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From the annual report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General James G. Britt, made public recently, we glean these data: Postage stamps to the number of 12,775,000,000 were sold last year, the receipts amounting to $226,469,000. More than 85,000,000 money orders were issued and paid last year, aggregating $687,715,614. Fees from registered packages were $3,864,319, the number handled being 42,776,459. Of this number the Treasury Department sent or received 1,043,440, aggregating in value $3,002,215,452.

Uudoubtedly we are in for series of Departmental stamps sometime This matter has come up for discussion from time to time, and evidently there is a strong force behind it. Although Senator Guggenheim's bill providing for these stamps was voted down less than a year ago, the question is again up in the report we have just quoted from. Mr. Britt recommends that special postage stamps be issued to U. S. government officials in lieu of the frank and penalty envelopes.

The outlook for aviatory post stamps is said to be good. It has been suggested to the Department that the 10c special delivery stamp be overprinted "Aeroplane Delivery," and used for mail conveyed by air boats. In the close future we are sure to see something of this sort.

It seems the part of poor taste for the officials to print a one cent postal savings banks stamp and then withhold it from circulation. Altogether the affair looks dubious, else why the effort to restict the supply going to collectors?

NOTAS DIVERSAS

La nueva serie de sellos americanos, descrita en nuestro número anterior, aun se emite, estampada en papel con filagrana U S P S, en letras de línea sencilla. Todos valores están alterados un poco.

Entre varios periódicos viene á nuestra mesa de redacción "El Fanal Carto-Filatélico," No. 4, publicado por el Sr. Manuel Pubillones y Durán, Santiago de Cuba. El director promete á sus lectores mejorar su revista; ya es excelente.

Hay revolución en el Ecuador. Es de esperarse que no haya sucedido ninguna casualidad á nuestro colega, "Ecuador Filatélico," de Guayaquil.

"The Collectors' Journal," publicado por H. L. Lindquist, 700 East 40th st., Chicago, Ill., contenía durante Octubre y meses consecutivos, un artículo importante sobre las emisiones filipinas de Aguinaldo. Esta obra fué ilustrada por clisés de las estampillas tratadas, y aclaró muchos detalles obscuros. También contiene de elaboración "The Philatelic Gazette," '99 Nassau st., New York, un excelente artículo (en inglés) intitulado Emisiones Postales de las Filipinas, por el Mayor F. L. Palmer.

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PHILATELIC PIPES --- No. 2

ONE of the great joys of stamp collecting is the expectation of finding some Kiddian treasure—a little game we play with Fate, who likes to say, "I'll bet you don't." But we need this hope; it makes up for those chances we have passed up. To illustrate I shall tell of two games I played: one shall offset the other.

One afternoon I took a philatelic side-trip to ask some Greek railroad laborers if they had many drachm values. I got a nice handful for a few cents each, when a fellow got out a tin box. He spread the contents on a table in the bunk-car. Crete, I saw at once, but they were surcharges, and I was doubtful as to their price.

"What do want for the bunch?" was my query.

"Two dollars," he said.

Nothing doing; I wasn't going to be stung by a guy who knew less than I. I offered him two bits. He came down to a dollar, and I doubled my bid. No trade. Do you know what he had? After going home and looking in my catalog I found out what he had. He had Crete surcharges upside down, crossways and double, missing letters, and all kinds of junk. Next day I went to find the Greek, only to be told by the remaining few that Nick and 12 of his companions had that morning left for Denver to take better jobs.

Well, everything comes in a lifetime, anyway. I wish you could see the Canada section of my album; it makes me forget Crete when I turn back to the Dominion.

I was going with a girl one time: that was before I got the bug the second time. It was during that strange epoch which divides the two periods of a philatelist's activities. Now you know why we take down with two attacks. Well, her grandparents were Canadians, and had come down to Missouri before

our civil war. Had I known what rare old things they had in that antiquated trunk I believe I'd have married her. But youth is as foolish as anybody, and as Fate says, "I'll bet you don't."

