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Dr Raymond Casey, DSC, PHD, FRS, FGS, FRPSL

Dr Casey's interest in Russian philately and postal history is a legacy from his travels in the former Soviet Union and the East as a scientist in British Government service. He was born in 1917 at Folkestone, on the southeast corner of England. His mother was widowed by the war when Raymond was one year old. Brought up in the years of Depression between the wars, he left school at the age of fourteen to work in a local shop, continuing his education at night school and by correspondence.

Despite possessing no formal qualifications, he was chosen in 1939 for a post with the British Geological Survey, becoming the personal assistant to the distinguished palaeontologist Dr C.J. (later Sir James) Stubblefield. During World War II he served in the Royal Air Force, picking up the threads of his civilian career in 1945. In the 1950s he was given leave from the Geological Survey to write a five-volume Ph.D. thesis at the University of Reading, funded partly by a scholarship and by his employment there as Demonstrator in Geology.

His continued researches into Mesozoic biostratigraphy earned him the degree of Doctor of Science in 1963. Awarded a Special Merit promotion to Senior Principal Scientific Officer the following year, he concentrated his work on the borders of the North Sea. Dr Casey's recognition of hitherto unsuspected geological links between England's eastern counties and Russia led to a long period of fruitful collaboration with Soviet scientists and visits to many parts of the Soviet Union—the Baltic States, Volga Basin, Crimea, Georgia, Azerbaijan, the northern Urals, Siberia and Central Asia.

In 1970 he was elected to Fellowship of the Royal Society, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious scientific academies. His temporary attachment to the Central Treaty Organisation (CENTO) as a specialist geologist, took him to Turkey, Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan. He also acted as Chairman of an international working party on the Jurassic-Cretaceous boundary. A few years later, a car crash left him incapacitated for nearly a year, and injuries sustained by his wife Nora in the same accident led to her untimely death at the end of 1974. He declined further promotion to a desk job as his heart was in field-work and research. Long after his official retirement in 1979 he maintained connections with Russian colleagues until re-assertion of old injuries prevented active fieldwork.

Dr Casey's early visits to the Soviet Union (under the auspices of the Anglo-Soviet Cultural Agreement and the Academy of Sciences of the USSR) were organised by the late Academician D.V. Nalivkin, then the doyen of philately in

Russia. He introduced Dr Casey to the hobby and opened the door to philatelic institutions across the USSR.

His first exhibit, on the Russian Revolution, enabled his local philatelic society (Orpington) to win the annual trophy of the Kent Federation (Grant Cup) in 1965. He became a regular exhibitor at the national level, earning numerous gold medals and major awards for displays of Russian rural mail, ship mail, military mail, Russo-Japanese War, etc. At the international level, between 1984 and 1997 he earned eight Large Gold medals and a Grand Prix d'Honneur (Polska '93), mainly for the Russian Post in the Far East. He has shown in Courts of Honour in Paris (1989), Helsinki (1995) and Moscow (1997).

Dr Casey's collecting and original research in Russian libraries and archives have made significant advances in knowledge of Imperial Russian postal history. Discoveries include the Vladivostok-Kolyma ship postal service in the Arctic, the Russian Volunteer Fleet emergency canceller of 1897, the Mukden (Manchuria) provisional canceller (1900) and the canceller of the Peking Field Telegraph Branch (1904). He established the existence of a Russian post office at Kazvin, Persia, and showed that Russian postal facilities were available in Tabriz, Persia, in 1867, ten years earlier than previously known. The accepted order of appearance of the cancellers used in the Russian P.O.s in China was revised, and the so-called "Peking Type 1" was shown to be bogus.

His work at the State Central Archive of the Far East (then at Tomsk, Siberia) led to a fundamental revision of ideas on the opening of the Russian post in the old Chinese Empire and on the functioning of the quasi-official "Merchants' Post." He has appeared on Russian television in connection with philately and postal history, and his biography was published in "Filateliya" (Oct. 1992) on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

Dr Casey was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, past-President and Honorary member of the British Society of Russian Philately, Honorary member of the Rossica Society of Russian Philately (USA), and member of the TPO and Seapost Society and the Scandinavia Philatelic Society. He was a former Editor of the British Journal of Russian Philately. His later interests centred on the Russian Post in the old Chinese Empire and on Imperial Russian ship mail.

Raymond Casey died in April 2016 in Orpington, England, leaving behind an immense legacy through his work on both geology and philately, and the collections that he passionately formed throughout his life.

Introduction



Marcus Orsi
Chief Philatelist

Dear collector and client,

We are delighted to offer the long awaited collection formed by Dr Raymond Casey of the Russian Ship Mail in Europe, Levant and the Far East, which he started over 60 years ago and is probably the most comprehensive one ever formed in this area of philately.

Given his scientific background, Dr Casey was naturally drawn to the study and research of his subjects. Accordingly he made extensive, continual and invaluable contributions to the British Society of Russian Philately and many other study groups and publications related to both Russian Maritime Mail and Russian Post Offices in the Chinese Empire. Even though Dr Casey wrote and published numerous papers on these subjects, there is still much unpublished material, some of which is included in the catalogue descriptions. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank especially Daniel Mirecki and Ricky Verra for their compilation of the lotting, descriptions, support and ideas.

This sale contains over 600 lots covering all aspects of Russian maritime postal history, including lake mail and river mail. The catalogue is divided up by regions whether it be the Arctic Routes or the steamship cancels applied along the River Volga or in the Caspian or Black Sea. There is significant interest for collectors of Levant and the Far East with strong sections of both areas. Throughout the catalogue there are many unique items of ship mail including a wealth of registered and postage due covers. There are also many large specialised collections and accumulations throughout so viewing is essential. To help those that can't come to the auction, all the material on offer will be scanned and uploaded to our website. Not all the material present is written up on exhibition leaves as failing health and eyesight meant that Dr Casey did not get round to mounting a substantial part of his collection before his death earlier this year. Furthermore there will be a substantial offering of other Russian material to complement this sale.

Also included in this sale is the "Detroit" collection, which was never mounted up.

This offer represents a milestone and will become the reference work in this area of philately. We hope that all of you will enjoy participating and will be successful in acquiring some of these philatelic jewels of the Russian Ship Mail in Europe, Levant and the Far East to grace your collection. We wish you success with your bids and satisfaction with your purchases.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of Marcus Orsi.

Geneva, September 2016



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Восподнему Директору
А. Сесану
въ Петербурге

Отъ Иностраннаго
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Russian Ship Mail in the Atlantic, Arctic and Europe



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Russian Society of Shipping and Trade



10000



2'000

1858 Wrapper addressed to the Russian Society of Shipping and Trade with 1858 10k imperf., good to large margins, tied by Kirsanov cds, reverse with coat-of-arms wax seal, fine, the only known cover with Russia #1 sent to the ROPIT administration, ex Mikulski

Ship Mail to and from America

10001

✉ / 16

500

1793 Folded letter to Providence, Rhode Island, USA from Capt. Rodman of the ship "Hamilton" lying at Kronshtadt, Gulf of Finland, with dateline "Cronstadt July 3rd 1793". Endorsement in lower left corner confirms text that letter handed to Capt. John Leach of the ship "Union", bound for Salem (New Jersey), who "sails the first wind to America".

Forwarded on arrival through normal U.S. mails and cancelled in transit with linear N-YORK.SEP.24. Manuscript 'recd. 30 sep'

"Sh 38" in red ink in top right corner = Ship 38 cents, made up of 4c ship letter fee plus domestic postage for distance of 200-250 miles 34c for 2 sheets of paper at 17c per sheet, total 38cents payable by recipient. Delivery took 3 months. Very fine

10002

✉ / 16

400

1793 Folded letter from Capt. William Rodman of the ship "Hamilton", lying at Kronshtadt, sent through Capt. John Arnold of the ship "Rebecca" to Providence, Rhode Island, USA. Forwarded through regular U.S. mail from New York Oc. 21. rated "sh 21" in top right corner = Ship 21 cents (ship fee 4 cents + 17 cents for domestic postage). Letter opens: "Capt. John Arnold will be the bearer of this. He sails the first wind and touches at the City of Copenhagen" Recorded "Rossica" 61 (1961), p.10.





10003	✉ / 16	400
	1795 Entire written from St Petersburg on November 20th, addressed to Newburyport, with clear bishop mark 3 AP on obverse, rated 70, some paper splitting	
10004	✉ / 16	500
	1812 (Jul 7) Folded letter from Kronstadt to Providence, Rhode Island with fine small italic 'SHIP' mark in red, New Bedford. Ms Jan 25 cds in red and manuscript '12' marking alongside, contents refer to the economic effects of the war against Napoleon, very fine transatlantic item.	
10005	✉ / 16	150
	1834 Folded letter addressed to a firm in Boston USA datelined "Cronstadt July 27 1834", sent by sailing ship "CALUMET", circular NEW YORK Sep 21 and straight line SHIP both in red. MS '20c' indicates American "ship fee" levied at New York Mail Office for transatlantic letter.	
	Handed over as "Calumet" was "hauling out of docks", thereby avoiding the obligatory payment of postage for ship's letter at Kronstadt.	
10006	✉ / www	500
	1837-56 Group of 5 sheets from the Exhibit with five stampless covers to USA from Kronshstadt or St Petersburg, noted 1837 entire to Boston with ornate Kronshstadt backstamp and cursive SHIP 6 in red on obverse, 1844 cover forwarded through London, 1847 opened out cover, slightly reduced at sides with KRONSHSTADT/STEAMSHIP/26 July 1847 backstamp, various instructional markings including three routed via Lubeck, interesting group	
10007	✉ / 16	100
	1847 Envelope endorsed from the Legation of the U.S in St Petersburg to Connecticut in the USA with BOSTON Ship Feb 1 MS cds and '12' handstamp, both in red, fine	

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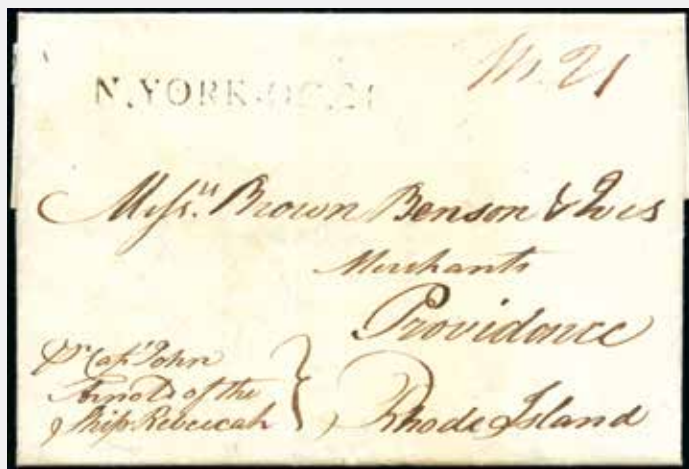
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€ 100 - 200	€ 10	€ 1000 - 2000	€ 100	€ 10000 - 20000	€ 1000
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				€ 50000 - 100000	€ 5000

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10001



10002



10003



10004



10005



10007



10009



10010ex1



10008



10'000

1851 ALASKA: Entire letter written in German by Henrik Johan Holmberg (1818-64), a Finnish naturalist, geologist and ethnographer who departed for Alaska in 1850. Written from NEW ARCHANGEL later to be called SITKA. The Russia-America company established there had ships going to Kronstadt in the summer months and this letter was likely to have been carried by their ship 'Sitka'. The entire is addressed to Helsinki (Finland) and has a boxed St Petersburg transit datestamp on obverse in red. There are two rate markings: on the front '10' and on reverse '60'. The manuscript marking 'No 514' at top right could refer to a registry marking.

The entire is addressed to Anders Olivier Saelan (1818-74) who was a pioneer of technical education in Finland.

Alaska remained Russian territory until 1867 when it was sold to the USA. Covers before this date are exceedingly rare.





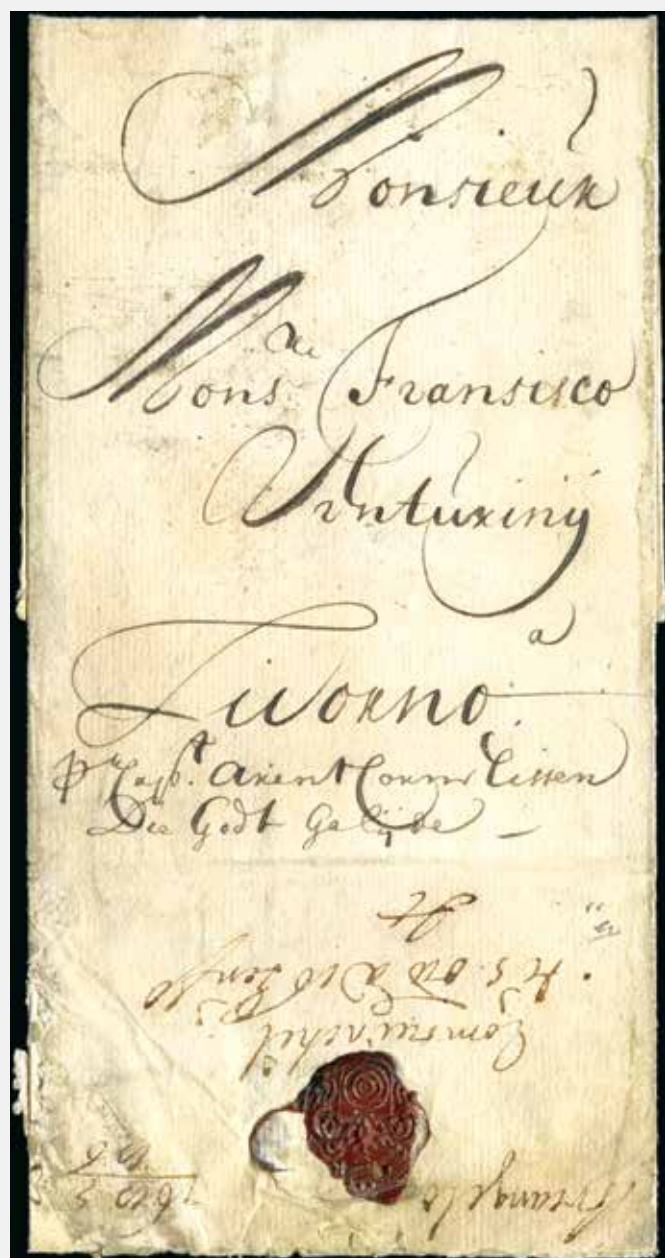
10010ex2



10017



10014



10015



10009	✉ / 16	200
1895 Cover from Odessa to Indiana salvaged from the wreck of s.s.Elbe, sunk in the North Sea 30 January 1895 while bound for New York from Bremen. Cover damaged by seawater. Violet cachet at top right indicates in German: MAIL RETRIEVED FROM WRECK OF STEAMER "ELBE", surmounted by framed bilingual cachet in red: PAID! STAMP LOST. Despite this, 10k Russian stamp can be seen protruding from under Bremen P.O. blue & white label on reverse. Odessa cds alongside. Backstamped New York transit and Indiana arrival. The German "Elbe" was rammed by the Cunard liner "Craithie" while traversing the North Sea and sank about 45 miles from Lowestoft with loss of 334 lives. Some mailbags were picked up by fishermen, others were washed ashore. All were returned to Bremen, where cachets and labels were applied before reposting.		
10010	✉ / 16, 18	200
1908-14 ATLANTIC MAIL-Carrier: 1908 cover addressed in Russian to Ysenki and 1914 postcard to Novoherkassk, both in Russia, franked with British stamps and sent from British ports Christchurch and Barrow in Furness respectively. Both placed on ships of RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO. returning from the Atlantic run and both struck with violet circular cachets, one in Russian, the other in English, reading: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN LINE R.E.A.S. (RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP) Co. Ltd. / LIBAU/NEW YORK/HALIFAX The Company's Atlantic service was short-lived, being unable to meet the competition of Western European maritime powers.		
10011	✉ / www	200
1915-17 RUSSIAN ATLANTIC MAIL CARRIER: 3 covers with the different vignettes of this company on reverse, 1 tied by New York oval datestamp on registered censored cover from St Petersburg franked Romanov 50k, the other 2 uncanceled on mail to Copenhagen, 1 with dumb cancel from Libau		
10012	✉ / 20	150
1922 Cover from Petrograd to Switzerland, routed via Germany, showing use of Imperial Russian stamps in Soviet regime. Franked on reverse 14k block of 10 and 5k pair revalued Imperial issues cancelled Petrograd 3 11 22, censored the following day (cds with triangles on front). On reverse duplex transit mark comprising UNITED STATES/SEA POST OFFICE/Nov 15 1922 alongside encircled '2' within barred oval. On front two-line MISSENT TO/U:S: SEA P.O. No. 2		
10013	✉ / www	400
1824-70 Group of 3 stampless covers, 2 from St Petersburg to USA, 1 incoming; 1824 cover to Rhode Island 'pr.Madison' with red Boston cds and 'SHIP', 1836 letter to Boston 'pr DRYMO' with fancy 'SHIP 6' in red on front and 1870 stampless cover to Russia from New Orleans with NEW YORK DIRECT cds on front		

Ship Mail in the Arctic and Northern Russia - Sea Mail

10014	✉ / 18	1'000
1683 (Oct 3) Folded letter from a Dutch trader at Archangel to Livorno, carried by ship of Captain Jan Matthyes Gens "Die Godt Bewaner", off-loaded probably at Hamburg or similar and then by horse-post, a journey of 13 weeks, fine The White Sea harbour of Archangel (Russian Arkhangelsk) was discovered by an English trading expedition in 1553. The English Muscovy Company opened the first trading station in 1598 and it was the only Russian seaport until the building of St. Petersburg in 1703. It was only open to shipping from May to September/early October due to ice the rest of the year.		
10015	✉ / 18	1'000
1685 (Oct 5) Entire from ARCHANGEL to Livorno ex Venturini correspondence, with manuscript annotation at base of address panel (written in German per Captain Arent, whom God preserve), cover frayed on bottom flap, rare early mail.		

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10012ex1



10012ex2



10019



10020



10018



10021



10016



2'000

1827 (Jun 19) Folded letter from Archangel to Scotland, taken through the Barents Sea, Atlantic Ocean and North Sea to Peterhead with two-line "SHIP LETTER / PETERHEAD" black hs (Robertson/Tabcart type S.1a), charged "1 / 6 1/2" for 8d ship letter, 10d from Peterhead to Inverness and Scottish Additional 1/2d "wheel tax", extremely rare and believed to be the only recorded example

Illustrated in "A History of the Ship Letters of the British Isles" Addendum (1960), p.E.226/A, by Alan Robertson, who adds "This...letter helps to bridge the long interim period of 100 years between the dates of S.1 and S.2..."

10017

✉ / 18

700

1896 (May 28) 3k Postal stationery card from Moscow via St. Petersburg to Captain of ship "Sirius" at Archangel, redirected to Vaida Guba (a small port on the Arctic coast near Norway) with "ARKHANGELSK-MURMAN STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 7 June 1896" transit cds, couple of creases and toned, scarce

Illustrated in "Rossica" nos.100/101 (1981) p.26 and the origin of the type C-Ilz-2 illustration in Mandrovskii et al (2011) p.195

10018

✉ / 20

750

1899 (Jun 17) 4k Postal stationery card from Solombala, Archangel, to the Norwegian port of Narvik with "ARKHANGELSK-MURMAN STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 19 June 1899" transit cds with second strike dated 25 June, a hitherto unrecorded variant of type C-Ilz-2 of Mandrovskii et al. differing in size (28mm diameter instead of 24mm), with Vardo 13 June (old style date) arrival cds, fine, plus coloured viewcard of Solombala Harbour

10019

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1'500

1902 Commercial envelope sent registered to the UK (opened for display) franked on the reverse with four 10k stamps tied by "2nd SEASONAL WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP / POSTAL BRANCH 3 IX 1902" cds with matching registration label, with St. Petersburg transit 6 days later and London arrival, fine and rare registered cover

This cover affords evidence of a maritime ambulant P.O. with registration facilities operating during the summer season in the Murmansk-Archangel region of the Arctic

10020

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1'000

1902 25k Money transfer card for 10 roubles to Solombala, Archangel, serviced by P.O. of ship plying the Murman coast from Norwegian port of Vardo to Archangel, cancelled "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 2nd STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 30 VIII 1902", another strike dated 4 IX 1902 when unloaded at Archangel with Solombala arrival cds on reverse, manuscript "N 3" instead of numbered adhesive label, very fine and rare



10022



10023ex1



10023ex2



10024



10027



10031ex1



10031ex2



10032ex



10021

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750

1902 Postcard from Gothenburg to the Captain of ship "Carl" at Gamvik, on the northern-most tip of Norway, franked with Sweden 5ö but underpaid and taxed 6c, taken to the Norwegian port of Vardo by Russian ship with "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 2nd STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 21 VI 1902" transit cds with 2nd strike dated 26 VI 1902 when put ashore at Vardo, with oval "DOPLATIT / ARKHANGELSK-VARDE 2nd STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH" tax hs with ms "3k", re-addressed to the Norwegian-Swedish Consulate in Archangel and redirected again to the UK with Hull arrival and "1 1/2d" Foreign Branch postage due hs reduced to 1d, interesting and attractive

10022

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1902 3k Postal stationery card written from a village in the Kem district of the Kola Peninsula, S-W of Kandalaksha, sent to St. Petersburg, cancelled by "2nd SEASONAL WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP / 1 / POSTAL BRANCH 28 IX 1902" cds, with St. Petersburg arrival adjacent, very fine

This seasonal service operated from May 1st to October 1st, the White Sea being closed by ice during the winter. It was run by the Arkhangelsk-Murman Express Steamship Association

10023

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1903 Norwegian viewcard to Belgium written by Captain of S.S. "Marianne" at Kola, in a fjord on the Murman coast, franked with Russia 5k tied by "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 1st STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 12 VII 03", plus same cancel on 2k on picture postcard from Vardo to St. Petersburg

10024

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400

1903 Picture postcard of Aleksandrovsk harbour sent to France with 3k paying printed matter rate and tied by "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 1st STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 28 VIII 1903", put ashore at Archangel with transit cds and Le Havre arrival cds adjacent, fine

This line served settlements on the Murman coast between the White Sea port of Archangel and the Norwegian port of Vardo. Evidently the same canceller was used in both directions as the Archangel transit mark indicates that the card was posted on the return journey (Vardo to Archangel)



10025

✉

1'200

1904 Envelope sent registered to Kislovodsk, Terskaya Oblast (Caucasus), franked with 7k vert. pair paying 7k postage plus 7k reg'n fee, tied by "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 1st STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 24 VII 1904" cds with "ARKHANGELSK-MURMANSKI BEREG I" registration label adjacent, Kislovodsk arrival bs, minor toning, fine and rare registered cover

This seasonal service operated from May 1st to October 1st, the White Sea being closed by ice during the winter. It was run by the Arkhangelsk-Murman Express Steamship Association



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10040ex1



10040ex2



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1'200

1904 Envelope sent registered to Kislovodsk, Terek Oblast (Caucasus), franked with 7k vert. pair paying 7k postage plus 7k reg'n fee, tied by "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 2nd STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 17 VI 1904" cds with "ARKHANGELSK-MURMANSKI BEREK II" registration label adjacent, Kislovodsk arrival bs, minor toning, fine and rare registered cover

This seasonal service operated from May 1st to October 1st, the White Sea being closed by ice during the winter. It was run by the Arkhangelsk-Murman Express Steamship Association

10027



400

1904 3k Postal stationery card uprated with 2k, sent from Aleksandrovsk, in the Kola Fjord on the Murman coast, to Germany, cancelled with "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 2nd STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 29 VI 1904", put ashore at Norwegian port Vardo with transit cds and Hamburg arrival cds adjacent, very fine

This seasonal service operated from May 1st to October 1st, the White Sea being closed by ice during the winter. It was run by the Arkhangelsk-Murman Express Steamship Association

10028



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1905 Fragment of large cover franked 2 roubles 20k in Arms stamps (8x25k and 1x20k) tied by "2nd SEASONAL WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP / 1" cds plus 1k pair and 1R with "1st SEASONAL WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP / 1" cds

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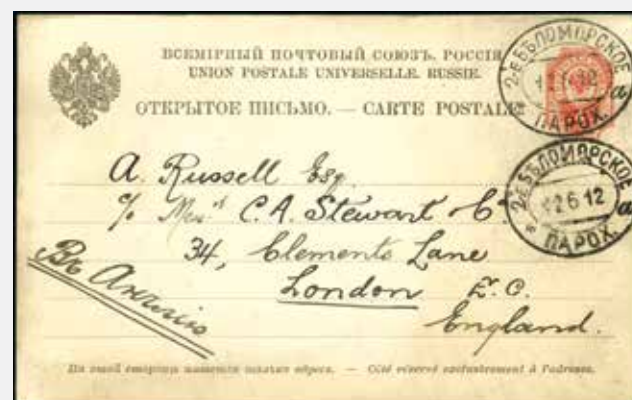
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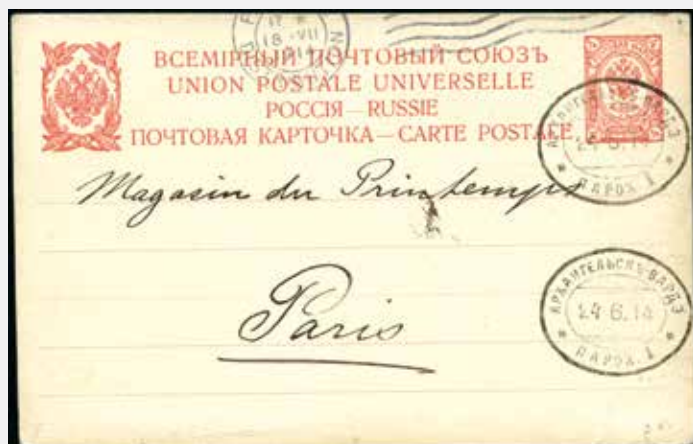
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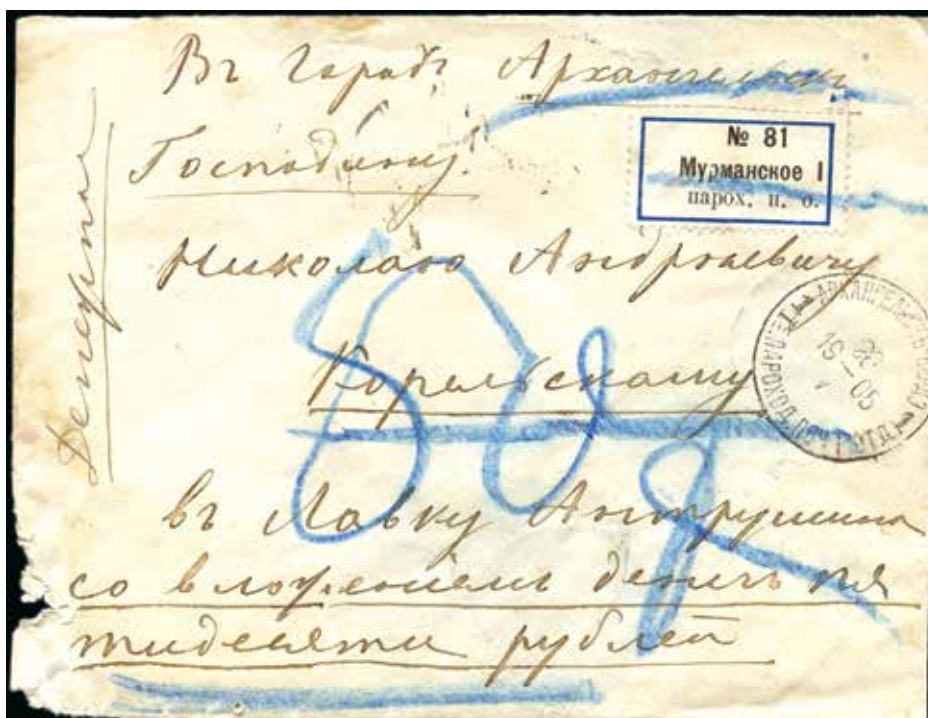
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10045ex1



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1'000

1905 Envelope sent by insured money letter for 50 roubles from Teribarka on the Murman coast to Archangel, with very rare "MURMAN 1 / STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH" blue money letter label, reverse with "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / 1 / 1st STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH" cds originally tying stamps on reverse which have been removed, and five Imperial Eagle wax seals inscribed "MURMAN STEAMSHIP POSTALBRANCH. INSURED CORRESPONDENCE" and arrival cds, very rare

10030



1'200

1906-16 Collection of 6 postcards written up on leaves, all used with Steamship cancels including 2nd & 3rd Murman, Vardo-Archangelsk, Arkhangelsk-Vardo, 2nd White Sea. In addition unused postcard showing Aleksandrov situated in a fiord on the Murman coast

10031



750

1906-13 Pair of covers; 1906 7k lettercard from Aleksandrovsk on the Murman coast to France, uprated with 3k cancelled by "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE STEAMSHIP II" oval ds; and 1913 envelope to St. Iebbe, Baltic Railway, with Romanov 7k tied by "VARDE-ARKHANGELSK STEAMSHIP I" oval ds, couple of small cover faults

10032



600

1908 Picture postcard posted unfranked with "DOPLATIT / ARKHANGELSK-VARDO 1ST STEAMSHIP" postage due oval with ms "6k", with 3k Arms added on top and cancelled the next day (lifted to show postage due hs) by "VARDO-ARKHANGELSK 1ST STEAMSHIP" oval ds, evidently removed from the ship's letter-box and the writer instructed to frank it, minor foxing, very unusual

10033



400

1908 Cover addressed to Estonia with Ust Narova arrival backstamp franked Russia 5k + 2k tied by VARDO-ARKHANGELSK STEAMSHIP 1 oval datestamp, matching strike alongside, fine

10034



400

1908 Picture postcard to Belgium with two 2k Arms tied by double-circle "3rd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 5 8 08" ds with Anvers arrival cds adjacent, minor foxing, fine

An addendum to the 1907 Russian Post Office guide lists "Byelormorskoye III" as a new temporary postal branch operating from May 1st to October 1st between Archangel, Kem, Kovda and Umba



10045ex2



10045ex3



10046



10047



10048



10049



10050



10051



10035	✉ / 24		400
<p>1909 Postcard from Kovda to St. Petersburg with 3k Arms tied by oval "2nd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 23 7 09" ds, fine</p> <p>This steamship route was operated by the Archangel-Murman Steam Navigation Company from May 1st to October 1st. From Archangel, ports of call were Kuzomen, Umba, Kandalaksha, Kovda and Knaysha Cuba.</p>			
10036	✉ / 24		400
<p>1909 Picture postcard of a captured whale at the Murman Biological Station sent to St. Petersburg with 3k Arms tied by oval "1st MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 13 6 09" ds, with arrival cds adjacent, minor toning, fine</p> <p>Due to the influence of the warm North Atlantic Drift (Gulf Stream), ships were able to serve habitations along the Murman coast to the Norwegian port of Vardo long after the White Sea was closed by winter ice.</p>			
10037	✉ / 24		400
<p>1910 Picture postcard of the Governor's house in Archangel to Volokolamsk with 3k Arms tied by oval "3rd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 22 6 10" ds, with arrival cds adjacent, scratch marks on stamp otherwise fine</p> <p>Message indicates that the card was posted on board S.S. "Koroleva Olga Konstantinovna", a ship of 811 tons built at Newcastle in 1896 by Dobson & Co and owned by the Archangel-Murman Steam Navigation Co. This establishes the identity of the "3rd White Sea Steamship".</p>			
10038	✉ / 24		300
<p>1910 Postcard to Christianssand in Norway franked 4k tied by 3rd MURMAN STEAMSHIP oval datestamp 7 5 10 with manuscript annotation indicating it was written on board the Boris Gleb, few minor faults</p>			
10039	✉ / 26		300
<p>1910 Picture postcard of the cathedral at Archangel sent to Shueretskoe, near Kem, Onega Bay, datelined "Zovotaya 11/VII", with 3k Arms tied by oval "1st MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 13 6 09" ds, with arrival cds adjacent, minor toning, fine</p> <p>From October 1st to May 1st this line served habitations along the remote Murman coast to the Norwegian port of Vardo. Its range was extended to Archangel and the White Sea.</p>			
10040	✉ / 24		700
<p>1911-13 Pair of covers; 1911 3k Postal stationery card to Voskresenskoe and 1913 envelope with 7k Romanov to Estonia both cancelled by oval "2nd MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 16 7 11" ds, ok to fine</p>			
10041	✉ / 26		650
<p>1911-14 Pair of postcards with "1s WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a"" oval ds, one with Romanov 2k pair and other with 3k Arms, one with message reading "I send greetings from the White Sea, D. Steamship "Mikhail Kazi" which identifies the ship carrying this cancel, fine</p>			
10042	✉ / 26		400
<p>1911 3k Postal stationery card from Aleksandrovsk to Finland, cancelled by oval "2nd MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 16 7 11" ds, with trilingual Vilmanstrand arrival cds adjacent, minor toning, plus picture postcard of Aleksandrovsk</p>			
10043	☉ △ ✉ ☒ / 26		500
<p>1912-15 Trio of items; 1912 4k postal stationery card from Kovda to England cancelled by oval "2nd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 12 6 12" ds, plus 20k pair on piece and Romanov 7k block of 8 (minor faults) with "1st WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP" oval ds</p>			
10044	✉ / 26		500
<p>1912 Printed envelope from the Murman Biological Station sent to Germany with 3k and 7k Arms tied by oval "1st MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 13 2 12" ds with further strike below, Vardo transit bs, very fine</p>			
10045	✉ / 26, 28		950
<p>1913-14 Trio of cards; 1913 3k Romanov postal stationery card to Station Iebbe on the Baltic Railway cancelled by "ARKHANGELSK-VARDE / STEAMSHIP I" oval ds; 1914 4k postal stationery card to France with "VARDE-ARKHANGELSK / STEAMSHIP I"; and two 2k on postcard from Vardo to Narva tied by the same cancellation</p>			



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10053ex1



10053ex2



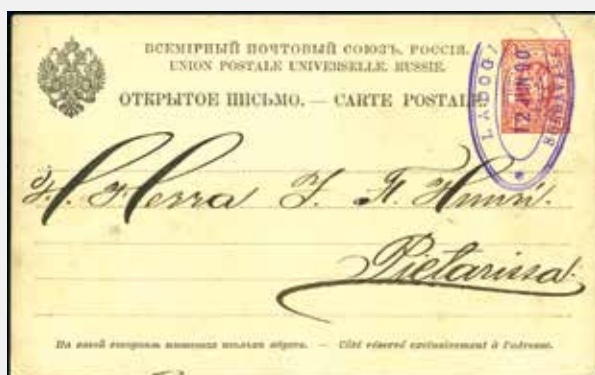
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10046	✉ / 28	400
1913 3k Romanov postal stationery card, datelined "D/S Trifon", sent to Norway and uprated with 1k arms tied by "3rd MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 18 7 13" oval ds, very fine		
This card establishes use of 3rd Murmansk Steamship canceller on "Prepodobnyi (Saint) Trifon", a ship of 230 tons built in 1896 by Dobson & Co. at Newcastle, England, and belonging to the Archangel-Murman Steam Navigation Co.		
10047	✉ / 28	500
1914 Commercial cover from Soroka, Archangel, to London, franked on reverse with 20k tied by "4th WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 12 7 14" oval ds, intercepted and opened by German military authorities in Danzig, handed over under the peace treaty terms arriving 5 years and 8 months after posting, faults from rough opening, unusual		
10048	✉ / 28	400
1914 Envelope to Finland with Romanov 7k tied by "3rd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 23 9 14" oval ds with further strike alongside, reverse with Turku arrival ds, fine		
The canceller was used on S.S. "Koroleva Olga Konstantinovna", a vessel of the Archangel-Murman Steam Navigation Co.		
10049	✉ / 28	300
1914 10k Lettercard from a Dutch agent at White Sea port to the Netherlands cancelled by "2nd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 4 6 14" oval ds with further strike adjacent, reverse with Zaandam arrival ds, some soiling		
10050	✉ / 28	500
1915 Commercial cover from Archangel to St. Petersburg with Romanov 3k (2) and 7k Arms vert. pair paying double-rate tied by "3rd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 29 5 15" oval ds, arrival bs, very fine and attractive		
10051	✉ / 28	400
1915 Envelope sent to Yuriev with 10k tied by "3rd WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 29 6 15" oval ds with further strike adjacent and arrival bs, fine		
10052	✉ / 30	400
1915 Picture postcard of seal trappers at Archangel posted on ship to Chelyabinsk with 3k Arms tied by "1st WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 9 6 15" oval ds in violet with further strike adjacent and arrival bs, very fine		
10053	✉ / 30	300
1915 Picture postcard of fishing fleet in the estuary of the river Northern Dvina at Archangel, sent to Chelyabinsk with 3k tied by "1st WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP "a" 9 6 15" oval ds in violet with arrival cds adjacent, very fine		
10054	✉ / 30	500
1917 Postcard from passenger onboard S.S. Keret (datelined) sent to Petrograd with 3k tied by "4th WHITE SEA STEAMSHIP 30 7 17" oval ds in violet with further strike adjacent, very fine		
The "Keret", registered at Archangel, was an express steamer of the Archangel-Murman Steam Navigation Co., built at Newcastle in 1910 by Dobson & Co, 35'000 tons, carrying cargo and passengers		
10055	✉ / 30	500
1917 Cover to Finland with 10k on 7k and 5k tied by "3rd MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 17 8 17" oval ds, with Helsinki bs and "dumb" military censor ds, fine, plus 7k War Charity stamp with "2nd MURMAN STEAMSHIP "a" 22 5 15" ds with minor faults		
10056	✉ / www	1'200
1810-1912 ca Group of 11 items including 1810 Shipping document for ship anchored in Archangel bound for Salem, several viewcards with maritime cancels including KOTLASS-ARCHANGELSK 1 Steamship, VARD0-ARCHANGELSK 1 Steamship etc., 2 unused viewcards, much of interest		



10060ex1



10060ex2



10061



10062ex1



10062ex2



10063ex1



10063ex2



10064



10057 ☉ ☒ / www **2'000**

1903-16 Important collection of Steamship cancels on 14 viewcards and 1 stationery card and 2 single stamps, + 2 unused viewcards, noted 1 and 2-Murmansk Steamship, 1 cancelling Norwegian issue, Belomorsk Steamship 1, 2 and 3 (White Sea), Kotlass Steamships 1 and 2, exceptional hoard, strikes generally good

Ship Mail in the Arctic and Northern Russia - River Mail

10058 ☉ ☒ ☒ / 30 **750**

LAKE LADOGA/RIVER NEVA: 1876 Envelope missing backflap addressed to St Petersburg franked 1866 3k + 20k cancelled by VOZNESENYE PRISTAN 27 July 1876 cds, fine and rare, cert. Holcombe

10059 ☒ / 30 **700**

LAKE LADOGA/RIVER NEVA: 1890 3k postal stationery card addressed in Finnish "Pietarissa" (St Petersburg) and put on ship in "Ladoga" out of Sordavala, at the north end of Lake Ladoga, cancelled on board with violet oval LADOGA/SORDAVALA 12 Jun 90. Very fine and rare.

