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EDITORIAL

The treasurer submits his annual statement and it looks very good. Of course, more members paid their dues in December than ever before thus creating a very favorable balance at the end of the year. We thank you who have been prompt to meet your financial obligations to your Society. We ask those who so far have neglected their duty to send their dues to the treasurer at the earliest. It is our wish to publish the membership list in the April issue of the Specialist; to do this all dues must be paid by the end of February. In the past we published the names of the stragglers but this practice will be discontinued. If your dues are not paid by the time the deadline is reached your name will not appear in the membership list and you will fail to receive the Specialist.

With this issue we resume the publication of the very fine articles written by our member Z. Kvasnička. We had more favorable comments on this series of articles than on any of our previous publications. We fear we are spoiling our members; when we return to the earlier fare some may complain.

We thank the many members who sent us Christmas and New Year greetings. It is impossible for us to thank them all individually and trust they accept this as a sincere thank you card. The only way we can show our appreciation is by striving to improve the quality of the Specialist.

The author of the former "Praha Letters" writes: Perhaps you know that exchanging stamps with foreign countries was ordered stopped. In today's issue of the newspaper it is officially announced: "Exchange of stamps was conducted primarily by individuals who speculated with stamps selling them for high prices and thus obtaining money without working for it. The exchange with foreigners hindered the chances of the government selling the stamps to collectors in those countries. It is admitted that many of the collectors were sincere and not speculators; these must suffer for the sins of those who sought to obtain illegal profits."

We have advocated that collectors in the free countries cease collecting these stamps. Mr. Haverbeck in the Collectors Club Philatelist estimates that about 97 million American dollars have gone into the countries beyond the Iron Curtain since 1947 to be used for our destruction. So, if no exchange, no stamps.

Orbis Export-Import sends a list of dailies and magazines published in Czechoslovakia. The only one of interest to philatelists is FILATELIE, published 24 times a year and subscription rate is 125Kcs (\$2.50 in capitalistic currency). If you want to know something about socialistic philately send

the above amount to Orbis Export-Import, Praha II, Ve Smečkách 30, Czechoslovakia.

Our members may have heard that we have a summer home in the country whither we repair for week-ends during the summer. We usually take our mail there and answer it when the weather is bad. This past summer was almost rainless and very hot and so the mail box was constantly acquiring additions but nothing was being answered. When we moved back to the city in November the box came back but was inadvertently stored in the attic and after a belated search was found two weeks ago. It will take us more than a month to answer all the mail stored in this box. If any of you are waiting for an answer to a particular question addressed to us, please be patient. In fact the first new member listed in this issue, Mr. George Pearson, mailed his application in August. We are sending him all back issues of the Specialist he is entitled to, we humbly apologize and trust we'll be forgiven.

Your editor has been taken to task by member Barry for a statement in the Specialist concerning the Bratislava Exhibition Sheet of 1952. As the January Specialist carried the announcement of these stamps it is proof that we were not trying to malign the Czech Post Office; the announcement was sent to us by boat mail instead of air mail and hence the delay.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER from October, 1951, to December 31, 1952

RECEIPTS

From previous treasurer -----	\$141.72
Dues and donations -----	850.15
Advertising -----	287.91
Society circuit -----	46.89
Sale of back issues -----	8.30
Chicago 1952 Show -----	121.13
	\$1456.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Banking -----	\$ 2.75
Printing of Specialist and cuts -----	622.45
Treasurer's expenses incl. dues envelopes printing -----	16.66
Editor's expenses incl. mailing of Specialist, stationery, addressograph plates, postage, etc. -----	165.79
Secretary's expenses incl. postage and membership cards -----	21.25
	\$828.90

RECAPITULATION

Receipts -----	\$1456.60	
Disbursements -----	828.90	
Balance		\$627.70
Checking account at Lawndale Nat'l Bank -----	603.28	
Uncashed check -----	11.00	
Cash on Hand -----	13.42	
Balance		\$627.70

Respectfully submitted,
George C. Kobyłka, treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

479. George Pearson, 19 Exford Ave., Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, England.
480. A. F. Wenham-Goode, Restharrow, Lewis Lane, Chalfont Heights, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, England.