One summer afternoon (this is seven years later) I asked her if her grandfolks had any old, old letters. Indeed; and she lugged out a sack of dear old epistles, and shook 'em all out on the parlor floor. Oh, joy! my eyes grew big. I never had seen so many 2c rose of 1859 before. And what a bunch of half-penny rose, and six-pence violet of '52, besides the multitude of three-pence red! And those old first issue beavers, and the six-pence violet-black of 1851. Those relatives in New Brunswick had certainly been thoughtful—out of sheer kindness they had sent along some used O'Connells, with a little story about that foolish postmaster-general.

Picking up a six pence yellow of the tilted set, I withdrew the letter from the cover, thinking they wished to keep it.

"Of course, Frances, you have no objection to my---"

"O dear yes I have!" she smiled with an air of justification. "They are all grandma's, and she wouldn't think of permitting even one stamp to be taken."

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EDITORIAL TALK

THE success our little journal is meeting with is very encouraging. It is evidently making an appeal to the right kind of people. It is too soon to hear from the many remote corners of the globe to which specimen copies were sent, and we have big hopes of making a killing among the outlanders. Our idea of using two languages goes well with the South Americans, as attested by numerous letters from the editor's correspondents when our journal was first proposed. We have little doubt as to the ultimate success of our little magazette, for before we ever issued a number we were practically assured of strong enough backing to keep us going at least a year. We shall conserve our resourses so as to improve as opportunity warrants.

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EVERY post brings us requests for copies of Number 1. It will be impossible to supply any more of these, as almost the entire edition was mailed out to collectors everywhere, and the supply we had reserved has now been exhausted. Literature collectors, therefore, who did not succeed in obtaining our initial number will have to watch their chance to get a first copy from someone else.

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UNLESS the unexpected happens the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915 will be the Big Doings for stamp bugs. The industrious but honest writer of these items is saving half his beer money from now on to go to that show. The postcard fiends are clubbing together to put up a Nest on the grounds for their ilk of all the earth. Won't it be great! Only three years away, too. Come across with a dollar and you'll get this great religious monthly right up to the time the band begins to play at the big front gate.

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The editor has planned to take The Stampster to Mexico City just as soon as conditions in that country permit. At some later date it will go to South America. Meanwhile, address subscriptions, etc., to this office.

We regret that time inhibits the inclusion this month of some interesting Spanish notes, late details of the postal packet stamps now being distributed to postmasters, reviews of contemporaries, and some advertisements received at a late hour.

Philatelic Literature

We wish to close out (as we shall not take them along) all back numbers of this journal, as well as a big bunch of exchanges.

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GEORGE T. EDSON, Editor

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JUST ABOUT OURSELVES

With the completion of our first volume it is highly proper that we tell all about ourselves. No one can do a better job of this than the editor himself, which is myself.

When I was born or when I died is a matter of no moment to the 4000 faithful subscribers to this journal,

than which there is published none more effective in its opposition to Socialism and in its defense of organized privilege. But as that is irrelevant to philately let it be dropped with a gentle jab in the jowl.

I was born with a penchant for collecting; when a toddling infant I used to pick Indian arrowheads out of the banks of the creek back of our house and hoard them in tobacco sacks. I have run the gamut of collecting. At one time I even started out to see how many different diseases I could catch and after running the index to the pharmacopœia I found myself a specialist. I have had the finest collection of hard-luck stories extant.

But what about this journal I have run for a year—will it suspend if the editor goes to Mexico? Gentlemen, The Stampster will never quit as long as I'm around, and when I no longer care to run it it shall pass into abler hands.

Statement of Ownership, &c.

I am the sole owner, editor, publisher, printer, proofreader, pressman, devil and office-boy. There are no incumbrances, and all profits are spent on my Arkansaw plantation.

STRAY SHOTS

Perhaps we ought to add, before some serious moke impugns our truthfulness, that our circulation is hardly 4000 yet. It will be, you know.

We don't make much medicine in telling about new postal cards since The Philadelphia Stamp News called us so rudely on that quasi novelty last spring, but recently we received two cards from Chile which didn't look to us to be exactly alike. One was a 1c with 7c affixed: the other the more recent 1905 type, 3c, overprinted 6, with 10c due. Was that before the Roosevelt panic, Percy?

Talking about politics—nobody entered our contest to guess our politics. We belong to the—well, let it go.