10060 △ ☒ / 32 **600**

LAKE LADOGA/RIVER NEVA: 1896 Obsolete 5k inter-town card issued 1872 to St Petersburg, received by River Neva postal steamship 20 VI 1896 where cancelled C'PAROKHODOM' IZ? SHLISSELBURGA (BY STEAMSHIP FROM SHLISSELBURG). Card stained but fine and rare strike, plus 2k strip of 5 with the same cancel tied to small piece.

Because imprinted stamp no longer valid, assessed at letter rate and 14k (0 2 X 7k) postage due charged on arrival.

10061 ☒ / 32 **600**

LAKE LADOGA/RIVER NEVA: 1903 Viewcard of Shlisselburg to St Petersburg franked three 1k stamps tied by C'PAROKHODOM' IZ' SHLISSELBURGA (BY STEAMSHIP FROM SHLISSELBURG) cds, rare.

Plus viewcard of steamship quay at Shlisselburg (now Petrokrepost), at confluence of River Neva and Lake Ladoga, whence ships departed westwards down river to St Petersburg and north-eastwards across the lake to Petrozavodsk

10062 ☒ / 32 **700**

RIVER LENA: 1909 Viewcard to Kirensk posted on ship, 3k cancelled YAKUTSK-USTKUTA STEAMSHIP No. 5 2 6 09, in addition 1911 receipt for conveyance of sacks of goods weighing 5 funts (pounds) cancelled USTKUTA-YAKUTSK STEAMSHIP No. 5, fine and scarce pair

10063 ☒ / 32 **750**

RIVER LENA: 1912 Postcards (2), one to France franked 4k tied by oval YAKUTSK -USTKUTA STEAMSHIP, plus viewcard to Minsk franked 3k tied by USTKUTA-YAKUTSK STEAMSHIP, both serial 3, scarce matching pair

10064 ☒ / 32 **600**

RIVER LENA: 1912 Viewcard to Switzerland franked 3k cancelled on River Lena ship service YAKUTSK-USTKUTA STEAMSHIP No. 1 10 5 12. Underpaid 1k, encircled 'T' applied and Swiss 5c postage due applied and cancelled on arrival in Clarens

The card was sent by the political dissident Ekaterina Breshkovskaya. "The Little Grandmother of the Revolution" who spent most of her life in Siberian exile. After her last arrest she was sent to Kirensk, on the river Lena (1910-13). then moved around various Siberian prisons until released by the Bolsheviks in 1917. The card was to George Lazareff, a Russian political exile who sent her money.

10065 ☒ / 34 **1'000**

RIVER LENA: 1913-16 Group of 7 viewcards + 1 telegram, cards cancelled USTKUTA-YAKUTSK STEAMSHIP cancels 1, 2 or 3 and YAKUTSK-USTKUTA STEAMSHIP 3, 4 or 5, fair to fine strikes, 1 with cert. Holcombe (ex Liphschutz)



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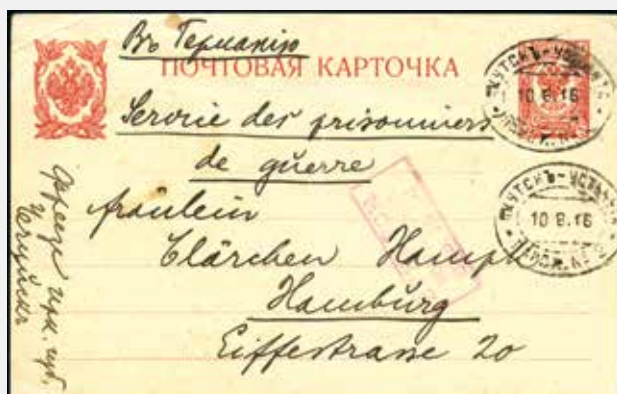
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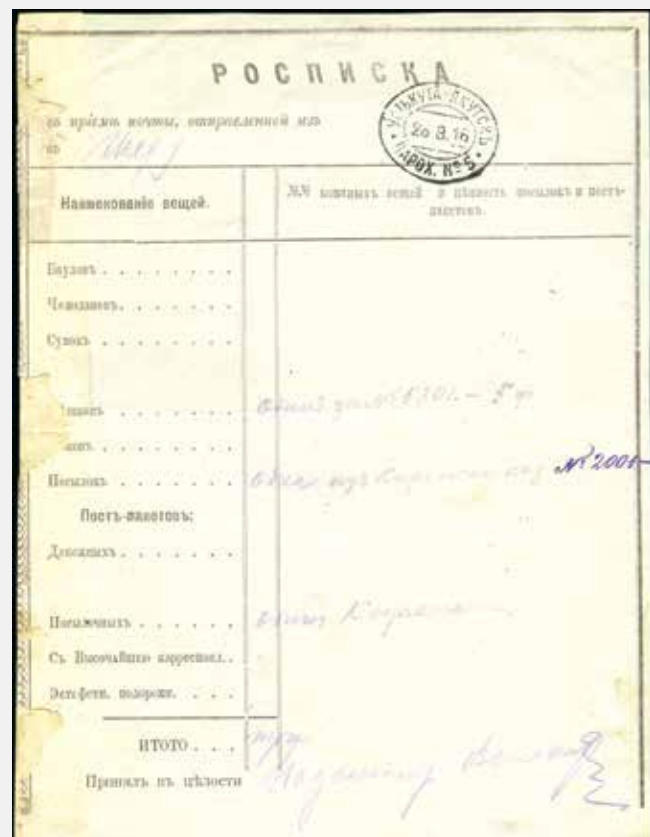
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10066	✉ / 34	500
<p>RIVER LENA: 1913 Viewcard of Steamship "SEVER" which operated along the River Lena from Yakutsk northwards to the Lena delta on the Laptev Sea (Arctic Ocean), serving settlements in the remote Siberian Arctic. Addressed to Gatchina, St Petersburg, Jan 19 1913. franked 3k, tied by violet cds: BULUN' YAKUTSK / POSTAL OPERATIONS 20 1 13. A further impression added 2 days later. Gatchina arrival 20 4 13. Bulun was a settlement on the River Lena about 500 km within the Arctic Circle and 1200 km down river from Yakutsk. Mail was taken in and out by ship.</p> <p>The delivery time of three months reflects the transport difficulties during the Siberian winter.</p>		
10067	✉ / 34	300
<p>RIVER LENA: 1913 Viewcard of peasants crossing the River Lena from the village of Matviev Markov, addressed to a village in the Pskov region franked 3k tied by light YAKUTSK-USTKUTA STEAMSHIP No. 4 28 7 13 oval datestamp. Rare.</p> <p>The village depicted is about 80 miles down river from Ustkuta.</p>		
10068	✉ / 34	600
<p>RIVER LENA: 1916 Receipt for a parcel, sack and postal packet dispatched on the USTKUTA-YAKUTSK STEAMSHIP No. 5 28 8 16 to Ichery, a village near Kirensk, Irkutsk Guberniya, about 250km down river from Ust-Kuta. The same cancel on 3k postal stationery card to Hamburg from a German P.O.W. held at Chechuiskoe, a village near Kirensk. Boxed magenta cachet of Military censor No 14, Irkutsk. In addition an unused viewcard of River Lena Postal steamship "Yakut".</p>		
10069	✉ / 36	750
<p>RIVER NORTHERN DVINA: 1900 Incoming opened-out cover from London franked QV 2 1/2d Jubilee addressed to village near Cherdyn, Perm, redirected to village in Ustsysolsk District (Vologda). Transit marks include two different river mail boat services: STEAMSHIP NIZHNII-PERM (9) 27 May 1900 (rivers Volga/Kama) Cherdyn 3 June, Perm 6 June, Postal Wagon No. 219 (3) PERM-KOTLAS 6 June KOTLAS -ARKHANGELSK/1/Ind STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 8 June (River Northern Dvina), Ustsysolsk 12 June.</p> <p>This cover represents the earliest known date for Northern Dvina mail-boat service and only known example of circular Kotlas-Arkhangelsk Ind Steamship cancellation.</p>		
10070	✉ / 36	800
<p>RIVER NORTHERN DVINA: 1909-10 Postcards (2). 1909 Viewcard of Veliki-Ustyug addressed from there to Vologda, franked 3k tied by oval 1st KOTLAS STEAMSHIP 27 8 09 datestamp, accompanied by Holcombe opinion.. 1910 viewcard of Arkhangelsk addressed to Velikii-Ustyug franked 3k tied by oval 2nd KOTLAS STEAMSHIP 14 9 10 datestamp. Fine and rare matching pair.</p> <p>During the ice-free months during summer a postal service was operated on the 735 km length of the Northern Dvina, from its origin at Velikii-Ustyug to its termination in the White Sea at Arkhangelsk. In 1906 a rail link with Vyatka was effected down river from Velikii-Ustyug, at Kotlas, which thus became an important junction for postal communication.</p>		
10071	✉ / 36	400
<p>RIVER NORTHERN DVINA: 1913 Viewcard of ship "General Kondratenko" sent to the village of Sima, franked Romanov 3k cancelled 2nd KOTLAS STEAMSHIP 'a' 15 6 13, fine and very scarce.</p> <p>Included viewcard of arrival point (Kotlas Pier) at Arkhangelsk.</p> <p>Kotlas, on the left bank of the Northern Dvina, some 600km upstream from the White Sea port of Arkhangelsk, was the junction of the rail and ship links between Vyatka and Arkhangelsk.</p>		
10072	✉ / 38	300
<p>RIVER NORTHERN DVINA: 1915 Viewcard of the Steamship "N.V.GOGOL", written on board the ship at Velikii-Ustyug to Moscow, franked 3k tied by oval 1st KOTLAS STEAMSHIP 'a' 14 7 15. Light cancel.</p> <p>The writer describes the ship as "splendid". She was part of the fleet of the Northern Steamship Company, which served the northern Dvina River</p>		



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10070ex2



10071ex1



10071ex2



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RIVER OB: 1909 Viewcard posted stampless to Revel on steamship "GULLET" on River OB 7 5 09. Put ashore at Biisk two days later, where postmarked and oval Doplatit (to pay) Biisk applied and '6k' inserted by hand. Unused viewcard of same ship, under the flag of E.I. Melnikovoi, posted to Hamburg from Ust-Charyshskaya Pier, about 105km SW from Biisk.

Although the Ob is one of Siberia's great rivers, it seems that ships plying this waterway had no cancellers of their own and mail from their letter-boxes was taken ashore for cancelling.

10074

✉ / 36

700

RIVER PECHORA: 1911 Viewcard to England from the village of UST-TSILMA on the Pechora River about 545 km ENE of Arkhangelsk franked 4k tied by a fine oval PECHORA STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 7 8 11 datestamp, with matching cancel alongside. Fine and rare.

A postal-passenger steamer service was operated on the Pechora River from 1 May to 15 September by the firm A.M. Chernykh. Ust-Tsilma was connected to Arkhangelsk by a post road run by the rural administration (Zemstvo).

10075

✉ / 38

700

RIVER PECHORA: 1912 3k Postal stationery card written from the village of KUYA on the bank of the Pechora River in the sparsely inhabited tundra 400 miles NE of Arkhangelsk, cancelled PECHORA STEAMSHIP POSTAL BRANCH 6 7 12 oval datestamp. Very fine and scarce.

The river is only navigable for a short time during the summer.

10076

✉ / 38

600

RIVER PECHORA: 1914 Viewcard franked 3k tied by fine strike of PECHORA STEAMSHIP oval datestamp, similar alongside with Motovilikhinski arrival, some of the text at left scribbled over. Holcombe opinion.



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1'000

RIVER PECHORA: 1915 Letter-card to Petrograd from YAKUNI, Pechora River franked 10k tied by 2nd PECHORA STEAMSHIP 'a' 30 7 15 oval cancel. Passed to USTYSOLSK ZEMSTVO POST 7 Aug 1915. Fine and rare. Extracts from message translate: "In an hour we take off to meet the postal steamer on which I shall post this letter....The postal steamer is not far away, its outline approaches in the mist".

During the summer service the Pechora River service extended northwards well beyond the Arctic Circle. Its southern terminus, at Ust Tsilma, connected with the rural (zemstvo) post roads running south and west.



10072ex1



10072ex2



10075



10076



10079ex1



10079ex2



10080ex1



10080ex2



Ship Mail in the Gulf of Finland



10078



2'000

1835 Entire to Belgium from St. Petersburg with three line "S. PETERBURG / STEAMSHIP / OCTOBER 2 1835" ds, with Berlin transit and Brussels arrival, fine and very rare, possibly the earliest Russian shipmail mark

A second example of this mark, with the same date, is preserved in the Russian State Historical Archives

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1836-41, Three covers with "KRONSHADT / PARAKH. STEAMER" three-line ds, two to Copenhagen and one to St. Petersburg, all handstamped with different variants of this earliest of Russian Ship Mails, fair to very good strikes

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1837 Entire to Copenhagen with endorsement for conveyance by steamship "Nicolay I" (of the St. Petersburg-Lubeck Steamship Co.) with very clear three-line "KRONSHADT / PARAKH. STEAMER" 2 10 1837 ds, with Hamburg and ms receipt for Copenhagen

An example of an "anti-bootleg" mark applied at Kronshadt to indicate and reassure ship's inspectors that postage had been paid.



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10081	✉ / 40	500
<p>1841 Entire to Scotland pre-paid 83k (double rate) to Hamburg with three-line "KRONSHADT / PARAKH. STEAMER" 27 10 1841 ds on reverse, received at Hamburg and struck with forwarding agent's monogram and forwarded to Hull with "HULL / SHIP LETTER" hs and ship letter fee of "6" corrected to "1/-", with Edinburgh transit and Kirkcaldy arrival, fine</p> <p>This Kronshtadt steamship mark is the only known example of Dobin type 7.01b. It was applied on shore as an "anti-bootleg" mark to indicate and reassure ship's inspectors that postage had been paid.</p>		
10082	✉ / 40	300
<p>1841 Entire to London with endorsement for conveyance by steamship "Jupiter" with three-line "KRONSHADT / PARAKH. STEAMER" 7 6 1841 ds, with "Gravesend /Ship Letter" boxed hs and London arrival, fine</p> <p>An example of an "anti-bootleg" mark applied at Kronshtadt to indicate and reassure ship's inspectors that postage had been paid.</p>		
10083	✉ / 40	200
<p>1845 Entire from the Sicilian Consulate in Denmark to the Consul-General in St. Petersburg, sent from Elsinore 27 July 1845 (new style), with news of changes to lightships in strait between Denmark and Sweden of concern to Neapolitan ships at Kronshtadt, payment of Russian postal charges indicated by three-line "KRONSHADT / STEAMSHIP" ds on reverse, very fine</p>		
10084	✉ / 40	200
<p>1846 Bill of lading for package to the Imperial Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg, carried by ship "Victory" from London 2 June 1846, with "KRONSHADT / STEAMSHIP 30 MAY 1846" 3-line ds (Dobin type 7.02) and a "Received" ds of St. Petersburg, very fine and fresh</p>		
10085	✉ / 40	150
<p>1864 Entire from Catharinentahl (the palace of Peter the Great in Reval), endorsed "per Dampfschiff / Nicolas", sent to Helsinki with 1858 10k perf. 12 1/2 tied by Finnish maritime "ANK 23/7" boxed ds, fine</p>		
10086	✉ / 40, 42	500
<p>1873-85, Trio of covers with dateless circular "S' PAROKHODOM' IZ' KRONSHADTA" (By Steamship from Kronshtadt) used to cancel 10k on 1873 (Jun 19) entire to Finland (the earliest recorded); 1885 3k postal stationery card to Germany, minor soiling; and 1881 wrapper to St. Petersburg with 7k</p>		
10087	✉ / 42	400
<p>1874 Entire from St. Petersburg to Sweden endorsed per "Dagmar", franked 1866-75 1k, 5k and 10k Arms, cancelled on arrival in Stockholm, very fine and attractive franking</p> <p>The "Dagmar" was built in Sweden in 1866 for the Dagmar Steamship Co.. A twin-funnel paddle steamer 200 feet in length, she operated on the route Stockholm, Abo, Helsinki, Viborg, St. Petersburg. Sold in 1878 to a Russian company who maintained her on the Finnish coastal route.</p>		
10088	✉ / 42	500
<p>1883 & 1884 Pair of folded printed lettersheet from St. Petersburg with 2k Arms (one green one black & red), sent to Sweden and cancelled on arrival in Stockholm with cds, one with "FRAN RYSSLAND" hs, very fine</p>		
10089	✉ / 42	300
<p>1883 Folded printed lettersheet from St. Petersburg with 2k Arms, sent to Sweden and cancelled on arrival in Stockholm with cds and "FRAN RYSSLAND" hs, very fine</p>		
10090	✉ / 42	600
<p>1887 3k Postal stationery card from Kronshtadt to St. Petersburg cancelled by dateless circular "S' PAROKHODOM' IZ' KRONSHADTA" (By Steamship from Kronshtadt) in blue, St. Petersburg 7th City Post arrival cds also in blue (Finland Railway Station), slightly toned</p> <p>The blue colour and absence of serifs in the inscription distinguishes this cancellation from similar ones previously recorded, possibly unique</p>		



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| 10091 | △ ✉ / 42 | 750 |
| | 1888 3k Postal stationery card from Pulkova (Astronomical Observatory of Russian Academy of Sciences) to Sweden, endorsed "per steamship v. Dobeln", cancelled by dateless circular "S' PAROKHODOM' IZ' KRONSHADTA" (By Steamship from Kronshtadt), with Kronshtadt transit cds, plus 2k on piece tied by complete "S' KORABLEM' IZ' S. PETERBURGA" (by ship from St. Petersburg), ex Wortman & Liphschutz and origin of the illustration in BJRP 41 (1967) p.5 fig.6 | |
| 10092 | ✉ / 44 | 300 |
| | 1891 3k Postal stationery card from Kronshtadt to St. Petersburg, put in postbox at landing stage of Kronshtadt-St. Petersburg ferry and cancelled on arrival with dateless circular "S' PAROKHODOM' IZ' KRONSHADTA" (By Steamship from Kronshtadt), with St. Petersburg 7th City Sub-office arrival cds, fine

This cancellation differs from the similar earlier type in lacking serifs on all lettering | |
| 10093 | ✉ / 44 | 850 |
| | 1892 4k Postal stationery card to Italy cancelled by dateless "S' PAROKHODOM' IZ' S. PETERBURGA" (By Steamship from St. Petersburg), with Kronshtadt and St. Petersburg transits, Rome arrival, minor tone spots, fine, plus 1875 2k pair with same cancel

Card recorded in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" no.41 (1967) p.5 | |
| 10094 | ✉ / 44 | 200 |
| | 1895 Envelope from the Swedish/Norwegian Consulate in St. Petersburg, endorsed per S.S. "Nordkusten", with 10k cancelled on arrival in Sweden by Stockholm cds with "FRAN RYSSLAND" boxed hs adjacent, minor toning to envelope, fine | |
| 10095 | ✉ (✉) / 44 | 200 |
| | 1892-1909, Group of 4 covers + 1 front with a range of Finnish intaglio steamship cancels depicting a ship incl. an attractive advertising cover | |
| 10096 | ✉ / 44 | 300 |
| | 1902-12, Group of 5 covers/cards franked Russian or Finnish issues all with different maritime cancellations incl. boxed and straight line "FRAN FINLAND" handstamps, boxed Paquebot, etc., mostly very fine | |



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| 10097 | ✉ | 3'000 |
| <p>1913 7k Postal stationery envelope sent to Finland and cancelled by "ROUTE OF THE SHTANDART" cds, the private yacht of Tsar Nicholas II, put ashore at Viborg with Kotka arrival, fine, plus ppc of the yacht, one of only two known items bearing this cancellation and believe to be unique on cover</p> | | |
| 10098 | ☉ ✉ / www | 200 |
| <p>Group of Finnish/Russian issues with decorative cancels of steamships on 2 envelopes, 4 postcards and 24 loose stamps + FRAN FINLAND section including attractive advertising cover.</p> | | |
| 10099 | ✉ / www | 400 |
| <p>1897-1916, Balance with 10 covers, most with various intaglio ship cancels, also "FRAN UTLANDET", "ABO, BY STEAMSHIP FROM ABROAD", plus a pilot's receipt for piloting S.S. Aira in and out of Kronshadt with 5k revenue</p> | | |
| 10100 | ✉ / 44 | 150 |
| <p>Gulf of Bothnia: 1899 Viewcard of Tammerfors, Finland, to Sweden with transit of Abo, recovered from wreck of S.S. Bore, with stamp washed off and replaced by first type explanatory label "Tillhör / Angf. BORES / post.", delivered to Norrköping</p> <p>The "Bore" was the flagship of the Finnish Bore Steamship Co. She left Abo bound for Stockholm on 39th December 1899 but ran aground in fog off the Swedish coast the next day. Most mail was recovered between 10th and 22nd, some the following August, and the final mail bag was retrieved in April 1901 when the ship was raised and towed to Stockholm</p> | | |
| 10101 | ✉ / www | 800 |
| <p>KRONSHADT: 1834-76 Group of 7 covers including 1834 (cert. Mandrovski) and 1839 with 3 line KRONSHADT/STEAMSHIP/ (date) cancels, later with boxed Gravesend/Ship Letter, 1876 4k green stationery card with dateless circular "S' PAROKHODOM' IZ'KRONSHADTA' (By Steamship from Kronshadt), later 4 items all with boxed Kronshadt cachets, fine strikes throughout.</p> | | |
| 10102 | ✉ / 44, 46 | 300 |
| <p>Gulf of Bothnia: 1902-15, Group of 4 covers/cards; 1902 pc with two 2k tied "FRAN FINLAND"; 1905 pc with 4k tied in transit at Hernösand; 1912 env. from Sweden tied "ABO, BY STEAMSHIP FROM ABROAD" cds; and 1915 multiple franking tied on arrival in Sundsvall with military censor cachet, fine group</p> | | |



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Ship Mail in the Baltic Sea

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1748 Wrapper in Dutch carried privately from Riga to Amsterdam, datelined 9th Dec 1748 with ms date of receipt 3rd Feb 1749, inscription on front reads "With Skipper Jan Fopis, whom God guideth, 2 parcels wrapped in black wax cloth, for which, after safe delivery, correct and fair freight is to be paid", fine



10104

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CANARY ISLANDS: 1802 Folded letter from English merchant in St Petersburg, addressed to "TENERIFFE, MADEIRA" 28 November. Sent as part of a bundle under single cover to London agents Magrath & Higgins, who deleted "Madeira" and forwarded via the LONDON SHIP LETTER OFFICE Jan 27 1803 for conveyance by East India Company's ship "ANN" (Capt. Atkin). Faint red 1/4 on front, denoting one shilling four pence paid. On reverse "Received via Madeira 29 May 1803", 6 months after leaving St Petersburg.

During the Napoleonic Wars, at the turn of the 18th & 19th centuries, English merchant ships were constantly harried by French privateers. East Indiamen and others sailed from Portsmouth in convoy under naval escort. Madeira was the regular port of call. Letters were sent in duplicate by different ships and/or at different times to maximise chance of delivery. The practice of sending several letters under a single cover was not permitted in Russia after 1817.

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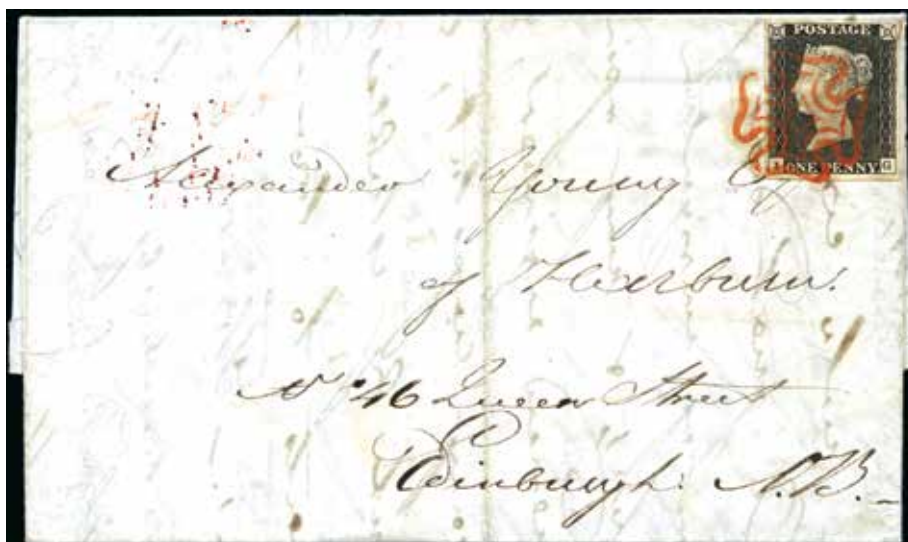
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GREAT BRITAIN: 1840 (June 11th) 1d Black on entire letter written by Count Davidoff in St Petersburg, addressed to Edinburgh, posted at Gravesend franked by a four margined 1d black IG plate 2, tied by red Maltese Cross. Rare usage from overseas, and probably one of the earliest, if not the earliest cover from Russia bearing a postage stamp.

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PORTUGAL: 1853-55 Two incoming entires from Riga to Oporto in Portugal since the Port houses in Oporto shipped in their wood from Riga for the barrels, both with arrival marks and London transit, 1 rated in manuscript '1685', both endorsed Pr Peninsular Steamer via Southampton

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1867-75, Group of three covers from Riga, cancelled on arrival at Pernov (2, one at 1867 10k rate and other at 1875 8k rate) or Libau (10k rate, endorsed per steamer "Dagmar"), fine.

During the 1860s and 1870s the transmission of postal correspondence along the Baltic Sea was carried out by means of steamships and ordinary correspondence, correctly franked, was conveyed with no extra charge.



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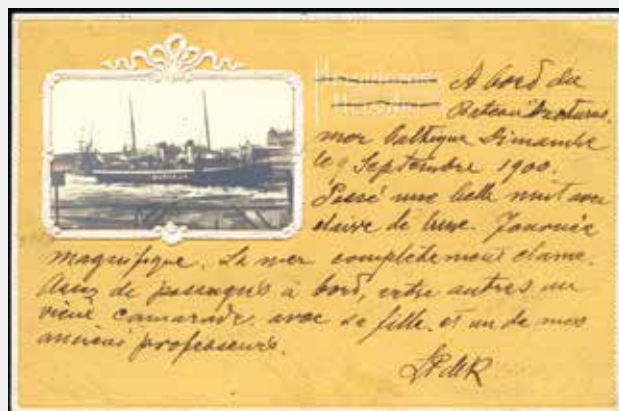


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1878 Envelope to Sweden posted on board ship with 8k tied on arrival by "STOCKHOLM O.K.E." 27 6 1878 cds with boxed "FRAN RYSSLAND" (from Russia) alongside, with ms notation on reverse indicating that the letter was sent from St. Petersburg, very fine, ex Liphschutz, cert. Holcombe (1992)



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| 10109 | ✉ / 46 | 500 |
| 1879 Envelope to Sweden, endorsed in Swedish "with steamer", with 7k tied on arrival by "STOCKHOLM O.K.E."
7 6 1879 cds with boxed "FRAN RYSSLAND" (from Russia) alongside, minor peripheral wear otherwise fine | | |
| 10110 | ✉ / 46 | 1'000 |
| 1888 3k Postal stationery card from Libau to Sweden, datelined and endorsed per S.S. Rurik, cancelled on arrival at Westervik by boxed "FR: RYSSLAND" (from Russia) with cds adjacent, very fine and fresh | | |
| 10111 | ✉ / 46 | 750 |
| 1888 Circular from Libau to Sweden with 2k tied on arrival at Westervik by boxed "FR: RYSSLAND" (from Russia) with bs, very fine and fresh | | |



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| 10112 | ✉ | 1'000 |
| 1889 3k Postal stationery card from Libau to Sweden, datelined, uprated with 1k and both cancelled on arrival at Westervik by boxed "FR: RYSSLAND" (from Russia) with cds and Malmö arrival cds adjacent, very fine

From 8th March 1889 the foreign rate for cards was increased from 3 to 4 kopeks | | |
| 10113 | ✉ / 46 | 400 |
| 1889 4k Postal stationery card from Libau to Sweden, endorsed per S.S. "Rurik", cancelled on arrival at Westervik by boxed "FR: RYSSLAND" (from Russia) with cds adjacent, very fine | | |
| 10114 | ✉ / 48 | 400 |
| 1897 Finnish 1k newspaper wrapper to Sweden uprated with 1k, cancelled on arrival in Stockholm with cds and by boxed "FRAN RYSSLAND" (from Russia), very fine | | |
| 10115 | ✉ / 48 | 300 |
| 1897 ca Printed commercial envelope addressed to Germany franked 10k vertical pair tied by boxed AUS...../
DAMPFSCHIFF/* cancel with ship name (unidentified) inserted by hand, fine and rare | | |
| 10116 | ✉ / 48 | 500 |
| 1898 Envelope to England with ten Finnish 1k, cancelled on arrival in Stockholm with cds, with boxed "FRAN RYSSLAND" (from Russia) adjacent, with Middlesbrough and Saltburn arrival cds, small corner enhancement at lower left, fine and attractive multiple franking | | |
| 10117 | ✉ / 48 | 400 |
| 1899 Picture postcard of Helsinki Cathedral sent to Switzerland, endorsed per S.S. Bore, cancelled on arrival in Stockholm with cds and boxed "FRAN RYSSLAND" (from Russia), with Chaux-de-Fonds arrival cds adjacent, very fine | | |



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10132ex2



10118	✉ / 48		300
	1897 Envelope to Germany with Finnish 1k, 2k and 4k, cancelled on arrival by boxed "Aus / DAMPFSSCHIFF" (from ... Steamship) with ms "Gartzo" top left, Stettin arrival bs, very fine		
10119	✉ / 48		300
	1899 14k Russian/Finnish postal stationery envelope to Switzerland, endorsed per S.S. Bore, cancelled on arrival in Stockholm with cds, with boxed "FRAN RYSSLAND" (from Russia) adjacent, with Chaux-de-Fonds arrival bs, corner at upper left		
10120	✉ / 48		300
	1900 Envelope to Germany, with Finnish 10k on reverse cancelled on arrival in Copenhagen, with further strike and "Paquebot" hs (Hosking type 213) on obverse along with patriotic label, Hamburg arrival bs, fine, a very rare paquebot mark which was recorded only in use in 1900		
10121	✉ / 50		100
	1900 Embossed picture postcard sent to Argentina datelined "A bord de Bateau "Arcturus", mer baltique", with Finnish 4k cancelled on arrival in Copenhagen by "FRA FINLAND" (from Finland) hs with cds and large "Paquebot" hs (Hosking type 547) adjacent, very fine		
10122	✉ / 50		100
	1900 Riga viewcard sent to Germany, with 2k vert. pair tied by Riga cds, carried by S.S. Maia with blue hs adjacent, Gelting arrival cds, fine		
10123	✉ / 50		150
	1901 Pair of covers with "FRAN FINLAND" (from Finland) hs; postcard with Russia 10k on postcard (overpaid) cancelled on arrival in Stockholm, minor soiling; and Finnish 7k postal stationery uprated with 14k cancelled in transit in Stockholm, fine		
10124	✉ / 50		100
	1903 Commercial envelope from Finland to GAMBIA with Russia 10k cancelled in transit at Stockholm with "FRAN FINLAND" (from Finland) hs adjacent, with Liverpool P.L.O, London and Gambia arrival cds, top left corner of cover enhanced, unusual destination		
10125	✉ / 50		300
	1904 Postcard depicting drummer boys sent from Rafso (datelined), a small island 20km north-west of Bjorneborg, sent to Sweden with Russia 4k tied on arrival by Waldemarsvik cds, very fine, no previous record of Waldemarsvik cds on Russian stamps according to Casey		
10126	✉ / 50, 52		200
	1905 & 1914 Pair of covers with Russia / Germany combination frankings; one a commercial env. with 10k tied by blue cursive "And. Larsson" and 10pf tied by Stettin cds, fine; and postcard with 10k tied by violet "S.S. Prinzessin Sophie Charlotte" hs and ms with 5pf tied by Stettin cds, minor toning		
10127	✉ / 52		500
	1905 Commercial envelope from Moscow with 1902-05 10k tied by boxed "Schiffsbrief / Paquebot / über HAMBURG" cachet (Hosking 870) in transit at Hamburg, Duren arrival bs, missing backflap, a scarce cancel		

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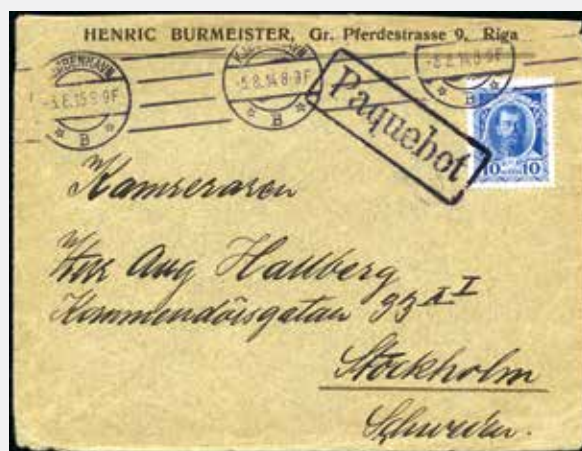
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1906 Commercial envelope from Helsinki, endorsed "per S.S. Primula / Schiffspost", with Finnish 7k and Russian 3k cancelled on arrival in Lubeck with boxed "K.B. / AUS / DANEMARK" with cds adjacent, fine and rare cancellation, ex Liphschutz, cert. Holcombe (1992)

The S.S. Primula belonged to the Helsingfors Angfartygs Aktiebolaget (Helsinki Steamship Co.) which ran a service from Helsinki to Lubeck via Revel.

