



## Bits & Pieces

### Miscellaneous

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### Mail Bag

#### Correction to White Russia Article (V23N2)

Hello Tim,

As always I enjoyed your additions to "First Issues". The Russian Civil War is a fascinating chapter in history especially

since the United States played a significant military role aiding the "white Russians", something most Americans are unaware of. I am attaching the write-ups from my Russian Empire album section which covers the Russian Civil War which I thought you might enjoy reading.

A minor typo in your article-Belarus is east not west of Poland et al.

Martin Nadel, FICC #20

Email: April, 2015

*[Editor: Thank you for the geography correction. ... I am publishing Martin's write-ups for the Russian Civil War section of his album. These are on page 5 of this Newsletter.]*

#### Inverted Watermark on Rhodes Sc#2

Hi Tim,

I have a copy of Rhodes #2 that has an up side down watermark. I have recently watermarked a couple hundred of these and not encountered an inverted watermark before. Have you? Are they common?

Dave Olson, FICC #1

Email: April, 2015

*[Editor: I replied to Dave that I had not seen an inverted watermark on this stamp, but I had not inspected very many either. If anyone in FICC can help Dave with this question – either through personal observations or reference books/articles, I am sure he would appreciate it.]*

### Secretary's Report

**Membership News:** One new member joined FICC since the last Newsletter went to press.

- Marty Wells, FICC #253, Sherwood, MD, USA

Welcome Marty.

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### Call for Mail Auction #85 Lots

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF LOTS FOR MAIL AUCTION #85 is Aug 15, 2015.** Please send singles, sets, FDCs and covers related to first issues -- basically anything you think other FICC members would be interested in owning. The full set of guidelines governing the auctions is published in each auction mailing.

1. Submit lots to: Tim Balm, 4912 Regency Ct #208, West Chester, OH, 45069-6779 USA.
2. Include an inventory with your name & address, 1-line descriptions of the lots including cat#, current cat value, and minimum accepted bid. [Note: Scott catalog is the default; first issues listed by other catalogs are welcome.]
3. The club receives a 10% fee from each lot sold -- split between the seller and the buyer.

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## First Issues of the Ottoman Empire

By Louis Laflamme, FICC #210



One of the most powerful states in the world for a long time, the Ottoman Empire, was founded in the beginning of the XIV<sup>th</sup> century by Osman I (1258-1327). At the height of its powers under Soliman in 1648, it controlled vast territories across southeast Europe, the Middle East and North Africa from its capital in Constantinople (present day Istanbul). At the beginning of the XIX<sup>th</sup> century, because of its incapacity to modernize its archaic institutions and external pressures, it was in full decline. In 1827, Greece gained its independence and the Balkans principalities, although still under nominal control, were largely autonomous just like Egypt from 1833. It is during this context of political decline that the first postal service was inaugurated in 1840. The first stamps would have to wait until 1863 and were issued under the reign of Sultan Abdülaziz who ruled from 1861 to 1876. At that time, many European powers had been operating post offices in the Empire for decades and they continued to do so until 1914. Most of the international mail transited through

these post offices.

The first stamps featured the monogram of the Sultan (Tughra) and for that reason are known today as the Tughra stamps. These stamps were produced by the lithography process and printed on very thin and fragile pelure paper at the Imperial Print. The stamps were dyed after the printing and then were sent to the Ministry of Finance for the application of a control band at the foot of the stamp validating them for postal use. The band reads *Devlet-i aliyye Nezaret-i Maliye* meaning "Finance Ministry of the Imperial Government". It was applied in red for the 20 paras, 1 and 2 kuruş stamps and in blue for the 5 kuruş stamp and all postage due stamps.