481. John S. Pittock, The Heritage, 189 London Rd., Deal, Kent, England.
 482. Mrs. I. J. Lee Wood, Keramos House, 46 Castlemaine Ave., South Croydon, Surrey, England.

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47. Arthur I. Kessler, 221 E. 78th St., New York 21, N. Y.

PARADE OF NEW ISSUES



Commemoratives Honoring the Congress of Nations for Peace in Vienna

On the occasion of the World Congress of Nations for Peace taking place in Vienna from 12th to 19th December, 1952, the Ministry of Communications issued two commemorative postage stamps of identical topic:

Kčs 3.00, red, and Kčs 4.00, blue.

The design of the stamps after the topic for the bicolored poster of the World Peace Council is by Bohumil Němec, graphic artist. The graphical arrangement of the stamps is by J. A. Švengsbír. The design shows flags with the inscription MÍR (Peace) in different languages.

The stamps are printed by photogravure in sheets of 100 copies, in vertical form, size of the picture 23x30 mm.

Validity for postage for inland and for foreign countries from 12th December, 1952.

An official First Day Cover designed and engraved by Bedřich Housa and a Collection Sheet were issued at the same time.

CHECK LIST OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS

For the Year 1949

Compiled by L. Kropáč

continued

Aug. 5	české Velenice	Č S M - S O J mírová manifestace Peace proclamation
Aug. 6	Poděbrady	Mezinárodní závody v chůzi o mistrovství ČSR na 50 km Praha-Poděbrady International contest in 50 km walk for Cz. championship
Aug. 7-9	Praha 1	SOF I. zasedání administr. výboru MO zaměstnanců PTT a R First meeting of administrative committee of employees of PTT&R

Aug. 14-28	Praha 1A Praha 1B Praha-Autopošta Praha O73	II kongres mezinár. svazu studentstva 2nd congress of international student alliance
Aug. 26-27	Pardubice 1	IV. sjezd Budovatelů 4th convention of "Builders"
Aug. 14-15	České Budějovice	I. filmový festival pracujících 1st workers' film festival
Aug. 27	Kolín 2	I. letecký den 1st aviation day
Aug. 31-Sept. 9	Liberec Autopošta	Severočeské výstavní trhy North Bohemian Exhibition markets
Sept. 2-10	Olomouc 1	Festival mírového budování Festival of peace building
Sept. 2-3	Plzeň 1	Krajská slavnost budovatelů Regional celebration of builders
Sept. 3-17	Ústí n/Orlicí	Výstava pošt. známek v rámci 700 let trvání města Postage stamp exhibition within framework of 700 years of founding of the city
Aug. 20	Jirkov-Červený Hrádek	Národní pout National pilgrimage
Sept. 3	Brno 1 Gottwaldovo Údolí Líšen	VI. manifestace práce a socialistického soutěžení 6th proclamation of work and socialist contest
Sept. 9	Karlovy Vary 1	Krajská letní slavnost KSČ Regional summer celebration of KSČ
Sept. 9-10	Jihlava 1	Krajská slavnost KSČ Regional celebration of KSČ
Sept. 9-10	Liberec 1	Dni radosti osvobozeného pohraničí Days of joy in liberated borderlands
Sept. 10	Karvinná 2	Den horníků—Den výstavby Ostravska Day of miners—Day of Ostrava expansion
Sept. 10	Praha—Autopošta	SCSP kraj Praha Slavnost přátelství a míru SCSP Praha region Celebration of friendship and peace
Sept. 17-24	Svitavy	1800-1950 Suvorovy oslavy Suvorov celebrations
Sept. 10	Dolní Čermná	Mezinárodní plochá dráha International level railroad
Sept. 10	Trhové Sviny	Slavnostní pout Trocnově Grand pilgrimage to Trocnov
Sept. 9-10	Litvínov 1	Den Horníků Day of miners
Sept. 17	Hrádek n/Nisou	JZD 25 únor Dělníci s rolníky za trvalý mír—za vlast—za socialismus JZD Feb. 25—Workers with farmers for lasting peace—for country—for socialism
Sept. 23-Oct. 10	Brno—Autopošta	Brněnské výstavní trhy Exhibition markets of Brno
Oct. 6-8	Kolín 1	Den čs. armády Day of Cz. Army
Oct. 15	Praha 1	Zdeněk Fibich 21.12.1850-15.10.1900
Oct. 21	Praha 1	Celostátní výstava poštovních známek