The K. B. (Kasten Brief) marks were applied at the port of Lubeck to mail taken from the mobile letterboxes on board ships. Use of the "aus Danemark" canceller suggest that the Primula had made a call at a Danish port before Lubeck or the wrong canceller was used.

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1906 Commercial envelope from Helsinki, endorsed "Schiffspost", with Finnish 7k and Russian 1k & 2k cancelled on arrival in Lubeck, scissor cut above stamps, fine

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1907 Picture postcard of Hango sent to England with two 2k cancelled in transit at Copenhagen by cds with "Paquebot" hs adjacent (Hosking type 546, which is recorded as only used in 1900), very fine

10131



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1908 Commercial cover from Hango to Germany with Russia 10k cancelled in transit at Copenhagen by "Fra Finland" (from Finland) hs with large "Paquebot" hs (Hosking type 547) adjacent and cds on reverse, minor cover faults at top, fine

10132



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1908 Picture postcard of S.S. "Linnea", written on board while in Kalmar Sund, with large circular cachet of the ship with flag of the Helsinki Steamship Co. and 2-line hs of the ship's captain, sent to Kuru with Finnish 5k pair cancelled in transit by Helsinki cds, with Wippula and Kuru cds, very fine

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1908 Commercial envelope from Helsinki, endorsed "Schiffspost", with two Russian 10k cancelled on arrival in Lubeck, very fine



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10148



10134	/ 54	200
	1909 4k Postal stationery card to Germany posted on board S.S. Wellanco, cancelled on arrival in Stettin with boxed "Aus / DAMPFSCHEFF / *" with cds below and Wachtersbach arrival cds, fine	
10135	/ 54	750
	1912 Commercial cover from Stockholm to Riga, placed in a ship's letterbox with Swedish 20ö and cancelled on arrival with 3-line "RECEIVED IN RIGA / BY STEAMSHIP / FROM STOCKHOLM" in violet, with black cds adjacent, very fine and attractive cover. Illustrated in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" no.29 (1961) p.43	
10136	/ 54	150
	1913-14 Pair of commercial/advertising covers from Riga with Romanov frankings (one 10k other 7k & 3k) both cancelled on arrival in Stockholm by cds with "FRAN FINLAND" hs adjacent, very fine	
10137	/ 54	500
	1914 Commercial envelope from Riga to Sweden with Romanov 10k cancelled in transit at Copenhagen by continuous machine cancel and "Paquebot" hs (Hosking type 547), very fine	
10138	/ 54	400
	1914 Envelope of the Helsinki Steamship Co. (legend on backflap) sent to Finland with Romanov 2k strip of five cancelled in transit by Stettin cds with boxed "Aus / DAMPFSCHEFF / * " cachet, Helsinki arrival bs, fine and attractive multiple franking	
10139	/ 54	300
	1914 Commercial cover sent registered to the Netherlands with three Romanov 10k cancelled in transit by Copenhagen cds with "Paquebot" hs (Hosking type 547) and registered label adjacent, London and Rotterdam bs, fine and scarce registered paquebot cover	
10140	/ 54, 56	150
	1914 Picture postcard of submarine "Kaiman", sent to Petrograd with Romanov 3k tied by "SQUADRON DESTROYER "EMIR BUKHARSKII" cachet with Imperial Eagle, minor soiling, fine	
	The "Emir Bukharskii" was a squadron destroyer (i.e. over 400 tons) built in 1904 and part of the Baltic Fleet flotilla of mine-layers. She was renamed "Yakov Sverdlov" by the Bolsheviks and formed part of their Volga flotilla.	
10141	☉ △ / 56	800
	1825-1911 Accumulation of 18 covers/stationery and viewcards + 7 loose stamps or fragments, 1861 stampless cover from St Petersburg to New South Wales with SHIP-LETTER SYDNEY, 1835 folded letter from Kronshtadt addressed to commodore of Naval Depot No 18, KRONSHADT STEAMSHIP cancels on loose stamps and 2 stationery items (1881/84 - 1 ex Fabergé), Hull Paquebots etc., much of interest	
10142	/ www	600
	1815 -1904 Group of mostly stampless covers (31) mainly to the Baltic States or St Petersburg from Portugal, England, Denmark, Sweden etc, several with named Ships or Captains, noted 1856 cover from Portugal to St Petersburg via the British P.O. in VIGO, a number of covers written up	
10143	/ 56	400
	1832-45 Group of pre-stamp covers (9) mostly from St Petersburg to England, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland etc. with a variety of maritime instructional marks etc., fine group	
10144	/ www	500
	1839-1914, Collection mounted on leaves of 22 covers, mostly prestamp from Russia to Europe with maritime manuscript annotations, mainly via Stettin, also a few with named ships (Alexandra, Nikolay 1 etc), later including 2 covers (1914/19) with Russian American Line vignettes, fine	
10145	△ / 56	300
	1891-1914, Small balance with Swedish 30ö on piece tied by complete "Received in Riga / By Steamship From / Stockholm" hs, Russia 4k on pc cancelled on arrival in Copenhagen, Russia 10k on cover cancelled on arrival in Stettin and Russia 7k Romanov (3) on cover cancelled in transit at Copenhagen	



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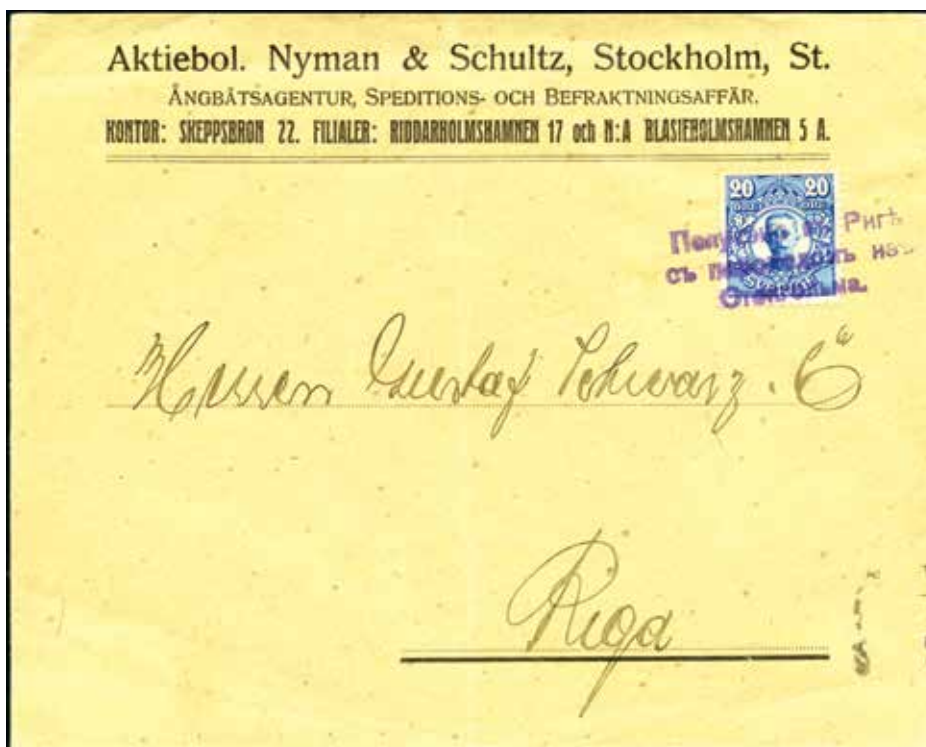
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- 10146** ✉ / 56 **500**
 FRANCE: 1832-60 Group of 18 incoming covers from Russia, several written up on leaves, nearly all with manuscript maritime endorsements, several with named ships (Sirius, Vladimir, Aigle Prussien, etc.), mostly fine
- 10147** ✉ / www **200**
 LONDON: 1822-48 4 incoming covers from St Petersburg (2), Kronshtadt and Riga, all rated '8d', 3 with different Ship Letter London crown datestamps, 1 with straight line SHIP LETTER, 1 with transit P.MEMEL, fine, all from exhibition collection
- 10148** ✉ / 56 **500**
 RUSSIAN AMERICA LINE: 1908-15 Group of 2 covers registered to New York from St Petersburg with vignettes tied on reverse, viewcard and stationery card from England to Russia both with violet Libau New York Halifax violet negative cachets both in English and Cyrillic, and 4 viewcards of the line, 2 with Libava maritime flag cachets in red, 1 commercially used, majority fine, good assembly
- 10149** ✉ / 58 **300**
 SWEDEN: 1818-1901 Group of 6 incoming covers originating in St Petersburg (4), Abo and Riga, noted 1878 cover franked Russia tied by Stockholm K.E. cds and boxed Fran RYSSLAND in association, also Fran Finland, Swedish '60 ore' due marking, interesting lot
- 10150** ☉ △ ✉ / 58 **500**
 SWEDEN: 1864-1911, Collection of Russian stamps used with Swedish cancels on 5 sheets, noted Stockholm cancels on single Russia 1864-65 30k rose and green, tying 2k green on 1884 cover, 4 other covers incl. 2 with Finland vignettes and various stamps, all with maritime cancels, exceptional assembly.



- 10151** △ ✉ **1'000**
 SWEDEN: 1912 ca. Three line violet cachet ARRIVED IN RIGA/WITH A STEAMSHIP FROM/STOCKHOLM tying Sweden 1911 20 ore on cover (cert. Kaj Hellman), tying 10 ore to 1912 viewcard to Russia, and used on piece pair of 10 ore and single 20 ore + pair of 10 ore off cover, exceptional group of such a scarce cancel.



Ship Mail to and from Hull

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| 10152 | ✉ / www | 300 |
| 1838-46 Group of 5 covers, 2 ex Robertson, 4 outgoing to London, 1 incoming to Riga, all with Hull Ship Letter marks in red or blue, 2 with additional straight line VIA HULL, good range of transit and rate markings, fine | | |
| 10153 | ☉ ✉ / www | 400 |
| 1841-1914 Covers (8) from the exhibition collection, comprising 3 stampless and 5 with different Hull paquebot cancels including postal stationery. Also Russia 2k strip of 5 with paquebot Hull cds. mostly choice items | | |
| 10154 | ✉ / 58 | 500 |
| 1849-56 Correspondence to Dublin, Ireland of 23 covers, all but 1 stampless, 1 with 1d red (redirected), all endorsed "pr.Hull Steam Packet", wealth of origins from the Baltic States including Goldingen, Mitava, Windau (also Memel), diverse transit and rate markings, wealth of TPO backstamps, fine and interesting lot for further research | | |
| 10155 | ✉ / 58 | 400 |
| 1903 20p Finnish stationery envelope uprated 5p addressed to Grimsby posted on "Paquebot S/S ARCTURUS", cancelled on arrival in Hull, Paquebot handstamp applied (Hosking Type99). Finnish stationery and stamps with value in penni were intended for internal use only and the cover should have been franked with Russian stamps with value in kopecks. The "Arcturus" was a ship of the Finland Steamship Company (FAA) which ran a service from Helsinki to Hull via Abo and Copenhagen. | | |

Ship Mail in the Mediterranean Sea



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| 10156 | ✉ | 800 |
| GREECE: 1866 (15 Nov) Cover from Rostov franked 10k vertical strip of 3 +3k (fault) + 1k tied by Rostov cds's and red encircled FRANCO, routed via Odessa with rhomboid cancel on obverse, addressed to Syros with arrival backstamp, taxed '65' in red crayon and franked 5L yellow-green + 20L blue + 40L greyish rose on grey-lilac tied by Syros cds's, vertical filing crease affecting one 10k and 40L. Spectacular franking. | | |
| 10157 | ✉ / 58 | 150 |
| 1902 Odessa viewcard addressed to Calamotta, a small island off the Adriatic coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina franked 4k cancelled Odessa cds. Piraeus transit. Picked up by Austrian ship and taken through Ionian and Adriatic Seas to destination. Red circular cachet applied: s/s DARDANIA/TRIESTE around company flag. Bilingual arrival cds alongside. | | |



10158	✉ / 58	400
<p>1917 Local viewcard sent post-free from Sicilian port of Messina 8 June 1917 by French Army Medical Officer serving as ship's doctor on R.O.P.i.T. steamship "ODESSA" to France, circular cachet in violet reading: COMPAGNIE RUSSE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR /VAPEUR ODESSA</p> <p>This card suggests that the "Odessa" had been diverted to wartime service under Allied command. There is no previous record of this cachet/canceller.</p>		
10159	✉ / 64	400
<p>AEGEAN SEA: 1907 Viewcard to MYTILENE (present day Lesbos), then in the Ottoman Empire, ceded to Greece in 1913. Picked up by Austrian-Lloyd ship at Russian port or posted on board in Russian territorial waters, Russian 3k stamp cancelled AGLAJA OE. LLOYD 7 3 (07) (error for 3 7 07). Received Russian P.O. MYTILENE 6 July 1907 s.s. "Aglaja" operated on the Levant Slow Line from 1888 to January 1910. Owing to its lengthy delivery time, the "Aglaja" was not a popular mail-carrier.</p>		
10160	✉ / 64	500
<p>CYPRUS: 1898 Envelope reduced at top franked 20k addressed to Cyprus cancelled LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXI (10 7 98) cds in blue, indicating posting on ship No. 21 (S/S HUNGARIA) of the Austrian Lloyd Fleet. Larnaca arrival backstamp. Fine and rare usage.</p> <p>The Austrian Lloyd was the largest merchant fleet operating in the Eastern Mediterranean and accepted payment for postage on its ships in stamps of foreign nations.</p>		
10161	✉ / www	300
<p>EGYPT: 1886-89 Group of 3 covers from Russia all cancelled with "RETTA" cancels on arrival. 1886 7k postal stationery envelope from unknown origin, 1887 3k stationery card and 1889 cover to Chios franked 10k, latter two both originating in Odessa, all 3 with Alexandria cds's in association. The Egyptian "retta" cancel was applied to all uncanceled mail arriving at Egyptian ports from 1875 to ca. 1900 when it was replaced by the "Paquebot" cancellations.</p>		
10162	✉ / 64	300
<p>EGYPT: 1898 3k Russian stationery card uprated 1k addressed to Germany. Written on board ship at Piraeus, Greece 22 4 98. Put ashore at Alexandria where cancelled boxed PLEINE MER (High Sea). Addressee erased otherwise fine.</p>		
10163	△ ✉ / 64	150
<p>EGYPT: 1910 Constantinople viewcard franked Russian Levant 20 para on 4k posted on board ship on arrival at Alexandria, Egypt, 28 8 1910. Taken ashore when ship's letter-box emptied and cancelled by Egyptian P.O. same day with framed PAQUEBOT. (Hosking Type 2714). Same cancel applied to Russia 2k strip of 5 on piece. Though accepted by the Egyptian P.O. the Russian Levant stamp was strictly invalid, the card having been posted when the ship was in Egyptian territorial waters and under UPU rules should have been franked with an Egyptian stamp.</p>		
10164	✉ / 64	200
<p>EGYPT: 1911 Egyptian viewcard from Cairo 22 Aug addressed to Russian Consulate in Stockholm, put ashore at the Black Sea port of Odessa where Egyptian pyramid 5m cancelled (7 9 11) and PAQUEBOT (Hosking Type 1237) struck in grey alongside.</p>		

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10165



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GREECE: 1865 Folded letter franked 1858 10k perf. 12 1/2 tied by Taganrog cds's, with black circular FRANCO alongside, addressed to Sira with arrival backstamp, taxed '50' in red crayon and Hermes 10L + 40L applied and cancelled Syros cds, large margins except 10L just touched at base, fine combination cover



10166



1'000

GREECE: 1865 Folded letter franked 1858 30k perf. 12 1/2 tied by Taganrog cds, Odessa rhomboid transit backstamp and black circular FRANCO on front, addressed to Sira with Syros arrival backstamp, taxed '50' and Greek 10L + 40L applied, large margins except 40L just shaved at base, cancelled with crisp Syros cancel, attractive and scarce combination



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GREECE: 1865 Folded letter franked 1858 10k (3) perf. 12 1/2 with trimmed perfs. (scissor cut) tied by Taganrog cds's, addressed to Piraeus, taxed '50' in red crayon and Hermes 10L + 40L applied and tied Piraeus cds's, large margins except 10L touched at right, cover endorsed "Via Odessa steamship" with rhomboid Odessa backstamp



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GREECE: 1867 Folded letter franked 1k + 3k + 30k perf. 12 1/2 tied by poor Rostov cds's, addressed to Greece with Syra arrival backstamp, taxed '80' in blue crayon and Hermes 40L grey-rose on greyish lilac applied, cancelled Syros cds, vertical filing creases affecting 30k and one 40L, rare franking, signed Calves

10169

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GREECE: 1871 Folded cover franked 10k (2 overlapping) tied by Taganrog cds, addressed to Hydra with Piraeus backstamp, Hermes 5L + 40L applied and cancelled, full margins, cover frail with splitting and wormholes on reverse not affecting front



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RIVER DANUBE: 1899 Viewcard sent from Russian Agency, TULCEA, Roumania, in the delta of the Danube to France, franked Russian 2k (2) cancelled illegible cds and two-line handstamp in violet, reading: STEAMSHIP/"IZMAIL". Routed in error via BIELOSTOK.

At the end of the nineteenth century the Russian "Black Sea and Danube Steam Shipping Company" ran a service connecting Odessa, Sulina, Tulcea and Galatz. The ships had post-boxes for letters and cards mailed on board. There is no previous record of mail being carried by s.s. "Izmail"



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RIVER DANUBE: 1909 Viewcard to Germany franked Russia 3k and posted on ship of the Black Sea and Danube Steam Shipping Company. Delivered to the Company's agency at Galatz, Roumania, on the lower Danube, cancelled by four line datestamp in violet translated as: AGENCY OF THE BLACK SEA & DANUBE STEAM SHIPPING COMPANY AT GALLATZ 11 6 09. Passed to Rumanian office in Galatz for onward transmission.

Ships of this Company, based on Odessa, had postboxes for letters mailed on board, though this service was seldom used. No other examples of this Russian Galatz cancellation recorded. Original of illustration in "Russia used Abroad" (1957, p.72, fig.59).

Ship Mail in the Mediterranean Sea - Ship Mail on the River Danube

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1903-13 Group of 2 viewcards + 1 postcard all cancelled with large double headed eagle cachet of the BESSARABIAN Steamer "ISMAIL" in black or violet, 2 with Tulcea cds's in association, 1913 viewcard of Bulgaria not sent in the post but with additional Agency .2 July 1913 VIA STEAMSHIP cachet in violet on reverse, status of these cachets unknown and sold on their merits

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Russian Ship Mail in the Levant





Ship Mail in the Levant



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1859 Complete outer lettersheet (part of the written text is removed) sent to Constantinople, originally mailed at the French P.O. on the Aegean Island of MYTILENE, franked with France 1853-61 10c + 40c (outer frameline just touched) tied by lozenge of dots '3771' with complementary cds METELIN TURQUIE 12 Jul. 59 and boxed PD, both in black. French stamps invalidated by pen cross and letter transferred to Russian (ROPiT) Agency where framed handstamp applied in blue: COMPAGNIE RUSSE/METELIN 1 7 1859 (Old Style date). Manuscript notation P.P.K. 15 (Port Payé 15 kopecks).

Presumably transferred from the French office when it was realised that the Russian (ROPiT) vessel was the first to call at Mytilene. No previous record of the ROPiT Mytilene handstamp.

Ex Liphschutz. Recorded Tchilinghirian BJRP 30 (1962)



10174



3'000

1860 Folded letter written in Greek from Mersina, on the Ottoman coast of Asia Minor to Syra (Greece) showing rectangular handstamp of the Russian Company for Steam Shipping and Trade (ROPiT) with inscription in French "COMPAGNIE RUSSE 18(6)0 2 4 MERSINE" in blue with figure '4' (for month) reversed and space for '6' in year filled by solid square. P.P. (Port Payé) 20 in red ink, repeated in red crayon, indicating that postage had been prepaid. Manuscript instructions in French "Paquebot de la Compagnie Russe" for conveyance by ROPiT ship, Syra arrival backstamp, red oval Greek UPERTHALASSIA (by sea) on front. stated to be unique on complete cover, ex Liphschutz. Recorded S.D.Tchilinghirian BJRP No. 30 (1962), p.14, fig. 48





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1860 Cover front from a firm in Smyrna addressed to Beirut handstamped black double framed rectangular ROPIT COMPAGNIE RUSSE/SMYRNE 7 10 1860 with hexagonal framed P.P. (PORT PAYE) in same colour. Original of Tchilinghirian & Stephen "Stamps of the Russian Empire used Abroad" Part 2 (1958), p.120, fig. 146. Cert. Guy du Vachat



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2'000

1861 Folded letter with repaired tear and missing a small corner portion of a sideflap written in English and addressed to Constantinople from Aegean port of VOLOS (then Ottoman Empire, ceded to Greece in 1878). Taken by ROPIT ship on Mediterranean Coast Slow Line, framed datestamp applied in blue with COMPAGNIE RUSSE at top and VOLOS below (Tchil. Type 1). Last two digits of year omitted, figures '20' and '8' representing the day and month in New Style (Gregorian) calendar or day in New Style and Old Style (Julian) calendars respectively. framed P.P. applied in blue alongside (Port Payé = Postage Paid) (Tchil. Type 2). Original of illustrations in Tchilinghirian & Stephen "Stamps of the Russian Empire used Abroad" Pt. 2 (1958) pp. 137-8 from "single cover known".

Ex Franz See collection. Cert. Guy du Vachat (2010)

10177

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1861 Stampless entire from Hania (Crete) (31 May 1861) to Syros (4 June 1861) prepaid (payé) bearing blue cachet reading "COMP.RUSSE DE NAVIGAT. A VAP. ET DE COMM." around the circle and "AGENCE DE CANDIE" around double-headed eagle in the centre, taxed 20 lepta on arrival indicated by '20' in red crayon, 1 of 3 reported. A Ropit Postal Agency was operating in Crete from the ports of Hania and Heraklion only between March and July 1861.

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1'000

1862-65 ca. fragment franked 1858 10k blue and brown perf. 12 1/2 (12) in singles and strips (1 defective) and 30k vertical strip of 3 all cancelled FRANCO in double-framed rectangle in blue.

The FRANCO mark is believed to have been applied to "Levant port to Levant port" correspondence. It was struck at the Russian Consular Post Office in CONSTANTINOPLE-PERA, not the ROPIT office at CONSTANTINOPLE-GALATA, as previously supposed. 10k with cert. Guy du Vachat. Rare and spectacular multiples

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1862 Stampless envelope to Jakobstadt, Finland, endorsed at top "via Odessa & St Petersburg". Framed FRANCO handstamp applied in blue on front with CONSTANTINOPLE cds 23 Oct 1862 in same colour on reverse. Manuscript date of receipt 24 Nov. 1862 on reverse. The datestamp belongs to the Russian Consular Post Office of CONSTANTINOPLE-PERA (T&S Type4) to which postage stamps were not issued until 12/24 Nov. 1862. The FRANCO mark is believed to have been used on "Levant port to port" letters. This cover establishes its use at the Consular P.O. rather than the ROPIT office in Constantinople to which it has been attributed in the past. Cert. Guy du Vachat



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1'500

1862 Cover (part of back excised) from CAVALLA, on the north coast of the Aegean Sea, to the Adriatic port of Trieste, handstamped rectangular blue framed ROPIT COMPAGNIE RUSSE/CAVALLA 6 9 1862. Company cachet alongside. Faint '20' in blue crayon alongside may indicate a charge of 20 soldi raised at Trieste.

By arrangement with the Russian postal administration, ROPIT Agencies were treated as postal branches. From 1859 to the end of 1862 and prior to the introduction of its own postage adhesive stamps in 1865, the Company used rectangular handstruck stamps to indicate payment of postage on mail entrusted to its Agencies for conveyance on its ships. First record of the ROPIT handstruck stamp of CAVALLA and earliest known item of mail from the Russian post in that port. Ex Arsmann.



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1863 6k Pale blue with central blue KONSTANTINOPEL 4 MAR 1864 datestamp, a rarity used and in this condition



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2'000

1863 Folded native cover to Marseille from Alexandrette with ornate boxed P.P. and previously unrecorded 3-line COMPAGNIE RUSSE/ALEXANDRETTE/13 05 1863 both in blue handstamped on front, forwarded to Egypt where France 18653-61 10c + 40c applied and cancelled '5080' of Alexandrie, accompanied with hand-written letter from Liphschutz extolling its virtues

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1865-67 10pa Rose and blue vertical block of 6 cancelled by truncated triangle block of 6 with numeral cancel '785' in blue allocated to ROPIT Agency in Egyptian Port of ALEXANDRIA (Tchil. Type 2B), huge margins to just touched on right hand side, cert. RPS + horizontal pair tied by similar blue cancel '782' relating to the Syrian Port of ALEXANDRETTA (Tchil. Type 2) to small piece, clear to large margins



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1865-67 10pa Rose and blue top marginal block of 4 centrally cancelled with two PORT LATAKIA cds in blue, slightly smudged, good to huge margins, some paper adherence on reverse, signed Diena and Bolaffi. Rare multiple.

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1'000

1865-67 10pa Rose and blue block of 4 cancelled retta of Constantinople diamond of blue dots, good margins, very fine and rare multiple, signed Pfenninger

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1865-67 10pa Rose and blue cancelled by oval COMPAGNIE RUSSE/KERRASUNDE/DE NAVIG. & DE COMMERCE cachet in black (Tchil. Type 1), clear to large margins, rare cancel. Cert. Mikulski

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3'000

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose horizontal network tied by by blue PP in flattened oval believed to be applied at SAMSOUN on outer lettersheet addressed to Constantinople, backstamped PORT SAMSUN 18 JUL 1867 cds in blue (Tchil. Type 2B showing inverted day slug). Further PP applied at right with manuscript 20 kop for ROPIT letter tariff from 1/1/63. Magenta cross on the front indicating full prepayment. Cover shows a filing note indicating despatch date of 30/7 and arrival 2/8. Stunning exhibition item. Provenance: Steindler, Mehrstens. Cert. Eichele



10188

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1'500

1865 10 Paras Vertical strip of 4 with large even margins tied by PORT CHIOS cds in blue, positions 5, 12, 19, 26. Fine and rare. Cert. Mikulski



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1865 10 pa Brown and blue vertical strip of 4 tied to small piece by blue CHIOS cds, bottom stamp with horizontal fold, otherwise fine and rare

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1865 10pa Brown and blue top sheet margin single (position 3) with portion of adjoining stamp at bottom tied to small piece by PORT CHIOS 1869 cds in blue, fine. Cert. Mikulski



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1865 2pi blue and red huge margined example showing all 4 guidelines tied smudged blue cancel to part cover front addressed to Beirut with MERSINA company cachet alongside, expertisation P:Mavrogorda bottom right



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1865 10pa Brown and blue pair tied to small piece by truncated triangle of blue dots 783 of Beirut, good to large margins, provenance Robson Lowe 1964 ex Burrus

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1865 2pi Blue and red top left corner marginal tied to small piece by mute diamond of dots in blue of Constantinople (Tchil. Type 3). This cancel was in use from 1863 to 1877, primarily intended to be applied to uncanceled mail found in the letter-boxes of ships arriving at the port. Also known to have been used on mail handed in at the ROPIT Agency ashore. Cert. Ludger Hovest.

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300

1865 10pa Brown and blue horizontal sheet margin pair showing portions of 2 other stamps, cut into at base, on small piece, cancelled truncated triangle of dots in greenish black 781 of Mersina

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1865 10pa Brown and blue block of 4 and 2 marginal pairs, equivalent to 2 piastres, all with good to huge margins tied blue CHIOS Type 4 27 August 1868 cds's in blue to folded letter in Greek from the Aegean Island of CHIOS, then in the Ottoman Empire, paying the fee for conveyance by ROPIT ship to Constantinople (ms receipt 31 August 1868). Only one other block of 4 is recorded of this stamp and is off cover (ex Ferrary).

Wonderful condition and a spectacular cover, rated by far as the most important cover of the Russian Levant. Provenance Movrogordato, Boker, Lee, Mehrtens

Certificates: Mikulski and RPS.



10196



7'000

1865 10pa Brown and blue top marginal vertical pair on 1868 folded letter in Arabic from MERSINA (company cachet visible under adhesives) to BEIRUT, put on ship plying the Syrian coast and cancelled on arrival with '783' of Beirut in truncated triangle of dots in blue, backstamped PORT BEIRUT cds 29 Nov. (date inverted) in blue. Stamps with good to huge margins. Fine rarity. Only 3 covers recorded with this stamp in pairs. Ex Caspary and Fabergé. Cert. Mikulski.



10197



6'000

1865 10pa Brown and blue marginal pair from the bottom of the sheet with huge margins all round with dividing lines complete, cancelled with smudged blue retta on 1868 folded letter dated 4 July sent by ROPIT agent from MERSINA to CONSTANTINOPLE, cover a little frail. Rare. Ex Julius Steindler, certificates Holcombe, Guy du Vachat



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1'000

1865-67 2pi Blue and red on entire letter from Alexandria Egypt to Beirut, endorsed "pr. vap. Russe" (by Russian Steamer), tied by slightly smudged dotted numeral '785' (Tchil. Type2) in blue with complementary PORT ALEKSANDRIYA cds (Tchil. Type 3) in same colour on reverse, dated (6)8 (A)PR.27, with PORT BEIRUT arrival cds (Tchil. Subtype 3B) 30 APR. (month inverted) in blue alongside. Stamp with good to large margins. Certs. Scheller and Guy du Vachat

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1865 2pi Blue and red tied to 1868 folded letter in Greek addressed to Taganrog, tied by mute diamond of dots (retta), large margins to just touching outer frameline, ROPIT2.III.68 Konstantinopol and Smyrne company cachet, both in blue, alongside

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1865 Stampless folded outer lettersheet from Italian firm in Alexandria with company's cachet lower left to ALEPPO, Syria, dated 27 May 1865 (New Style), endorsed "Vapore Russo" (Russian Steamer). Taken by ROPIT ship on Syrian Slow Line and put ashore at ALEXANDRETTA, Syria, where cancelled on reverse by Russian P.O. with Type 3 cds in blue, dated 21 May (Old Style= 2 June New Style). MS receipt for 3 June.



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1865-67 2pi blue and rose tied on piece by PORT ALEXANDRIA cds in blue (Tchil. fig 256), stamp with good to huge margins showing portion of adjoining stamp at right, fine

10202

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1865-67 2pi Blue and rose horizontal pair tied to small piece by blue ROPIT/CONSTANTINOPLE AGENCY 13 11 68 cds (Tchil. Type 5), good to huge margins, superb





10203



4'000

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose tied on outer lettersheet to Beirut initially posted at French Agency in LATTAKIA, Syria, where France 40c applied, tied by indistinct '5091' large figures in lozenge of dots with incomplete strike of cds for 22 Feb 1967 (=10 Feb Old Style). Faint boxed 'PD' (paid to destination) alongside. Sender missed the French mail-boat by one day, so letter transferred to Russian Agency which had a ship leaving that day. 2pi applied and tied by dateless seal-type cachet translated in full: RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE AGENCY OF LATTAKIA. Faint PORT LATAKIE 9 Feb 1867 (Tchil. Type 4 (error for '10 Fev' old style)) in blue alongside. Letter with manuscript Lattakia origin.

A few small tonespots do not detract from this unique combination cover. Ex Collection François. Certs Baudot (2001), Calves (2002), Scheller (2010)



10204



3'000

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose two on 1868 folded outer lettersheet to Taganrog from Smyrna with company cachet alongside, tied by faint strike of '780' in truncated triangle of dots in blue and incomplete backstamp of SMYRNA cyrillic cds (Tcil. Type 14). Adhesives with good to large margins. Attractive and rare. Cert. Mikulski.



10205



2'500

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose on 1865 opened out lettersheet from the Black Sea Port of TREBIZOND via ALEXANDRETTA to ALEPPO tied by blue PORT TREBIZOND cds (Tchil. Type 4) 13 Dec 1865, repeated on reverse with crisp PORT ALEKSANDRETTA cds (Tchil. Type 3) 27 Dec cds in blue. Adhesive with good margins. Cover with ironed out folds. Rare and attractive.



10206



2'500

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose two with good margins (1 marginal) tied to 1865 envelope (missing flap) addressed to Tripoli by blue cachet with inscription in French: COMPAGNIE RUSSE/DE NAVIGATION SMYRNE 1865 MAI 1. This canceller is believed to have been taken on board ships arriving at the Aegean port of Smyrna by ROPiT agent to cancel mail found in their letter-boxes. Very fine exhibition item. Ex Fabergé Original of illustration in Tchilinghirian & Stephen "Russia used Abroad", 1958, p.130, fig. 150.





10207



1'500

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose tied on opened out small lettersheet in Arabic by numeral '782' in blue in truncated triangle of dots (Tchil. Type 2) with complementary PORT ALEKSANDRETTA cds (Tchil. Type 3) on reverse, alongside PORT BEIRUT cds (Tchil. Subtype 3B), both in blue. Adhesive with clear to large margins. Ex Arsmar.