Anyhow, a new postmaster general will go into office March 14—or 24, which is it?—and we'll have a Wilson style of stamps. The Teddy series, 1903-1908, was a fright, we repeat, while the Taft set was O. K.

Mr. B. T. K. Smith, of London, writes to inform us that in addition to the numbers of philatelic literature listed on page 67 he has in his collection no. 3 of Cuba Filatélica, and no. 1 of Costa Rica Filatélica (in addition to the número prospecto). Thanks.

We have received from the publisher, H. L. Lindquist, (700 E. 40th st., Chicago) a copy of "Sanitary Fairs & their Issues," by C. E. Severn. The book is an elegant example of the art of printing and makes a handsome and valuable item in one's philatelic library. The price is one buck.

CHAMPION'S CATALOG

We have received through courtesy of the publisher the 1913 edition of the Catalog Yvert & Tellier, the standard French work on stamp values. This volume easily outclasses anything of the kind attempted on this continent, in point of typography, illustration, durability, conciseness and authority.

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ARGENTINA

By ABEL FONTAINE

Oct. 7.—The 5c and 12c, Laborer, will not be printed any more by the American Bank Note Co., but by the Casa de Moneda, which is already printing the 1-2 c to 50c of the same type.

At the present there is on sale at the Buenos Aires postoffice:

Goddess type (1899): 5, 10, 20p;
San Martin type: 6, 15, 20, 24, 50c;
Laborer type: 1-2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 30c.

Neither a 6c nor 15c of this series exists. The 1p, 5p, 10p and 20p will be issued shortly, in two colors and in a larger size than the rest.

RECENT PHILATELIC EVENTS IN COLOMBIA

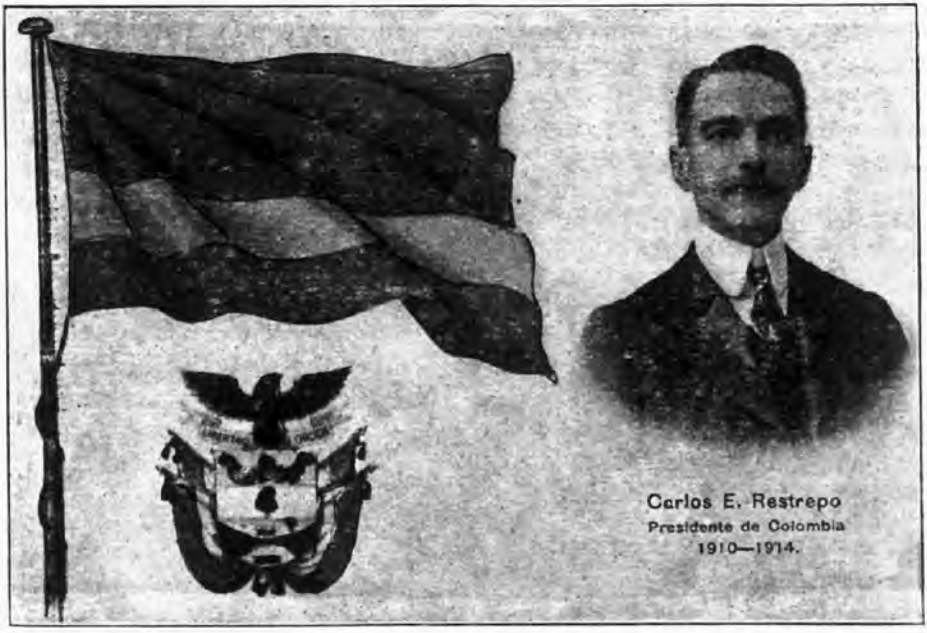
By MERRY FOREST

BY courtesy of our esteemed correspondent, Sr. Augusto Duffo of Bogotá, we are enabled to publish some interesting philatelic news from Colombia, taken, for the most part, from the government newspaper, El Diario Oficial.

COLOMBIA—ITS FLAG, SHIELD AND PRESIDENT.

As a sort of introduction it is perhaps appropriate to consider briefly what the Colombian people venerate and respect most—the national emblems and the chief executive.