Oct. 28-Nov. 5	Praha 1A Praha 1B Praha 1C Praha-Autopošta	National postage stamp exhibition
Oct. 22-30	Sušice	Výstava poštovních známek Postage stamp exhibition
Oct. 25	Praha 1	P T T a R
Oct. 26	Banská Bystrica	J. Gregor Tajovský
Oct. 29	Košice 1	20 mezinár. maraton 20th international marathon
Nov. 4-6	Praha—Autopošta Praha 121 Praha—Autopošta	II. sjezd SČSP Se sovětským svazem za mír—za socialismus 2nd convention of SČSP With USSR for peace—for socialism
Nov. 8-25	Bratislava 1	I. divadelní festival 1st theatrical festival
Nov. 19	Rumburk	Rumburský kulturní podzim—výstava známek Cultural autumn in Rumburk— Stamp exhibition

Explanation of abbreviations

ČSM—Československý Svaz Mládeže	Cz. Alliance of Youth
JZD—Jednotné Zeméd. Družstvo	Union of Agriculturalists
KSČ—Komunistická Strana Čs.	Cz. Communist Party
ROH—Revoluční Odborové Hnutí	Revolutionary Artisans Movement
SBS—Svaz Bojovníků za Svobodu	Alliance of Fighters for Freedom
	(Those who spent time in concentration camp under Hitler)
SČSP—Svaz Českosl.-Sověť. Práteleství	Alliance of Cz.-Soviet Friendship
SIA—Svaz Inženýrů a Architektů	Alliance of Engineers & Architects
SOF—Světová Odborová Federace	World Federation of Artisans

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Budejovice Issue, 39 val. Mint 20.00			
Pošta Issues		Masaryk Issue	
B19A 3 Kr. claret mint ---- 75.00		32 500 imp. mint ----- 5.00	
B19A 3 Kr. claret used ---- 77.50		500 imp. used on piece-- 12.00	
B26 10h newspaper mint -- 80.00		63 1000 imp. mint ----- 12.00	
B26 10h newsp. used on piece 90.00		63 1000 imp. used on piece 15.00	
B33 5h Triangle mint ----- 70.00			
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Stamps, Postal Stationery and Cancels of Austria-Hungary in Czechoslovakia

Z. Kvasnička

(continued)

Austro-Hungarian Postal Stationery Used in Czechoslovakia

The collectors of Czechoslovak postal stationery should include in their collections only such pieces as were used after the liberation (Oct. 28, 1918) carrying a legible cancel of some postoffice inside Czechoslovak borders. Because the Vienna State Printing Office stopped delivery of all stationery, the shortage was immediate, forcing the Czechoslovak postal authorities to use everything on hand, which included some demonetized stationery. Some types were in such short supply that very few postoffices received any and so few examples are known to exist. For economic reasons, the use of Austro-Hungarian postal stationery was permitted to continue until everything on hand was used up, which was seven and a half months longer than the use of stamps. They were used in conjunction with the whole issue of Czechoslovak postal stationery and survived several increases in postal rates. Using additional stamps created a whole range of very interesting franks.

