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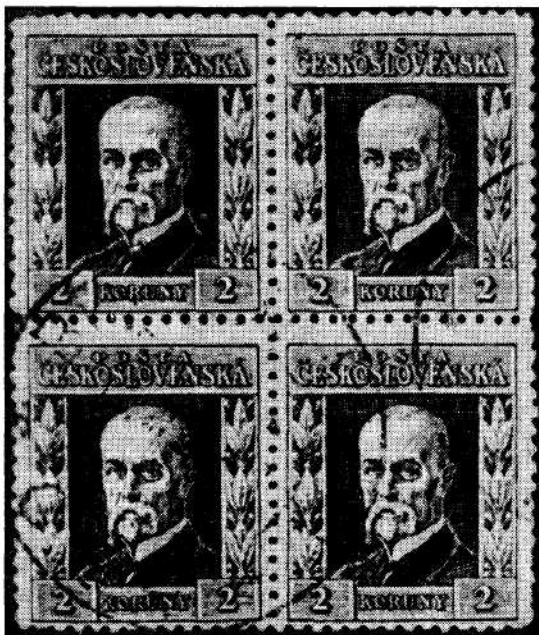
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A Rare Watermark Error

By Zdeněk Kvasnička, SCP (Hon.)

The 2Kč Masaryk illustrated below is the middle value of the three value set issued in 1925 and is generally referred to as "Type II." It is listed in the Pofis catalog as #195 and in the Scott catalog as the "Second Engraving," #103. The usual watermark position is horizontal, i.e. having positions 5, 6, 7 or 8 described in most specialized catalogs. I still remember the great excitement surrounding the initial discovery of this stamp with a vertical rather than horizontal watermark. Hundreds of collectors began to examine



thousands of stamps, but the gleanings were lean. Only a few lucky individuals found the watermark position error, and consequently it is still considered extremely rare. More particularly, this item is a "true" PHILATELIC rarity. Why? The printing of this stamp was carried out at the Uni printing plant using only paper with the horizontal watermark. The printing was huge for its day—more than 30 million stamps. By accident—certainly

not intentionally—a few sheets were turned by 90 degrees so that the watermark appeared in the vertical position. Such things of course can happen. The stamps were eventually used up and only after many years was the error discovered. I do not believe that the number of these errors discovered is more than the number of discovered 50/50 errors on our Postage Due stamps. The actual number of each may be in the vicinity of 20 pieces. What is surprising is that number of vertical watermark position errors is so small. It should be at least several sheets worth, since we know that all positions, i.e. vertical positions 1 through 4 have been discovered. This should encourage a renewed and intensive search of all supplies of unused and particularly used stamps. This may be worth our while, particularly since the greatest philatelic rarities are discovered by chance.

As I said, all vertical positions have already been discovered, and position 3 has even been reported as a pair years ago. And then, for many years no discoveries were reported until the spring of 1974 when the illustrated block of 4 was offered in Prague in an exchange meeting. It has the watermark position 4. This is clearly a unique find and it is most unlikely that another block of 4 or larger will ever be discovered. All pieces discovered thus far are cancelled and have one thing in common; a very illegible post mark. We do know, however, that they did not originate from the same post office. They were probably used in mailings having a lot of bulk, which may account for the virtually illegible post marks.

In presenting the illustration and facts I wish our readers good fortune as they examine their stock of this rather common basic stamp.

From the Editor's Stock Book

Some of us know Karel Lipa through his occasional writings in the *SPECIALIST* or through his active participation at philatelic exhibits, some of which have been reported in this column. We are now pleased to report that Karel Lipa is also co-author (with Pavel Les) of a book entitled "We Have Overcome" in which the authors have compiled biographies in miniature of notable persons who were physically afflicted with deafness or blindness, much as the authors themselves. Karel Lipa endured the loss of hearing while confined to prison during the war, and Pavel Les became blind as a young man. Numerous stamps are used to portray the subjects of the biographies, and the book (155 pages, cloth bound) was, incidentally printed in Czechoslovakia. It costs \$3 and may be ordered directly from Karel Lipa, 21430 Ridgedale Ave., Oak Park, Michigan 48237.