10208



1'500

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose tied on 1868 folded cover by faint COMPAGNIE RUSSE/KERASSUNDE/DE NAVIG. & DE COMMERCE oval cachet in black, addressed to Constantinople. Cover with light creasing. Adhesive with good to large margins. Rarity.



10209



1'200

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose tied to entire from LATTAKIA to BEIRUT by double-circle seal-type cancel reading around ROUIT coat of arms RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE LATTAKIA AGENCY, with complementary PORT LATAKIE cds (Tchil. Type 4) 7 Mar. 1868, both in blue, firm's oval cachet alongside, fair strikes only, adhesive with clear to large margins



10210



1'200

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose horizontal network with large even margins tied by blue '783' in truncated triangle of dots applied on arrival in Beirut on creased and slightly stained outer lettersheet from LATTAKIA to BEIRUT, both on Syria's eastern Mediterranean coast. Internal manuscript "1865/Latachia/7 Decembre" (= 25 Nov Old Style). PORT LATAKIE. 25 Nov. 1865 cds in blue alongside.



10211



1'000

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose cancelled on folded letter from LATTAKIA to BEIRUT by diamond retta in black with complementary LATTAKIYA cds (Tcil. Type 5) in blue, firm's oval cachet alongside, good to large margins, a few tonespots and small cover faults on reverse. Rare. Ex Fabergé and Arsman.



10212



1'000

1865-67 2pi Blue and rose (2) with retta cancels in black (T & S Constantinople Type 3) on 1868 folded letter to Taganrog from Constantinople with faint strike of T & S Type 5 alongside: RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE / AGENCY OF CONSTANTINOPLE cds in blue. 1 stamp with large even margins, other with frameline just touched. Use of ROPiT stamps was phased out in 1868, although exceptional usage continued until at least April 1869.



10213



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1865-67 10 pa Rose and blue block of 4 with good to large margins, early printing, cancelled double-circle in blue, abbreviated inscription around ROPiT coat-of-arms in centre reading in full: RUSSKOE OBSHCHESTVO PAROKHODSTVA i TORGOVLI LATAKISKOE AGENTSTVO (RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE AGENCY OF LATTAKIA).

Lattakia lies on the eastern shore of Syria, formerly in the Ottoman Empire and now a major port.



10214



1'000

1866 Folded letter franked 1858 30k Green and carmine-rose perf. 12 1/2 tied by blue Konstatinopel 14 June cds (additional clearer strike on reverse) via Odessa (backstamp) to Kishinev with arrival unusually on obverse, light staining mostly confined to the reverse, in conjunction with some paper erosion, stamps are very fine, rare. Cert. Mikulski



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4'000

1869 Folded letter from Alexandria (Egypt) franked Russian Levant 1868 1k brown pair and 5k blue pair to pay double rate to Port Said tied by blue '785' triangle of dots of Alexandria, further tied by Port Said Russian P.O. cds, all in blue, from the Mavroidi correspondence (cachet alongside), PORT ALEKSANDRIYA blue departure backstamp. Stunning showpiece. Rated RR to RRR in Tchilinghirian.

Port Said is the Mediterranean entrance to the Suez Canal, inaugurated in 1869. A Russian PO was opened there in 1867 and Port Said became a regular port of call for several Russian shipping lines. The Russian PO's in Alexandria and Port said were closed on 1 October 1875.



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3'000

1869 Cover from Russian P.O. in Galatz, Romania franked Russian Levant 10k tied by cyrillic Galatz and retta cancel both in blue, similar Galatz on reverse, addressed to Taganrog with Odessa transit and arrival alongside, top exhibition item





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2'000

1869 Folded letter from KERRASUNDE, a port on Turkey's Black Sea Coast to Taganrog, Sea of Azov, franked 1868 Russian Levant 10k, put on ship and cancelled TAGANROG cds, on reverse large ornamental framed KERRASUNDE AGENCY VI 30 cachet in black over flap, very rare

10218



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1869 Folded letter from Constantinople to Chisnovi via Odessa franked Russian Levant 10k (2) tied by blue "retta" cancels, blue Konstantinopol Russian P.O. backstamp, some filing creases not affecting franking, very scarce. Signed Mikulski.



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1872 Folded letter from SAMSUN on the Ottoman Coast of the Black Sea to Trieste, endorsed "Vapore Austriaco", franked Russian Levant 1868 5k pair + 1872 1k pair, pen-cancelled on ship and delivered to Russian P.O. in Constantinople, where type 9 canceller dated 12 May 1872 applied on reverse. Forwarded to Austrian P.O. at Bulgarian port of Varna, where boxed datestamp struck in black: LETTERE ARRIVATE/PER MARE/VARNA 25/5/72. Trieste arrival backstamp. Blue crayon '40' indicating 40k kreuzer tax raised on arrival



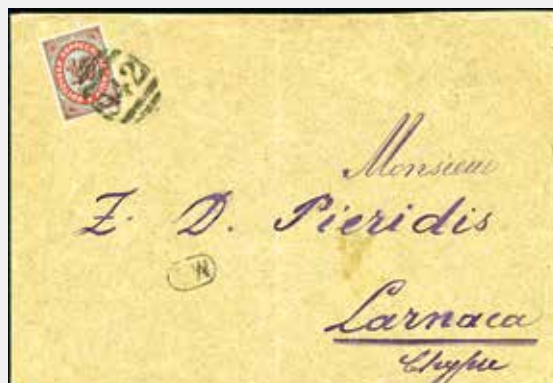
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1872 Folded letter in Greek to Taganrog, Sea of Azov, dateline "Smyrna 1/13 Sept. 1872" franked Russian Levant 1868 5k in combination with 1872 1k and 10k tied by rectangle of dots (Type 3) of Smyrna with Smyrna Agency 1 Sept 1872 (Type 15) alongside, both in blue-green, received in Taganrog 11 Sep 1872 where cancelled in black POLUCHENO/PARAKHODOM (Received by Steamship), fine and rare.

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1872 Folded letter from SAMSUN on the Ottoman coast of the Black Sea to Trieste franked Russian Levant 1868 5k + 1872 1k pen-cancelled on ship and delivered to Russian P.O. CONSTANTINOPLE, where Type 9 canceller dated 10 June 1872 applied in blue on reverse. Forwarded to Austrian P.O. at Bulgarian port of Varna where boxed datestamp struck in black: LETTERE ARRIVATE/PER MARE/VARNA. Trieste arrival backstamp and taxed on front in blue crayon '20' kreuzer. Small corner of reverse missing.

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1874 Folded outer lettersheet to London with Constantinople dateline franked combination Russian Levant 3k + Russia 1k + 5k + 10k cancelled in transit in Odessa, London Paid cds in red alongside, filing creases clear of adhesives, cert. Calves. Scarce mixed franking.

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1874 Entire written in Greek from Constantinople franked 1872-90 1k (2 shades) + 3k + 5k tied on arrival by Odessa cds, adhesives with small faults

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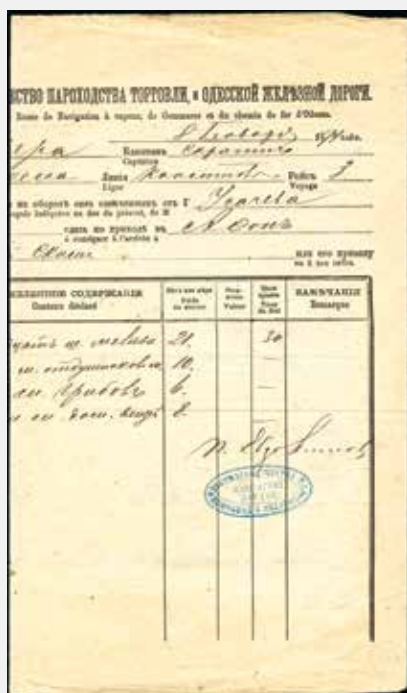
1875 Envelope to Mariupol mailed at the Russian P.O. in the Turkish port of TREBIZOND, franked on reverse 1872-90 1k (2) + 3k tied by TRAPEZUNT 8 Oct 1875 cds in blue (Type 7) with additional strike alongside. Conveyed by Ottoman Coast Line Mail to the Caucasian port of POTI, thence by Russian Coast Mail Line to Sebastopol, Transit mark of POTI-KERCH-ODESSA Steamship 20 Nov. '75 alongside. Small cover faults. Rare.

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1877 ca. Envelope (flap missing) to Larnaca, Cyprus, franked Russian Levant 1872-90 10k and posted at sea, oval framed M.B. (Mobile Box) and '942' obliterator applied at British Post Office, Larnaca on arrival. No previous record of Larnaca cancels on Russian mail. Cert. RPS. Addressed to Z.D. Pierides who was acting British Consular Official in Larnaca 1876-78. Part of correspondence from merchants Christmann & Fils C. Mavromatti at Mersina, Turkey.



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- 10226** 3'000
1879 Russian Levant 7k (2) tied on envelope to Trapezunt cancelled large rectangular ROPIT SUCHUM-KALE cachet in blue, with second strike on reverse, missing backflap and small ink erosion on front, spectacular and very rare showpiece. Cert. Mikulski.
- 10227** / 86 400
1879 Folded letter in Greek from a firm in Odessa, datelined 26 May 1879, franked 1879 7k and put on a ship for Constantinople, where cancelled on arrival with slightly smudged mute rhomboid "retta" (Type 3) in black, backstamped Constantinople Type 8B in black (contrary to public opinion that cancels for Type 3 and 8 were always in blue).
- 10228** / www 200
1879-83 Group of 3 covers all addressed to Constantinople, 2 from Odessa, 1 from Poti, all franked 1879 7k and cancelled on arrival with different arrival cancels: Konstantin in black and blue and oval ROPIT datestamp, fine
- 10229** / www 150
1884 Russian Levant 1k orange block of 4 cancelled blue triple-lined oval ODESSA AGENCY / QUARANTINE HARBOUR OF THE RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAMSHIPPING AND TRADE. This cancellation was used on uncanceled mail found in the letter-boxes of ROPIT ships from Levant ports undergoing quarantine at Odessa. Hitherto only known by a fragment incorrectly interpreted as "Management of the Odessa Agency of ROPIT" ("Russia used Abroad", pt. 6, 1960, pp.556-7). Also same issue 1k pair with part blue ODESSA / R.O.P.I.T. / QUARANTINE HARBOUR. Cancellation was used for same usage. Accompanied by a viewcard and early nineteenth century print of the Quarantine Harbour.
- 10230** / 88 750
1888 Cover franked Russian Levant 7k blue (2) tied by blue oval handstamp RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE ODESSA AGENCY QUARANTINE HARBOUR, with Odessa and Yalta backstamps, and impressive wax seal intact. Envelope torn and with some peripheral faults not affecting adhesives. Included in the lot 3 stamps with part strikes of the above and a bill of lading issued by ROPIT and the Odessa Railway for cargo conveyed by ROPIT ship "TSERERA" from Odessa to Mount Athos.
- 10231** / 88 500
1890 Letter and envelope from a merchant in Jaffa dated 23 May 1890, franked Russian Levant 10k and placed on a ship bound for the Aegean Island of Chios, cancelled on arrival with Russian P.O. CHIOS type 10 cds in blue dated 2 June. Top left corner and part of the backflap missing otherwise very scarce and attractive.



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10232	✉ / 88	750
	1891 Envelope (small part of backflap missing) + enclosure dated 8 June 1891 franked Russia 10k written from Odessa and placed on a ship for the Aegean Island of Chios, cancelled on arrival at Russian P.O. tied oval double-ring CHIOS datestamp Type II reading RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAMSHIPPING & TRADE/AGENCY OF CHIOS 13 June, fine	
10233	✉ / 88	200
	1894 Envelope + contents from a firm in Odessa to the Aegean Island of Chios datelined 25 June 1894, placed on a ship bound for Smyrna where 10k cancelled in transit at Russian P.O. by double-circle datestamp in blue (Type 10), the abbreviated inscription translating in full: RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAMSHIPPING & TRADE/SMYRNA 29 June 1894. Passed to Turkish P.O. Smyrna for onward transmission. Arrival backstamp.	
10234	✉ / 88, 90	300
	1896-1905 Group of 4 Russian Levant postal stationery cards (three 4k green + one 20 para on 4k) all tied on transit mail to Germany by retta cancels, 2 ex Jaffa, 1 ex Beirut and 1 written on board ROPIT ship s.s.Lazarev between the Greek Islands of Kos and Rhodes, fine	
10235	✉ / 86	300
	1896 Cover to Athens franked 10k Russian Levant lightly cancelled blue ROPIT SMYRNA 1 Nov 1896 cds, treated as uncanceled mail on arrival at Alexandria (Egypt) and further cancelled boxed PLEINE MER (high seas). Athens arrival backstamp. This cover confirms Alexandria as the office of origin of the boxed 'Pleine Mer' cancel,. Fine.	
10236	✉ / 86	200
	1896 Russian Levant 10k letter-card with dateline "Beyrouth 6/5/96" addressed to Ramle in Egypt. Put on ROPIT ship of Mediterranean Coast Mail Line and unloaded 9 V 96 at Alexandria where cancelled boxed PLEINE MER (high seas), Ramle arrival backstamp the following day, fine	
10237	△ ✉ / 90	300
	1898 4k + 4k reply-paid card addressed to France, posted on ship at Port Said (Egypt) on 15 April, cancelled on arrival at PIRAEUS (Greece), Paris arrival backstamp. In addition a pair of 1884 5k tied on small piece by similar cancel. There are no previous records of Piraeus cancellations on Russian mail.	
10238	✉ / 90	600
	1899 Envelope from Smirna to Persia via Constantinople, Batum, Teheran, franked Russian Levant 10k tied by R.O.P.i.T. SMIRNA cds, on reverse violet straight line cachet BY STEAMSHIP, fine and scarce	
10239	△ ✉ / 90	500
	1903 Envelope to Sicily franked 10k cancelled in violet BIRMANIA / PIROSCAFO POSTALE ITALIANO 27 Jul 03 with Russian P.O. Constantinople transit and Palermo arrival backstamps. Also piece with Russian 2k (2) and 3k (2) similarly cancelled LEVANZO / PIROSCAFO POSTALE ITALIANO. The "Birmania" and "Levanzo" were vessels of the "Societa Italiana di Servizi Marittima" (SITMAR). Ships of this Italian Line plied the Levant and had on-board facilities using cancellers featuring the name of the ship.	
10240	✉ / 90	500
	1903 Envelope to St Petersburg franked block of 10 1k, posted on board ship, put ashore at Alexandria where framed PAQUEBOT applied by Egyptian post office. On reverse bilingual (French/Arabic) Alexandrie, overstruck by St Petersburg arrival. Fine and spectacular. The Russian (ROPIT) P.O. in Alexandria was closed in 1875, after which mail from the letter-boxes of ROPIT ships, mainly of the Odessa-Alexandria line, was delivered uncanceled to the Egyptian post office.	
10241	✉ / 92	300
	1903 Envelope to Australia franked 1pi on 10k, placed on ship and cancelled framed PAQUEBOT (Hosking Type 2714) on arrival at Egyptian port of Alexandria, with complementary cds on reverse 6 V 03. Also on reverse transit marks of Suez, Freemantle Railway Station and Melbourne arrival. Fine.	



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| 10242 | ✉ | 1'000 |
| <p>1906 Viewcard to Tsaritsyn, Russia, posted on board s.s. "Rossiya" while at Constantinople by a traveller en route from Jaffa to Constanza. Put ashore at Dardanelles, Turkey, where 20 para on 4k cancelled large blue oval R.O.P.i.T. (THE RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE) DARDANELLES AGENCY 1 APR 1906, good strike. The "Rossiya" was a mail and passenger carrier of the ROPIT fleet operating the Mediterranean Coast Line from her home port of Odessa.</p> | | |
| 10243 | ✉ / 92 | 750 |
| <p>1906 Greek viewcard of Aegean Island of Mytilene, Turkey, ceded to Greece in 1913 addressed to Brussels franked pair of Russian Levant 10 para/2k cancelled on Roumanian Sea Post Office service with double circle handstamp in violet: SMYRNE-CONSTANTINOPLE-CONSTANZA 26 APR 1906 S.M.R. (Serviciul Maritim Roman). Encircled postman's number (257) applied at Brussels. Fine and rare.</p> | | |
| 10244 | ✉ / 92 | 750 |
| <p>1907 Viewcard to USA franked 10 para on 2k cancelled large blue R.O.P.i.T. (THE RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE) CAVALLA AGENCY, with faint ROPIT cds alongside.</p> | | |
| 10245 | ✉ / 92 | 1'000 |
| <p>1908 Envelope to Constantinople franked 1902 10k cancelled on ship of the Italian "Societa Italiani di Servizi Marittimi" (SITMAR) reading PIROSCAFO POSTALE/CATANIA 12 GEN 08, Constantinople arrival the next day, fine and rare.</p> | | |
| 10246 | ✉ / 92 | 400 |
| <p>1908 Two postcards depicting Athens and Constantinople addressed to Cairo (Egypt), each franked 20 para in Russian Levant stamps and put in ship's letter-box by passenger on ROPIT vessel of Mediterranean Coast Line, handed to Egyptian P.O. on arrival at Alexandria and cancelled by framed PAQUEBOT (Hosking 2174) and c.d.s. applied 17 VIII 1908, fine matching pair.</p> | | |
| 10247 | ✉ / 92 | 150 |
| <p>1908 Turkish viewcard addressed to Austria franked 20 para on 4k and posted on the Roumanian Maritime Service, cancelled double-circle COSPOLI-CONSTANTA-BUCHAREST 1 Aug 908. Readdressed to Germany. Fine and scarce cancel on Russian Levant issues.</p> | | |

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1909 Cover to Cairo franked Austrian Levant 25 centimes and posted on Russian ship of the Mediterranean Coast Line, cancelled large blue oval RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE STEAMSHIP ROSSIYA 10 June 1909, Cairo arrival backstamp 3 7 09. Fine and rare usage. The "Rossiya" (2387 tons) was built at Newcastle by Lesley & Co. in 1872 and registered at Odessa as a post-passenger vessel.

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1910 R.O.P.I.T. FLOATING EXHIBITION was designed to celebrate the Company's 50th Anniversary (1906) but did not take place until 1909-10. It was held on board the Company's ship IMPERATOR NIKOLAI II and the itinerary covered all ports of call normally used by the Company's ships between Odessa and Alexandria. The Exhibition was open at Alexandria between 10th and 23rd January 1910. there was no Russian Post Office at Alexandria at this time and commemorative mail was required to be franked with Egyptian stamps. 3 items from this exhibition: Viewcard sent to St Petersburg franked Egyptian stamps with violet oval cachet RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAMSHIPPING AND TRADE FLOATING EXHIBITION. A rare souvenir card of the Exhibition sent to Constantinople where the Egyptian stamp was cancelled by the Russian P.O. Finally a beautiful decorative envelope from the exhibition with printed ROPIT sent to the USA, franked Ottoman 1pi and cancelled Stamboul cds. Fine and rare trio.

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1911-13 Selection of 10 Russian stamps or franked pieces all with maritime cancels including ROPIT ships "KORNILOV" and "ODESSA". Two pieces franked Romanov 4k and 10k tied by straight line "EMPERESS CATHERINE II" in violet, described in "Russia used Abroad" Pt.2 (1958), pp.185-6,f.271.

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1911 Printed trilingual envelope in Greek, Turkish and French addressed in Greek from the Aegean port of SALONICA to a monk at Mount Athos, franked Ottoman 1pi cancelled by large double-oval datestamp in violet of Russian ship translating: R.O.P.I.T. (RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE) STEAMSHIP KORNILOV 19 July 1911 Russian P.O. MOUNT ATHOS arrival backstamp dated the following day. Mount Athos (Greek "Holy Mountain") located on the Aegean coast 130km SE of Salonica, sheltered an autonomous group of Christian monastic communities within the Ottoman Empire. After the Balkan war of 1912/13 both places were ceded to Greece. The "Kornilov" was one of the older vessels of the ROPIT fleet, a post-passenger ship of 2330 tons, built at Newcastle, England, in 1869. From her home port of Odessa she operated in the Levant and eastern Mediterranean. No other covers recorded.





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1911 Postcard of ROPIT ship PRINCESS EVGENIYA OLDENBURGSKAYA franked on obverse 20 para on 4k, addressed on board to Bosnia, put ashore at Piraeus (Greek port for Athens) where stamp cancelled PIRAEUS/ DESPATCH 26 May 11, fine and very scarce usage.

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1914 Stationery envelope of ROPIT ship IMPERATOR PETR' VELIKI (Empereur Pierre le Grand in French) sent to Switzerland, posted on board with 1pi on 10k on reverse. Put ashore at Piraeus (Greek port for Athens) where cancelled PIRAEUS/DESPATCH 15 May 14, Geneva arrival cds alongside. few minor tears at top otherwise fine and very scarce.

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1914 Stationery envelope of ROPIT ship IMPERATRITSA EKATERINA II used to send letter to Switzerland franked 20 para on 5k on front cancelled CONSTANTINOPLE (Type 13) 28 June 1914, block of 4 5 para on 1k Romanov on reverse cancelled on arrival in Zurich 17 7 14, fine and unusual.



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1862-1918 Group of 105 covers/stationery and viewcards covering a wealth of Russian P.O.'s including the more obscure ones such as Ordou, Kerrasunde, rarities throughout with the 1865 R.O.P.i.T issues on cover, combinations including Zemstvo, treasure trove of material including a few documents with R.O.P.i.T. maritime cachets, a few Levant but not Russian items included and a few considered doubtful, however unique opportunity to acquire such a sought after holding (Est. € 10'000/15'000)

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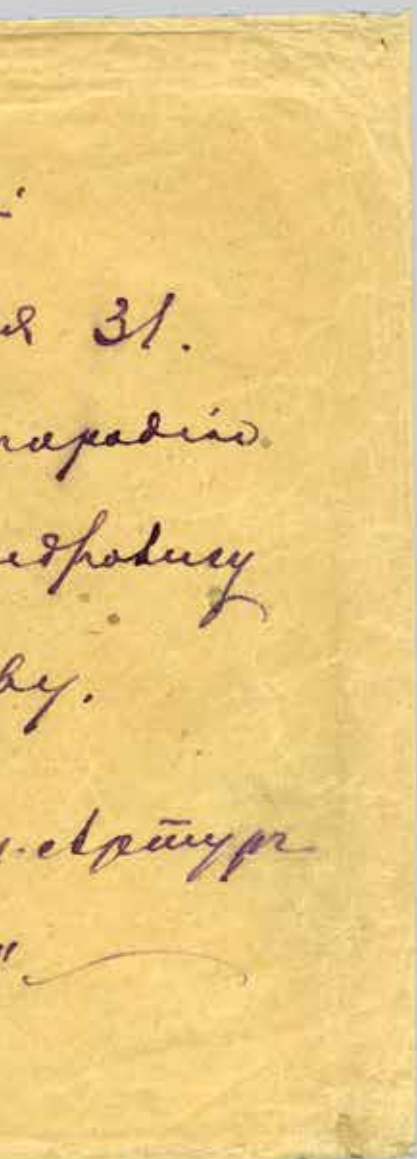
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Ship Mail in the Black Sea



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1840 Wrapper to Constantinople with double-oval framed "ODESSA / PAR PYROSCAPHE" of the Black Sea Steamship Co., minor toning, only two other examples of this postmark are known dated 1834 and 1836 which are in Russian official archives, unique cachet in private hands

The Black Sea Steamship Co. was founded in 1830 with the approval of Tsar Nicholas I to provide a service between Odessa and Constantinople including the carriage of mail



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1841 Wrapper from Rome to the Papal Consul in Odessa, conveyed from Constantinople by ship of the Russian Black Sea Steamship Co. with oval "CONSTANTINOPLE / PAR PYROSCAPHE" cachet with ms "52" indicating the number in the ship's register, disinfected on arrival with boxed "CLEANED IN THE ODESSA QUARANTINE" ds on reverse, minor toning, extremely rare, one of only three known covers from the Black Sea Steamship Co. (1830-43) outside of Russian archives

The Black Sea Steamship Co. was founded in 1830 with the approval of Tsar Nicholas I to provide a service between Odessa and Constantinople including the carriage of mail



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1855 CRIMEA: 1855 Envelope with contents datelined April 24 from Captain George Goldsmith of "H.M.S.) Sidon at Balaklava" to London endorsed "From Black Sea Fleet" and "Sidon" with GB full margined strip of 3 imperf 1d reds cancelled by fine/very fine (for this) cancels, just tied by the recipient's filing endorsement, backstamped POST OFFICE/BRITISH ARMY with small blue 'A' code. The contents relate to the writer's recent arrival by ship to Cephalonia and the new railway that accelerates the unloading. Highly attractive cover and exceedingly scarce with the imperf franking and crown cancel. Illustrated in CWS 1997, p21/22.

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1855 CRIMEA (June 4) Folded letter comprising large sheet of stained paper watermarked large eagle embossed Russian KERTCH CUSTOMS revenue headed declaration form with 15 kopecks cachet with manuscript "H.M.S. Sphinx at Kertch" addressed to Sussex, further endorsed "H.M.S. Sphinx from Black Sea Fleet", charged "6", evidence of stamps removed, cancelled on flap generally fine POST OFFICE/A/BRITISH ARMY cds in blue. . Fully typed transcript of contents enclosed with gruesome accounts. Fascinating campaign item.

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1856-65 Trio of covers; 2 pre-stamp covers and 1 franked cover, earliest one with diamond shaped Odessa, similarly cancelling four 10k on 1865 cover to Genova, plus 1856 entire to France with diamond-shaped despatch of St Petersburg, the suggestion being that letters delivered from Odessa and St Petersburg abroad by ship were marked with these diamond-shaped postmarks



10261



1'600

1858 Folded letter sent from Odessa to St Petersburg franked 1858 10k IMPERF tied by rhombus framed ODESSA darestamp, stamp with large margins just showing adjoining stamp, top northeast corner with small closed tear where just affected by horizontal filing crease, 1 sideflap partly reduced, otherwise fine and much sought after rarity, cert. Sismondo



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1858 10k brown and blue imperf (first plate), deep shade with good to large margins, tied to 1858 folded outer lettersheet by framed ODESSA 8.4 datestamp, addressed to Wiborg, cover with ironed out filing creases not affecting adhesive, fine and desirable, ex Henry Gibson, cert. Mikulski (1998)

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1861 Wrapper from Constantinople to Rostov-On-Don with Russia 1858 perf. 10k vert. pair and single cancelled on arrival by "6" dotted ovals of Odessa Frontier Post Office, reverse with boxed Odessa ds, missing top flap and trimmed at top right corner, some tone spots, rare

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1865 Entire from Constantinople to Odessa, datelined 19 Sep 1865 (new style), put on ship with two 10k cancelled on arrival with boxed 9 SET 65 ds (Dobin Odessa type 4.05) applied at the Odessa Frontier Harbour P.O., couple of light tone spots, fine and very scarce, plus 1863-66 6k "Dispatch under wrapper to the East" with same cancel, ex Fabergé and Goss



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1866-70 D.D.S.G. 10k green and 17k red showing oval and circular datestamps respectively of the Company's Agency at Odessa, both in blue, 17k with vert. crease, a few short perfs, plus picture postcard of the waterfront at Odessa

An agency of the D.D.S.G. was opened at Odessa in 1836 when this important Russian port became the eastern terminal of one of the sea lines of the company. Although the Agency had no right to conduct postal business in Russia, it accepted letters for transmission to D.D.S.G. ports of call on the Danube. As from 1866, these letters were franked exclusively with postage stamps of the company and cancelled with the company's own Odessa datestamps. Russia tolerated this illegality for more than four years, and only towards the end of 1870 compelled the D.D.S.G. agency at Odessa to stop its postal activity.

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1866 Two folded letters to Malta both originating in Taganrog and franked France 40c tied losange '2240' applied at Marseille with manuscript 'P.Vapr. angl. "Syria" and "Massilia" respectively referring to the English steamships transporting them



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1868 Cover to Galatz franked D.D.S.G. 10kr Green on cover from Odessa to Galatz, tied by circular D.D.S.G. ODESSA in blue, same franking on 1869 cover from Odessa to Braila cancelled oval D.D.S.G. ODESSA in blue; in addition 17kr red with stunning almost complete D.D.S.G. ODESSA 27/6 applied sideways. Wonderful exhibition page. 2 covers signed Holcombe.



10268



2'500

1868 Wrapper from Odessa to Galatz endorsed per S.S. "Metternich" with D.D.S.G. 10k green (type 1) tied by blue oval D.D.S.G. Odessa ds, with complimentary arrival bs of Galatz on reverse, very fine and fresh, rare



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1869 Entire from Odessa franked DANUBE STEAM NAVIGATION C: 10kr green (top left corner missing) tied by faint D.D.S.G. ODESSA 12/7 in blue, with company cachet alongside, addressed to Braila. despite faults a rarity.



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3'000

1871 (Dec 14) Entire letter from Odessa to Galatz franked by 1867 10kr green, Type I, tied by rare combination of D.D.S.G./ODESSA oval handstamp (Tcilinghirian fig. 834) and oval PROPELLER GIURGEVO/16 Ship's handstamp, both in blue, Galati arrival backstamp. Fine rarity.

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1873 Entire from Taganrog to Constantinople endorsed "To Constantinople via Odessa Steamship" with 1866-75 3k (vertical laid paper) and 10k (horizontal laid paper) tied by Taganrog cds with Odessa transit cds below, two "Franco" hs, fine

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1874 Envelope to Simferopol, Crimea, posted on ship with 10k tied by "ODESSA-KERCH-POTI" 18 Apr 1874 cds with further, clearer strike on reverse, arrival cds, fine and rare, with this cancellation recorded but not seen in Mandrovskii et al. (2001) p.115



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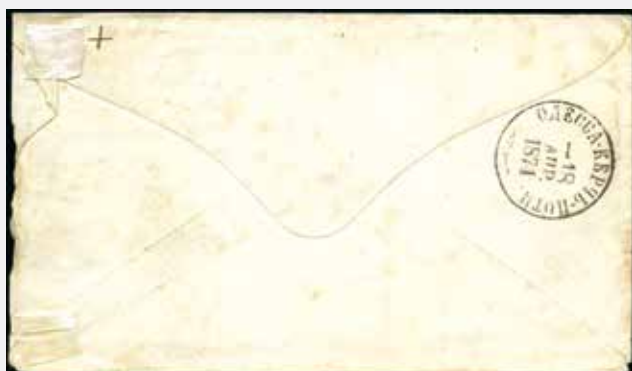
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1874 10k Postal stationery envelope uprated with two 3k, posted on ship of the Russian Coast Mail line with "POTI-KERCH-ODESSA" 14 July 1874 cds tying stamps and further strike on reverse (with backflap folded out to display), sent to England, fine and attractive

The cancellation indicates the main ports of call: Poti, on the Caucasian coast; Kerch, in the eastern Crimea; and the main Black Sea port of Odessa. The sideways figure in the cds denotes the number of the port of departure ("1" = Poti)

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1875 Lettersheet from Odessa to Constantinople endorsed in Russia "By Russian Steamship" with four 2k tied by Odessa cds, with blue arrival bs two days later, fine and attractive franking



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1876 ca. Russia 1875 8k Carmine & grey and D.D.S.G. 1867 10kr green, Type I, both tied to small piece by two strikes of oval D.D.S.G./ODESSA handstamp in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 834). Exceptional and rare combination.



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1876 (Apr 29) Entire letter from the 'Hotel Suisse' in Odessa to Galatz franked by D.D.S.G. 1876 10kr Green, Type II tied by D.D.S.G./ODESSA oval handstamp and by oval Ship METTERNICH handstamp, both in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 834), delivered by the Rumanian P.O. and taxed 50 Bani postage due, cert. Holcombe. a rarity in good condition for this

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1876 & 1912 Pair of items; 8k postal stationery sent to Odessa cancelled large part POTI-KERCH-ODESSA steamship cancel, 1912 viewcard to France franked 1k + 3k tied by oval ODESSA-POTI STEAMSHIP datestamp

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1883 Opened out envelope franked 7k tied by BATUM-ODESSA 1 cds with matching cds alongside, addressed to Denmark with Randers arrival and Odessa transit backstamps alongside very fine violet cachet of DANSK VICE-CONSULATS SEGL. SEVASTOPOL, attractive. Ex Liphschutz collection. Cert. Holcombe



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- 10279** ✉ / 106 **400**
 1889-93 Pair of postal stationery covers posted on ships cancelled with a "BATUM-ODESSA" cds, two different types, one on 1889 10k post. stat. uprated with 10k to Hungary and other with 7k uprated with 2k to Switzerland underpaid with 100c postage due, a useful pair
- 10280** ✉ / 106 **750**
 1894 Commercial envelope from Batum to the Greek island of Chios with 10k tied by boxed "LETTER ARRIVE / PER MARE" (letter arriving by sea) applied in transit by the Austrian post office at Constantinople, incl. original letter, very fine
- 10281** ☉ △ / www **300**
 1895-1914 Group of cancellations from the various ships of Austrian Lloyd Steamship Co. on various Russian stamps with singles and multiples, mounted on two pages, an attractive selection
- 10282** ✉ / 106 **500**
 1897 Envelope from the French Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes (logo on backflap), evidently from Batum, sent to Constantinople with 10k tied by blue "LLOYD AUSTRIACO / LXIX" 10 9 97 cds, with Austrian Constantinople arrival bs, minor soiling, fine
 LXIX was the number allocated to S.S. Vesta between the years 1891 to 1901. She was a vessel of 1820 tons built in 1869 and operated mainly on the slow line Trieste-Constantinople-Batum and back. Withdrawn from service in 1907.
- 10283** ✉ / 106 **300**
 1898 Envelope to France with 10k franking put in letterbox of ship of the French line Messageries Maritimes plying the Black Sea, cancelled in transit at the French P.O. at Constantinople with "MER NOIRE" and "B.M." (boite mobile) hs, arrival bs, minor tone spots, fine



- 10284** ✉ **1'000**
 1899 Registered cover to Germany with multi-franking front and back of 14 Russian stamps totalling 70k all tied by BATUM ODESSA Steamship No 2 cds with matching white registration label 564 alongside, rare



10285



10289ex1



10289ex2



10290



10291



10292



10294ex1



10294ex2



10285

✉ / 108

200

1899 Souvenir postcard of Port Said sent to Japan with Egypt 2m and 3m tied by Port Said cds, misdirected to the Black Sea area where picked up by Russian ship and "STEAMSHIP / 3 / ODESSA-(BATUM)" 19 II 1899 cds, with Japanese arrival ds adjacent, unusual



10286

✉

1'400

1900 Envelope from the US Consulate in Batoum sent registered to a US diplomat in St. Petersburg, with six 7k paying quintuple rate, cancelled on ship by "BATUM-ODESSA / 1" 23 Sep 1900 cds with further strike below, white "STEAMSHIP ODESSA-BATUM" registration label adjacent altered by hand to read "BATUM-ODESSA", reverse with arrival cds and attractive Batoum Consulate wax seal, a rare use of the primitive registered labels which were used only for a short time at the turn of the 19th Century.



10287

✉

1'200

1900 Envelope sent registered to St. Petersburg franked on the reverse by 7k pair cancelled on ship by "ODESSA-BATUM / 4" 19 Nov 1900 cds (with posthorns at foot), obverse with white "STEAMSHIP / ODESSA - BAT(UM)" registration label, arrival bs, a rare use of the primitive registered labels which were used only for a short time at the turn of the 19th Century.