Because the people did not take kindly to the old stationery, preferring the new Czechoslovak, the Ministry of Posts was compelled to issue a warning as to the necessity of using up the old.

After Oct. 28, 1918, the rate for an interior postcard was 10 hal. and 20 hal. for a reply card. This rate was established by the Ministry of Posts decree dated Aug. 3, 1918, to take effect Sept. 1, 1918. Up to this time the postcard with the portrait of Emperor Charles cost only 8 hal. and this was to be increased by pasting on a 2 hal. special delivery stamp. The triangular special delivery stamp, demonetized March 1918, and in some instances the 2 hal. newspaper stamp were also used for this purpose.

On special order, the Vienna State Printing Office would print the 2 hal. rectangular special delivery stamp alongside of the original 8 hal. value. This print was either in horizontal or vertical position.

The nationalized Austro-Hungarian postal stationery is listed as a Czechoslovak issue, because the postal authorities, by a decree issued Dec. 10, 1918, no. 4.1226-VI-18, advised all postoffices that for economic reasons, postcards with the portrait of Emperor Charles, face value 8 hal. would be overprinted ČSR

-10- and would be sold for 10 hal. Overprinting was done at the A. Haas Printing Establishment in black ink. A small number was also overprinted in blue ink. Existing also are overprints in smaller, lighter type and also in

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a different arrangement R . The last two mentioned overprints were ap-
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parently made by another printing establishment by order of some postmaster or regional director.

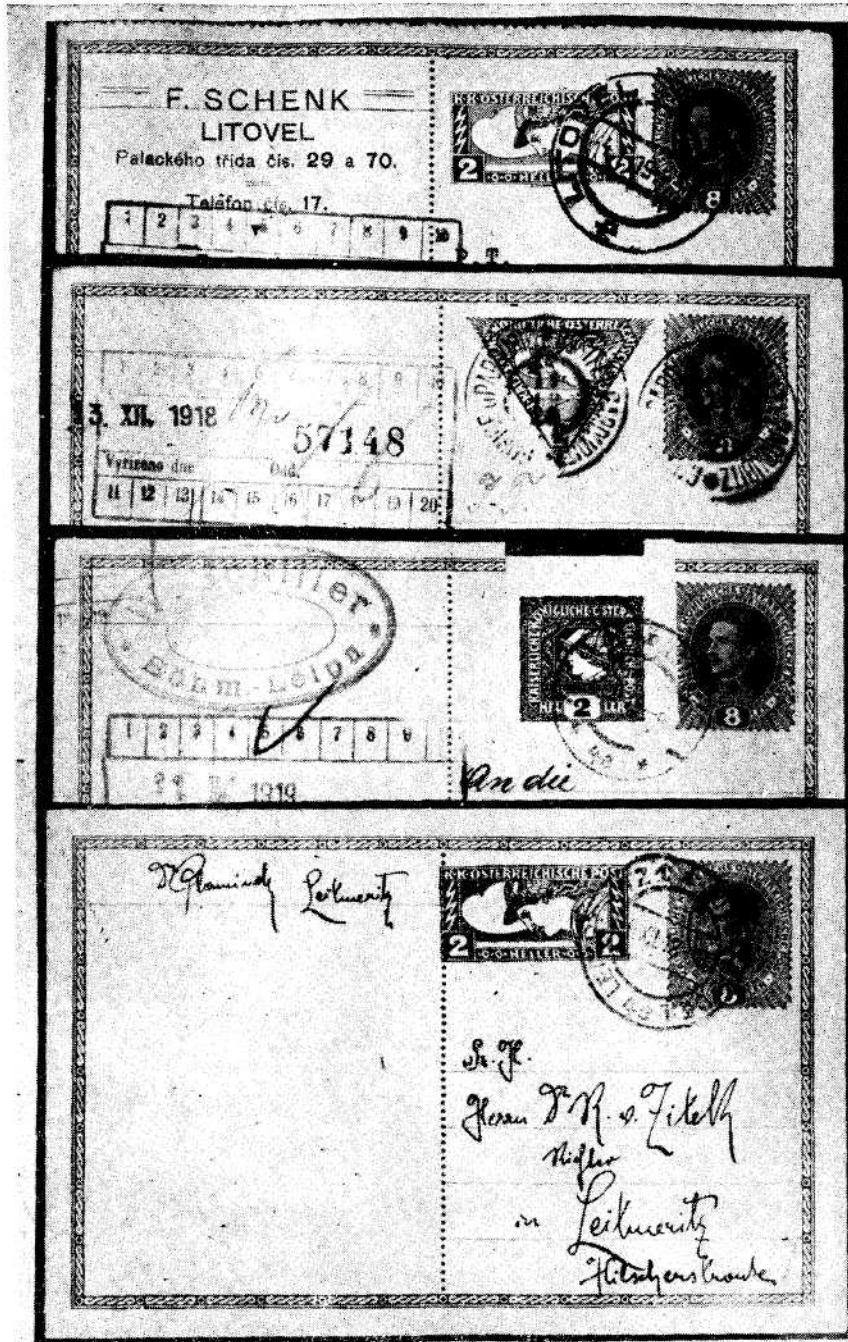
Business firms were permitted to send their stocks of postcards directly to the printery for overprinting, which caused the appearance of overprints on some older Emperor Francis Joseph issues and on the 10 hal. Imperial crown postcard the value of which did not need to be raised.