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The interesting photo shown here has been sent to us by Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr. (far left) as he poses with a group of philatelic notables in front of his Court of Honor showing at BRNO '74. Next to Dr. Matejka is Prof. Karel Siezinger, creator of some of Czechoslovakia's finest stamps. Considered by many the "dean" of Czech engravers, Prof. Seizinger now lives in the Netherlands. Next to Prof. Seizinger stands Mr. Rudolf Fischer, Vice-chairman of the Presidium of the BRNO '74 National Exhibition. Fourth from left is Mr. Zdeněk Kvasnička, senior member of the BRNO '74 jury, Grand Award winner of PRAGA 68 and (coincidentally) author of the lead article in this issue. To the far right is Mr. Robert Mitchell of Berwyn, Ill.



Recent successes of our members at stamp exhibits are faithfully reported to us by Joe Stein, who himself rates a "Grand" for hardly missing a thing. He reports that the grand prize at SUPEX '74 (Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago) was taken by Václav Vaník, who received yet another first at the same show for his display of Air Mail issues of the First Republic. Lucille A. Wallace received a Gold Award at ELPEX '74 (El Paso, Texas) for her showing of "Musical Czechoslovakia." Former members Henry Stollnitz and Bill Sandrik were awarded Gold and Silver (respectively) at SEPAD (Philadelphia). Joseph Vondrak walked off with a Silver at EXPILMEX '74; UPU (Mexico City) and Joe Lacko, our outstanding sports-philatelist gleaned a Bronze at the same show. Frank Steiner was awarded a Bronze at SES-CAL '74 (Los Angeles) for his showing of "Concentration Camp Covers of World War II."

Other pace setters among us include Edwin J. Hanish and former SPECIALIST editor Dr. William Reiner-Deutsch who were recently elected secretary and treasurer respectively of the Postal History Society. The American Philatelic Congress has recently released its 40th "Congress Book" containing as the lead article "POŠTA ČESKOSLOVENSKÁ" by none other than Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr. All of you—as well as those whose accomplishments we have missed—our hearty congratulations!

NEW MEMBER

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Call For Nominations

By Mirko L. Vondra

If you are a member in good standing, do you know all you would like to know about our Society? Do you know, for example, that the Society became incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on February 20, 1973? Do you know that the old Constitution of our organization was replaced with a set of Bylaws which were published in the SPECIALIST in the March 1973 issue? Have you read those Bylaws lately and noted that your Society is now governed by a ten member Board of Directors?

If you are aware of all this, then you also know that each Board member is elected to a term of four years and that five of these directors are elected every two years. 1975 is an election year for our Society and from now until April 30, your President, Mirko L. Vondra (143 Stanmore Place, Westfield, N. J. 07090), and your Secretary, Edward Lisz (87 Carmita Avenue, Rutherford, N. J. 07070), are accepting nominations. Any two members of the Society can nominate a person to the Board by signing a joint petition naming their candidate. Any member in good standing except one presently on the Board or the nominee himself is an eligible candidate.

As your President, I urge you to give careful consideration to whom you nominate to the Board. The Board must meet at least once a year. It usually meets wherever is most convenient to a majority of the Directors. No salary is paid to anyone and each Board member shoulders his own travel and other expenses.

A candidate should be a person having love for his hobby and devotion to the SOCIETY. The Directors bear the burden of responsibility to keep our Society operating successfully.

Since it is not fair to call on the same ten persons to bear that burden year in and year out, the Bylaws provide that directors cannot be elected to the Board for consecutive terms. Those presently serving on the Board who are therefore NOT eligible for renomination are: George Blizil, Charles Chesloe, Wolfgang Fritzsche, Joseph Janecka, Henry Hahn, Edward Lisz, Thomas Meeks, Jane Sterba, Joseph Stein and Kirko Vondra. Those whose terms of office are expiring this year are Chesloe, Janecka, Meeks, Stein and Sterba.

You, as members, have the opportunity to nominate those willing and able to work on your behalf. Do not pass up this chance to be heard. Consider your choice carefully and submit your nominations early. Remember—any nominating petitions postmarked after April 30 will not be accepted.