### FIRST PRINTING



Interestingly, the first printed stamps at the end of 1862 were not the first issued. They were a 2 kuruş stamp printed in shades of blue and a 5 kuruş stamp in shades of pink. These are shown at left (130%). Only a few sheets were printed because it was soon realized that the little spacing between the stamps printed on horizontal rows of 12 did not leave enough room for the application of the control band necessary to validate the stamps without it masking part of the design. The printing was stopped but the stamps already produced were not destroyed and would still be issued for use later in early 1864. These stamps bear a secret mark, for the 2 kuruş it is a small black dot in the 9<sup>th</sup> pearl from the top in the right vertical row. For the 5 kuruş the dot is located near the top part of the inside frame in the top left corner. Because of the sometimes weak printing they can be very difficult if not impossible to spot especially on used stamps. Undignified by a

separate catalogue number in Scott they are #1 and #2 in the Isfila Turkish specialized catalogue. In Michel they are #3I and #4I. In a footnote the stamps are described in Scott and their rarity recognized.

### SECOND PRINTING AND POSTAGE DUES



Two denominations were added for the second printing, a 20 paras stamp in yellow and a 1 kuruş in grey. These four stamps, shown at right, 80%, are Sc#1, 2, 4 and 5. For that second printing, each alternate row of stamps was inverted so they were now printed as blocks of tête-bêche pairs. The figure at left, 80%, shows Sc#1 as a tête-bêche pair.

The postage due stamps were of the same denominations and were printed from the same stones in the same manner. Sc# J1-4 (including the scarce brick red shade of the 5 kuruş) are shown at right, 80%. They were dyed in shades of brown all with a

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## First Issues of Ottoman Empire (continued from page 3)

blue control band. A rarer shade of brick red is also known. I don't usually include back-of-the-book first issues in my collection but for these I made an exception because they share the same characteristics with the regular stamps and that were all issued January 1<sup>st</sup> 1863. Furthermore, these stamps were not postage due stamps in the true sense of the term. They were to be fixed on letters posted from places where no post office existed. The duty was paid to the carrier accepting the letters for delivery and the stamps were fixed at the nearest post office. So these stamps played exactly the same role as the regular ones and letters are known bearing both regular and postage due stamps cancelled at the same time.

Secret marks can also be found on these stamps. Again, poor printing and cancellation can make them difficult to detect.

**THIRD PRINTING**

A final third printing took place in 1864 for the 20 paras and 1 kurus stamps, but the paper for that printing was thicker and only the front was colored. These two stamps are Sc#6 and Sc#7, respectively.

## FORGERIES



Forgeries exist and can easily be found for sale on the internet. The secret marks can be of some use but for the reasons mentioned above they are often of little help. The paper is usually thicker for the forgeries but this can only be appreciated if you can examine the stamp. Small differences in design such as the shape of the Tughra or of the arabic numeral characters are easier to spot.

The figure at left shows a 20 paras (Sc#1) forgery. It has no secret mark, and the shape of the numeral “2” is wrong.

The figure at right shows a 2-kurus (Sc#3) forgery in the scarce brick red shade. The numeral “2” in this forgery has the wrong shpe.



## REFERENCES

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## A Stamp Rarity on Public Display

Although not a #1, what many consider the world's rarest stamp, the 1856 British Guiana One-Cent Magenta (Br Guiana Sc#13), is on display to the public at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington DC, USA. The stamp is available for viewing starting June 4, 2015 (last month by the time this Newsletter is published) for 2.5 years. According to Allen Kane of the NPM, there will be two short periods when the display will **NOT** be available: Nov 27 – Dec 9, 2015 and May 23 – June 10, 2016.

I understand that some philatelists believe the Sweden 3-skilling orange error (Sweden Sc#1a) lays claim to the rarest stamp. When there is only one known copy of each in existence, I personally think the argument is pointless. I have every intention of getting to Washington DC to see this rarity – and I wish a successful viewing for others in the FICC who want to see this stamp.