Other types of postal stationery and the current Hungarian postcards were not overprinted.

The Šrobar overprints Česko Slovenská are considered semiofficial, but the Pošta



Austrian postcards. #1 and 7 with single and mixed franks.



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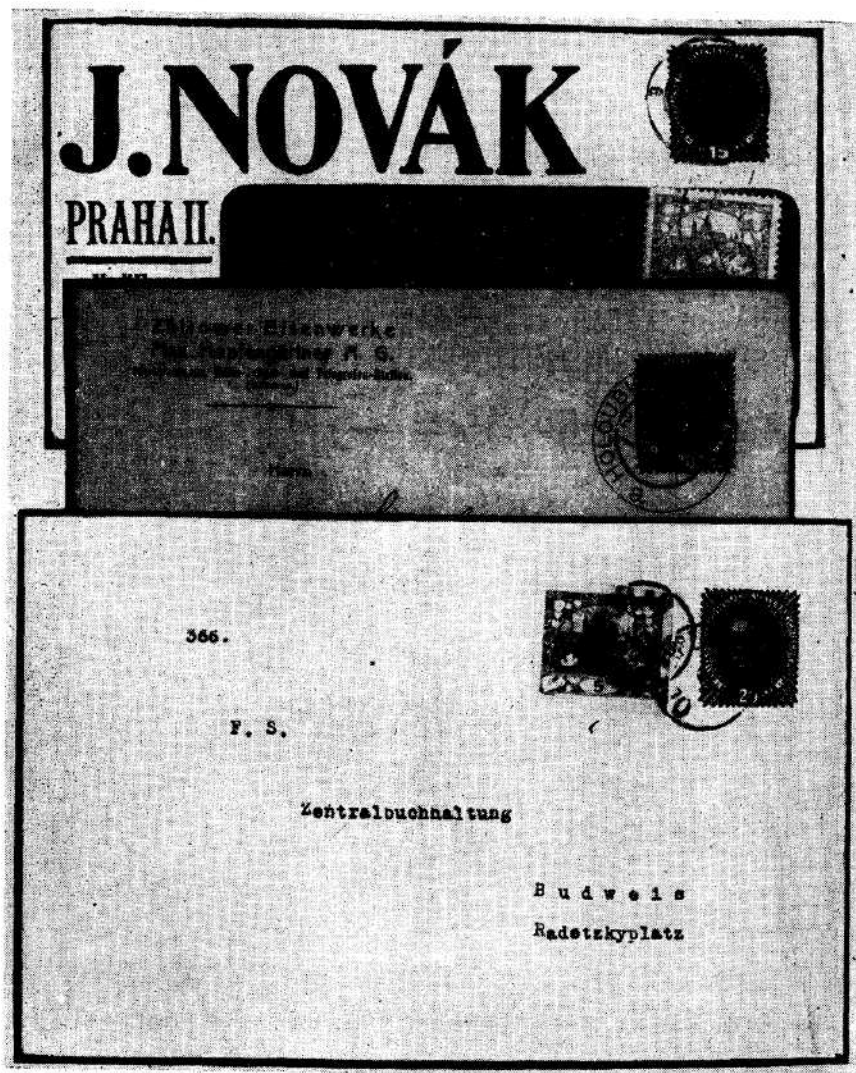