FERDINAND HEBRA, MORAVIAN DERMATOLOGIST, ON AUSTRIAN COMMEMORATIVE

An item of interest to collectors of Bohemoslovenika is the issuance of an adhesive by Austria honoring Ferdinand von Hebra, a pioneer in dermatology, who was born in Brno in 1816. An interesting FDC shown us by SOCIETY member Karel Lipa bears the usual Austrian "FIRST DAY" post mark, a special commemorative first day cancel of the Congress of Dermatologists (September 10, 1974) in Graz, a regular Vienna post mark dated the same day (Hebra died there in 1880), PLUS a Czech stamp canceled the SAME DAY in Brno. Good foot-work, we say!

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Unit Postmarks of the Czechoslovak Field Post 1918-20

By Jiří Nekvasil, Prague, Czechoslovakia

Two kinds of postmarks are to be found on Czechoslovak Field Post entires of 1918-1920. In the first place there are the circular postmarks of Field Post offices used during the liberation of Silesia and Slovakia which could be characterized as UNIT postmarks. These were used on Field Post correspondence directly at the individual units before the mail was given either to the Field Post offices or in most cases to civilian postal delivery.

From the standpoint of explanation and exactness of Field Post history, these unit postmarks are far more interesting than the regular Field Post postmarks. To those who want to study this phase of Czechoslovak Field Post history, these cancellations clearly show the extensive dispersion of the then Czechoslovak Army which at that time, in close cooperation with domestic units and the army abroad, was only being formed.

These unit postmarks are understandably numerous and I would like to briefly mention them since in many cases they identify individual entires and show that they were used (delivered) by Field Post offices in those years.

These postmarks can be divided into:

- 1) line postmarks (one or more lines)
- 2) semi-circular
- 3) circular

In most cases the cancelling devices were made of rubber and actually were the official stamps of individual units of the Czechoslovak Army. The ink used varied according to what this or that Army unit had at hand—blue, black, violet, red—in many shades.

Here is a sample of some of the unit line cancellations I have in my collection:

- 22. Česko-slov. pluk franc. legie / 1 prapor**
(22nd Czech-Slovak regiment of the French Legion / 1 battalion)
- II. polní setnina čs. pěš. pl. č. 42**
(2nd Field Company, Czechoslovak Infantry Regiment 42)
- I. Sokolský prapor**
(First Sokol Battalion)
- ČS. PĚŠÍ PLUK Č. 111 / 4. prapor čs. domobrany (z Itálie)**
(Czechoslovak Infantry Regiment 111 / 4th Battalion of Czechoslovak Home Guard (from Italy))
- II. polní prapor slováckého pěš. pluku / setnina kulometná**
(2nd Field Battalion of Moravian Slovaks Infantry Regiment / Machine-gun Company)
- I. PLUK STRÁŽE SVOBODY / 2. POLNÍ SETNINA**
(1st Regiment "Guardian of Liberty" / 2nd Field Company)
- Československý pěší pluk č. 103 / 2 polní setnina**
(Czechoslovak Infantry Regiment 103 / 2nd Field Company)
- ČS. PĚŠÍ PLUK Č. 71 / 4. POLNÍ PRAPOR**
(Czechoslovak Infantry Regiment 71 / 4th Field Battalion)
- Východní skupina generála Hennocque / Etapní oddělení**
(Eastern Group of Gen. Hennocque / base section)
- Čs. posádková nemocnice v Košicích**
(Czechoslovak Garrison Hospital at Kosice)