As regards the flag it is interesting to note that this is practically identical in Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia. There is the same tricolor, arranged in three horizontal stripes, in exactly the same order—yellow first, then a bright blue, then a rose-scarlet. But there are slight differences: in Colombia and Ecuador the yellow band covers the upper half of the national standard, the blue and the red bands the lower half; but in Venezuela the bands are equal thirds, with the central blue stripe decorated by a dainty circlet of white stars. Further, the Colombian arms in a lit-



Carlos E. Restrepo
Presidente de Colombia
1910—1914.

tle oval in the center of the flag interlock the orange-yellow and blue stripes, but the flag of Ecuador is undecorated. Probably the strange similarity in flags is a survival of the early days of independence—of Bolivar's 'Gran Colombia' which in 1830 split up into the present three republics.

On the Colombian coat-of-arms, appearing so often on the postage stamps, we see outstretching its wings over the blue banner inscribed somewhat ironically LIBERTAD I ORDEN a screeching eagle perched on a large shield around which is draped in the typical Latin American fashion Colombian flags in the tricolor, yellow, blue and rose. The shield itself is divided into three alternating blue and white bars decorated by two horns of plenty, a pomegranate (a delicious fruit called in Spanish la granada) a red liberty cap, and finally—what is most interesting—a picturesque view of the Isthmus, a narrow green strip between lofty mountain ranges dividing the Carib and Pacific Oceans, each ploughed by a fine frigate under full sail.

In a way the Colombian shield is extremely pathetic. For the horns of plenty are not really full, since the country is not now prosperous. By the horrible civil wars of the past century between the Liberals and Conservatives, culminating in that devastating war of 1899-1903, in which in one battle more perished than in two such wars as our Spanish, Colombia has been dragged to the verge of ruin, making a sarcastic mockery of that motto, Libertad y Orden—Liberty & Order. And lastly—what is most pathetic of all—the Isthmus of Panamá, although retained on the shield, is no longer Colombia's! To that nation it stands as a sad reminder of the robbery of its most valuable territory: to the world it stands as a striking example of the sham altruism of the capitalistic government of the United States!

Colombia's president for 1910-1914, Señor Carlos E. Restrepo, whose portrait is shown on page 73, and under whose administration have occurred most of the philatelic events to be referred to in this article, is, strange to say, universally respected in his country. He was raised to power by the Unión Republicana, a combination of the moderates among the Conservatives and Liberals; and although the Unión has more or less broken up, the president still carries on a just and equitable administration, granting the Liberal minority a fair representation in the cabinet. Under the peace, tranquillity and public freedom of the last eight years, and under such upright presidents as Señor Restrepo, Colombia bids fair in time to enjoy another golden age, similar to that of the 70s and early 80s, when the fine old Liberal presidents ruled the land.

PRELIMINARIES FOR THE INDEPENDENCE CENTENARY STAMPS.

HERO, WHO BLEW UP POWDER MAGAZINE, AMONG THOSE TO BE COMMEMORATED

(Diario Oficial, 13,852: Decree of

November 26, 1909.)

According to the decree of November 26, 1909, President Gonzalez-Valencia authorized the Director General of Posts to have the designs made in accordance with the ideas of the centenary celebration commission, to determine the quantity for each denomination, and to contract for the manufacture of the stamps, considering both the necessary haste and the artistic requirements for the preparation of the proposed issue. The set was to circulate from 20 July, 1910, to 28 February, 1911. The cost was to be included in one of the items of the budget appropriated for the independence celebration. A complete set of these was to be sent to the Museo Nacional, a section of the quaint 18th century edifice where the House of Representatives now assembles. As is the case with the Berlin Postal Museum, philately was at last officially recognized in Bogotá in faraway Colombia.

It will be noticed that the decree made no mention of the denominations or the subjects for the designs. This led to some speculation in the philatelic journals: Madrid Filatélico [No. 147] reported that the set would be as follows:

1-2 c, Girardot	10c, Santander
1c, Caldas	20c, Sucre
2c, Ricaurte	50c, Bolivar
5c, Moreno	

Caldas, Santander, Bolívar and Sucre will be mentioned later. Juan Nepomuceno Moreno was a celebrated general of the independence wars. Col. Anastasio Girardot [v. Antioquia, 1902 issue] and Antonio Ricaurte were famous Colombian heroes of the Hobson type. As we remember it, Girardot was killed in the moment of victory, after he had led the patriots to a successful storm of the enemy's entrenchments.