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## Russian Empire – Russian Civil War

From the album of Martin Nadel, FICC #20

When the Bolsheviks replaced the Provisional Government established by the Duma, a number of anti-Bolshevik political groups formed a poorly coordinated armed opposition precipitating the Russian Civil War. This opposition was collectively called the White Russians as opposed to the Bolshevik Reds. The civil war lasted from November 1917 until October 1922. While the resistance was composed of many fragmented and competing groups, it can be organized into three main areas: the Northwest bordering the Baltic States; the East including Siberia and the South including the Ukraine.

**South Russia** saw the Don Cossacks and the Kuban Cossacks set up short lived independent states which were replaced in 1919 by a South Russian Government which came under the control of General Anton Denikin. After several disastrous defeats, Denikin stepped down and was replaced by General Pyotr Wrangel who in April 1920 set up a new South Russian Government. The Red Army pushed Wrangel back into the Crimea, and in November 1920, the South Russian Government collapsed with Wrangel, his troops and many white Russian refugees being evacuated to Constantinople.

In November 1918 dissidents in the Crimea established a provisional government which was quickly overrun by the Soviets. They in turn were driven out by General Denikin in June 1919 with the Crimea being incorporated into Denikin's South Russian Government.

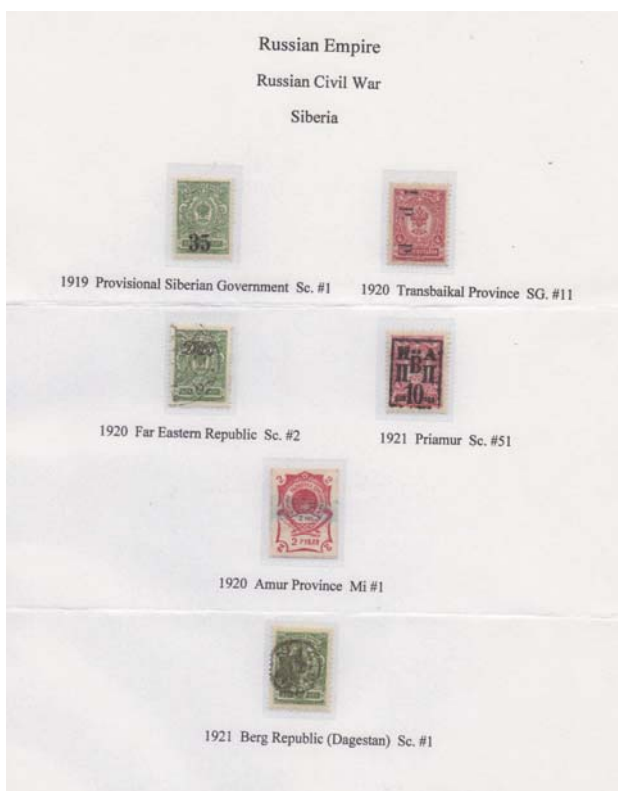
**Northwest Russia** saw a formidable army organized in Estonia by General Yudenich in 1919. They advanced deeply into Northwest Russia attacking Petrograd. Leon Trotsky organized the defense of the city and the Army of the Northwest

eventually retreated back to Estonia where they disbanded in 1920.

**North Russia** at the start of the civil war had Murmansk and Archangel as the major supply ports for Allied military supplies for the Russian war effort against Germany and Austria. When Germany invaded Finland the allies were afraid they would advance into Northern Russia and capture the critical port of Murmansk. An Allied expeditionary force primarily British and American army, naval and air units landed to safeguard these military supplies. The allied military effort was then turned against the Bolsheviks. In 1918 the allies joined forces with the White Russian counter-revolutionaries. The Red army was able to rally and faced with mounting criticism at home, the allied forces withdrew in 1920 leading to Soviet control over all of North and Northwest Russia

**Siberia:** The anti-Bolshevik counter revolution in the East was initiated by the Czechoslovak Legion and groups of White military units. The Czechoslovak Legion was composed of Czech and Slovak military units which had formed to fight the Austro-German army on the Eastern front but had been interned by the Red Army in Siberia. When the Reds refused to repatriate them in 1918, they joined with White Army units to establish a **Provisional Siberian Government** in Omsk. The leader of the Provisional Siberian Government was Admiral Alexander Kolchak. The Bolsheviks captured Omsk in 1920 and Kolchak resigned.