Austrian Receipt Cards (Podatky). Hungarian Registered Mail Envelopes. 1913 issue—16 and 35 fillér.

Praha Revolutionary, Mareš and Horner overprints are considered as private. A business firm, M. Graber had the 10 fillér Hungarian postcard nationalized by the word DOPISNICA and overprinting the value numeral with the figure 15. Whether this was sanctioned by any authority is not known.

In those stormy days the citizens, trying to conform to the new conditions, nationalized postal stationery by pasting on stamps, writing over and striking out the German and Hungarian texts, thus creating some very interesting documents.

The postal stationery is described in two sections: A-Austrian, B-Hungarian.



Austrian private covers—#20 and 21.

A—AUSTRIAN

Postcards

- 1 Postcard of 1916 for exterior use
10 h. red, cream paper. Text is: "Osterr. Postverwaltung—Administration
des Postes d' Autriche—Korrespondenz-Karte—Carte Postale."
- 2 Same card—Reply
10 h.+10 h.
- 3 Postcard with the portrait of Emperor Charles, May 1917 issue.
8 h. green to dark-green.
(a) cream paper.
(b) light grey paper.
Quality of paper varies; no text.
- 4 Same card—reply.
8 h.+8 h.
(a) cream paper.
(b) light grey paper.
- 5 Same card with imprinted rectangular special delivery stamp.
(a) cream paper.
(b) light grey paper.
- 6 Same card—reply.
(a) cream paper.
(b) light grey paper.
- 7 Postcard with picture of Imperial crown. No text.
10 h. red.
(a) cream paper.
(b) light grey paper.
- 8 Same card—reply.
10 h.+10 h.
(a) cream paper.

Demonetized postcards used in CSR

- 9 Postcard with the portrait of Emperor Francis Joseph.
5 h. light-green, cream paper.
- 10 Postcard for exterior, same portrait.
10 h. red, cream paper, text as on no. 1.
- 11 Postcard with the portrait of Emperor Francis Joseph.
8 h. green, cream paper.

Lettercards

- 12 Lettercard of 1917, with the portrait of Emperor Charles.
15 h. red, grey paper.
- 13 Same card of 1918. Rate increase.
20 h. green, grey paper.

Pneumatic mail

- 14 Lettercard of 1917, with picture of coat of arms.
45 h. blue, rose paper.
- 15 Same card of 1918. Rate increase.
80 h. brick red, dark-rose paper.
- 16 Postcard of 1916, with coat of arms, framed.
38 h. carmine red, rose paper.
- 17 Same card of 1918 with coat of arms, unframed. Rate increase.
70 h. grey-black, rose paper.