The other, Ricaurte, one of the last surviving defenders of the citadel of San Mateo in Venezuela, managed to keep the royalists at bay until they had completely crowded the fort, then leveling his pistol at the powder magazine he blew himself and a horde of the enemy into eternity! A desperate expedient like this is typical of the Latin Americans.

THE CENTENARY POSTAL STATIONERY

A MYSTERY NEVER YET EXPLAINED

The aforementioned series of postage stamps never saw light; and up to the present the same can be said of a set of illustrated governmental single and reply-paid postal cards, appropriate to the independence celebrations. This was promised by Pres. Gonzalez-Valencia in the decree of 30 June, 1910. It was proposed to get up a competition of photographs of interesting events all over the republic, then to send the selected photographs abroad for reproduction, and finally to issue the officially illustrated postal cards for twelve months, the remainders to be sealed up under the charge of the postal administration. A complete collection was also to be sent to the Museo Nacional.

From this decree it will be realized that like the Commonwealth of Australia the Colombian Republic intended to enter the illustrated postcard business with a vengeance. Perhaps the postcard dealers protested successfully against the encroachment upon their business. At any rate, Sr. Ricardo Rivas, a Colombian philatelist, wrote to El Republicana, a wellknown newspaper of Bogotá, complaining of the failure of the government to issue the promised series.

Estatua de Simón Bolivar, Bogotá, Colombia.

(Continuation next month)

KANSAS PHILATELIC Soc.

For some time we have been trying to get some data on the Kansas Philatelic Society, which flourished whilom in this Territory. For what we got we are indebted to Mr. Brodstone of The Philatelic West and Mr. Robert C. Edgar of Wichita.

It seems that the aforementioned society never cut much alfalfa beyond the walls of Wichita, boasting but 5 adherents in the rest of the world. The originator was one De La Mater, and about 1904 he moved off the reservation (in fact, off the map) to Arkansaw. Ford, another chief bug, removed to California, while Basher, Myers and Nitschke quit collecting. In the latest A. P. S. yearbook the names of only ten Kansas members appear. The K. P. S. seems to have died such a peaceful and procrastinating death that even the most careful observer could not have noted the exact moment of total disintegration.

Outside of the home burg, Foster A. Lilly and Basher and Stollenwerk dropped off like autumn leaves, and the old stalk resolved itself into a nondescript local club. The members quit paying dues, abandoned by-laws and just got into the habit of meeting every two or three weeks to swap stamps. Thus it is.

THE GERMAN PHILATELIC JOURNALS IN 1912

By GUSTAV SCHMIDT

There is no doubt our readers will be interested to have a complete and most exact list of all the current German stamp papers, which are included in the following summary; only excepted some dealers' circulars or official journals for the members of a certain society only and not for the general public. They are—

Allgemeiner Anzeiger für Philatelie: München (Bavaria); 3d year, 12 numbers: subscription, francs 2.40

Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung: Berlin; 8th year, 24 nos., sub. frs 3.75

Der Briefmarkenhændler (Official journal of The International Stamp Dealers' Association): Berlin; 16th year, 12 numbers: sub., frs 1.05

Der Briefmarkensammler: Bremen; 22d year, 12 nos., sub. frs 2.20

Deutsche Briefmarkenzeitung: Leipzig; 23d year, 12 nos., sub., frs 7.50

Der Deutsche Philatelist: Berlin; 6th year, 12 nos., sub., frs 3.50

Generalanzeiger für Philatelie (International Advertiser): Ludwigslust; 30th year, 36 numbers; sub., frs 2.40

Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal: Leipzig; 39th year, 24 nos., frs 5.65

Illustrierte Zeitung für Philatelie: Pœssneck; 17th yr, 12 nos., frs 1.75

Internationales Briefmarken-Offertenblatt; Pœssneck; 21st yr., 36 numbers: subscription, frs 2.40

Mitteilungen der Firma Paul Kohl; Chemnitz; 3d yr., 9 nos., sub. frs 3.75

Der Philatelist; Dresden; 33d year, 12 nos., subscription, frs 7.50

Philatelisten-Zeitung; Gœssnitz; 21st year, 12 nos., sub., frs 4.50

Die Post; Bischweiler; 19th year, 12 nos., subscription, frs 3.15

Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt Philatelistischer Verein; Hamburg, 22d year, 12 nos., sub., frs 4.50

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CEYLON NOTES

By M. P. WEERASEKERE

In order to change Ceylon money into U. S. currency, divide by 3.