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**Auction #84**

Welcome to FICC Auction #84. The auction closes on July 31, 2015; bids received that after will not be considered. Please read descriptions carefully; lots occasionally have very similar descriptions. If you have questions, please contact me. Also, I will email scans of any specific lots you wish to see. ... All catalogue values (CVs) are taken from the 2015 Scott Catalogues.

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**#1s**

| <b><u>Lot</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>                                       | <b><u>CV</u></b> | <b><u>Min Bid</u></b> | <b><u>Your Bid</u></b> | <b><u>Lot</u></b> |
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| 1                 | Basutoland Sc#1-10 mh f/vf [1-7 mnh]                            | \$317.25         | \$125.00              | _____                  | 1                 |
| 2                 | Italian Offices Abroad (Estero) Sc#1-2 mh f/vf (sl perf faluts) | \$100.00         | \$35.00               | _____                  | 2                 |
| 3                 | Italian Offices Abroad (Estero) Sc#1-2 mhr f                    | \$100.00         | \$30.00               | _____                  | 3                 |
| 4                 | Italian Soc Republic Sc#1-5 mnh f/vf                            | \$1.50           | \$0.70                | _____                  | 4                 |
| 5                 | Italy-Off in Constantine Sc#1 used(1-cxl) f                     | \$2.40           | \$0.95                | _____                  | 5                 |
| 6                 | Italy-Off in Constantine Sc#1-2 used(m-cxl) avg                 | \$4.80           | \$1.45                | _____                  | 6                 |
| 7                 | Italy-Off in Durazzo Sc#1-2 mhr f                               | \$3.20           | \$0.95                | _____                  | 7                 |
| 8                 | Italy-Off in Durazzo Sc#1-2 mh f                                | \$3.20           | \$1.10                | _____                  | 8                 |
| 9                 | Italy-Off in Jerusalem Sc#1 mnh avg                             | \$8.00           | \$2.80                | _____                  | 9                 |
| 10                | Italy-Off in Jerusalem Sc#1 mvlh avg                            | \$8.00           | \$2.40                | _____                  | 10                |
| 11                | Italy-Off in Jerusalem Sc#1 used(l-cxl) f/vf                    | \$20.00          | \$9.00                | _____                  | 11                |
| 12                | Italy-Off in Jerusalem Sc#1 used(l-cxl) f                       | \$20.00          | \$8.00                | _____                  | 12                |
| 13                | Italy-Off in Jerusalem Sc#1-4 mhr avg-f/vf                      | \$32.00          | \$9.50                | _____                  | 13                |
| 14                | Italy-Off in Salonica Sc#1-2 used(m-cxl) avg avg                | \$6.50           | \$1.95                | _____                  | 14                |
| 15                | Italy-Off in Scutari Sc#1 mlh f/vf                              | \$1.60           | \$0.65                | _____                  | 15                |
| 16                | Italy-Off in Scutari Sc#1 mlh avg                               | \$1.60           | \$0.50                | _____                  | 16                |
| 17                | Italy-Off in Scutari Sc#1 used(m-cxl) avg [paper adh]           | \$3.25           | \$0.95                | _____                  | 17                |
| 18                | Italy-Off in Smyrna Sc#1 mh avg                                 | \$1.60           | \$0.50                | _____                  | 18                |
| 19                | Italy-Off in Smyrna Sc#1 used(l-cxl) f                          | \$1.60           | \$0.65                | _____                  | 19                |
| 20                | Italy-Off in Turkish Empire Sc#1 mh avg                         | \$8.00           | \$2.40                | _____                  | 20                |
| 21                | Italy-Off in Turkish Empire Sc#1-3 used(m-cxl) hr avg           | \$12.75          | \$3.80                | _____                  | 21                |
| 22                | Italy-Off in Valona Sc#1 mh f                                   | \$1.60           | \$0.55                | _____                  | 22                |
| 23                | Italy-Off in Valona Sc#1 mh avg                                 | \$1.60           | \$0.50                | _____                  | 23                |
| 24                | Italy-Off in Valona Sc#1-2 mlh f [#1 may be mnh]                | \$3.20           | \$1.10                | _____                  | 24                |