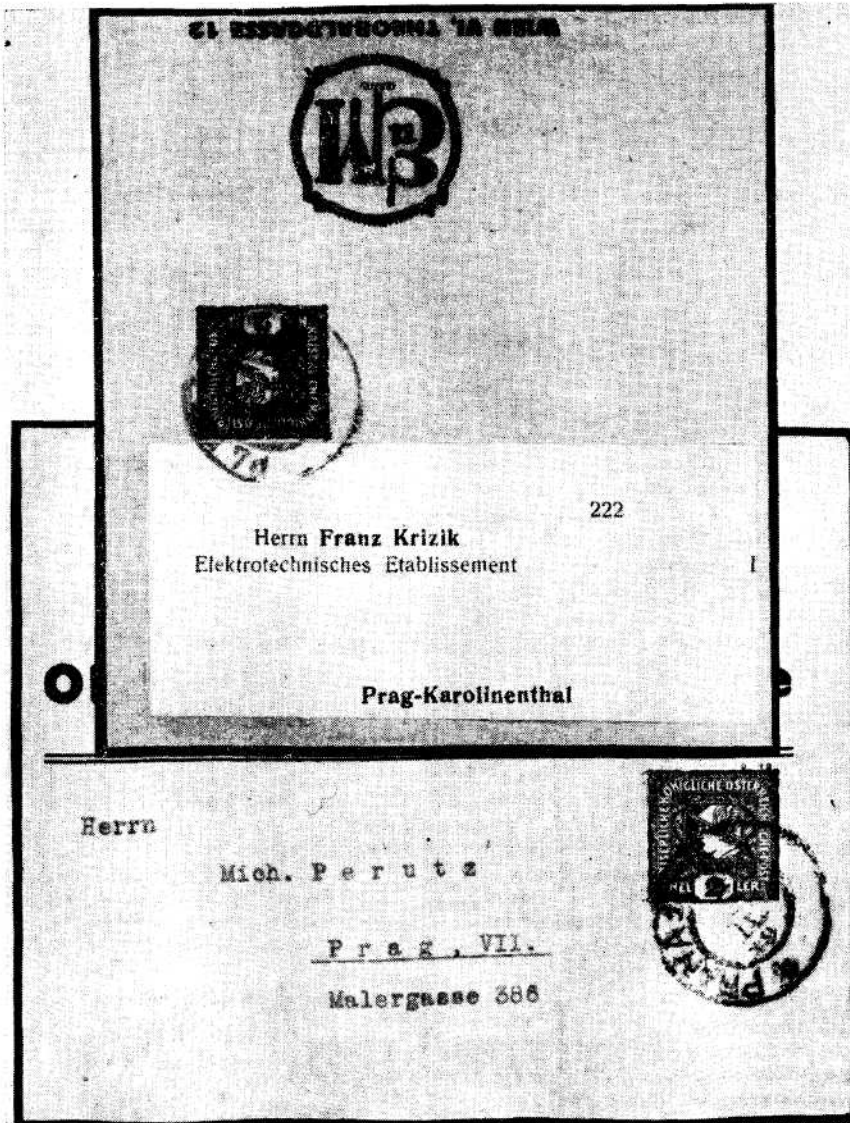
Receipt card (Podatka)

- 18 Card with imprinted postage due stamp.
10 h. red, cream paper.
- 19 Demonetized card with the portrait of Emperor Francis Joseph.
10 h. red, cream paper.

Postal Stationery printed by the Vienna State Printing Office for private firms.

As in case no. 5, private business firms and newspapers could order current stamps printed on their postcards, envelopes, parcel post tags and newspaper wrappers. These were of various styles and sizes, creating a whole range of varieties. Of these, the following are known:

- 20 Envelope with imprinted portrait of Emperor Charles.
15 h. red.



Austrian private covers dispatched from Austria with the receiving office cancel in Czechoslovakia.

- 21 20 h. green.
- 22 Newspaper wrapper with Mercury stamp.
- 2 h. red.

The stamps on newspaper wrappers were cancelled at the receiving postoffice.



Hungarian postcard, #30, 31 and 33.

(to be continued)

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