board to LIVA, near Revel. 3k stamp with oval cancellation:

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII/STEAMSHIP 'n' 28 7 12

Writer states that he is travelling on ship illustrated on card, thus tying canceller 'n' to s.s. "Nekrasov".



Picture-card of Volga Steam Navigation Company's ship "KNYAZ", addressed to CALVADOS, France, and written on board while at village of VASILSURSK, on the Volga between Kazan and Nizhnii-Novgorod, 4k stamp cancelled oval

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII/STEAMSHIP 'e' 1 7 11

Message on card establishes serial 'e' as belonging to s.s. "Knyaz".



1911 SHIP MAIL ON THE RIVER VOLGA

Coloured viewcard of KAZAN, written from the town and posted on

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII STEAMSHIP 'b' 18 7 11



KAZAN ppc showing view of city and makeshift landing-stage on Lake Kaban, dateline 5 June 1911, posted next day on River Volga steamer

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN STEAMSHIP 'm' 6 6 11

Received SAMARA 8 6 11.





Viewcard of the Volga Steam Navigation Company's ship "TSAR", evidently posted on board, to KEGEL, Estonia, 3k stamp cancelled oval date stamp (Wortman Type 4):

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII/STEAMSHIP 'v' 16 8 11

The writer of the card gives his address as the Company's pier at Nizhne-Novgorod.



Coloured viewcard of the River Volga at SARATOV, addressed to STATION LIGOVO, near St. Petersburg, 3k stamp cancelled oval date stamp (Wortman Type 4) reading

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN/STEAMSHIP ''a' 31 5 11

Written when ship was at KHVALYNSK; writer expected to be at TSARITSIN (about 350 miles down river) by 10 o-clock next day.



Two 3k stationery cards posted on ship and addressed to KEGEL, Estonia, re-addressed, showing cancellations of southbound and northbound routes:

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN/STEAMSHIP 'z' 14 8 11

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII/STEAMSHIP ''z' 27 7 11



Viewcards of ASTRAKHAN and SAMARA sent to St. PETERSBURG, each with oval cancellation (Wortman Type 4) of ship 'l' of northbound and southbound routes, reading

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII/STEAMSHIP '1' 8 7 10 NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN/STEAMSHIP '1' 27 6 11



Picture-postcard of River Volga "Belyana" addressed to OMSK, Siberia, on ship proceeding down river, dateline "29 V 10/Between Kazan and Simbirsk", 3k stamp cancelled next day:

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN STEAMSHIP 'k' 30 5 10

Received OMSK 2 6 10.

Belyanas were super-size wooden barges built locally as bulk-carriers of timber on the River Volga. The hull and cargo were surmounted by a wide deck supporting a bridge for the pilot and sheds to house the crew and equipment. At the journey's end the vessel itself was sold for its timber along with the cargo. Belyanas were not coated with tar like other barges and took their name from their white colour (belyi = white).



A. Viewcard to BAKI, Kostroma Guberniya, posted on Volga mailboat service, lk and 2k Arms stamps cancelled

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN STEAMSHIP 'e' 20 7 09

B. Viewcard to ASTRAKHAN, near mouth of the Volga, posted on Volga mailboat service, 3k Arms stamp cancelled

NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN STEAMSHIP 'k' 8 8 10

Both received 4 days after posting. Serial 'e' has been identified as belonging to the Volga Steam Navigation Company's ship 'KNYAZ'.





Nishni Hotrakha НОВГОРОДЪ. - Отъвздъ Пассажирскаго Пароходавъ Астрахань. OVGOROD, - DÉPART D'UN VAPEUR PASSAGER POUR ASTRAKAN. A-ACTP 13 6 09 APOX ОТКРЫТОЕ ПИСЬМО. Mes cheres, amies. Cette année mon éloile vaga-bonde, m'a conduite en plaine 1909 Viewca Rusie, Mosson, jarosland par balean sur le volga, Vipnicas. Card a saratow, etc, quel pays inte-Astrak ressant, quelles richesses inexplose 46 tees! On heut voyager 2 à 3 servaines sur le Volge, les baheave sout d'un confortable! sur le notre, fushement, pendant que le vous evis, unique organ appeope. B. M. Epteba unportante défenne, entoure de sa cour, c'est