- Čs. zdravotní polní skladiště v Košicích
(Czechoslovak Sanitary Field Warehouse at Kosice)
- TECHNICKÁ SETNINA / ČS. PĚŠÍHO PLUKU ČIS. 11**
(Technical Company / Czechoslovak Infantry Regiment 11)
- Československý střelecký pluk Čáslav č. 12
(Czechoslovak Rifle Regiment Caslav 12)
- Čs. ženijní prapor čís. 1 / 2. polní setnina
(Czechoslovak Engineer Battalion 1 / 2nd Field Company)
- Skupinové vel. majora Štägra
(Group Headquarters of Major Staeger)
- Čs. pěší pluk číslo 42, I. polní prapor
(Czechoslovak Infantry Regiment 42, 1st Field Battalion)
- 7 domobranecký č. sl. prapor / battaglione di mil. territ. cz. sl.
(7th Home Guard Czechoslovak Battalion / battaglione di mil. territ. Cz. sl.)
- TELEGRAFNÍ SETNINA / VELITELSTVI ČS. VOJSKA NA SLOVENSKU**
(Telegraph Company / Hqts of Czechoslovak Army in Slovakia)
- POLNÍ PEKÁRNA / 6té DIVISE**
(Field Bakery of the 6th Division)
- Čs. střelecký pluk č. 1 / I. pochodová stotina
(Czechoslovak Rifle Regiment 1 / 1st Company)
- Čs. prapor polních myslivců č. 17
(Czechoslovak Battalion of Field Riflemen 17)
- Vojenská policie v Žilině
(Military Police at Žilina)
- Vojenská policie v Bratislavě
(Military Police at Bratislava)
- ČS. ETAPNÍ PRAPOR č. 2 / II. SETNINA
(Czechoslovak Base Battalion 2 / 2nd Company)
- "Meteor" Star á Ďala
(“Meteor” Stara Dala)
- Velitelství 1. praporu českosl. námořn.
(Hqts of 1st Czechoslovak Navy Battalion)
- Divisní soud v Košicích
(Division Court at Kosice)
The only semi-circular postmark known to me is:
- Čs. pěší pluk čís. 8 / Velitelství 8. polní stěny
(Czechoslovak Infantry Regiment 8 / Hqts of the 8th Field Company)
The unit using this postmark was stationed in Bohumin in March 1919.
- I have knowledge of the following circular postmarks:
21. ČESKOSL. STREL. PLUK / II. KUL. ROTA (česko-francouzské)
(21st Czechoslovak Rifle Regiment: 1st machine-gun Company) Czech-French))
1. československá divise / Intendance
(1st Czechoslovak Division / Intendancy (Legion Emblem in the middle))
21. československý pluk / 1 prapor
(21st Czechoslovak Regiment / 1st Battalion)
23. československý pluk / Velitelství 1. praporu
(23rd Czechoslovak Regiment / Hqts of 1st Battalion)

Besides these I would like to mention several other interesting postmarks seen very rarely on field mail of Czechoslovak soldiers in Slovakia. During the military operation in Slovakia all railroads were under the protection of units known as the Railroad Guard. I have in my collection several entires sent by a member of the RR Guard to his relatives in Nymburk. These postcards were marked in pencil as the Field Post of the Czechoslovak State Railroads and were cancelled only by railroad station stamps of some of the stations on the Kowice-Turna line, such as Szepsi (Moldava), Hidasnemeti, etc. These are metal cancelling devices, the letters being 8 mm high, color always black. These postcards are from March and beginning of April 1919.

There are interesting and by now rare unit postmarks of the SOKOL battalions. SOKOL (a gymnastic organization), at the appeal of the Czechoslovak Provisional Government, immediately formed several fighting infantry battalions which in the first days were sent to the front (to Silesia and Slovakia). Many Sokol members fell in the ensuing battles. For instance, the First Sokol Battalion was sent to the vicinity of Bratislava.

In my collection I have one very interesting unit postmark which I consider as unique. It is a postmark of the Hqts of the 1st battalion of Czechoslovak sailors stationed in Bratislava harbor (on the Danube). The origin of this military unit has an interesting history. It goes back to World War I, when Austria-Hungary had its own navy in the Adriatic Sea. The Adriatic fleet had 20,000 men, among them many Czechs and Slovaks who played their part in the famous uprising of sailors of that fleet in Boka Kotorska.

After Austria-Hungary lost the war, the Czechoslovak sailors immediately organized themselves into a Czechoslovak naval legion. After forming so called "marching battalions," this unit—fully equipped—started its journey home by rail. Upon arrival at Praha it offered its services to the Czechoslovak Provisional Government.

One of the first Czechoslovak naval battalions was probably sent immediately from Praha to Bratislava where every army unit was very much needed. This is also attested to by French General Eugene Mittelhausser who at that time was the military adjutant to the Minister for Slovakia Dr. Vavro Srobar. The general in his memoirs mentions this Czechoslovak naval battalion defending Bratislava in the summer of 1919. A proof of this is the postcard mentioned above sent from Bratislava to Jičín by a machine-gun squad member of the 2nd Company, 1st Czechoslovak naval battalion. The postcard has the mentioned line unit postmark (blue) and the regular local postmark Pozsony 1 (Bratislava 1). The whole situation is described on it by the sailor who writes: "At this time we are undergoing French training and are deployed as infantry. But at the same time we are being trained on the ships here in the port. As soon as we occupy the other bank and after the arrival of more ships we are going down the Danube to the Black Sea . . . I can hardly wait."