According to The Gazette the Governor repealed on November 1 the Notifications bearing dates Jan. 25, 1910, and May 31, 1910, which require the use of certain special stamps for the particular instruments mentioned therein. Hereafter the ordinary Postage & Revenue stamps are to be used for all documents chargeable with stamp duty.

The Government Printer's recently published some interesting philatelic facts. It states that in 1893 less than 250,000 postal cards were used; in 1900 the annual sales had risen to 1,110,000, and in 1911 to 2,850,500. In 1893 the completed cards cost the government Rupees 3.58 ($1.19) per thousand; in 1900 their cost was Rs. 2.11 per thousand, but by the introduction of better machinery they are

now produced for 92 cents (31c).

The 2c newspaper wrapper was required in the following quantities: in 1893, 900,000; in 1900, 1,658,000; in 1911, 2,299,400. Their cost has been reduced in the same period from Rs.1.41 to 85 cents per M.

A new and cheap postal envelope was introduced last year, to be sold at 5c, no charge being made for the paper, making or franking. An issue of 500,000 cost Rs. 2.04 per M, or about one cent for every 4 completed envelopes.

Previous to 1893 all stamped postal cards, envelopes, wrappers, etc., were procured from England. Since then their manufacture has been undertaken by the local authorities, the Commissioner of Stamps having been supplied with 74,500,000 items, bearing a face value of Rs. 1,772,600, produced at an expenditure of Rs. 143,000. Had this stamped stationery been purchased in England its cost would have been about Rs. 450, 000, so the Colony has saved since that date more than 300,000 rupees. The yearly output bears a face value now of 162,000 rupees.

The following three items of stationery have been withdrawn, owing to small and decreasing sales:

10c reply local letter-card,
6c foreign letter-card,
12c reply foreign postal card.

The paragraph on the strike in the September Stampster was taken from the Revista de la S. F. Argentina, 1912, p. 37.)

MORE ABOUT CHILE, &c.

By MERRY FOREST

POSSIBLE FAILURE OF RATIFICATION OF THE MONTEVIDEO POSTAL CONGRESS AGREEMENT.

In one of our Latin American letters to Mekeel's Weekly last year we believe we were the only philatelic writer to mention in English this most important agreement involving a Latin American Postal Union, a 4c letter rate, and moreover being, like the great 28,000 ton cruiser, the Rivadavia, now being built in the Fore River works at Quincy, Mass., a direct blow at the imperialistic ambitions of the United States of the North. Up to the present the necessary quorum of countries for the ratification of this agreement has not yet been obtained. And the Postal Directorate of Chile in one of their reports urge that diplomatic pressure be brought to bear on the recalcitrant governments. Besides Chile, only Bolivia and Uruguay have acted favorably. We quote from El Mercurio, 13 de Julio de 1912; p. 7, Valparaiso, Chile.

En otro capitulo de esa memoria de correos se hace mención al Congreso Postal Sudamericano celebrado el 2º de febrero de 1911 en Montevideo, cuyos tratados que fueron suscritos en esa fecha, hasta ahora no han entrado en vijencia á causa de no haber sido ratificado por el minimúm de seis paises concurrentes como lo dispone el articulo 16 de la convención principal.——"Sería de desear," dice el director de correos, "que el Supremo

Gobierno jestionara por la via diplomática la ratificación de dichos tratados de parte de los países que aun no han cumplido con esta formalidad, á fin de que pueda llevarse á la práctica esos convenios de alto interés para los países sudamericanos. Los países que ya han ratificado los mencionados convenios son aparte de Chile, los de Uruguay y Bolivia, de modo que la acción diplomática habría de ejercitarse respecto de Arjentina, Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú y Venezuela."

Six republics must ratify.

MEXICO—THE 1912 REVOLUTIONARY FISCAL STAMPS.

(From Mexico Filatelico, July 15, 1912; p. 18.)