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10295ex2



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| 10288 | ✉ | 1'200 |
| <p>1900 Envelope from the US Consulate in Batum sent registered to a US diplomat in St. Petersburg, with six 7k paying quintuple rate, cancelled on ship by "BATUM / 1 / ODESSA" 16 IX 1900 cds with further strike below, white "STEAMSHIP ODESSA-BATUM" registration label adjacent altered by hand to read "BATUM-ODESSA", reverse with arrival cds and attractive Batum Consulate wax seal, a rare use of the primitive registered labels which were used only for a short time at the turn of the 19th Century.</p> | | |
| 10289 | ✉ / 108 | 700 |
| <p>1900 3k Postal stationery card, handpainted on reverse with two sailing boats, sent to Brazil, cancelled on ship by "LLOYD AUSTRIACO / XLIX" 1 11 00 cds of the Austrian Lloyd Co. in blue-green for S.S. "Hungaria", fine and attractive, plus 1k block of 6 and 4 on piece with same cancel for XVIII (S.S. "Daphne")</p> | | |
| 10290 | ✉ / 108 | 300 |
| <p>1900 Envelope from Sweden to Batum on the eastern shore of the Black Sea with 10ö pair tied by Horndal cds, reverse with Batum arrival and straight-line "C' PAROKHODA" (by steamship) in violet, fine</p> | | |
| 10291 | ✉ / 108 | 200 |
| <p>1900 Picture postcard of Batum coastline with 10k put in letterbox aboard ship of French line "Messageries Maritimes" and cancelled in transit at the French P.O. with "CONSTANTINOPLE GALATA / TURQUIE" cds and "MER NOIRE" boxed hs adjacent, fine</p> | | |
| 10292 | ✉ / 108 | 750 |
| <p>1901 Commercial envelope sent registered to France with 10k and 20k tied by "STEAMSHIP / 2 / BATUM-ODESSA" 2 VI 1901 cds, with white "STEAMSHIP / ODESSA-BAT." registration label, arrival bs, minor soiling and small portion of backflap missing, a fine and rare use of the primitive registered labels which were used only for a short time at the turn of the 19th Century.</p> | | |
| 10293 | ☉ ✉ / www | 200 |
| <p>1902-04 Trio of items cancelled in transit by the French P.O. Constantinople cds; two Caucasian viewcards, one at 2k printed matter rate and other at 4k rate with "MER NOIRE" hs and/or "B.M." (boite mobile) hs, plus 1k vert. strip of 5, very fine</p> | | |
| 10294 | ✉ / 108 | 750 |
| <p>1901 Commercial envelope sent registered to Germany with 10k vert. pair on reverse tied by "STEAMSHIP / 4 / BATUM-ODESSA" 17 XII 1902 (small format) cds, with white "STEAMSHIP / ODESSA-BATUM" registration label amended to read "BATUM-ODESSA", with Odessa transit and Brunswick arrival bs, some discolouration, a fine and rare use of the primitive registered labels which were used only for a short time at the turn of the 19th Century.</p> | | |
| 10295 | ✉ / 110 | 150 |
| <p>1902 Commercial envelope from Batum to Constantinople franked on the reverse with 10k pair cancelled on arrival by French P.O. Constantinople cds, obverse with "B.M." (boite mobile) and "MER NOIRE" hs, very fine</p> | | |





10296	✉ / 110	500
	1903 Russian viewcard of the "Route milit. géorg - Montée de Mlet" addressed to Aidin, Smyrna, franked Russia 1k + 3k (rounded corner) tied by fine DAPHNE OE. LLOYD cds, Constantinople-Galata arrivées cds alongside, scarce	
10297	✉ / www	200
	1903-14 Two Turkish viewcards with script "Paquebot" hs, one in violet and one in pink, franked Russian Levant 20pa on 4k (one 1889-1904 other 1909 issue), sent from Buyuk-Dere and Constantinople and both cancelled in transit at Odessa, fine duo.	
	Although a considerable volume of uncanceled mail from the Levant shipping lines must have been unloaded at Odessa, the "Paquebot" hs required by UPU regulations seems to have been used there very infrequently.	
10298	☉ ✉ / 110	750
	1905 Viewcard from Batum sent to Vienna on Austrian Lloyd ship S.S. "Juno" with 4k tied by "JUNO / OE. LLOYD" blue-green cds with Vienna arrival cds adjacent, very fine, plus fine 3k Romanov pair with purple "GRAZ / OSTERR. LLOYD" cds, cert. Holcombe	
10299	△ ✉ / www	200
	1905-14 Two items incl. 1914 picture postcard of Batum sent to Germany, posted on ship of the Societa Italiana di Serviczi Marittima (SITMAR) with 4k tied by blue "BULGARIA / PIROSCAFO POSTALE ITALIANO" 27 Jul 14 cds in blue-green, plus piece with 7k & 3k tied same cancel but from "STURA" in black with Holcombe (1992) cert.	
10300	✉ / 110	750
	1905 Commercial cover from Batum to Constantinople, posted onboard a ship of the Austrian Lloyd Co. with 1902 10k on reverse tied by magenta "EUTERPE / OE. LLOYD 22 4 05" cds, fine and very rare steamship cancellation, cert. Holcombe (1992), ex Liphschutz	
10301	✉ / 110	500
	1906 Picture postcard of Batum to Austria posted onboard a ship of the Austrian Lloyd Co. with 4k tied by blue-green "ETTORE / OE. LLOYD 11 3 06" cds, with Varna transit and Perzagno arrival cds, minor soiling, fine and very rare steamship cancellation	
10302	✉ / 110	900
	1907 Envelope sent registered to Estonia with 4k and 10k Arms tied to reverse by "ODESSA-BATUM / STEAMSHIP "a" 26 6 07" oval ds, with further strike on obverse with matching registered label, showing that registration facilities were available on board, arrival bs, minor soiling in area around stamps, envelope opened for display, scarce registered ship mail	
10303	✉ / 112	400
	1907 Postcard dateline Batum, sent to the Aegean island of Mytilene, posted onboard a ship of the Austrian Lloyd Co. with 3k tied by blue-green "MEDEA / OE. LLOYD 15 6 07" cds, minor soiling, fine and very rare steamship cancellation	
10304	✉ / 112	750
	1908 Envelope sent registered to St. Petersburg posted on ship by a resident of the Black Sea port of Tuapse with 7k vert. pair tied by "STEAMSHIP / 9 /BATUM-ODESSA 6 III 1908" cds with further strike below, with "STEAMSHIP BATUM-ODESSA" registered label adjacent, arrival bs, very fine and rare	
10305	✉ / 112	200
	1908 Easter greetings postcard posted on ship to St. Petersburg with 1902-05 3k tied by double oval "CRIMEAN-CAUCASIAN LINE / STEAMSHIP "b" 7 18" (error for 08) in brown-purple, partial arrival cds, very fine	
	Cancellations of this type were used on ships of the Russian Transport and Insurance Co. (ROSTRANS)	
10306	✉ / 112	500
	1909 Commercial envelope from Batum to Constantinople posted on ship of the Austria Lloyd Co. with 10k on reverse tied by "HELIOS / OE. LLOYD 29 9 (inverted) 09" cds, with Austrian P.O. Constantinople cds adjacent, minor tone spots, fine, signed Holcombe	



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10309ex2



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10312ex1



10312ex2



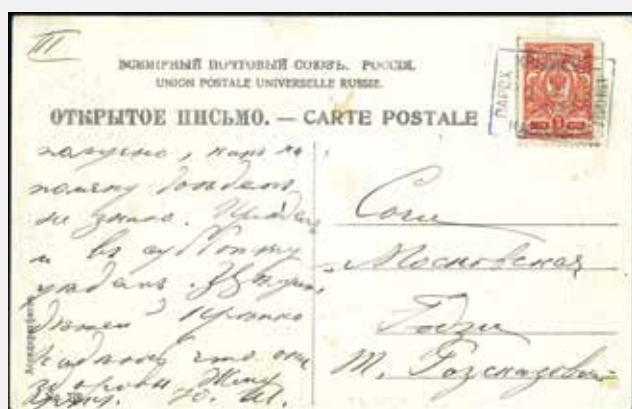
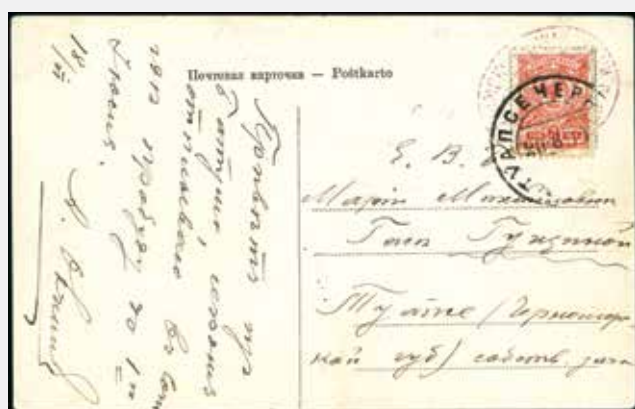
10312ex3



10313



10307	✉ / 112	400
<p>1909 Picture postcard of Batum harbour scene with 3k tied by Batum cds, transiting Yalta, Crimea, 5 days later with violet negative seal-type cachet applied on ship reading "STEAMSHIP PUSKIN / OF THE RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAMSHIPPING AND TRADE" around Imperial Eagle, fine</p> <p>The "Pushkin" was built at Newcastle in 1881 and registered at Odessa. It was a mail and passenger carrier of 1'517 tons and evidently served on the Russian Coast Mail Line between Batum and Odessa with ports of call in the Crimea</p>		
10308	✉ / 112	300
<p>1909 Commercial envelope from Batum to Constantinople posted on board a French ship with 10k on reverse tied by "PAQUEBOT" straight line hs, obverse with "B.M." and "MER NOIRE" hs along with French Constantinople arrival cds, fine.</p> <p>Previously seen only on loose stamps, this "PAQUEBOT" hs can now be ascribed to the French P.O. in Galata.</p>		
10309	✉ / 114	300
<p>1909 Printed commercial envelope originating in Batum addressed to Constantinople franked 10k strip of 3 tied on arrival by CONSTANTINOPLE-GALATA POSTES.FRANCse double-ring datestamp with boxed MER NOIRE and straight line PAQUEBOT all in black alongside, adhesives fractionally toned, very fine aspect</p>		
10310	✉ / 112	700
<p>1910 Viewcard of Novyi Afon sent to France with 1k & 3k tied by blue-green boxed "STEAMSHIP / CRIMEAN- / CAUCASIAN / LINE" 22 5 10 ds, transiting Poti with Paris arrival cds, very fine</p> <p>Cancellations of this type were used on ships of the Russian Transport and Insurance Co. (ROSTRANS). This being the origin of the illustration in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" 41 (1967)</p>		
10311	✉ / 114	700
<p>1910 Commercial envelope sent registered to Germany posted on ship with 10k vert. pair on reverse tied by oval "BATUM-ODESSA STEAMSHIP "e" 15 5 10" cds with further strike on obverse, with "STEAMSHIP BATUM-ODESSA" registered label adjacent, arrival bs, opened for display, very fine and rare</p>		
10312	✉ / 114	600
<p>1910 Trio of postcards showing different types of postage due hs, with "STEAMSHIP / BATUM-ODESSA / 1 / DOPLATIT", "STEAMSHIP / ODESSA-BATUM / 4 / DOPLATIT" and "STEAMSHIP / BATUM-ODESSA / 7 / DOPLATIT", a fine and useful trio</p>		
10313	✉ / 114	700
<p>1911 Viewcard of Sevastopol sent to Odessa, written by passenger on board Steamer "Ruslan" with 3k tied by oval "CRIMEAN-CAUCASIAN LINE / STEAMSHIP "g" 5 12 11" ds in violet with arrival cds adjacent, fine and scarce</p> <p>The "Ruslan" was a ship of 1'678 tons built in 1904 at Hoboken, Netherlands, and registered at Odessa as belonging to the Russian Transport and Insurance Co. (ROSTRANS).</p>		
10314	✉ / 116	500
<p>1911-12 POSTAGE DUE markings on 2 postcards, 1911 with Odessa-Batum steamship 'v' and STEAMSHIP ODESSA_BATUM/3/DOPLATIT (To pay) oval handstamp with '6k' inserted by hand, 1912 card with Batum-Odessa steamship 'd' with STEAMSHIP/BATUM-ODESSA/4/DOPLATIT (To pay) oval datestamp with '6' inserted by hand, fine strikes, scarce matching pair</p>		
10315	✉ / 116	200
<p>1911 Viewcard of Batum sent from there to Tuapse with 3k tied by oval "CRIMEAN-CAUCASIAN LINE / STEAMSHIP "a" 20 6 11" ds in red and arrival cds, fine and scarce</p> <p>Cancellations of this type were used by the Russian Transport and Insurance Co. (ROSTRANS) which operated between the Crimea and Caucasian coast from 1900-19</p>		
10316	✉ / 116	200
<p>1911 Viewcard of a Black Sea steamer overprinted "Grand Duke Aleksei", sent to Kostroma unfranked with oval "BATUM-ODESSA STEAMSHIP "i" 23 10 11" ds and "STEAMSHIP BATUM-ODESSA / 7 / DOPLATIT" postage due hs with ms "6k", arrival cds, very fine. This card ties serial "7" to ship "i" and both to S.S. "Grand Duke Aleksei"</p>		





10317	✉ / 116	1'500
1912 Envelope sent registered to St. Petersburg with 7k strip of three on reverse tied by oval "POTI-ODESSA STEAMSHIP 13 11 12" ds, with further strike on obverse along with "STEAMSHIP BATUM-ODESSA" registration label, arrival bs adjacent, opened and slightly re-folded for display, fine and rare registered use		
This line served the Caucasian and Crimean coasts. Its ships were inter-changed with those of the Batum-Odessa line and although possessing its own canceller, used the registration labels of its sister line		
10318	✉ / 116	1'000
1912 Viewcards used internally, both franked 3k and tied by boxed STEAMSHIP/CRIMEAN/CAUCASIAN/LINE datestamp in blue, fine and rare		
10319	✉ / 118	700
1912 French Steamship Agency in Batum printed envelope sent to France, franked on reverse with 50k pair paying 9 times the 10k foreign rate plus 10k registration fee, tied by oval "BATUM-ODESSA STEAMSHIP "d" 28 4 12" ds, obverse with further strike and Z-type "STEAMSHIP / BATUM-ODESSA" reg'n label (should be R-type for UPU regulations), French re-sealing tape and arrival cds, minor faults obviously caused by the weight of the object sent		
10320	✉ / 118	500
1912 Picture card sent on board S.S. "Batumi" while in port of Novorossiysk (according to message) to Tula with 3k tied by oval "POTI-ODESSA STEAMSHIP 27 11 12" ds, arrival cds adjacent, very fine		
10321	✉ / 118	500
1912 Viewcard of Taganrog sent to Gagry with 3k tied by oval "ODESSA-POTI STEAMSHIP "b" 11 9 12" ds, arrival cds adjacent, very fine		
The Odessa-Poti route served the Russian Coast Mail Line connecting Odessa and the Crimean and Caucasian ports on the eastern side of the Black Sea.		
10322	✉ / 118	600
1913 Viewcard to Sukhum franked 3k cancelled at Port Novorossiysk further cancelled by violet CRIMEAN-CAUCASIAN-LINE STEAMSHIP oval datestamp. Also 1911 viewcard franked 3k tied by boxed STEAMSHIP CRIMEAN-CAUCASIAN-LINE in blue with Ekaterinodor arrival. Very scarce pair		
10323	✉ / 118	500
1913 Envelope sent registered to Sukhumi with 2k, 3k (2) and Romanov 3k pair tied by oval "ODESSA-BATUM STEAMSHIP "d" 23 1 13" ds, with further strike on obverse along with "STEAMSHIP BATUM-ODESSA" registration label, arrival bs adjacent, opened and slightly re-folded for display, fine and rare registered usage		
10324	✉ / 120	500
1914 Viewcard sent to village near Moscow from Sochi with 3k Romanov tied by oval "POTI-ODESSA STEAMSHIP "b" 4 7 14" ds, with Pushkino arrival cds, plus viewcard of passenger disembarkation pier at Poti		
10325	✉ / 118	400
1916 Picture postcard of Helsinki sent to Odessa with 3k tied by Helsingfors cds with violet "Diana" hs and clear Imperial Eagle cachet reading "RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAMSHIPPING AND TRADE / STEAMSHIP DIANA", arrival cds, fine		
The "Diana" was built at Kiel in 1899 and was originally registered at Odessa as a cargo vessel of 3'503 tons. Evidently her status was changed during the war to include mail carrying		
10326	☉ △ ✉ / 120	3'000
1883-1914 Accumulation of 74 covers/stationery/viewcards all with ODESSA-BATUM STEAMSHIP cancels plus a number of loose stamps or on piece similarly cancelled including rare items such as registered mail and postage due (Doplatit) all with the Steamship line in cancel or on registration label, massive holding and a great foundation for a collection, in general the strikes are good.		



10319ex1



10319ex2



10320ex1



10320ex2



10321ex



10322ex



10323



10325



10327

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1'500

BATUM: 1896-1915 Group of 13 covers originating in Batum plus a selection of stamps, some on piece, all with maritime cancels. Covers with Russian frankings tied by Paquebot handstamp, Constantinople Turquie cds, Constantinople Galata Poste Francse, Italian maritime cancels, Lloyd Austriaco XII, several accompanied by Holcombe certificates (all ex Liphschutz collection). Interesting group, few with small cover faults.



10328

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400

LLOYD AUSTRIACO ship cancels on 2 covers and 15 stamps and pieces, mixed, some very fine legible strikes

10329

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1'500

1845-1920 Group of covers and cards (14) from prestamp all with maritime interest, noted 1874 cover with both Taganrog-Kerch and Poti-Kerch-Odessa cancel, cert. Holcombe, ex Liphschutz, further 1875 cover to England franked 10k + 3k pair cancelled Poti-Kerch-Odessa, 3 viewcards with POTI-ODESSA Steamship cancels, in addition a few loose stamps similarly cancelled, much of interest throughout, view scans.

10330

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500

1851-1909 Group of 15 Covers/postal stationery & postcards, originating in Odessa with Russian Levant interest, prestamp to Palermo with French ship 'Phase' cds, 1906 postcard with the only recorded COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIME PAQUEBOT BAGDAD cachet

10331

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1'200

BATUM-ODESSA STEAMSHIP 1881-1926 Collection of 40 covers/postcards/postal stationeries with a variety of different cancels and serial numbers and letters, some written up, several with Holcombe certificates ex the Liphschutz collection, noted 2 Russian Levant stationeries both to Luxembourg. Exceptional assembly in mostly fine condition.

10332

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1896-1911 Group of 3 items, 2 from main Exhibit, comprising 1896 4k stationery to Austria with very fine STEAMSHIP/BATUM-ODESSA 1 cds, 1911 viewcard to Odessa franked 3k tied by CRIMEA-CAUCASUS LINE/ STEAMSHIP 'a' 21 6 oval datestamp in magenta (only part legible), 1911 viewcard of s.s. "Rossiya" posted on board by passenger travelling from Sevastopol to Batum. Put ashore and cancelled at Black Sea port of Tuapse.

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2'000

1883-1907 Collection on 30 sheets from the main exhibition relating to the circular BATUM ODESSA and ODESSA BATUM steamship cancels, with 46 postcards and covers + 2 stamps, portraying the different types and serial letters, much collateral material, painstakingly researched and a once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire such a holding. All scanned on the web

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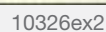
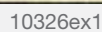
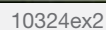
1908-16 Collection of 22 covers and 9 stamps mounted on 18 leaves from the main exhibition collection all with BATUM ODESSA or ODESSA BATUM oval steamship cancels showing the different serial letters, mostly on postcards, some covers, generally very fine strikes, much research has gone into identifying the ships and different lines

10335

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400

1909-14 Group of 4 sheets from the main Exhibit. 1909 Commercial envelope from Batum to Constantinople franked on reverse 2k + 4k pair cancelled on arrival with ROPIT Constantinople cds, 1910-12 three postcards either from or transiting Odessa franked Russian Levant or Ottoman stamps, all with Odessa Paquebot markings (Hosking Type 1237) in red (2) or violet, fine





Ship Mail in the Sea of Azov

10336	✉ / 120	700
1866 Folded cover in Greek to Taganrog, Sea of Azov, dated 6 July, posted on ship, where 10k pen-cancelled and endorsed PARAKHODOM (BY STEAMSHIP). Put ashore at Berdyansk, where stamp received blue 5 July cds At this date mail-carrying ships serving the Sea of Azov had not yet been supplied with their own cancellers.		
10337	✉ / 122	900
1872 Folded letter in Greek, datelined 8/20 April, put on ship to Taganrog, franked 10k vertical paper, cancelled by manuscript IZ PARAKHODA KERCH' (FROM STEAMSHIP "KERCH"). Fine, fresh and rare. At this date mail-carrying ships serving the Sea of Azov had not yet been supplied with their own cancellers.		
10338	✉ / 122	1'000
1875 Letter from Taganrog to Mariupol 17 June franked 3k (pair + single) + 1k placed on TAGANROG-KERCH STEAMSHIP same day and handstamped OTPRAVLENO PARAKHODOM (DESPATCHED BY STEAMSHIP). Also Cover from Berdyansk to Genova franked 8k received Taganrog same day and handstamped POLUCHENO PARAKHODOM (RECEIVED BY STEAMSHIP). The ships' postmarks give the terminal ports of call, figures to the left of the date indicate the number of the postal station (1=Taganrog, 3=Berdyansk).		
10339	✉ / 122	300
1885 Envelope to a Russian monk at Mount Athos near Salonica Turkey franked 7k tied by Taganrog 3 sep. cds. Thence by TAGANROG-KERCH STEAMSHIP 7 3 /4 Sep (backstamp), picked up at Kerch, Crimea, at eastern end of Black Sea by BATUM-ODESSA (STEAMSHIP)/4/7 Sep (backstamp) and delivered to Odessa same day. Oval receipt mark of Russian P.O. Constantinople 9 Sep and passed to Turkish P.O. same day.		
10340	✉ / 122	500
1886 Reply-paid 3k stationery card from Berdyansk to Germany and 1 Sep 1890 Printed commercial envelope from a firm in Taganrog to the Aegean Island of Chios, endorsed via Odessa franked 10k both cancelled TAGANROG-KERCH/5/STEAMSHIP, good to very good strikes		
10341	✉ / 124	200
1886 Opened out envelope sent from Kerch-Enikol, at the eastern extremity of the Crimea, to Viesenshtein in the Baltic province of Estland. the 11 backstamps show that during its 8 days journey the letter was handled by atleast 8 different T.P.O.'s as follows: Placed on KERCH-TAGANROG STEAMSHIP same day as posting (25 6), put ashore at Mariupol next day,, transferred 27th to Postal Wagon No. 79 (Mariupol-Zvierevo), on 28th to Postal Wagon No. 18 (Kiev-Moscow); on 29th to Postal Wagon No. 7 (Orel-Dvinsk); thence on branch-line route No. 4 (Warsaw-St Petersburg) (octagonal mark) on 30th; transferred 1st July to Postal Wagon No. 40 (Riga-St Petersburg); next day to Postal Wagon No. 126 (Pernov-Pskov); on 3rd to Postal Wagon No. 90 (Hapsal-Taps), reached Veisenshtein on 4th.		
10342	✉ / 124	500
1890 3k Postal stationery card uprated 1k and stationery cover of Orient Line of Royal Mail Steamers, franked 10k, both addressed from the Crimean port of Sevastopol to England cancelled STEAMSHIP/"TAGANROG-ODESSA" cds's. Card posted on Ship '1' 20 sept. and cover on Ship '2' 13 Sept. 1890, both put ashore at Odessa next day. These ships were part of the Russian Coast Mail Line between ports in the Sea of Azov and Odessa via the Crimea.		
10343	✉ / 124	500
1902 Viewcard written from Kerch 20 VII to Belgium franked 1k + 3k cancelled KERCH/" ROSTOV 21 VII 1902 cds, Put ashore same day at port of Berdyansk. Liege arrival cds. Serial '2' has been identified as belonging to s.s.'ROSTOV', one of the ships of the R.O.Pi.T. fleet.		



10330ex1



10330ex2



10330ex3



10337



10338ex1



10338ex2



10339



10340ex



10344	/ 124	500
1902 Viewcards of Kerch and Berdyansk posted on board ship to Liege, Belgium, each franked 4k in Arms stamps and cancelled respectively: KERCH-ROSTOV/1/AZOV STEAMSHIP LINE 19 VI 1902 ROSTOV_KERCH/1/AZOV STEAMSHIP LINE 4 VI 1902		
Former weak strike, second legible, otherwise fine and rare matching pair.		
10345	/ 124	500
1902 Viewcard to Belgium posted on board s.s. "ROSTOV" while at BERDYANSK franked 4k tied by ROSTOV/2/KERCH 17 VI 1902 cds. Fine and rare.		
The "Rostov" was one of the vessels of the Russian Company for Steam Shipping and Trade (R.O.P.i.T.), built in 1867 and registered at Odessa. This card identifies serial '2' as belonging to s.s."Rostov".		
10346	/ 126	400
1903-05 ROSTOV-KERCH/1/AZOV STEAMSHIP cancelling pair of 2k and single 3k respectively on 2 viewcards, 1st addressed to France, 2nd internal, fair to good strikes, very scarce with only a handful recorded		
10347	/ 126	700
1914 Viewcard of Kerch to Gurzuf in Crimea franked 3k Romanov cancelled KERCH-ROSTOV/STEAMSHIP 'v' 27 7 oval datestamp + viewcard of Mt. Ararat to Yalta in the Crimea franked 3k Romanov tied by STEAMSHIP/1/ROSTOV-KERCH 16 10 14. Different style of cancellers for outward and return journeys. Originals of illustrations in N.F.Mandrovsky, "Soviet Collector" no. 24 (1987), p.38. Only recorded examples of these cancellations.		
10348	/ 126	600
1915 RIVER KUBAN: Greeting card franked 3k (corner fault) tied by EKATERINADOR-TEMRYUK STEAMSHIP oval datestamp, fine and rare strike with Melnikov certificate in Russian. In addition 1914 printed commercial envelope to Scotland franked Romanov 10k tied by similar cancel in violet without any further postmarks.Latter sold as is.		
10349	/ 126	500
1915 RIVER KUBAN: Viewcard to Kazan franked 2k Romanov + 1k Arms cancelled EKATERINADOR-TEMRYUK STEAMSHIP 18 7 15 with address erased and other faults, 3k Stationery card to P.O.W. camp in Germany, examined by Military Censor in Petrograd in transit (violet boxed cachet) cancelled oval TEMRYUK-EKATERINODAR STEAMSHIP 19 10 15. Writer gives address as "Kuban Oblast, town Ekaterinodar, via steamship to village of Fedorovsk". Rare steamship cancels.		
10350	/ 126	300
Undated 7k postal stationery envelope to Berdiansk with company logo at top suggesting origin as Rostov on the Don, cancelled violet cachet reading Steamship on the River Don, Sea of Azov and Black Sea. No other markings. Horizontal crease at base. Unrecorded cancel.		
10351	/ 126	500
1858-91 Group of 5 covers, noted 1878 cover franked 8k tied by TAGANROG-KERCH cds, 1902 Viewcard franked 4k tied by KERCH-ROSTOV 2 cds, other covers from Kerch, Taganrog and Epatoria all with maritime annotations, interesting lot		

Ship Mail on the River Dnieper

10352	/ www	300
DNIEPER BUG Estuary: 1908-13 Group of 3 viewcards all franked 3k for internal usage and cancelled ODESSA-NIKOLAEV STEAMSHIP cds's, similar on 2 loose stamps, generally good strikes, 1 ex Fabergé		

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1'200

1885 3k Stationery card to Germany written from Kronau, on the River Ingulets, a tributary of the Dnieper, 26 May, received Kherson 2 days later; and 7k stationery envelope and cover with defective 7k on reverse to Odessa, received Kherson 26 Sept 1886 and 5 Aug 1892 respectively; all with dateless oval cancellation having cursive inscription with ship at base: ALEKSANDROVSK-KHERSON/FOR ANNULLING STAMP

This unique ship's canceller was probably prepared by the Company for Steam-Shipping on the River Dnieper, whose envelope seal is also included in the lot.



10354



2'000

DNEIPER BUG Estuaries: 1887 Envelope, panels opened out at sides, franked 1883-88 7k Arms IMPERF vertical pair with background displacement, addressed to Odessa and cancelled STEAMSHIP/KHERSON-ODESSA 13 May (month inverted). Odessa arrival backstamp. One of the backflaps hinged in place and staining bottom left not affecting adhesives. Extremely rare franking.



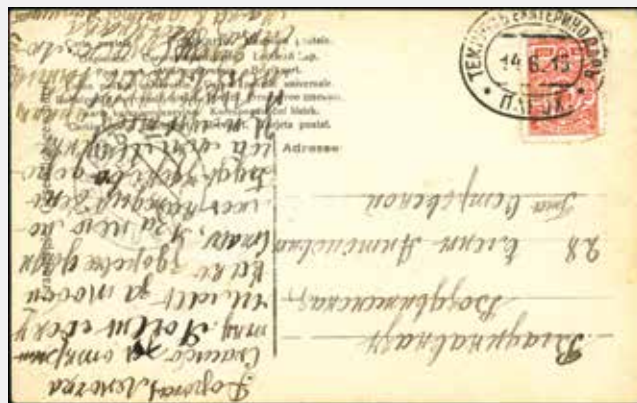
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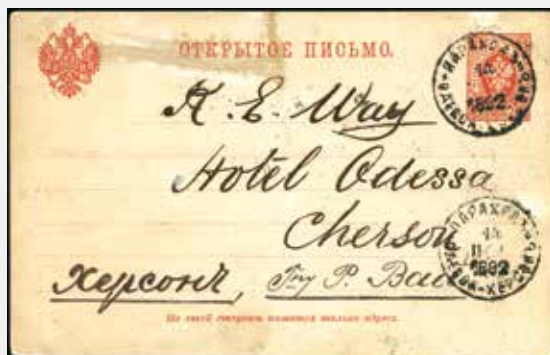


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10355	✉ / 128	200
	DNIEPER BUG Estuaries: 1892 3k Stationery card to Kherson cancelled STEAMSHIP/ODESSA-KHERSON 14 July cds with Kherson arrival backstamp same day. Card with central crease and some staining. Legible strike, scarce, plus unused view card of the R.O.P.i.T. quay at Kherson.	
10356	✉ 田 / 128	300
	DNIEPER BUG Estuaries: 1893 10k stationery envelope to Berlin cancelled STEAMSHIP/KHERSON-ODESSA 16 10 cds twice, Odessa transit and Berlin arrival. . Also viewcard to Scotland franked 1k block of 4 cancelled STEAMSHIP/KHERSON-ODESSA 16 Apr. 1904 and 1k block of 4 off cover cancelled STEAMSHIP/ODESSA-KHERSON 6 May 1903.	
10357	✉ / 128	400
	1897 5k Stationery envelope uprated on reverse 2k used from Khotin (Bessarabia) to Kiev 5 XII. Conveyed by mail-boat on River Dnieper and cancelled KIEV/STEAMSHIP PIER TOWN POSTAL BRANCH 8 XII Viewcard of Kiev Steamship Pier on the River Dnieper included.	
10358	✉ / 128	400
	1901-02 Viewcards (2) to Pirot, Serbia, both franked 4k, one defective, cancelled 19 VII 1901 and 19 VII 1902 by incomplete strikes of circular STEAMSHIP/2/KHERSON-ALEKSANDROVSK, a hitherto unrecorded cancellation of the River Dneiper mail-boat service.	
10359	✉ / 128	300
	1903 Viewcard of Kherson, unfranked, cancelled STEAMSHIP/ODESSA-KHERSON 17 Mar 1903 cds, Odessa transit alongside, rare	
10360	✉ / 128	300
	1903 Viewcard to Ekaterinoslav posted on ship serving the lower reaches of the River Dnieper franked 3k, cancelled STEAMSHIP/I/KHERSON-ALEKSANDROVSK 10 VII 1903, fair strike, received Ekaterinoslav 3 days later. a hitherto unrecorded cancellation of the River Dneiper mail-boat service run by R.O.P.i.T.	
10361	✉ / 130	500
	1905 3k Stationery card posted 11 4 05 to St Petersburg from village of Klyuchevoe, near Kakhovka, on River Dnieper, about 75 km NE of Kherson, cancelled in violet (2 strikes) ALEKSANDROVSK-KHERSON STEAMSHIP 'v' 12 4, and viewcard to Grushevka, Kherson, franked 1k + 2k tied by oval KHERSON-ALEKSANDROVSK STEAMSHIP 'b' 27 7 Hitherto unrecorded cancellations of the River Dnieper service showing an unusually early use of the double-oval type of ship's datestamp.	
10362	✉ / 130	700
	1907 Greetings card to the village of Pavlikovo, Moscow Guberniya, posted stampless in letter-box of ship of River Dnieper service, cancelled oval ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA/STEAMSHIP 'g' 11 7 alongside oval DOPLATIT (To Pay) ALEKSANDROV.-ODESSA g with '6k' inserted by hand. Fine and rare cancels.	
10363	✉ / 130	500
	1907 3k Stationery card from Odessa to Kherson cancelled on reverse route: ODESSA-ALEKSANDROVSK STEAMSHIP 'b' 17 9 07. 2 strikes (fine to v.fine) 1913 Printed commercial envelope from Kherson to Germany franked Romanov 3k + 7k on reverse tied by ALEKSANDROVSK ODESSA STEAMSHIP 'b' 19 3 13 with much clearer strike on obverse. Fine and very scarce matching pair.	
10364	△ ✉ / 130	400
	1910 Viewcard of Kherson to Odessa franked 3k cancelled oval ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA/STEAMSHIP 'b' 27 7 10 In addition 2 pieces bearing 2k and 3k with similar cancellations for ship 'v' dated 30 5 08 and 20 7 11 respectively. Furthermore, and not in the original exhibit, 1908 viewcard franked 1k (3) tied by the same cancel ship 'a'.	