**Change of Government #1s**

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| 25 | Italy AMG Sc#1N10 (Naples) mhr vf            | \$1.50 | \$0.60 | _____ | 25 |
| 26 | Netherlands Antilles (Kingdom) Sc#232 mlh vf | \$1.00 | \$0.45 | _____ | 26 |

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| 27 | Italy Sc#N1-3 mhr f/vf                                     | \$0.75  | \$0.25  | _____ | 27 |
| 28 | Italy Sc#N1-3,7,10,13 used(m-cxl) f/vf                     | \$3.75  | \$1.50  | _____ | 28 |
| 29 | Italy Sc#N1-8,13-17 mhr f/vf                               | \$5.00  | \$1.75  | _____ | 29 |
| 30 | Italy Sc#N1-9 mhr f/vf                                     | \$2.25  | \$0.80  | _____ | 30 |
| 31 | Italy Sc#N1-9,11-15,17-19 mhr f/vf                         | \$9.20  | \$3.20  | _____ | 31 |
| 32 | Italy Sc#N1-19 mhr f/vf                                    | \$10.40 | \$3.65  | _____ | 32 |
| 33 | Italy Sc#1N1 mnh f/vf                                      | \$1.60  | \$0.75  | _____ | 33 |
| 34 | Italy Sc#1N1 mlh f/vf                                      | \$1.60  | \$0.65  | _____ | 34 |
| 35 | Italy Sc#1N1 used(l-cxl) f/vf                              | \$1.00  | \$0.45  | _____ | 35 |
| 36 | Italy Sc#1N1-9 mnh f/vf                                    | \$19.10 | \$8.60  | _____ | 36 |
| 37 | Italy Sc#1N1-9 mh f/vf                                     | \$19.10 | \$7.65  | _____ | 37 |
| 38 | Italy Sc#1N1-9 mhr f/vf                                    | \$19.10 | \$6.70  | _____ | 38 |
| 39 | Italy Sc#1N1-9 used(m-cxl) f/vf [all but 1N1 are on piece] | \$17.25 | \$6.90  | _____ | 39 |
| 40 | Italy Sc#1LN1 mnh f/vf                                     | \$0.30  | \$0.15  | _____ | 40 |
| 41 | Italy Sc#1LN1 mvlh f/vf                                    | \$0.30  | \$0.12  | _____ | 41 |
| 42 | Italy Sc#1LN1 mh f/vf                                      | \$0.30  | \$0.10  | _____ | 42 |
| 43 | Italy Sc#1LN1 used(l-cxl) vf                               | \$0.35  | \$0.17  | _____ | 43 |
| 44 | Italy Sc#1LN1 used(m-cxl) f/vf                             | \$0.35  | \$0.15  | _____ | 44 |
| 45 | Italy Sc#1LN1-3 mhr f/vf [1LN2 is mnh, 1LN3 is mh]         | \$1.10  | \$0.40  | _____ | 45 |
| 46 | Italy Sc#1LNC1-7 mh f/vf                                   | \$51.30 | \$20.00 | _____ | 46 |
| 47 | Italy Sc#1LNC1-7 mlh f/vf                                  | \$51.30 | \$20.00 | _____ | 47 |
| 48 | Italy Sc#1LNC1-7 mlh f/vf [1LNC1 is mnh]                   | \$51.30 | \$20.50 | _____ | 48 |
| 49 | Italy Sc#1LNC1,5-7 used(m-cxl) f/vf                        | \$65.00 | \$26.00 | _____ | 49 |
| 50 | Italy Sc#1LNE1-2 mnh f/vf                                  | \$12.75 | \$5.75  | _____ | 50 |
| 51 | Italy Sc#1LNE1-2 mh f/vf                                   | \$12.75 | \$5.00  | _____ | 51 |