For a long time the rumor went around that the Revolution had issued postage stamps, but up to the present, we have not been able to obtain information regarding this, because communication between the State of Chihuahua has been cut. We can now say that no postage stamps were issued, but only fiscals. With great trouble we have been able to procure the 1c of these stamps. We know that there were at least 4 values issued, the 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c. They were lithographed ,and designed apparently by an amateur. The 1c that we have before us is brown-red, of size 24x15 mm, perforated 12, with inscription around the head of Juarez—"Ejercito Nacional Revolucionario," and also—"Mexico, 1911-12," "Documentos," "Reforma" "Libertad" y "Justicia." The stamp is surcharged Chihuahua in black.

Here is now the letter of a friendly correspondent of ours:

"I have received yours of the 22 of June and hasten to inform you regarding the issue of revolutionary stamps. During the occupation of Sierra Mojada by the bandits, one of these "captains" informed me that the Government of Orozco had ordered from an American firm (probably the American Bank Note Co.) postage and revenue stamps to a value of $200,000 gold. Nevertheless, they have not yet arrived here. The only revolutionary stamp that I have seen is a fiscal stamp attached to an invoice (factura) of the firm of Ketelsen & Degetau of Chihuahua, and unfortunately I have not been able to obtain it from its proprietor. The stamp represents Benito Juarez, but the reproduction is so bad that I believe it was made by a printer of Chihuahua. An American tells me of having seen in Ciudad Juarez (across from El Paso, Texas) a revolutionary postage stamp. I myself have written to a merchant of C. Jimenez, Chihuahua, who replied that he has received neither postage nor fiscal stamps. In any case it is certain that in the City of Chihuahua have been issued new fiscal stamps, and when traffic is re-established, I hope you can obtain some from persons known to you."

GUATEMALA

Reprinting of Waterlow 1912 issue Official Stamps

Errors of the 2 on 5c and 6 on 10c Surcharges.

The Government has ordered the following stamps reprinted by Waterlow:

600,000 of 1c, 250,000 of 2c, 210,000 of 6c, 200 of 10c, 1,000,000 of 12½c, 200,000 of 20c, 1,000,000 of 50c.—Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung, 1912; p. 16.

Errors of the 2 on 5c and 6 on 10c

Among the recent 2 on 5c and 6 on 10c, there are the following varieties in the sheet:

ENTAVOS, fourth and eighth stamp of sixth row.

CENTAVOS, fourth, fifth and tenth stamp of first row, and italic LA of GUATEMALA, first and sixth stamp of seventh row. Quantities of these stamps; 100,000 of 2 on 5c, and 100,000 of 6 on 10c.—Le Bulletin Philatelique, 1912; p. 31.

(From the "Guatemala Letter" of Mr. Victor Furminieux to LAnnonce Timbrologique, 265, 1912; p. 3367.)

27 April—By decree which has just appeared, it has been decided to countermark the current stamps with the word "Oficial" for government correspondence. (It took the government about three years to come to this decision....See the "Philatelic Archives.")

7 May—I have not yet been able to procure a specimen of the new Service stamps to send you, for they are not sold to the public, and the government is much less indulgent to collectors here than in the Grand Duchy de Luxembourg. The word "Oficial" will not be surcharged but in perforated letters. I have just discovered three errors among the 2 on 5c surcharges of 1911: 2 on 5c surcharges on back of stamp; 2 on 5c double surcharge, one on back of stamp, and 2 on 10c. This latter is very rare, only 1 sheet of 100 having received by error the surcharge intended for the 5c.

Venezuela, 1911, Instruccion Issue.

These are purely revenue stamps, and should not be listed in postage stamp catalogues. The stamps are used on bills of exchange, bills, invoices, passports, permits, and documents of all sorts according to this tariff:

25—50 bolivers	5c stamp
50—100	10
100—200	20
200—300	30
300—400	40
400—500	50
500—1000	1 Bolivar
per 1000 bolivars	1 Bolivar

The revenue of these stamps is intended for the maintenance of schools, but the enormous sums obtained from this tax probably go into private pockets. Occasionally it happens that the Instruccion stamps are used on letters sent from small postoffices, when the stock of stamps is exhausted, but nevertheless such provisionals are unauthorized.—Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal 1912: 803: p. 273.

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