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- 10365** ✉ / 132 **500**
 1910 Stationery card franked 3k Arms to Kherson cancelled oval ODESSA-ALEKSANDROVSK/STEAMSHIP 'a' 4 9 10. Fine strike. 1913 3k Romanov stationery card to Finland via Vilna cancelled ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA/STEAMSHIP 'a' 18 6 13. Very fine strike.
 Ships of this fluvial-maritime service carried cancellers for use in both directions.
- 10366** ✉ / 130 **300**
 1910 Viewcard of Cairo addressed to Barry Docks, Cardiff, S.Wales, by crew member of s.s. "Beethoven" while at Kherson, River Dnieper, franked 4k tied by oval ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA STEAMSHIP 'b' 28 3 10. 2 good strikes. Violet cachet of British ship chandlers at Kherson, who appear to have acted as agents, accepting mail to be dropped in letter-boxes of arriving ships.
- 10367** ✉ / 132 **500**
 1912 Viewcard of steamship quay on River Dnieper at Kiev, addressed to Zlatopol franked 3k tied by oval ODESSA-KHERSON STEAMSHIP 27 12 12. Zlatopol arrival alongside. Unrecorded ship cancellation. Fine strike.
- 10368** ☉ ✉ ☒ / 132 **150**
 DNEIPER BUG Estuaries: 1913 Viewcard (address erased) to Nikolaev, Kherson, franked Romanov 3k and strip of 3 3k Arms dated 21 May 1889 cancelled STEAMSHIP/ODESSA-NIKOLAEV.
 1k Blocks of 4 and 6 and 3k strip of 3 with various dates in 1889 used in reverse direction and cancelled STEAMSHIP/NIKOLAEV-ODESSA cds's.
- 10369** ✉ / 132 **300**
 1913 Viewcard of steamship pier at Kherson to Vienna franked Romanov 7k cancelled oval datestamp: ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA/STEAMSHIP 'd' 5 8. Good strike. Fine and scarce.
 A fluvial-maritime service running some 250 miles down the Dnieper from Aleksandrovsk and across the Dnieper-Bug estuaries to Odessa.
- 10370** ✉ / 132 **200**
 DNEIPER BUG estuaries: 1913 2k Romanov postal wrapper to Switzerland posted on board ship cancelled : STEAMSHIP/ODESSA-NIKOLAEV 29 Aug 13 cds, some creasing, very scarce usage



- 10371** ✉ **1'200**
 1914 Registered cover to St Nicholas Monastery Odessa franked on reverse Romanov 7k pair and 3k (2) for the 20k rate, posted on River Dnieper ship service and cancelled oval ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA STEAMSHIP 'a' 27 9 . Registered label: STEAMSHIP/ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA with number (641) repeated in manuscript top left corner. Put ashore at Odessa same day. Manuscript notation of receipt 2 days later and handstamped private registration number (14225) applied. Fine and rare.



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10364ex1



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- 10372** / 134 **700**
- DNIEPER BUG Estuaries: 1915 Cover to Commander of Steamship "ELBRUS" at Nikolaev, Kherson, at the head of the Bug estuary, franked 1914-15 War Charity set of 4 tied individually by violet circular seal-type cachets reading around Imperial Eagle and crossed anchors: STEAMSHIP "APSHERON" A further strike on reverse with Nikolaev arrival dated 9 7 15.
- The 1912 register of the Russian Merchant Fleet lists the "ELBRUS" as belonging to the R.O.P.i.T. Company. The "Apsheon" is not mentioned, but use of the Imperial Eagle in her cachet suggests that she too was part of the R.O.P.i.T.fleet, possibly a wartime auxillary vessel.
- 10373** / 134 **500**
- 1889-1913 Group of 4 stationery items/viewcards all with steamship cancels on the Odessa -Cherson line in both directions, plus 2 viewcards with Alexandrovsk-Odessa (1909) and Alexandrovsk -Cherson (1905) Steamship cancels and 2 single stamps, a pair and fragment with cancels from the same lines
- 10374** **1'500**
- 1906-12 ALEKSANDROVSK-ODESSA STEAMSHIP cancels, group of 7 viewcards + 1906 registered cover to Cherson with ODESSA-ALEKSANDROVSK STEAMSHIP oval datestamp tying 7k (4) on reverse with CHERSON-ALEKSANDROVSK STEAMSHIP registered label on obverse accompanied by Mandrovskii certificate.Balance showing different serial codes + 1 stamp and 1 unused postcard.

Ship Mail in the Caspian Sea

- 10375** / 134 **500**
- 1900ca. Commercial envelope to Persia franked on reverse with 1k strip of three and 7k tied in transit at Enzeli, with Tehran transit adjacent, minor soiling, fine and scarce
- This cancellation was applied from 1890s to 1905 to uncanceled mail arriving by ship from Russia to the Persian port of Enzeli
- 10376** / 134 **400**
- 1900ca. Envelope from Baku to Persia franked on reverse with 10k, dropped in ship's letterbox on the Baku-Enzeli line and cancelled in transit at Enzeli, with Tehran transit adjacent and Yezd arrival on obverse, fine and scarce
- This cancellation was applied from 1890s to 1905 to uncanceled mail arriving by ship from Russia to the Persian port of Enzeli
- 10377** / 134 **300**
- 1904ca. Commercial envelope from Baku to Persia franked on reverse with 10k cancelled in transit at Enzeli, with Tehran arrival cds adjacent, fine and scarce
- 10378** / 134 **300**
- 1908-09, Trio of covers from Baku with 10k frankings cancelled in Persia, one cancelled by pen with oval Enzeli and Kazvin transits, one tied by Isfahan oval and one tied by Tehran cds, useful group



- 10379** **150**
- 1909 Persia 6ch pair with oval "KURO-CASPIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD. "BAKINETS" cachet in violet, some creasing and the perfs reinforced, rare, ex A. Cronin and Kurt Adler, plus picture postcard of Baku harbour
- Recorded by Tchilinghirian & Stephen as the only example of this cancellation then known in the "Stamps of the Russian Empire Used Abroad" pt.3, 1958, p.221 fig.323





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1910 3k Postal stationery card from Baku to France, uprated with 1k and tied by Baku cds, with oval "KURO-CASPIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD. "BAKU" cachet adjacent, fine

The "Baku" was a vessel of 727 tons built in Gothenburg in 1897. Its postmark known hitherto only on a loose copy of a 3k Russian stamp. This card denies the suggestion made Tchilinghirian & Stephen in "Stamps of the Russian Empire Used Abroad" pt.3 p.221, that the "Baku" may have been a replacement for the "Bakinets" and its postmark only used during the period 1914-17

10381

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1910-11, Pair of commercial covers from Baku to Persia, one with 10k other with 3k & 7k, both cancelled in transit by Isfahan ovoid ds, fine



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1911ca. Russia 10k on piece and 7k & 3k on piece with oval "KURO-CASPIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD" cachets in violet, the former with S.S. Islam and the latter with S.S. Kizil-Agach, fine and scarce

These stamps are the origins of the illustrations in Tchilinghirian & Stephen's "Russia Used Abroad" pt.3 (1958) p.219 figs.325 & 326, which states "No covers known".



10383

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1912-15, Persia stamp selection on 4 pages, incl. 1ch pair with "STEAMSHIP (COMPANY) "COLCHIDA" / STEAMSHIP "POMOSHCHNIK", five with oval cachets of the Kuro-Caspian Steamship Co., 2 singles and a pair with independent ship hs, and a strip of three, two pairs and a single with cachets of the Russo-Caucasian Steamship Assoc., interesting selection



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10384 ☉ 100

1912ca. Persia 2ch vert. pair pen cancelled on ship as well as incomplete four line instructional hs "ITEM OF MAIL IS DAMAGED, FOR WHICH THE RUSSO-CAUCASIAN STEAMSHIP ASSOCIATION DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY" in violet, a unique Russian ship mail cachet

10385 △ ✉ / 136 500

1912 Group of 6 covers cancelled by "BAKU-ENZELI / STEAMSHIP" oval ds, one at triple rate and rest single rate incl. 10k Romanov franking, plus two pieces

10386 ✉ / 136 150

1912 Folded letter from a firm in Baku to Persia with 4k paying printed matter rate tied to reverse by "BAKU-ENZELI / STEAMSHIP" oval ds, with Isfahan and Teheran cds adjacent, very fine and scarce rate



10387 ✉ 2'000

1913 Envelope from Persian Customs sent by insured money-letter for 200R to Germany, franked on the reverse with Romanov 7k (2), 15k and 25k cancelled on ship plying between Baku and Meshhed-I-Sar with "BAKU-MESHEDESSER / STEAMSHIP 19 9 13" oval ds, obverse with Baku Post Telegraph Office white & blue registered label, very fine and attractive franking



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10385ex2



10385ex3



10386



10388



10388	✉ / 136	300
<p>1913 Postcard to Russia with Persia 6ch, conveyed from Persian port of Enzeli on Russian ship and cancelled by "BAKU-ENZELI / STEAMSHIP "a" 7 4 13" oval ds, with further strike adjacent, violet "Paquebot" hs, fine</p> <p>This paquebot hs has been recorded hitherto only on loose Russian and Persian stamps ("Russia Used Abroad" pt.3 pp.219, 227, fig.331)</p>		
10389	☉ ✉ / 138	150
<p>1914 3k Postal stationery card sent to an officer of the Cossack Brigade of the Russian Mission in Teheran, posted on board ship (message confirms this) and cancelled by red crayon, with bilingual Enzeli transit and violet "T" tax hs (probably at Teheran), very fine, plus 3k and 10k singles cancelled with Enzeli "Depart" and "Arrivee" cds respectively</p>		
10390	✉ / 138	500
<p>1914 Envelope sent registered to England with 20k on reverse tied by "BAKU-ENZELI / STEAMSHIP "b" 30 11 14" oval ds, put ashore at Baku with cds and Cyrillic registered label overwritten in Latin, obverse with military censor cachet (Speeckaert type 2), arrival bs, fine.</p> <p>Apparently ships on this line were not equipped to handle registered mail on board. No other record of registered mail on the Baku-Enzeli line.</p>		
10391	✉ / 138	150
<p>1915 Viewcard of Baku port sent to the village of Popovka bearing Naval free-frank cachet of Gunboat "Kars" with "BAKU-MESHEDESSER / STEAMSHIP 10 4 15" oval ds below, fine</p> <p>This cancellation was used on ships of the "Caucasus & Mercury" shipping company between Baku and Meshhed-I-Sar</p>		
10392	☉ △ ✉ / www	750
<p>1890-1915, Balance on 8 pages, mostly loose stamps incl. Arms issues cancelled in Enzeli, cancellations of the Russo-Caucasian Steamship Assoc. and the oval ds of the Caucasus & Mercury line incl. Romanov 7k & 3k on cover and 1k and 2k on soiled pc, a wide range of stamps incl. multiples</p>		
10393	✉ / 138	500
<p>1917 Viewcard of Tiflis to Petrograd with blue "URMIJSAKAYA OZERNAYA FLOTILYA" (LEK URMIA FLEE) naval cachet in blue, cancelled alongside "POLEVAYA ZAPAZN: POCHT:KONTORA" (Fieldpost Reserve Post Office), confirming military free frank usage, with corresponding real photo viewcard of the actual vessel and its crew, endorsed on reverse "18 Nov 16 , URMIA LAKE, Persia", fine, cert. Mandrovski</p> <p>Tchilingirian states: "A Russian Consular Post Office is claimed to have operated during the 1910s in this important town of Persian Azerbaijan, but no material emanating from it is known to the authors".</p> <p>Urmia is the 10th most populated city in Iran, situated on a fertile plain called Urmia Plain, on the Western side of Lake Urmia, At the start Of World War I tens of thousands of Assyrians and Armenians from Anatolia found refuge in Urmia. This card is a rare example of Russian naval presence on Lake Urmia during WWI.</p>		
10394	☉ △ ✉ / www	400
<p>1902-15 Group of 3 covers, 2 viewcards and 24 stamps all with Russian maritime cancels, many identified, 1 cover reduced, strikes vary from part or faint strikes to legible</p>		
10395	☉ △ ✉ / www	750
<p>Balance lot with covers, unused postcards (2) and stamps, noted 1915 cover with 3 colour Romanov franking cancelled Baku Enzeli steamship cancels, 4 other covers with Russian frankings cancelled in Persia including 1 with combination with Persian issues, a number of Russian stamps, some mounted on leaves with Persian or steamship cancels, rare opportunity to acquire such a quantity of these elusive usages</p>		

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Ship Mail on the River Amur and tributaries

10396	△ ✉ / 138	300
	<p>1907 Card from Nikolaevsk to Blagoveshchensk franked 2k cancelled BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEVSK STEAMSHIP 'b' large format 19 5 07, 1k stamp originally missed by postal clerk, cancelled on day of arrival BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEVSK STEAMSHIP 'b' small format 29 5 07, showing that datestamps in both formats were carried on board, the smaller being used generally to indicate date of off-loading.</p> <p>Illustrated BJRP No. 90 (2003) p.54, fig. 12b. Also 1912 cover to Wales franked 10k with the same cancel serial 'a' and small piece with 10k pair with same cancel.</p>	
10397	✉ / 138, 140	360
	<p>1907 Viewcard to France, 1912 viewcard to St Petersburg and 1913 7k stationery envelope all cancelled BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEVSK STEAMSHIP large format oval datestamps serial 'b', 'g' and 'v' respectively, mostly fine</p>	
10398	✉ / 140	200
	<p>1907 Envelope sent triple-weight to USA franked 15k pair tied by oval BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEVSK STEAMSHIP 'v' 27 8 07, additional strike alongside. Damaged in transit with 2-line handstamp on reverse: RECEIVED IN THIS CONDITION</p>	
10399	✉ / 140	150
	<p>1907 Viewcard to Odessa franked 1k (3) tied 11 6 07 by oval BLAGOVESHCHENSK-STRETENSK STEAMSHIP 'a' (large format).</p> <p>In addition unused viewcard of steamship pier at Stretensk, situated on the River Shilka, a tributary of the Amur.</p>	
10400	✉	260
	<p>1908 Viewcard to Moscow franked 3k tied BLAGOVESHCHENK-STRETENSK oval datestamp with small version of the same cancel alongside used at the end of the route. In addition 1909 viewcard franked 3k tied by BLAGOVESHCHENK-NIKOLAEV STEAMSHIP 'b', 2 strikes, fair to fine.</p>	
10401	✉ / 140	200
	<p>1908 Viewcard of shipping laid up on the Amur river at Blagoveshchensk franked 3k tied by oval BLAGOVESHCHENSK-STRETENSK STEAMSHIP 'b' (large format) 29 8 08. A similar cancel in smaller format 7 9 08 alongside.</p> <p>The same inscription was used for both directions on cancellers of the River Amur postal services, possibly different sizes of canceller distinguished the outward and homeward runs. Mail posted on board when the ship was going the wrong way for the required rail link may have been recancelled on the turn-round.</p>	
10402	△ ✉ / www	300
	<p>1910 Two sheets from exhibit comprising two postcards franked 4k in Arms issues each cancelled BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEVSK/STEAMSHIP serial 'g' for 26 5 and 'v' for 26 6, both small format. Fine to very fine strikes in both cases struck twice. In addition piece franked 1k + 2k + 7k tied by the same cancel serial 'a'.</p>	
10403	✉ / 140	200
	<p>1910 Viewcard of Blagoveshchensk posted to Pskov with BLAGOVESHCHENSK-STRETENSK STEAMSHIP 'b' 10 6 10. Stamps have apparently been removed. Oval mark applied DOPLATIT (TO PAY)/BLAGOVESHCHENSK-STRETENSK STEAMSHIP B with '6k' inserted by hand</p>	

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1'500

1914 Registered cover from the Amur Company for Shipping and Trade to CHITA, Siberia, franked on reverse pair 7k Romanov tied by oval BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEVSK STEAMSHIP 'v' serving the Amur river. Separating Russia and Manchuria.

The label, reading STEAMSHIP LETTER V/BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEVSK proves that registration facilities were available on Imperial Russia's fluvial postal services.

10405



750

SHIP MAIL ON THE RIVER ZEYA: 1916 Envelope to Finland franked 10k cancelled oval BLAGOVESHCHENSK - ZEYA STEAMSHIP 'b' 10 9 16, light but legible strike. Red oval censor cachet alongside and Helsingfors arrival backstamps.

This cover represents the sole evidence of a postal service on the River Zeya, operating from its confluence with the River Amur at Blagoveshchensk northwards to Zeya, about 400km up river. Original of figure in P.E.Robinson "Siberia, & c" (1990), p.177, fig. S2.3.

10406



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1903-14 Group of 6 viewcards + 1 cover, all but one with Steamship cancels for BLAGOVESHCHENSK-NIKOLAEV or BLAGOVESHCHENSK-STRETENSK in different size oval datestamps and/or lines (serial codes), generally good strikes

10407



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BLAGOVESHCHENSK-STRETENSK STEAMSHIP large oval datestamps 1908-13 grouping on 5 sheets from the Exhibit comprising usages on registered cover, and 4 postcards, 1 in combination with Esperanto label, 1 in combination with the smaller version of this Steamship cancel. Also 1 multi-franking piece. 3 different serial letters. In addition 2 viewcards for illustration. Fine group.

10408



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BLAGOVESHCHENSK-STRETENSK STEAMSHIP 1910-17 grouping on 5 sheets from the exhibit with 4 viewcards and 1 uprated letter card all cancelled with the smaller oval steamship cancel, with the boats identified for 3 of the serial numbers, one unused viewcard of steamer included.



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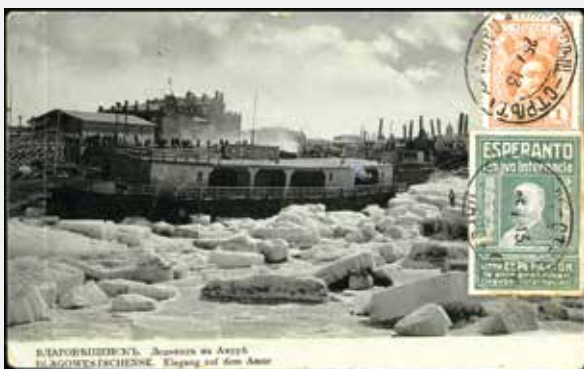
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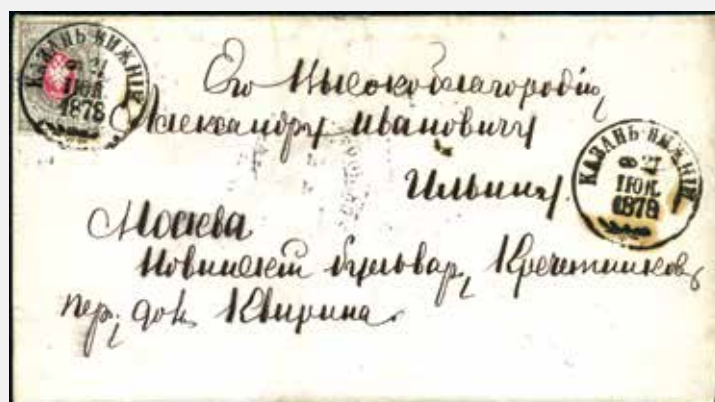


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Ship Mail on the River Volga and tributaries

10409	✉ / 142	150
1864 Wrapper to St. Petersburg endorsed "By Steamship" with two 1858 10k perf. tied by Rybinsk 2 Jul 1864 cds, arrival bs, fine		
Letterboxes were placed on some ships and piers of the River Volga postal services as early as 1856, though special ships' cancellers were not introduced until 1868-73. Prior to that period the boxes were emptied at convenient ports of call and the contents cancelled at post offices on shore		
10410	✉ / 142	700
1869 Wrapper to St. Petersburg posted in ship letterbox with 1864-65 10k tied by "NIZHNII-RYBINSK" 25 Jul 1869 cds, with Yaroslavl and St. Petersburg bs, fine and scarce, the earliest recorded example of River Volga ship cancellations.		
This is four years earlier than general introduction of ship's post offices and cancellers on this waterway. Probably priority was given to this route to meet the needs of the great annual fair at Nizhnii-Novgorod.		
10411	△ / 144	200
1869 Wrapper fragment with 10k cancelled by "Steamship Kazan-Nizhnii 4 September 1869" in ms, partial transit of Warsaw railway, a rare manuscript forerunner of the ships' cancellers subsequently issued		
10412	✉ / 144	300
1872 NIZHNII-RIBINSK April 14th Steamship cds cancelling early 10k postal stationery envelope addressed to Yaroslavl with faint arrival, expertisation mark bottom left, very early and rare usage		
10413	✉ / 144	600
1874 Pair of covers posted on the same day on the same ship with 10k on reverse tied by "KAZAN-SARATOV" 12 Jul 1894 cds, both with several transit ds of different Postal Wagons and Railway lines, minor faults, a useful duo		
10414	✉ / 144	500
1877-78 Pair of covers cancelled by "KAZAN-NIZHNII" cds, one a 5k postal stationery card to England with several transit ds of different Railway lines, minor soiling; other a 8k on envelope to Moscow, a useful duo		
10415	✉ / 144	200
1879 3k Postal stationery card (1872 issue) cancelled by "REVEL / BALTIC RAILWAY" 8 8 79 cds, with Postal Wagon No.23-24 (Bolgoe-Rybinsk) and River Volga service "RYBINSK-NIZHNII" transits, with Kostrom arrival bs, fine		
Note that the number of the postal station is now omitted from this ship cancellation		
10416	✉ / 146	200
1880 Envelope from St.Petersburg to village of Tri-Ozera franked on reverse by 7k tied by "NIZHNE-NOVGOROD RAILWAY" at Moscow then transferred to River Volga steamship service with "KAZAN-SARATOV" transit (with sideways 1 in date denoting number of postal station as Kazan), opened for display, fine		
10417	✉ / 146	200
1880 Envelope with 7k tied by Odessa cds, addressed to Verkholsensk, with Samara transit and placed on Postal Wagon No.69 (Syrzan-Orenburg) thence by ship of the River Volga service with "SARATOV-KAZAN" cds and picked up at Perm with Postal Wagon No.81 (Perm-Ekaterinburg) cds and then to Irkutsk with ms arrival, minor soiling, fine		
10418	✉ / 146	200
1880 Envelope to St. Petersburg with 7k tied by ship's "ASTRAKHAN-KAZAN" 17 May 1880 cds with posthorns at foot, arrival bs, minor soiling, fine, there is no previous record of a postmark featuring posthorns on this route		





10419	✉ / 146	150
	1880 Official post-free envelope for confidential report of Governor Simbirsk from Military Commander of Kamyshin District, posted at Kamyshin on the River Volga with ship "ASTRAKHAN-KAZAN" 20 Aug 1880 cds with sideways 24 (Kamyshin was the 24th station on route), arrival bs, wax seal on backflap, fine	
10420	✉ / 146	300
	1881 3k Postal stationery card to Germany carried by ship on the River Volga with "ASTRAKHAN-TSARITSYN / 2" 19 Jul 1881 cds with posthorns at foot, arrival cds, toned, the scarcest of the River Volga cancels	
10421	✉ / 146	300
	1881 3k Postal stationery card to Ireland carried by ship on the River Volga with "ASTRAKHAN-TSARITSYN / 2" 28 Sep 1881 cds with posthorns at foot with further strike below and one dated 2 days later on reverse, toned, the scarcest of the River Volga cancels, plus ppc of the shipping piers at Tsaritsyn	
10422	✉ / 146	100
	1881 3k Postal stationery card from Perm to Moscow carried by ship on the River Kama and cancelled "PERM-KAZAN" 3 May 1881 cds with sideways 14, transferred to a vessel on the Volga with "KAZAN-NIZHNII" cds with sideways 1 of Kazan, arrival cds, fine	
10423	✉ / www	200
	1886 Envelope from St Petersburg to Urzhum with NIZHNII-KAZAN Steamship cds on reverse and 1888 3k postal stationery card to Germany with KAZAN-NIZHNII Steamship cds in transit, both with posthorns, good to very fine strikes, scarce	
10424	✉ / 146	200
	1887 3k Postal stationery card to Sarenta carried by ship on the River Volga with "TSARITSYN-ASTRAKHAN / 1" 28 May 1887 cds with posthorns at foot with further strike below, very fine, the scarcest of the River Volga cancels	
10425	☉ ✉ / 148	150
	1888 Envelope to Syzran, at the confluence of the Rivers Volga and Syzranka with crisp strike of "STEAMSHIP / KAZAN-SARATOV" cds on obverse, stamp missing from reverse, arrival cds, top slightly reduced, plus 7k stamp with cancel of the other direction. This style of cancel is known from a few examples dated 1886-88 and was evidently in use for a very short period.	
10426	✉ / 148	400
	1888 3k Postal stationery card from Ekaterinburg to Vologda placed on Postal Wagon 82 (Ekaterinburg-Perm) and thence by 3 ships with "PERM-KAZAN", "KAZAN-NIZHNII" and "NIZHNII-RYBINSK" cds, and further Yaroslavl and Postal Wagon 115 (Yaroslavl-Vologda) with arrival cds one week later, an impressive array of transit markings	
10427	(✉) / 148	300
	1888 Envelope (a separated front and back slightly trimmed) from the head office of the Caucasus & Mercury shipping co. to their office in Spassk, with 14k tied by "ST. PETERSBURG / NIKOL. RAILWAY" 25 Jun 1888, reverse with embossed seal of the company with transit marks of the Moscow Nizhgorod Railway and "STEAMSHIP KAZAN-SARATOV" 28 Jun 1888, unique, the only known example of this cancellation	
10428	✉ / 148	200
	1897 Postcard from Sweden with 10ö tied by Upsala cds, sent to village near Kazan at the confluence of the Rivers Volga and Kama with violet "STEAMSHIP "NIZHNII-PERM" 21 June 1897 and 22 June 1897 cds, Kazan arrival, fine and scarce use of violet ink for these steamship cancels	
10429	✉ / 148	300
	1898 German 10pf reply-paid postal stationery card cancelled on board ship on the Volga by "STEAMSHIP "ASTRAKHAN-KAZAN" (5)" 4 Sep 1898 cds and transferred to "STEAMSHIP "PERM-NIZHNE" (1)", with St. Petersburg and Frankfurt arrival cds, ms "Mal dirigé" (misdirected), very scarce use of a reply-paid card	



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10430

✉ / 148

150

1901 Picture postcard of Nizhnii-Novgorod to France with two 2k cancelled on board ship with "STEAMSHIP PERM-NIZHNII (11)" 10 VI 1901 cds in blue, Paris arrival cds, some soiling, a rare cancellation identified as belonging to S.S. "Ekaterinburg" (depicted on accompanying postcard)

10431

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500

1905 3k Postal stationery card uprated with 7k to pay registered rate to Moscow, sent from Perm and cancelled "STEAMSHIP / 8 PERM-NIZHNII" 29 IV 1905, with arrival cds, no registration label or cachet, only ms "N 1", suggesting that the ship's post office was ill-equipped to handle the odd item of registered mail, crease at right, fine and rare example of registered river ship mail



10432

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1905 Viewcard to Switzerland franked 4k in combination with 2k CHERDYN local (Zemstvo) issue (Schmidt 33) cancelled on ship: PERM-NIZHNII STEAMSHIP 31 8 05 (= 13 9 05 New Style), fine and highly unusual

10433

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1905 & 1910 Pair of cards with "NIZHNII LIGHT STEAMSHIP TRADING COMPANY" two-line violet hs, one with 2nd line of "MOKHOVYYA GORY" on card from Moscow to Mokhovyya Gory with 3k tied by "NIZHNII-NOVGOROD" cds; the other with 2nd line "NIZHNII" cancelling 3k with "NIZHNII-NOVGOROD" and Rastypino Railway transits, address erased; two examples of a postal river-boat service providing small habitations along the Rivers Volga and Oka, incl. ppc of a steamship pier

10434

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Russo-Japanese War: 1905 Viewcard of Nizhnii-Novgorod sent from there to Riga with "MILITARY-MEDICAL STEAMSHIP "POLEZNYI"" Imperial Eagle free-frank cachet, with despatch and arrival cds below, fine.

The "Polezny" was a military hospital ship well behind the lines on the River Volga

10435

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1907 3k Postal stationery card uprated with 1k, sent to Belgium by passenger on "Vapeur Zipoulina" (steamer Tsipulina) heading for Station Oka on the River Oka near Serpukhov, with blue "STEAMSHIP TSIPULIN' I / TSIPULINA" 6 May 07 oval ds below and cancelled on Moscow-Kharkov TPO (train "e") with oval ds, Anvers arrival, some creasing, scarce

The "Tsipulina" was a vessel of the I. Tsipulin' Steamship Company which ran services along the Oka from Bielevo to Kashira. At Station Oka the ship waited for the train.



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10436



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1909 2k Postal stationery wrapper uprated with 1k, 3k and 10k paying registered rate to Germany, cancelled by "PERM-NIZHNII STEAMSHIP" 22 5 09 oval ds with registration label adjacent reading "STEAMSHIP No 30" with ms route and ship's serial below, attractive and scarce usage

10437



300

1910 Postcard to Saratov written by passenger on ship "Rus" with 2k tied by "NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN" oval ds, with message overrunning address panel and charged at letter rate with "DOPLATIT / STEAMSHIP NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN "i"" oval postage due hs with ms 8k, arrival cds, scarce example of a river ship mail postage due, plus ppc of the pier at Saratov

10438



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1910 Postcard to Yaroslavl put in ship's letter box unfranked by passenger on the ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII route with oval ds, charged at postcard rate with "DOPLATIT / STEAMSHIP ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII "k"" oval postage due hs with ms 6k, arrival cds, minor soiling, scarce example of a river ship mail postage due, plus ppc of the pier at Yaroslavl

10439



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1910 & 1913 Pair of postcards sent unfranked with "DOPLATIT / STEAMSHIP NIZHNII-PERM" oval postage due hs, one with no serial in black with ms 6k and other with serial "d" in red with ms 6k, both with "NIZHNII-PERM / STEAMSHIP" oval ds, fine duo

10440



500

1911 Pair of postcards with "DOPLATIT / STEAMSHIP NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN" oval postage due hs with matching oval ds, one charged at letter rate with serial "g" and ms 8k postage due and other with use of pen-cancelled stamp and charged as unpaid with serial "b" and ms 6k postage due, minor soiling, scarce and interesting duo

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1912 7k Postal stationery envelope uprated with 7k to pay registered rate to St. Petersburg, cancelled on board ship with "ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII / STEAMSHIP" "i" 8 8 12" oval ds with "STEAMSHIP" registered label with ms route and serial "i", arrival bs, rare registered river shipmail cover

10442

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1912 Envelope from St. Petersburg with 7k tied by cds, addressed to "Saratov / To pier of "Po Volga" Steamship Company, for transmission to steamship "Knyazhna" / for Victor Pavlovich Kolomiitsov, with Saratov cds and "ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII / STEAMSHIP" oval ds transits as well as large violet oval "ROVNOE PIER" ds of the Po Volga Company, slightly reduced at left, unusual

The Po Volga Company's pier at the village of Rovnoe was about 120km downstream of Saratov. The wrong canceller was applied on the ship taking the cover to Rovnoe Pier instead (it should have been "Nizhnii-Astrakhan")

10443

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400

1913 Viewcard of Tolstik Pier on the River Kama sent from there to Caucasus & Mercury Company's pier at Perm with 3k tied by large rectangular "STEAMSHIP / "MIKHAIL" / 27 June 1913 / COMPANY / CAUCASUS & MERCURY", fine, plus the same postcard unused

10444

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500

1913-14 Pair of postcards with "DOPLATIT" oval postage due hs with matching oval ds, one 3k postal stationery card to Denmark with "STEAMSHIP PERM-NIZHNII / DOPLATIT "i" postage due hs in red-brown, other unfranked pc with "DOPLATIT / STEAMSHIP ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII "zh" in black, fine duo

10445

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1915 Envelope uprated with 7k vert. pair paying registered rate to Riga, posted on steamship "Petrograd" of the Caucasus & Mercury Co. and cancelled with "NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN / STEAMSHIP "d" 2 6 15" oval ds with "STEAMSHIP" registered label with route added with violet hs, some tone spots, rare registered river shipmail cover



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1915 & 1916 Pair of items: 1915 postcard with large Red Cross free frank cachet "ALL-RUSSIAN UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR RELIEF OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS. MEDICAL-HEALTH RESORT BRANCH. STEAMSHIP SANATORIUM" in red, with Saratov despatch and military censor machine strike; and 1916 order for post-horses in the name of His Imperial Majesty to authorise conveyance of mail by steamer "Belinsky" between Zelenga and Astrakhan



10447

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1920 Card for insured parcel to Saratov, charge of 55R paid by 55k franking in Arms stamps revalued 100 times face and cancelled by large oval toothed "COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OF VOLGA-CASPIAN NAVAL FLOTILLA / POST-ASTRAKHAN 11 AUG 1920" cachet, with white & blue label of the Astrakhan Control Office with "Morskoe" (marine) added in pencil, Balanda arrival bs, rare and unusual.

At this period of the Russian Civil War the town of Astrakhan was closed and mail was taken in and out by the Navy.

10448

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1864-1915 Collection of over 175 covers/stationeries/viewcards of the STEAMSHIP lines on the River Volga with diverse lines, cancels, serial numbers, several very early items including the earliest cancel recorded : PERM-KAZAN 18 8 70 illustrated in "Lake and River Posts of the World" by Antonini, cert. Holcombe, ex Liphschutz collection., 1884 3k stationery card with SARATOV-KAZAN, a few with ship postage due markings, incredible holding

10449

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1'000

ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII and NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN Steamship collection on 25 leaves from the main exhibit from 1909-17 consisting of 31 postcards, 1 stamp and 2 unused viewcards, depicting an array of postmarks including the very scarce ship 'Doplatit' postage due marking for Nizhnii-Astrakhan, all scanned on the web

10450

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800

POSTAGE DUES: 1911-17 Postcards (4) sent internally all with different Steamship oval datestamps and matching doplatit (postage due) handstamps for 1911 NIZHNII-ASTRAKHAN, 1913 ASTRAKHAN-NIZHNII, 1913 PERM-NIZHNII, 1917 RIBINSK-PERM with doplatit in violet, rest in black. Fine and rare group.



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10451	 / www		700
	RYBINSK-NIZHNII and NIZHNII-RYBINSK Steamship collection on 19 leaves from the exhibit from 1882-1914 comprising 25 covers and postcards + 1 unused viewcard showing all the different cancels and serial numbers, with a wealth of research and well documented, all scanned on the web		
10452	 / www		600
	ASTRAKHAN-KAZAN Steamship 1891-1907 group of 14 postcards/postal stationeries with the steamship cachets in both directions, showing the various types and serial numbers, some written up, mostly very fine strikes		
10453	 / www		500
	KAZAN-ASTRAKHAN and ASTRAKHAN-KAZAN Steamship collection on 10 leaves from the exhibit from 1887-1904 comprising 13 postal stationeries, postcards and covers showing an array of cancels in generally very fine condition, all scanned on the web		
10454	 / www		500
	RYBINSK-PERM and PERM-RYBINSK Steamship collection on 9 sheets from the exhibit from 1915-18 comprising 15 stationeries and postcards with a variety of cancels and serial numbers, fine assembly		
10455	 / 156		300
	PERM-KAZAN and KAZAN-PERM Steamship cancels on 4 leaves from the exhibit from 1883-89 comprising 4 postal stationery and 1 cover, fine and scarce assembly		
10456	  / www		2'000
	Collection 1892-1914 on 36 leaves from the main exhibit of the NIZHNII-PERM and PERM-NIZHNII Steam ship cancels, comprising 45 covers, postcards and postal stationery including uprated + 5 unused viewcards, all meticulously described and identified where possible, generally very fine strikes, super opportunity to acquire a lifetime's work, all scanned on the internet		
10457	  / www		1'500
	Collection 1887-1927 of 60 mostly postcards (some stationeries and the odd cover) showing the different steamships, cancels and serial numbers, some written up on leaves, many accompanied by Holcombe certificates from items obtained from the Liphschutz collection, generally good strikes, rarely offered in such quantity and the basis for a new collection		



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10461



Ship Mail in the Far East

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Small accumulation including 1898 envelope to USA franked 5k pair tied by VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA STEAMSHIP No 10 cds, loose stamps including Straits Settlements KE7 10c tied on fragment by RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET, Russia used in China 1k Kitai block of 4 with Chinese Eastern Railroad STEAMSHIP NONNI central cancel in violet etc., fine group



10460

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10459

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1'400

1894 Pair of covers from tea merchants in Hankow to London, posted in letterboxes of ships "Orel" and "Rossiya" with 10k stamps tied by "PLEINE MER" hs of the Egyptian P.O. on arrival in Suez, the "Rossiya" cover restored at top and open on 3 sides, the "Orel" cover very fine

The "Orel" and "Rossiya" were ships of the Russian Volunteer Fleet operating between Vladivostok and Odessa via the Suez Canal with calls at Port Arthur, Hankow, Shanghai, Singapore, etc. Ships of this line had no cancellers until 1897

10460

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1'000

1894 Commercial cover to Germany, posted in letterbox of ship "Saratov" with three 10k stamps tied by "PLEINE MER" hs of the Egyptian P.O. on arrival in Suez with cds adjacent, arrival bs, fine

The "Saratov" was a ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet operating between Vladivostok and Odessa via the Suez Canal with calls in the Far East and India.