**Misc Stamps from First Issue Sets**

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|----|---|----------|---------|-------|----|
| 52 | Angra Sc#2 mng hr f/vf (perf 12.5)                        | \$5.00   | \$1.50  | _____ | 52 |
| 53 | Angra Sc#2 used(h-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5) [ink smudges]     | \$2.75   | \$0.95  | _____ | 53 |
| 54 | Angra Sc#2 used(l-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5)                   | \$2.75   | \$1.25  | _____ | 54 |
| 55 | Angra Sc#3 used(l-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5)                   | \$4.00   | \$1.80  | _____ | 55 |
| 56 | Angra Sc#5 used(m-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5)                   | \$0.80   | \$0.35  | _____ | 56 |
| 57 | Angra Sc#7 used(m-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5)                   | \$4.50   | \$1.80  | _____ | 57 |
| 58 | Angra Sc#8 used(m-cxl) hr f/vf (perf 12.5)                | \$6.00   | \$2.10  | _____ | 58 |
| 59 | Angra Sc#9 used(m-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5)                   | \$11.50  | \$4.60  | _____ | 59 |
| 60 | Angra Sc#10 used(m-cxl) f/vf (perf 13.5)                  | \$16.00  | \$6.40  | _____ | 60 |
| 61 | Cape Verde Sc#2 mng f/vf (perf 12.5) [oxidized]           | \$50.00  | \$15.00 | _____ | 61 |
| 62 | Cape Verde Sc#2a used(m-cxl) hr f/vf (perf 13.5)          | \$13.00  | \$4.50  | _____ | 62 |
| 63 | Cape Verde Sc#3 mh f/vf (perf 12.5)                       | \$3.00   | \$1.20  | _____ | 63 |
| 64 | Cape Verde Sc#4 mng f (perf 12.5)                         | \$2.50   | \$0.75  | _____ | 64 |
| 65 | Cape Verde Sc#4 mng hr f (perf 12.5)                      | \$2.50   | \$0.75  | _____ | 65 |
| 66 | Cape Verde Sc#5 used(l-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5)              | \$50.00  | \$22.50 | _____ | 66 |
| 67 | Cape Verde Sc#6 cto(l-cxl) hr f/vf (perf 12.5)            | \$72.50  | \$25.00 | _____ | 67 |
| 68 | Cape Verde Sc#6 mhr f (perf 12.5) [2mm perf thin]         | \$150.00 | \$15.00 | _____ | 68 |
| 69 | Cape Verde Sc#7 cto(l-cxl) f/vf (perf 12.5) [toned perfs] | \$3.50   | \$1.50  | _____ | 69 |
| 70 | Cape Verde Sc#7a mng f/vf (perf 13.5) [signed]            | \$7.25   | \$2.20  | _____ | 70 |
| 71 | Cape Verde Sc#8a mng f/vf (perf 13.5)                     | \$9.00   | \$2.70  | _____ | 71 |
| 72 | Cape Verde Sc#10 used(l-cxl) f/vf (perf 13.5 - REPRINT)   | \$2.10   | \$0.95  | _____ | 72 |
| 73 | Cape Verde Sc#11 mhr f/vf (perf 12.5)                     | \$5.50   | \$1.90  | _____ | 73 |
| 74 | Cape Verde Sc#12 mhr f/vf (perf 12.5) [4mm thin]          | \$4.00   | \$0.50  | _____ | 74 |
| 75 | Cape Verde Sc#13 mhr f (perf 12.5)                        | \$2.40   | \$0.75  | _____ | 75 |
| 76 | Cape Verde Sc#14 used(m-cxl) hr f/vf (perf 12.5)          | \$4.25   | \$1.50  | _____ | 76 |

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