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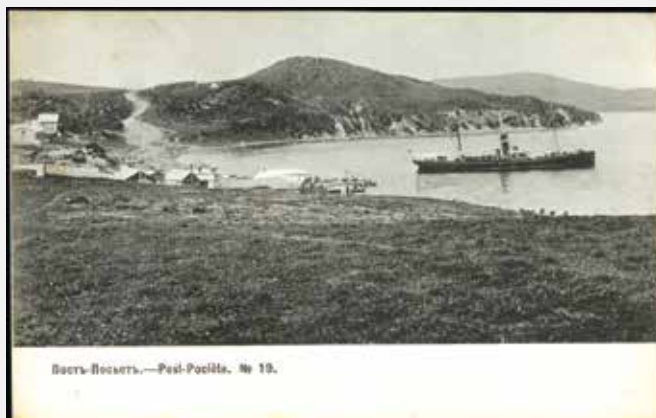
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1895 Printed commercial cover from Hankow to England franked 10k cancelled by Egyptian P.O. on arrival in Suez with straight line PLEINE MER (High Seas) cancels in black, hooded London arrival backstamp in red with Russian company etiquette for Hankow sealing the letter



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10469ex1



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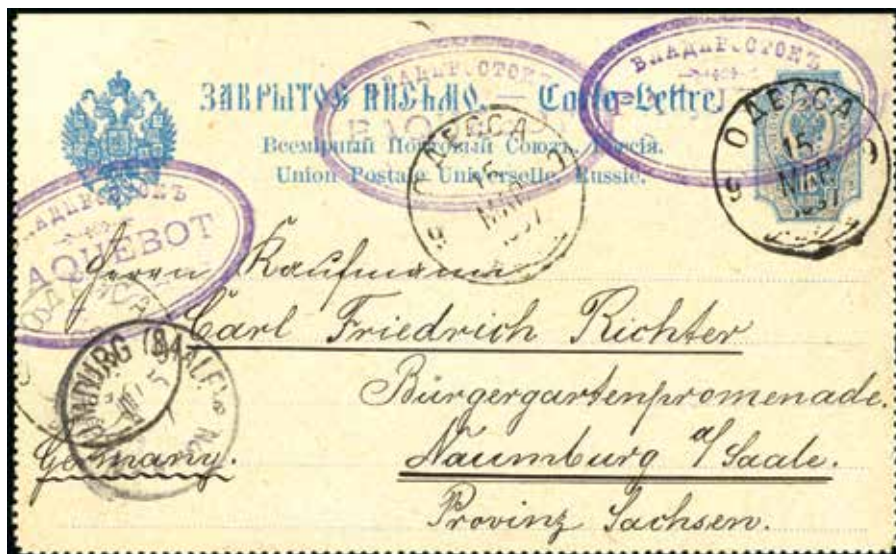
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1895 Envelope sent registered to England from a naval office on HMS Edgar of the British China Squadron with two 10k cancelled at the small Siberian port of Pos'et on Peter the Great Bay with blue cds, with "R" in circle hs, with London and Colne arrival cds, trivial fox spots, fine, plus viewcard of harbour at Pos'et

Origin of the illustration of the postmark in P. E. Robinson's "Siberia" (1986) fig.1108.1



10463

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1897 10k Lettercard to Germany, datelined Vladivostok, put on ship of Volunteer Fleet and cancelled by double oval "VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA MAIL SHIP" cachet and Odessa 15 3 97 cds on despatch with further strikes of both adjacent on 28 4 97 on arrival in Odessa along with Naumburg arrival cds, very fine and rare example of emergency cancellers supplied to the Volunteer Fleet before the issue of standard cancellers, obviously from obsolete P.O. stock at Odessa

Described in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" no.65 (1988)



10464

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750

1897 Printed matter wrapper sent registered from company in Shanghai to Germany endorsed per P&O S.S. "Rosetta" with 7k and 10k tied by Russian P.O. Shanghai type 1 21 III 1897 cds in violet with further strike adjacent, Hong Kong transit and Lohmen arrival bs, some creasing, the earliest known date of use from the Russian P.O. and the earliest recorded registered cover





10465

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400

1897 Printed matter wrapper from company in Shanghai to Germany endorsed per P&O S.S. "Rosetta" with two 2k tied by Russian P.O. Shanghai 21 III 1897 cds in violet with further strike adjacent, Lohmen arrival bs, fine, the earliest known date of used from the Russian P.O. in Shanghai

Illustrated in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" no.71 (1991) p.14 fig.12



10466

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750

1898 4k Postal stationery card sent registered to Colombia, uprated with 10k tied by Russian P.O. Peking (type 4) 4 II 1898 cds, taken across Mongolia to Russia transiting Troitskosavsk, with Bremen-New York German-American Seapost oval ds, New York registered label and Bogota arrival cds, heavy foxing, scarce registered postcard and unusual destination

10467

✉ / 158

300

1898 3k Postal stationery card sent to Finland cancelled on ship of the Russian Volunteer Association by "STEAMSHIP / 7 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA 4 X 1898", with Odessa transit and Helsinki arrival cds, fine

10468

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200

1898 Envelopes (2) franked 10k (2) addressed to the Russian naval ship "Navarin" both with blue CHEFOO large dollar chops and Singapore transits backstamps, 1 with Russian Chefoo cds on front, other with straight line CHEFOO in violet, various instructional route markings, fine

10469

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300

1898-1902 Group of 4 items incl. front with 20k tied by "STEAMSHIP / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA" cds with ms date, piece with 10k with same cancel, piece with three 1k with "STEAMSHIP / ODESSA-VLADIVOSTOK" cds in violet and picture postcard of the Russian Volunteer Force offices

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1899 Envelope sent registered from Shanghai to the USA with 20c / 20k combination franking of Russian and Chinese stamps, endorsed "Per Empress of China", with registered box cachet below, reverse with despatch, Yokohama, St. Paul and Winnipeg transit and Monroe arrival, fine, an early and very attractive Russian/Chinese combination cover

China was not a member of the UPU at that time so foreign mail handed to the Chinese P.O. needed to be franked with stamps of one of the foreign post offices.

10471



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1899 Postcard and a cover back, both cancelled on ship of the Russian Volunteer Association by "STEAMSHIP / 5 / ODESSA-VLADIVOSTOK", one a souvenir card of Constantinople with 3k and other an envelope back with 3k & 4k probably cancelled with the wrong route given the date of arrival in Odessa

10472



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SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAITS OF POHAI: 1899 Decorative card to Germany from Port Arthur put on ship crossing the Strait of Pohai franked 'Kitai' 1k + 3k tied on arrival with Russian P.O. at Chefoo (Type 1). Transit mark of SHANGHAI Type 2 (20 Nov) and Type 1 (4 Dec) denoting dispatch by ship, Hong Kong transit and Altona arrival datestamps.



10473



5'000

1900 Envelope sent registered to Germany, posted on board ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet (probably S.S. Voronezh) with 1k, 3k (3) and 10k tied to reverse by "PAQUEBOT / No.4 / 29 III 1900" cds, obverse with "STEAMSHIP / ODESSA-VLA / DIVOSTOK" white registered label and German reg'd label, Singapore transit, some toning stamps, a very rare usage of this steamship registered label

The numbered paquebot cds was used on mail to non-Russian destinations



10471ex1



10471ex2



10472



10476



10475ex1



10475ex2



10477



10478



10474



3'000

1900 Envelope sent registered to Revel by crew member of the Russian Cruiser "Dmitri Donskoi" while at Port Arthur, with five 7k posted on ship with "STEAMSHIP / 3 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA 1 III 1900" cds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with "STEAMSHIP / ODESSA- / VLADIVOSTOK" white registration label, Odessa transit bs, fine and very rare usage of the steamship white registration label

The serial number "3" denotes the ship S.S. Peterburg. Illustrated in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" no.37 (1965) p.19

10475



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SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAIT OF POHAI: 1900 Cover to U.S.A. endorsed "via Chefoo" franked 10k cancelled on arrival CHEFOO Type 1 31 VII. Boxed red PAQUEBOT alongside. Handed to Chinese P.O. same day; thence Chinese P.O.Shanghai, Russian P.O.Shanghai, Japanese P.O.Nagasaki & Yokohama, Berwick arrival.

10476



200

1900 Picture postcard of Colombo sent to Zurich, posted on board ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with 1k and 3k tied by "PAQUEBOT / No.2 / 6 II 1900" cds, Singapore transit, some toning to reverse, fine

The numbered paquebot cds was used on mail to non-Russian destinations

10477



200

SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAIT OF POHAI: 1900 Viewcard of Harbour at Talienwan, dated 30/1, addressed to Germany, put on ship crossing the Strait of Pohai, franked 4k, cancelled on arrival at Russian P.O.CHEFOO (Type 2). Boxed red PAQUEBOT alongside. Transit Russian P.O. Shanghai 27 Jan, Hong Kong 15 2 and arrival 18 3, earliest known use of Chefoo Paquebot

10478



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SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAITS OF POHAI: 1900 Decorative card with dateline "PORT-ARTHUR" 14 8 to Germany put on ship crossing the Strait of Pohai, franked 'Kitai' 1k + 3k, cancelled on arrival Russian P.O. CHEFOO 16 VIII. Received Russian P.O. in Shanghai 8 Aug.

Picked up by French ship "Ligne N/Paquebot No. 7 (s.s. 'ERN-SIMONS') 23 Aug transit datestamp on reverse.

10479



600

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY. MARITIME SHIPPING SUBSIDIARY: 1901 Viewcard from Vladivostok 8/21 II to Berlin, endorsed "per S.S.'Zizikar" (TSITSIKAR), franked 4k cancelled in transit at Japanese port of Yokohama. The "Tsitsikar" was a vessel of 1028 gross tonnage built in Newcastle in 1894, originally named s.s. "Newark", purchased by the CER in 1899, renamed and registered at Newchang, Manchuria. Sunk by enemy action at Port Arthur in 1904 during the Russo-Japanese War.



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10482



10480ex1



10480ex2



10481ex1



10481ex2



10484ex1



10484ex2



10480	✉ / 164	600
SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAIT OF POHAI: 1901 Two cards to U.S.A. from a firm in Port Arthur, put on ship across the Strait of Pohai, both franked 'Kitai' 1k + 3k cancelled on arrival at Russian P.O. CHEFOO with Type 1 (double-circle) or Type 2 (single-circle) and framed PAQUEBOT, both in violet.		
One card underpaid and charged U.S.A. 1c on arrival. Other with 1k cancelled in transit at Russian P.O. in Shanghai. Wealth of transit markings. Very attractive pair.		
10481	✉ / 164	500
SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAIT OF POHAI: 1901 Registered cover from a firm in Port Arthur to Germany put on a ship crossing the Strait of Pohai. Franked 'Kitai' 1k strip of 3 + 7k + 10k cancelled on arrival in Russian P.O. in CHEFOO (Type 1), framed PAQUEBOT alongside, both in black. Handstruck registration cachet and label of Chefoo also applied. Fine.		
Transit marks of Chinese P.O. Chefoo, Chinese and Russian P.O.'s in Shanghai and Hong Kong on reverse.		
10482	✉ / 164	300
1901 Viewcard of Constantinople to Odessa, posted on board ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with 4k tied by "STEAMSHIP / 10 / ODESSA-VLADIVOSTOK 2 IV 1901" cds with "PAQUEBOT / No.10" cds adjacent, Odessa arrival, fine		
10483	✉ / 166	300
SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAIT OF POHAI: 1901 Envelope with missing backflap to Switzerland from a firm in Port Arthur, put on a ship crossing the Strait of Pohai, franked 'Kitai' 10k, cancelled on arrival at the RUSSIAN P.O. CHEFOO 17 3, framed PAQUEBOT in violet alongside.		
Transit marks of Russian and Chinese P.O.'s in Shanghai 20 3 01.		
The junior partner in this firm was Sidney ("Ace of Spies") Reilly, a British Agent implicated in the attempted assassination of Lenin in 1918. He fled Russia with a price on his head and was sentenced to death in his absence by a Soviet military tribunal. Executed on return to Russia during the Stalin regime.		
10484	✉ / 164	150
1901 Envelope to the USA, posted on board ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with 10k tied by slightly indistinct "STEAMSHIP / 10 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA 10 V 1901" cds with "PAQUEBOT / No.10" cds adjacent, reverse with Nagasaki, Yokohama, Tacoma and Spokane cds, slightly reduced at left, fine		
10485	☉ ✉ 田 (✉) / www	200
CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY: 1902 ca. Group of 3 items comprising single 2k 'kitai' cancelled part STEAMSHIP ARGUN violet dateless oval cancel (the s.s."Argun" was one of the early casualties of the Russo-Japanese War); 2k green block of 4 on piece with violet circular dateless cancel reading around Company flag and anchor: MARITIME STEAMSHIPPING OF THE CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY/STEAMSHIP MONGOLIYA (s.s. Mongoliya was the only sizeable vessel to survive the Russo-Japanese war); front of cover double-weight registered to Lodz, Poland franked 7k + 14k cancelled Port-Arthur Type 2D 20 VIII 1902 showing stationery of MARITIME STEAMSHIPPING OF THE CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.		
10486	✉ / 166	650
1903 Large envelope to France with KITAI 10k in two blocks of ten and a pair tied by Shanghai Russian P.O. cds (type I) 22 VIII 1903, endorsed for conveyance to Dalny by S.S. Mongolia and then by overground route via Siberia, Paris arrival bs, a few tone spots and trivial creasing, a striking cover		
10487	✉ / 166	400
1903 Envelope to England franked two 10k 'Kitai' tied by Chefoo Russian P.O. cancel in combination with Chinese CIP 1c vertical pair tied by illegible chop, printed on reverse H.M.S. ALBION with flag motif in blue, some closed cover tears at top		
10488	✉ / 166	300
1903 Envelope to St. Petersburg posted on board a ship with two 7k on the reverse tied by "STEAMSHIP / 4 / ODESSA-VLADIVOSTOK" cds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with arrival cds adjacent, obverse with "PAQUEBOT / No.4" cds, a little peripheral wear, fine		



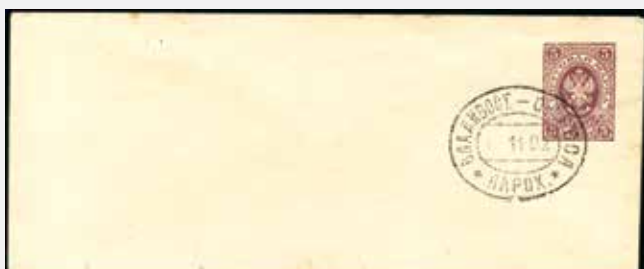
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10489	✉ / 166		200
	1903 Envelope with small peripheral faults franked 'Kitai' 1k (4) + 2k (faults) cancelled in Russian P.O. in Shanghai, manuscript notation 'Via Siberia per S.S.Mongolia' addressed to England, further franking on reverse of 2k pair + 10k, pair just tied by London transit.		
10490	✉ / 168		200
	1903 Viewcard of Shanghai with central crease addressed to Italy with Venezia arrival franked on reverse Italy 10c and on picture side China CIP 1/2c + Russian 'Kitai' 1k all tied by R.NAVE CALABRIA cds in blue		
10491	✉ / 168		150
	SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAIT OF POHAI: 1903 Viewcard of PORT ARTHUR sent to missionary in Swatow, China, by person travelling on s.s.NAUCHAU, anchored at port. Put on ship crossing the Strait of Pohai, franked 'Kitai' 3k cancelled on arrival at Russian P.O. CHEFOO 13 V with framed PAQUEBOT alongside, both in black. Passed to Chinese P.O. same day, received Shanghai 15 May and Swatow 21 May. The Chefoo paquebot mark is invariably poorly struck and is difficult to reproduce fully with total accuracy.		
10492	✉ / 166		100
	1903 5k Postal stationery envelope used for trial of the proposed new canceller with "VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA / STEAMSHIP" oval ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, announced and illustrated in Circular No.9 of the official Post and Telegraph Journal (3 Feb. 1903), fine		
	Most of the new cancellations shown in Circular No.9 appeared in late 1903 / early 1904, but owing to the effect of the Russo-Japanese War on Russian shipping in the Far East, this canceller was never brought in to use		
10493	✉ / 168		100
	SHIP MAIL ACROSS THE STRAIT OF POHAI: 1903 Decorative card datelined Port Arthur 6 II put on ship crossing the Strait of Pohai, franked 'Kitai' 2k pair cancelled the next day at Russian P.O. CHEFOO, where framed PAQUEBOT applied. Passed to Japanese P.O. Chefoo same day for onward transmission to U.S.A., arriving Seattle 11 April.		
10494	☉ ✉ / www		500
	1906-11 Group comprising 1 cover, 1 postcard, 1 stationery card, 1 registration etiquette and a pair of 7k stamps all cancelled with double oval STEAMSHIP OF RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY datestamps in black or blue-violet, with different serial numbers, generally good strikes		
10495	✉ / 168		750
	1906 Envelope to USA franked Russia 10k tied by double ring Circular cachet in blue with flag of the steamship "Mongolia", endorsed 'Via Japan', routed through Tsuruga with backstamp and Berwick arrival alongside, cert. Holcombe, ex Liphschutz		
10496	✉ / www		100
	1906 Pair of postcards sent to India by passenger on S.S. Curonia (depicted on one of the cards) when in port in Vladivostok, each with 4k tied by Shanghai (type 3) cds, with transits of Victoria (Hong Kong), Tuticorin and Ilboor, minor foxing, fine		
10497	△ / 168		200
	1907 Fragment with KITAI 10k in block of six and irregular block of twelve and 5k vert. strip of five tied by "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "g"" oval ds in blue, with serial "g" belonging to S.S. "Mongoliya", some creasing and a tear through block of six, attractive piece		

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| 10498 | △ | 150 |
| 1907 Small piece franked Hong Kong KE7 1c pair + 20c tied by fine double oval STEAMSHIP OF RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY 3 datestamp, highly unusual | | |
| 10499 | ✉ / 170 | 600 |
| 1907 Red band cover from Vladivostok to Shanghai with six 7k, posted on board ship and cancelled on arrival by Russian Shanghai (type 3) 24 10 07 cds, very fine and attractive | | |
| 10500 | ✉ 1/ 68 | 500 |
| 1907 Commercial envelope from Vladivostok to the Philippines, posted on board ship with 10k tied by "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "z" 31 10 07" oval ds with further strike and "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3441) adjacent, reverse with Tsuruga and Manila arrival cds, fine and fresh, cert. Holcombe (1992) | | |
| 10501 | ✉ / 170 | 500 |
| 1907-08 Pair of covers with "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "g"" oval ds, identified as belonging to S.S. Mongoliya, one in blue on KITAI 4k postal stationery card to Stettin and other in black on Hamburg-America Line advertising cover sent to Hamburg, a fine duo | | |
| 10502 | ◎ △ ✉ / 170 | 300 |
| 1908 7k Postal stationery envelope to Switzerland uprated with 3k, posted on ship with "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "d" 7 1 08" oval ds, Basel arrival bs, plus 10k block of five and three 2k on small piece with the same cancel | | |
| 10503 | ✉ (✉) 170 | 700 |
| 1908 Pair of items with "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "e"" oval ds in blue, the first a picture postcard depicting an execution with 4k and the other a front sent registered with fifteen 10k with matching registered label, fine | | |
| 10504 | ✉ / 170 | 500 |
| 1908 4k Postal stationery to Japan cancelled with "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "e" 13 8 08" oval ds in blue-black, with Nagasaki arrival cds adjacent in Japanese and Latin along with "PAQUEBOT" hs with Japanese characters (Hosking type 3247), soiled, no previous record of this paquebot marking on Russian mail | | |
| 10505 | ✉ / 170 | 400 |
| 1908 Viewcard of Vladivostok sent to Shanghai with 1k and 4k pair posted on board ship and cancelled with "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "z"" oval ds in violet with matching "T" in oval tax hs, later crossed out in crayon, arrival cds adjacent, fine, the tax hs of this shipping company is previously unrecorded | | |
| 10506 | ✉ / 172 | 1'000 |
| 1908-09, Two items with "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "e"" oval ds in blue, with a red-band cover with 3k & 7k to Shanghai, minor soiling, and a pair of receipt slips for registered items to St. Petersburg posted on the same ship | | |



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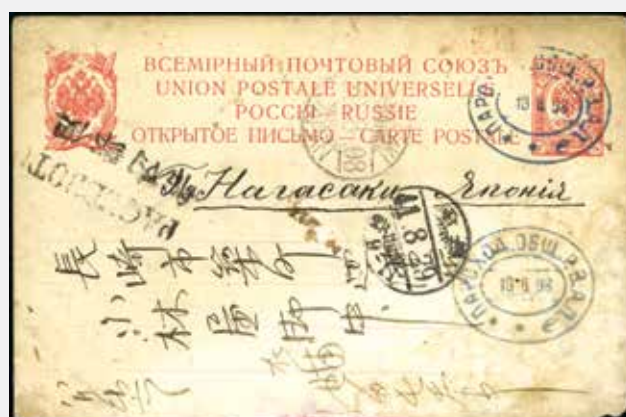
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2'400

1909 Envelope sent registered to Argentina with 10k and 20k tied by "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "z" 31 5 09" oval ds with matching registered label adjacent, reverse with Nagasaki, New York and Buenos Aires arrival cds, minor soiling, rare registered shipmail usage

Recorded in the "British Journal of Russian Philately", no.34 (1964) p.12

10508

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1909 Viewcard of the wharf at Vladivostok sent to Shanghai with two 2k cancelled on ship with "STEAMSHIP OF EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "z" 19 4 09" oval ds with further strike adjacent along with Russian Shanghai and two Chinese Shanghai cds, fine

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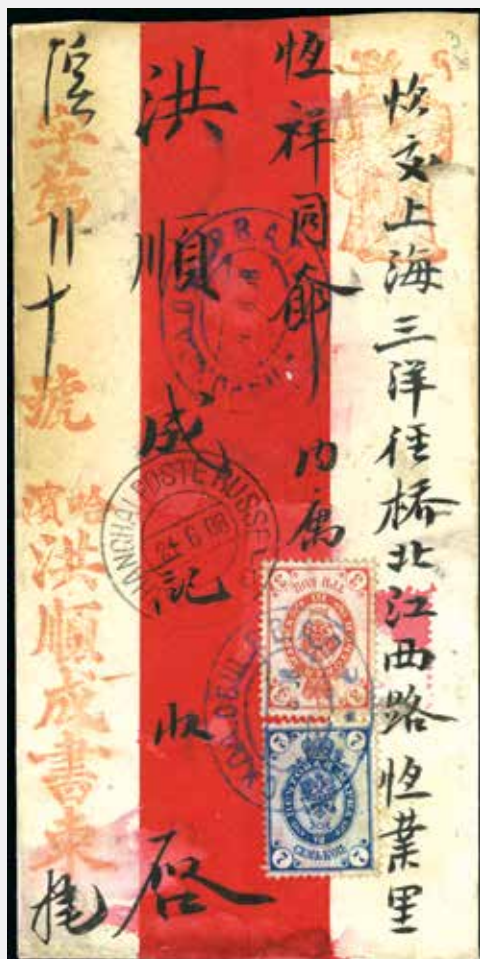
1910 Picture postcard to Estonia with dateline Nagasaki, posted on ship with 3k (faults) tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP "z" 20 10 10" oval ds in purple with Fellin arrival cds, fine, plus Romanov 4k vert. pair and 10k pair with little faults

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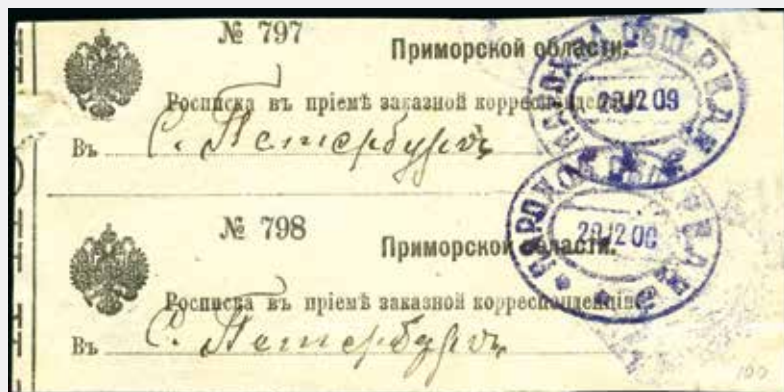
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1'500

1910 Commercial cover to Germany franked on the reverse with 7k tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-NORTHERN DISTRICTS / STEAMSHIP "b" 1 11 10" oval ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, underpaid with "DOPLAT. / STEAMSHIP VLADIVOSTOK-NORTHERN DISTRICTS "b" oval cachet with ms "15c" charge on reverse and "15"pf on obverse on arrival in Munich along with "T" hs, cover faults at top with uneven top right corner, a rare example of this shipmail postage due hs



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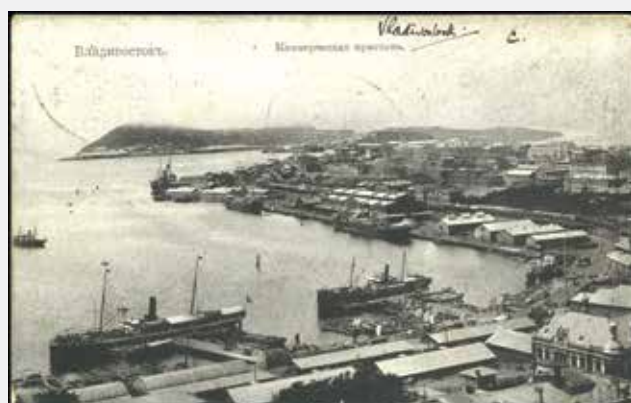
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- 10511** (✉) / 172 **600**
SHIP MAIL IN THE BERING SEA : 1910 Large part cover front to Italy franked 20k tied by VLADIVOSTOK-NORTHERN DISTRICTS/STEAMSHIP 'b' dated 4 5 10 with registration label printed VLADIVOSTOK, with "STEAMSHIP LETTER B" and "NORTHERN DISTRICTS" inserted by hand, fine and rare
- 10512** ✉ 田 / www **200**
1910-15 VLADIVOSTOCK-SHANGHAI STEAMSHIP oval cancels on 1910 1k block of (excellent strikes) and cancelling 3k on 1915 viewcard to Estonia.
- 10513** △ ✉ / www **300**
1910-14, Group with "VLADIVOSTOK-NORTHERN DISTRICTS" OR "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI" steamship oval ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, incl. 10k on cover with the former cancel plus 1R single and 10k on piece; and the latter cancel on three registered letter receipts, block of six KITAI 10k, four KITAI 7k on piece and China 2c, 3c and 5c on piece, useful group
- 10514** ✉ / www **200**
1911-12 Postcard franked 4k to Ceylon and 4k stationery card to Japan both cancelled VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA STEAMSHIP oval datestamps
- 10515** ✉ / 172 **750**
1911-13, Pair of red-band covers sent registered and both cancelled by "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP" oval ds, 1911 cover with serial "z" cds with two 7k paying internal reg'd rate tied by the cancel with matching registered label adjacent (with spelling error for Russian word "steamship"), and 1913 cover with two Romanov 10k with serial "zh" paying foreign reg'd rate, some soiling otherwise fine



- 10516** ✉ **1'500**
1915 Commercial envelope sent registered from Vladivostok to Japan with 20k tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP "z" 3 1 15" oval ds, with matching Cyrillic and French steamship registration labels, Kobe arrival bs, very fine and attractive cover, very rare with the Latin registration label which, although required by the UPU for foreign mail, were seldom available and rarely used
- 10517** ✉ / 174 **500**
1915 Envelope to Shanghai with War Charity 10k tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP "zh" 30 3 15" oval ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, with postman's circular chop below and arrival bs, some minor toning, fine and scarce usage



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10518

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300

1917 Pair of 4k postal stationery cards to Helsinki cancelled by "VLADIVOSTOK-KAMCHATKA / STEAMSHIP" oval ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, one with serial "r" and one with serial "i" (stamp missing), both with red oval censor cachets.

The Vladivostok-Kamchatka lines served remote northern towns and settlements on both sides of the Kamchatka Peninsula, i.e. around the Sea of Okhotsk and the Bering Sea



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Chinese Eastern Railway Maritime Shipping Subsidiary: 1903 Envelope sent registered to Norway, handed to the Chinese Eastern Railway Agency at Gensan, Korea (violet cachet on reverse), by Capt. H. G. Melsom of whaling ship "Georgi", with 10k vert. pair cancelled on ship by violet "STEAMSHIP "NONNI" / MARITIME STEAMSHIPPING OF THE CHINESE EASTER RAILWAY COMPANY" with matching registration label below, reverse with Vladivostok, St. Petersburg and Christiana cds, very fine, the only recorded cover from this shipping subsidiary of the Chinese Eastern Railway

Evidently the S.S. Nonni served on the Korean coastal line, operating between the Chinese Eastern Railway termini of Port Arthur and Vladivostok with calls at ports along the north Korean coast. Built at Stettin in 1901, the ship was sunk by a mine of Dalny on 25th April 1904

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Chinese Eastern Railway Navigation Department: 1905 pair of postcards from two serving soldiers sending thanks for gifts from Empress Maria Feodorovna's charity in St. Petersburg, both cancelled at Harbin Railway Station (type 1), with two different cachets of the Red Cross Floating Hospital, one a 3k postal stationery the other unfranked, very fine pair

During the Russo-Japanese War part of the Chinese Eastern Railway's flotilla of small vessels from its Navigation Department operating on the River Sungari was handed over to the Red Cross for use as floating hospitals, many maintained under royal patronage.





- 10521**  / 174 **500**
- Ship Mail in the Yellow Sea: 1911 Red band cover from a firm in Wei-Hai-Wei to Shanghai posted on board ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with 7k tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP "zh" 16 7 11" oval ds in violet with Russian Shanghai arrival cds, minor soiling, plus similar cancel in black on five KITAI 2k on piece
- 10522**  / 174 **750**
- Ship Mail on the River Yangtze: 1897 Envelope to England with two 10k tied by Hankow (type 1) 5 6 97 cds, two days later placed on ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with "STEAMSHIP / 4 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA" cds and "PAQUEBOT No.4" cds on reverse along with Odessa and London arrival ds, opened for display, cover torn in several places, unusual route
- The port of Hankow, situated north of the Yangtze river and some 600 miles upstream from the China Sea, was open to ocean-going vessels during the summer months
- 10523**  / 176 **100**
- Ship Mail on the River Yangtze: Fragment from a firm of tea merchants in Hankow with three 1889-2 14k tied by Hankow 16 5 1897 cds (type 1A) in violet, endorsed per "Peterburg", a vessel of the Russian Volunteer Fleet which served the port of Hankow on the River Yangtze, the earliest recorded date for the Russian P.O. in Hankow
- Illustrated in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" 94-95 (2006) p.25 fig.16
- 10524**  / 176 **750**
- Ship Mail on the River Yangtze: 1898 Commercial cover from Hankow sent to England with 10k, posted on ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet and cancelled by "STEAMSHIP / 8 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA" cds with further strike adjacent with ms date, dateless "PAQUEBOT / No.8" cds adjacent, taken down the Yangtze with Russian Shanghai and later French paquebot Ligne N transits, arrival bs, minor soiling, fine
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- 10525**  **1'000**
- Ship Mail in the Strait of Tartary: 1917 Post-free card from Nikolaevsk-on-Amur to a prisoner of war in Germany with "SCHOONER AMUR ESTUARY / STRAIT OF TARTARY" 31 7 17 cds, censored in transit at Petrograd and Hameln, fine and extremely rare, with no other record of this ship's postmark
- 10526**  / 174 **300**
- Ship Mail Along the Siberian Coast: 1909-19 Selection of Rouble value stamps (5) incl. 10R with "VLADIVOSTOK-NORTHERN DISTRICTS "a"" (origin of illustration in "Russia Used Abroad" pt.6 (1960) p.573 fig.907; and 1R, 3R imperf., 5R and 10R with "VLADIVOSTOK-KAMCHATKA / STEAMSHIP" with serials "i", "k", "l" and "n", these stamps suggesting that the handling of parcels and money-orders were part of the service offered by these shipping lines to the isolated communities along the Siberian coast, fine to very fine
- 10527**  / 176 **500**
- Ship Mail in the Sea of Okhotsk: 1913 Romanov 3k stationery card uprated 1k addressed to London and cancelled fine VLADIVOSTOL-KAMCHATKA STEAMSHIP 'l' oval datestamp, rare



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Ship Mail in the Sea of Okhotsk: Viewcard of Opala, on the south-western shore of the Kamchatka Peninsula, looking across the Sea of Okhotsk, written from there to Finland, picked up 6 days later by Russian Volunteer Fleet with 3k tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-KAMCHATKA / STEAMSHIP "m" 10 6 14" oval ds, with Helsinki arrival, fine

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Ship Mail in the Sea of Okhotsk: Two postal stationery cards cancelled by "VLADIVOSTOK-KAMCHATKA / STEAMSHIP "l" oval ds, one 3k Arms uprated with 1k from Nayakhanskoe radio station to Germany, minor soiling, and other 3k Romanov uprated 1k from Nayakhan radio station to Germany, very fine, a rare pair, postal communication on the remote Siberian coast was by steamship and only operated during the summer months



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Ship Mail in the Siberian Arctic Sea: 1916 Envelope sent registered to the USA from Nizhne Kolymsk in the estuary of the river Kolyma, with three 7k on reverse tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-KOLYMA / STEAMSHIP "o" 12 8 16" oval ds with matching registered label on obverse, passed by military censor at Vladivostok, Yokohama transit and US arrivals, fine, thought to be a unique example of mail from the postal service of the Russian Volunteer Fleet which passed through the Bering Straits to reach the remote north Siberian coast.

Only two journeys were made each year and the same canceller was used in both directions

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Ship Mail in the Bering Sea: 1910 Picture postcard sent registered to Italy posted on board S.S. Yenissei while in the Gulf of Kamchatka, Bering Sea, with 14k tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-NORTHERN DISTRICTS / STEAMSHIP "b" 4 5 10" oval ds with Vladivostok registered label with ms "STEAMSHIP B" and "NORTHERN DISTRICTS", fine and rare, plus 15k block of four with same cancel serial "a"

10532

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1'200

1894-1915 Group of 13 covers and cards + 9 items of loose stamps, or on piece and 1 receipt label all with maritime cancels, noted 1910 postcard cancelled VLADIVOSTOK-NORTHERN DISTRICTS/STEAMSHIP oval datestamp, 1910 registered cover to USA franked defective 14k pair tied by VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI STEAMSHIP oval datestamp in blue with matching registered label alongside with "steamship Shanghai" inserted by hand, much of interest throughout although the odd fault, view scans

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EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY oval cancels (1907-10ca.) on 6 covers and 2 pieces and 1 pair of stamps, mostly fine strikes in black or blue, with a variety of serial letters, 3 of the cards with boxed Paquebots

10534

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1'000

SINGAPORE: 1900-15 Group comprising 1900 Cover to Japan franked Straits Settlements 3c + 5c from Singapore (30 Oct.), forwarded to Hong Kong by Agency of RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET, pair of Straits Settlements KE7 5c pair cancelled on piece by straight line violet RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET with logo and flag in association, incoming viewcard from Tiflis to Singapore and St Petersburg to Bangkok both with PENANG to SINGAPORE marine service transit stamps, also included a 1915 Shipping Line schedule/brochure in Russian and some notes on these lines.

Ship Mail in the Sea of Japan

10535

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1894 Envelope to England posted on ship with 1889 3k and 7k and cancelled in transit at Nagasaki with "NAGASAKI JAPAN 4 VIII 1894 MEIJI 27" cds and "PAQUEBOT" hs, reverse with Yokohama and London cds, horizontal crease affecting top stamp otherwise fine and rare, the earliest known paquebot mark of Nagasaki and omitted from R. Hosking's "Paquebot Cancellations of the World" 2nd ed. 1987

Recorded in "Russia Used Abroad" pt.6 (1960) p.492 fig.694 and in "British Journal of Russian Philately" no.32 (1962) p.5 fig.97.



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1894 Russia 14k postal stationery envelope sent from Vladivostok to Yokohama cancelled NAGASAKI JAPAN MEIJI 27 2-ring cds with boxed PAQUEBOT (Hosking 3242) alongside, envelope slightly reduced at left, otherwise a fine and scarce usage of this stationery



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1897 Envelope to the USA endorsed "Via Nagasaki & Yokohama" with two 10k cancelled on ship of the Russian Volunteer Association by "STEAMSHIP / 6 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA 29 VI 1897", reverse with Nagasaki, Yokohama and Boston cds, fine and rare



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1897 Envelope to the USA endorsed "Via Nagasaki" with 10k cancelled on ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet by "STEAMSHIP / 1 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA 15 IV (1898)" (year omitted) with "PAQUEBOT / No. 1" cds below, reverse with Yokohama and Boston cds, fine and rare

Serial number "1" is believed to have belonged to S.S. "Kherson", one of the large clipper-type vessels of the RVF, 6'707 tons and built at Newcastle, England, in 1896 and registered at Odessa.



10539



3'000

1898 Envelope to Denmark with 10k posted on on ship and cancelled in transit at Niigata with boxed "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3268) in red adjacent, with Tokyo San Francisco and Copenhagen cds, fine, the only recorded example of the Niigata paquebot mark, unique, ex Roger Hosking



10540



700

1899 Envelope to the USA with 2k pair and two 3k cancelled in transit at Nagasaki with boxed "PAQUEBOT" hs adjacent, reverse with Yokohama and New York cds, fine and attractive



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1899 Envelope endorsed via Japan (origin?) franked Russia 1k + 2k + 3k + 4k + 10k cancelled at Nagasaki with boxed PAQUEBOT alongside, Yokohama transit and San Francisco arrival backstamps, small part of backflap missing, attractive franking.

10542

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1899 Ornamental postcard from Port Arthur (datelined) to Germany with 4k cancelled in transit at Nagasaki with boxed "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3244), Yokohama transit and Friedrichstadt arrival cds adjacent, fine



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4'000

1900 Envelope sent to Nagasaki, posted on board a ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet with a 7k on reverse tied by blue "STEAMSHIP / 3 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA 17 II 1900" cds with further strike on obverse along with "PAQUEBOT No.3" cds and "T" tax hs in same colour, datestamps repeated 3 days later on arrival along with Nagasaki native and Latin arrival ds, underpaid hence two 3sen added as postage due tied by boxed native chops, vertical crease affecting 7k, and extremely rare and attractive cover

Records of the RVF sailing from Vladivostok indicate that canceller no.3 belonged to S.S. Peterburg

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1900 Red band cover from a Chinese firm in Vladivostok addressed to Shanghai with three 7k cancelled in transit at Nagasaki with boxed "PAQUEBOT" and Shanghai I.J.P.O. cds adjacent, very fine and attractive cover

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1901 Envelope to the USA endorsed "Via Nagasaki" with 10k cancelled on ship of the Russian Volunteer Fleet by "STEAMSHIP / 7 / VLADIVOSTOK-ODESSA 23 VIII 1901" with "PAQUEBOT / No. 2" cds below, reverse with further strike of the cancel 2 days later indicating date of unloading along with Nagasaki, Boston and Berwick ds, fine and rare

The "PAQUEBOT" cds was intended for use on mail addressed to non-Russian destinations and in this case should have had the same serial number, identifying the ship, as that of the Russian language canceller. The reason for this exceptional usage is not known.

10546



750

1901 Envelope to USA franked Russia 10k + 20k pair tied by NAGASAKI JAPAN cds's with boxed PAQUEBOT alongside, apparently unrecorded type (see Hosking 3244) transit Yokohama and San Francisco and Dundee arrival backstamps, fine and eye-catching

10547



600

1901 Commercial cover from Vladivostok to Yokohama with 3k pair and 7k pair tied in transit by Niigata cds with faint Yokohama arrival cds at lower left, fine, plus another Russian cover cancelled in black at Niigata, dated 1898, bears a "PAQUEBOT" handstamp in red, possibly struck at a shore establishment separate from the main post office and not functioning in 1901

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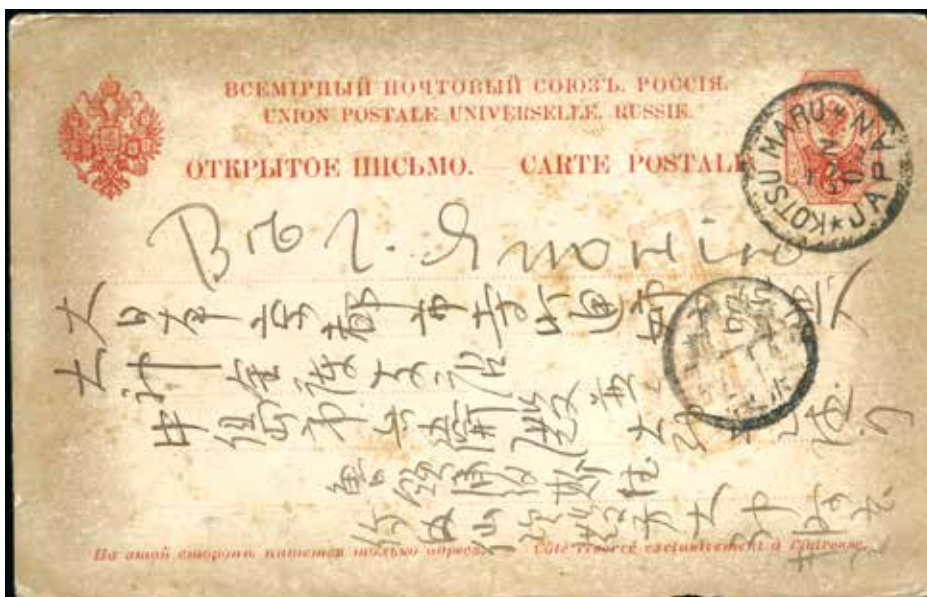
1901 Printed commercial envelope to Yokohama from Vladivostok franked Russia 10k tied by Nagasaki Japan cds with boxed PAQUEBOT (Hosking type 1537C) alongside, fine

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3'000

1902 4k Postal stationery card to Japan with dateline of Vladivostok, picked up by ship of the Japanese Seapost office service and cancelled by "KOTSU MARU / JAPAN / 25 JUN 02" cds with "PAQUEBOT" hs in red and Kyoto arrival below, heavily toned, extremely rare shipmail cancel

The "Kotsu Maru" belonged to the Oya Steamship Company. From the port of Moji, Japan, she ran in an anti-clockwise direction around the perimeter of the Sea of Japan, taking 40 days to complete the circuit. The service was in operation during 1902-03 and began in February 1902 but did not have a Seapost Office until late in May. Operations were suspended in winter so the service ran for only 20 months.



10550



2'000

1902 Picture postcard from Sungua, Manchuria, to Tokyo, with 4k tied by Harbin type 2 30 VIII 1902 cds, transiting Vladivostok, and picked up by ship of the Japanese Seapost Service with "GAISEN MARU / JAPAN" cds and Tokyo cds adjacent, very rare

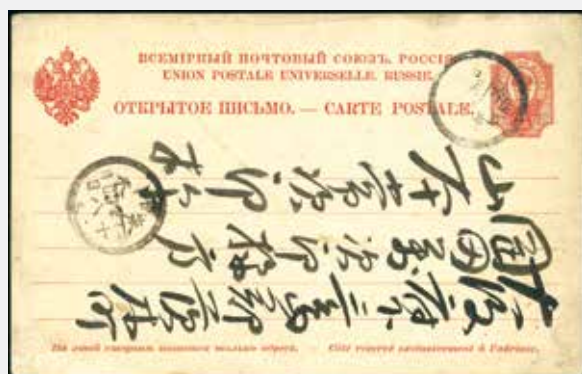
The "Gaisen-Maru" operated from the Japanese port of Otaru and plied the waters around Russian Maritime Province and Korea. She ran for only 9 months, between 21st May 1902 and 12th May 1903, the route being closed by ice from 30th Nov 1902 to 20th Feb 1903



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10551



2'000

1902 Commercial cover from Vladivostok to the USA with two 5k Arms cancelled in transit at Moji (on the northern tip of Kyushu Island) in violet along with "PAQUEBOT" hs, reverse with Yokohama and Portland bs, a very rare usage of Russian stamps in Moji



10552



2'000

1902 4k Postal stationery card to Japan cancelled by Vladivostok cds, picked up by ship of the Japanese Seapost office service with "GAISEN MARU / JAPAN / 20 AUG 02" transit cds red and Kyoto arrival adjacent, heavily toned, extremely rare shipmail cancel

The "Gaisen Maru" belonged to the Oya Steamship Company. From the port of Otaru, Japan, she ran in a clockwise direction around the perimeter of the Sea of Japan between May 1902 and May 1903 when she was replaced by the "Aikoku Maru". The circuit was interrupted by a detour from Vladivostok to Tsuruga and back. It was in operation for only 9 months as the service was suspended during the winter months.



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| 10553 | ✉ | 1'000 |
| <p>1903 Envelope to England with 1k, 4k and 5k, posted in a ship's letterbox and cancelled in transit at Nagasaki in violet with matching "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking 1537) below, reverse with Yokohama and London cds, minor soiling, fine</p> | | |
| 10554 | ✉ / 186 | 200 |
| <p>1903 (Mar 6) Russian 3k postal card uprated 1k addressed to Nagasaki cancelled on arrival Nagasaki Japan cds's with unframed PAQUEBOT (Hosking 3243), all in violet,</p> | | |
| 10555 | ✉ / 186 | 300 |
| <p>1904 4k Postal stationery card written in Vladivostok and cancelled at the Japanese P.O. at the Korean port of Songjin on 12 April 1904, with Osaka arrival cds adjacent, slightly toned, scarce</p> <p>A few days after this card arrived, the Russian army attacked Songjin and the post office was closed. It reopened on 27th June 1905.</p> | | |
| 10556 | △ ✉ / 186 | 300 |
| <p>1906 4k Postal stationery card sent to Osaka and cancelled in transit at the Japanese port of Tsuruga, with boxed "PAQUEBOT" hs (unrecorded type) and arrival cds adjacent, minor toning, fine, plus 10k Arms, 20k Romanov and War Charity 5k & 7k on piece with Tsuruga cancels</p> | | |
| 10557 | ✉ / 186 | 300 |
| <p>1906 Commercial envelope from Vladivostok to the USA with 10k tied by blue double oval "STEAMSHIP OF RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "a" 4 4 07" ds, with boxed "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 1631) adjacent, with Tsuruga, Seattle and Canton Ohio bs, very fine</p> | | |
| 10558 | ✉ / 186 | 300 |
| <p>1907-09, Two postcards with 4k frankings tied by double oval "STEAMSHIP OF RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY" ds, one code "d" and one code "v", nice pair</p> | | |
| 10559 | ✉ / 190 | 200 |
| <p>1907 Viewcard of Nagasaki datelined "Port Maria, Nagasaki", sent to Germany 4k tied by blue double oval "STEAMSHIP OF RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY "e" 5 11 07" ds, with Nagasaki transit below, fine</p> | | |

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1'500

1908 4k Postal stationery card sent to Osaka, cancelled on board S.S. Mongoliya of the Russian East Asiatic Steamship Co. (RVAP) with a blue double circle cachet depicting the company's flag, transiting Tsuruga with cds and "PAQUEBOT" hs (both cancels enhanced somewhat) and arrival cds, fine and very scarce

The "Mongoliya" originally belonged to the Chinese Eastern Railway Co. and was one of the company's few ships to survive the Russo-Japanese War having served as a hospital ship. After the war she was sold to the RVAP.

10561

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500

1908 Japanese 1 1/2sen postal stationery card used in combination with Russia 3k Arms to pay 4k rate from Vladivostok to Hango, posted on board ship and cancelled in transit at Tsuruga, with native despatch and "PAQUEBOT" hs (rare and not previously recorded on Russian mail, Hosking type 1631) added the following day, very fine

10562

✉ / 190

500

1910-11 Pair of 4k postal stationery cards cancelled in Tsuruga with different "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3441 dated two years later than recorded by Dovey & Morris, and type 3442 dated 3 years earlier than recorded by Dovey & Morris), fine

10563

✉ / 190

200

1910 Advertising envelope for the Mikado Hotel in Miyajima, sent to Finland with 7k tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA / STEAMSHIP "g" 9 11 10" ds with further strike adjacent, Helsinki arrival bs, very fine and attractive

This ship line was run by the Russian Volunteer Fleet Association, the same canceller being used on both outward and homeward trips. Russia franked Japanese mail was rarely seen on the homeward trip

10564

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150

1910 4k Postal stationery card from Vladivostok to Osaka, cancelled in transit at Tsuruga with framed "PAQUEBOT" hs and arrival cds adjacent, fine

10565

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1'500

1911 Red band cover sent registered to Shanghai with three 10k tied by "VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA STEAMSHIP "e" 28 5 11" oval ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, with Moji transit and Shanghai arrival, registered label adjacent with ms "Tsuruga" and the ship's serial letter "e", minor soiling, scarce



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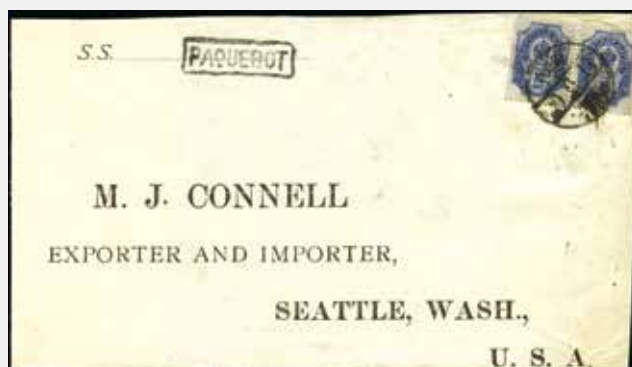


- 10566** ✉ / 192 **750**
 1911 Envelope sent registered to the USA with five 4k tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA / STEAMSHIP "e" 4 8 11" violet ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, with matching registration label in Cyrillic, Yokohama transit, fine and attractive cover
- 10567** ✉ / 190 **200**
 1911 Red band cover from Chinese firm in Vladivostok to Osaka with 10k, put in ship's letter box and cancelled in transit at Tsuruga with framed "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3442, 3 years earlier than earliest date recorded by Hosking) adjacent in dull violet, Osaka bs, minor soiling, fine
- 10568** (✉) / 192 **100**
 1911 Front to the USA with two 10k put on ship and cancelled in Nagasaki with native cds along with "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3243), fine, the only recorded example of the native cancel of Nagasaki used on Russian stamps
- 10569** ✉ / 192 **200**
 1911-14 Pair of postcards cancelled by "VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA STEAMSHIP "e"" oval ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, one with 4k stamp with dateline "On board the Simbirsk", other 4k post. stat. to Japan with minor soiling
- 10570** ✉ / 192 **300**
 1913 Envelope to Japan with 10k Romanov, put in ship's letterbox and cancelled in transit at Tsuruga in violet with matching "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3442), Kanazawa arrival cds, fine, earlier than the previous recorded use of this paquebot hs, plus Romanov 2k, 3k pair and 10k pair with the same Tsuruga cds



- 10571** ✉ **1'500**
 1914 Envelope sent registered to France with Romanov 3k pair and 7k pair on reverse tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA / STEAMSHIP "g" 11 1 14" ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, obverse with "STEAMSHIP LETTER "g" / VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA" registration label in French, attractive and rare
- 10572** ✉ / 194 **500**
 1914 Picture postcard of S. S. Simbrisk, posted on board ship with dateline "Na'ki-S'hai" (Nagasaki-Shanghai) with Japan 5s tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI/ STEAMSHIP "e" 4 8 11" violet ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, with matching registration label in Cyrillic, unloaded at Shanghai and sent to Vladivostok where military censor cachet was applied (Speeckaert type 3A), fine and scarce usage

Ships of the RVF carried Russian stamps, though under UPU rules stamps of other countries could be accepted when within the appropriate territorial waters.





10573

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1914 Envelope sent registered to Vladivostok with three 7k tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP "zh" 24 8 14" ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, with matching registration label in Cyrillic, envelope opened, refolded and sealed by military censor using wax seals (Speeckaert type 4), one stamp missing, possibly removed by the censor given that it is from a German firm in Nagasaki, with their cachet and arrival cds on reverse, rare



10574

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1'500

1915 Envelope from Vladivostok to USA franked Russia 15k, 25k and War Charity 10k cancelled by violet TSURUGA cds's with matching boxed PAQUEBOT alongside, Yokohama transit backstamp, fine and rare usage especially with charity issue, cert. Holcombe.

Ex Liphschutz collection.

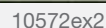
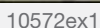


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1'400

1915 Commercial cover from Vladivostok to Japan, posted on board ship with War Charity 3k, 7k and 10k cancelled in transit at Tsuruga in violet with matching "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3442), Kobe arrival bs, restored lower left corner, attractive and scarce usage of the War Charity issue





- 10576** ✉ / 194 **500**
 1915 Commercial cover from Vladivostok to Japan, posted on board ship with 10k tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-TSURUGA / STEAMSHIP "e" 24 1 15" violet ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, sent underpaid with large "T" oval hs and with Japanese postage due hs cancelled by blue crayon, Kobe arrival bs, fine, no previous record of a Vladivostok-Tsuruga ship tax mark
- 10577** ✉ / 194 **200**
 1915 Commercial cover from Vladivostok to Japan, posted on board ship with two 20k cancelled in transit at Tsuruga in violet with matching "PAQUEBOT" hs, Kobe arrival bs, very fine and fresh
- 10578** ✉ / 194 **100**
 1917 Picture postcard of USS "Brooklyn" at Vladivostok sent by a member of the crew to the USA with three imperf. 3k and Japan 4s cancelled when put ashore at Yokohama, with message "I sent you a letter yesterday while ashore. You may have to pay some postage on it as I didn't know how much stamps to put on it", interesting
- 10579** ✉ / 194 **300**
 1918 Viewcard with Vladivostok 10 1 18 dateline to USA franked Russia 15k tied by TSURUGA JAPAN cds, large boxed PAQUEBOT alongside, violet Passed by Censor handstamp, fine
- 10580** ✉ / 194 **300**
 1918 Envelope to the USA posted on board ship with 20k vert. pair (one with torn off corner) cancelled in transit at Tsuruga with "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking 3442) in black adjacent, envelope opened and resealed by wartime censor in Seattle, minor creasing
 The paquebot hs has not been recorded hitherto after 1917 and is generally struck in violet rather than black
- 10581** ✉ / 200 **200**
 1918 3k Postal stationery card to France posted on board ship "Penza", uprated with 7k and 2k imperf. tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP "zh" 3 7 18" ds of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, with Yokohama transit and French censor cachet, fine
 This card established that serial "zh" belonged to S.S. Penza
- 10582** ✉ / 200 **150**
 1918 4k Postal stationery card from Vladivostok to Japan posted on board ship, uprated with 4k to pay increased rate, cancelled in transit at Tsuruga with "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking 3442) in violet adjacent, with Osaka arrival cds, fine



- 10583** ✉ **700**
 1920 Commercial cover to Vladivostok with 1R imperf. strip of five and single paying triple 2R foreign rate current in Siberia from October 1919 to June 1920, tied by oval "VLADIVOSTOK-SHANGHAI / STEAMSHIP "zh" 22 2 20" ds in violet of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, with Vladivostok censor cachet below and arrival bs, fine and attractive high franking



10584

✉ / 200

1'800

1900-17 Group of 19 covers/stationery/postcards outgoing and incoming, several from Tsuruga with Paquebot markings, noted 1917 registered cover from Vladivostok to U.S.A. franked 70k, 1902 4k stationery with rare GAISEN MARU JAPAN 20 Aug 1902 cancel, 1 contrived item, rarely offered in such quantity.

10585

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150

1892-1920 Group of Russian stamps mounted on an album page with Japanese & Korean cancellations incl. Tsuruga, Nagasaki incl. 5k arms block of six and Gensan, generally fine (19)

Ship Mail to Korea



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10586

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1'000

1889 Envelope from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg endorsed "Per "Higo Maru" via Shanghai", with 14k and 3k vert. pair tied by blue Vladivostok cds, with "GENZAN / POST" (Korea), Japanese Shanghai, British Shanghai and Hong Kong transit cds, thence by French paquebot with Ligne N ds, arrival bs, very fine and fresh, rare

10587

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700

1893 4k Postal stationery card to Japan, posted on ship and offloaded at Gensan (Korea), with triangular "GEN. / SHIP" ("GEN" for Gensan) hs and cancelled by Japanese "CHOSEN / WEON SAN" (Korea / Gensan) cds, with Osaka arrival cds adjacent, some toning, rare, plus 1R tied to piece by same cancel

Both illustrated in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" 101 (2001) pp.30-31 figs.9B & 10

10588

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2'000

1893 Envelope to Germany with 14k, endorsed "Per Satsuma Maru / Via Fusan", cancelled at the Japanese P.O. in Gensan (Korea) with "GEN. SHIP" ("GEN" for Gensan) triangular hs on reverse, Nagasaki and Yokohama transit, Hamburg arrival bs, fine and very rare, cert. Mikulski (1991)

Markings with the word "Ship" were used by some countries between 1891 (when the UPU Congress at Vienna authorised the cancellation of ship letters with the date-stamp of the port of arrival) and 1894 (when the word "paquebot" came in to use to denote mail posted on board ship).





10589



1'500

1893 4k Postal stationery card to Japan, posted on ship and cancelled at the Japanese P.O. at Gensan (Korea), with triangular "GEN. / SHIP" ("GEN" for Gensan) hs and Tokyo arrival cds adjacent, very rare



10590



750

1894 7k Postal stationery envelope uprated with 3k, sent to Germany in ship's letterbox and cancelled on arrival by Japanese Gensan (Korea) cds with boxed "PAQUEBOT" hs (Hosking type 3089), reverse with Nagasaki, Yokohama, Possneck and Plauen cds, very fine and fresh



10591



3'000

1895 Envelope to the USA endorsed "Via Nagasaki & Vancouver" with 7k pair and 3k pair tied by red "GENSAN / I.J.P.O" 4 May 95 cds with matching "PAQUEBOT" hs, reverse with Nagasaki, Yokohama, San Francisco and Berwick cds, fine and attractive, ex Mizuhara, thought to be the earliest known usage of this cancel



10592



1'500

1895 Envelope to the USA endorsed "Via Nagasaki" with 20k strip of three tied by red "GENSAN / I.J.P.O" 28 Jul 1895 cds with matching "PAQUEBOT" hs, reverse with Nagasaki, Yokohama, San Francisco and Berwick cds, cover slightly soiled, fine





10593

✉ / 200

750

1895 Cover to New Hampshire , USA, franked Russia 10k tied by red GENSAN cds with matching boxed PAQUEBOT below, Yokohama and San Francisco transit backstamps, part of top left of cover missing, part replaced, tiny repair to adhesive, rare.



10594

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1895 Envelope franked Russia 4k tied by Nagasaki Japan cds with boxed PAQUEBOT (Hosking 3242), addressed to Gensan, Korea with Nagasaki transit and light GENSAN arrival backstamps, some cover creasing at right, otherwise fine



10595

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1'200

1897 Envelope to St. Petersburg endorsed "Via San Francisco" with 2k and 4k pair tied by black "GENSAN / I.J.P.O" 3 Dec 97 cds with "PAQUEBOT" hs on reverse along with Yokohama, New York and arrival cds, very fine and fresh

Before the construction of the Trans-Siberian Railway, it was quicker to send mail half-way round the world by sea rather than attempt the overland route through Siberia, especially during the winter.



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10600ex1



10600ex2



10596

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1898 Envelope to Korea endorsed per "S.S. Baikal" with six 5k tied by Russian Shanghai double circle (type 1) 19 III 1898 (new style) in violet, with Japanese P.O. Ninsen (= Chemulpo) arrival cds below, odd tone spot, fine and attractive cover.

During the 1890s the S.S. Baikal served on the express line between Vladivostok and Shanghai with calls at Korea and Japan, run by Shevlov & Co. under contract to the Russian government. At the turn of the century this service was taken over by the Chinese Eastern Railway Maritime Subsidiary and later by the Russian Volunteer Fleet.



10597

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1'500

1899 Red-band cover from firm in Vladivostok to Shanghai posted on board ship with two 10k and put ashore at Gensan with native canceller applied in transit with "PAQUEBOT" hs adjacent, Japanese Shanghai arrival adjacent, slightly soiled, very rare use of the local cancel on Russian mail and the first recorded by Casey

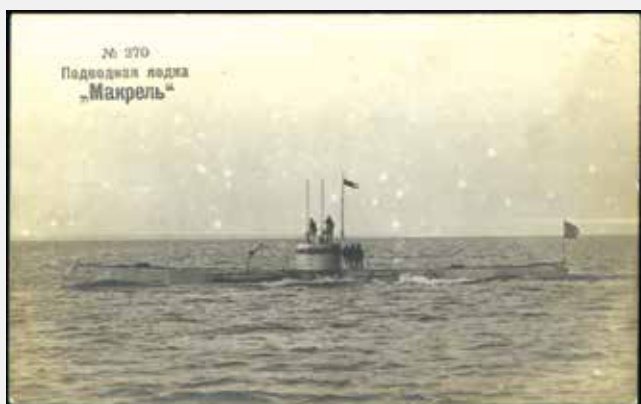


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1'200

1901 Printed commercial envelope to Yokohama franked Russia 10k tied by GENSAN I.J.P.O. cds with boxed PAQUEBOT alongside, very fine





10599



1'000

1903 Commercial cover from a merchant in Vladivostok to the USA, put ashore at Songjin (Joshin), Korea, and tied by native cancel with large red chop translating "SHIP" alongside, reverse with Nagasaki and Seattle bs, fine and rare usage

10600



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1904 Postcard franked Korea 2r tied on viewside by Chemulpo cds with manuscript notation "Piroscabo "SUNGARY" russo affondato il 9 febbraio 1904 a Chemulpo", the postcard depicting the submerged Russian ship, addressed to France franked Italy 2c (3) + 5c tied by Regie Nave Puglia cds, highly unusual. cert. Raybaudi.



10601



1'000

1906 4k Postal stationery card to Japan and posted on Japanese ship in Vladivostok harbour, cancelled on arrival at Joshin (Songjin) by comb-type native cds, with red chop equivalent to "paquebot" adjacent, minor foxing, very rare as there is no other record of this cancellation on Russian stamps or postal stationery



10602



1'000

1899-1903 Russian stationery 4k card (three) all cancelled with GENSAN I:J:P:O cds's all with different cancels, all with boxed Paquebot handstamps in association, cards are somewhat stained, cancels fair to good, rare trio.

Ship Mail collections, accumulations and literature



10603



2'000

1846-1928 Balance of the collections comprising about 100 items, mostly covers/ postcards but also including unused viewcards, stamps, ephemera related to shipping, so not all with maritime cancels. Noted 3 covers with Odessa-Vladivostok steamship cancels, Russia cancelled with Italian maritime cancel, German Levant stationery with Russian straight line 'By Steamship' handstamp in violet, 1898 envelope cancelled STEAMSHIP PRISTAN (rare), Russian/Greece combination cover etc., wonderful hoard to pick through

10604



Offer

1792-1898 Collection of incoming covers (39) mounted on leaves with emphasis on England including registered stationery and censors, noted 1792 letter to Pernau with straight line LIVERPOOL and RIGA, much prestamp correspondence to Estonia, later franked letters including uprated stationery, much of note (Est. € 500/800)

10605



Offer

1831-1970 ca. Accumulation of odds and ends, much of it with maritime interest including a number of forgeries, shipping schedules and other ephemera, covers from the Baltic area, Russian Levant, prestamp mail from Russia to France, part with no maritime connection. Still some useful pickings (Est. € 700/1'000)





10606

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Offer

1850-1917 Group of 98 covers, stationery and viewcards from the world over addressed to Russia with a wealth of exotic origins from British Commonwealth, Asia, Latin America; noted uprated stationery, consular mail, registered and maritime interest, all mounted on leaves, interesting assembly (Est. € 1'000/1'500)



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Offer

1858-1917 Group of 20 incoming covers from U.S.A. including 1863 mourning cover franked 12c strip of 3 + 1c, 1863 cover franked 30c orange, much of note besides including many stationery items, some uprated (Est. € 700/1'000)



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CANCELS 1900-15 ca. ranges of maritime cachets on Russian stamps, some mounted, some loose including Japan, few non maritime such as railways (C.E.R.), poor to very fine strikes, some of which are rare.

10609

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RUSSIAN NAVY: 3 sheets from Exhibit: 1904 Russia-Japanese War with Japanese viewcard depicting Russian transport ship SUNGARI sunk at Chemulpo, Korea, 8 February 1904. World War I viewcard from Hango, Finland, to Estonia, with violet free-frank cachet SUBMARINE "MAKREL" accompanied by unused viewcard of the submarine. 1916 viewcard of Kronshstadt to Finland with free-frank seal of ENGINEER COMPANY/CRUISER "AURORA". The "Aurora" fired the shot to signal the start of the October revolution. Also 1916 stained viewcard of river Donets sent to Livonia by serving sailor handstamped violet straightline cachet translated as 'WITH THE ACTIVE FLEET' and 1904 postcard depicting wounded soldiers being rescued from crippled cruiser VARYAG in Korea by Italian Cruiser Elba.

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LITERATURE: Box of maritime books, mostly Russian, including early Russian transcripts, beautiful 1905 book about the Volga with advertising, later Hosking's 2 books 'Paquebot Cancellations of the World', Mandrovski Russian Ship Mail, Dovey 'Paquebot Cancellations of the World', 'The Transatlantic Mail' by Frank Staff, 'Robertson Revisted' by Colin Tabeat, 'Imperial Russian Navy' by Fred Jane etc., mixed

10611

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500

POSTCARDS: Over 100 cards with maritime interest, mostly Russian printed, many related to the River Volga, scenes of ships, icebreakers, ports etc., mixed

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3.3 Bidders' representatives and auction agents: any person

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Symboles et abréviations / Symbole und Abkürzungen

Symbols / Symboles / Symbole

*	mint with original gum
	neuf avec gomme / ungebraucht mit Falz
**	mint never hinged
	neuf avec gomme intacte / postfrisch
(*)	unused, ungummed or regummed / neuf sans gomme ou regommé / ungebraucht ohne Gummi oder nachgummiert
⊙	used
	oblitéré/ gebraucht
田	block of four or larger
	multiple / Viererblock
∩	tête-bêche pair
	paire tête-bêche / Kehrdruckpaar
⊗	fiscal cancel
	oblitération fiscale / fiskalische Entwertung
△	piece or fragment of a cover or document
	fragment / Briefstück
✉	cover or postcard incl. postal stationery / lettre, carte postale ou entier / Brief, Postkarte oder Ganzsache
E	essay
	essai / Entwurf
P	proof (incl. die, plate or trial colour)
	épreuve / Probedruck
R	revenue or fiscal
	timbre fiscal / Gebührenmarken
S	specimen
	spécimen / Specimen
F	forgery
	faux / Fälschung

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Extremely fine / Superbe / Prachterhaltung

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2-14	nos. 2 through 14 / n°2 au 14 / nr.2 bis 14
2/14	between nos. 2 and 14 (not cplt.) / entre le n°2 et 14 / aus nr. 2 bis 14
add'l	additional / supplémentaire / zusätzlich
approx.	approximate(y) / environ / ungefähr
B	bottom / en bas / unten
BL	bottom left / en bas à gauche / unten links
BR	bottom right / en bas à droite / unten rechts
bs	backstamp(s) / cachet au dos / rücks. Stpl.
ca.	circa / environ / circa
cat.	catalogue / Katalog
cds	circular date stamp(s) / cachet à date / Datumstempel
cert.	certificate / certificat / Attest
cplt.	complete / complet / vollständig
diff	different / différent / verschiedene
ds	date stamp(s) / cachet à date / Datumstempel
FDC	first day cover / lettre premier jour / Ersttagsbrief
FFC	first flight cover / lettre premier vol / Erstflugbrief
FL	folded letter / pli / Faltbrief
horiz.	horizontal / horizontale / waagrecht
hr	hinge remnant(s) / reste de charnière / Falzreste
hs	handstamp(s) / cachet / Handstempel
imperf	imperfectorate / non-dentelé / ungezähnt
L	left / à gauche / links
lh	lightly hinged / légère charnière / leichte Falzreste
MC	Maltese Cross / Croix de Malte / Malteserkreuz

min. sheet	miniature sheet, souvenir sheet / bloc feuillet / Block
ms	manuscript / manuscrit / handschriftlich
nh	never hinged / sans charnière / postfrisch
no(s).	number(s) / numéro(s) / Nummer(n)
og	original gum / gomme originale / Originalgummi
ovpt	overprint / surcharge / Aufdruck
o/w	otherwise / autrement / ansonsten
pc	postcard / carte postale / Postkarte
perf	perforated / perforé(e) / gezähnt
pl.	plate / plaque / Platte
pos.	position / numéro dans la planche / Bogenposition
ps	postal stationery / entier / Ganzsache
ppc	picture postcard / carte postale / Ansichtskarte
R	right / à droite / rechts
reg'd	registered / recommandé / eingeschrieben
SFL	stampless folded letter (unused) / entier double / Ganzsachenbrief
s/l	straight line cancel / cachet linéaire / Langstempel
STC	stated to catalogue (by third party) / selon données vendeur / angebl. Katalogwert
T	top / en haut / oben
TL	top left / en haut à gauche / oben links
TR	top right / en haut à droite / oben rechts
unwmkd	unwatermarked / sans filigrane / ohne Wasserzeichen
var.	variety / variété / Abart
vert.	vertical / verticale / senkrecht
wmk	watermark(ed) / filigrane / Wasserzeichen
w/o	without / sans / ohne

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