This certainly is an interesting philatelic document of the Czechoslovak Field Post 1918-1920. Into this category belong all the other entires with unit postmarks which I have mentioned in this article.

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Bohemoslovenika

By Dr. Jan Kostelka, Brno, Czechoslovakia

I should like to acquaint the American reader with my topical collection which I call "Bohemoslovenika." In Czechoslovakia collecting this topic has not yet been as popular as this subject should be. Nevertheless, I think that the subject would be attractive for stamp-collectors abroad

At the beginning of the thirties several stamp series with portraits of our sovereigns, Charles IV, John of Luxemburg, and Wenceslas IV, were issued in Luxemburg. These series were very popular and I obtained some myself. Another impetus was the work of our engraver Master Boh. Heinz who did some work on foreign stamp issues. I really liked his work and was pleased that a Czech artist could create for a foreign country as well.

These two factors induced me to gather similar material that had some connection with both of our nations (Czechs and Slovaks) living in Czechoslovakia. So I created the title "Bohemoslovenika."

As a matter of fact, before the Second World War there were not too many of these items. As time passed, the concept became more clear to me. Thus I added envelopes, seals, etc. In this way the above mentioned topic came into existence and grew.

At the beginning of my topical collecting I took part in exhibitions in 1934 and 1937. The jury suggested that this mode of collecting should be included in the Czechoslovak collections. I did not agree with this opinion. After long experiences, however, I now admit it may be correct.

After 1945, and later on, the volume of this philatelic material increased. I finally decided to direct my collection so as to prove the contribution of Czechoslovakia to foreign stamp production. I seemed to be on the right track. Nowadays, people collect Polonica, Hungarica, Americana, etc.

After 1965, the first edition of my booklet "Bohemoslovenika" was published. In its 70 pages I summed up all the pertinent material available at that time. Nearly 60 states where there were issued stamps, envelopes, etc. with reference to Czechoslovakia, were taken into account. On the occasion of the National Exhibition of Postage Stamps in Brno in 1966 a revised and amended edition was published which was out of print very soon. In 1967 the 3rd amended edition was published and in 1968 the 4th one, with nearly 100 pages. The 5th and last edition, published in 1971, has 120 pages and the number of countries included had increased to 100. I am currently preparing a supplement to the 5th edition which will contain the more recent issues.

The whole subject matter is divided according to countries, though I know that in foreign countries similar topical listings are published according to topic.

Possibly some collectors would include in "Bohemoslovenika" other items than I did or disagree with some of my selections. That is as it should be.

The whole subject matter comprises ten groups. It can thus be covered completely. The groups are as follows:

- I.—The Czechoslovak flag on foreign stamps and envelopes.
- II.—The picture of Prague, its name or emblem.
- III.—Famous Czechoslovaks.
- IV.—The history of our country.
- V.—The work of Czechoslovak printing offices and Czechoslovak artists for foreign postal administrations.

VI.—The work of native Czechoslovaks living in foreign countries contributing to the production of foreign stamps.

VII.—Czech texts on foreign stamps.

VIII.—Portraits of persons who lived on Czechoslovak territory.

IX.—The creative work of native Czechoslovaks.

X.—Other peculiarities on foreign stamps with regard to Czechoslovakia.

To ease the collectors' work I furnished each group a Roman numeral denoting the group in which the series belongs and the catalogue number of the stamp—Yvert, Zumstein, Michel or Scott. I hope these particulars are sufficient. Some stamps may be placed in different groups: on one stamp there may be a picture of Prague, a flag and a Czech text as well.

Finally, let me draw your attention to the picture on the front page of all editions of the booklet. It is the portrait of our great teacher Jan Amos Komensky (Comenius) that was issued in conjunction with UNESCO by many countries.

Although printed in Czech, the book is easy to follow.*

THROUGH THE SPECIALIST" (Ed.)

SOCIETY DIRECTORS MEET FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 1974

The second meeting of the Directors of the Society took place at the home of President Mirko L. Vondra in Westfield, N. J. on December 7th, 1974. (The first meeting of the past year took place at COMPEX in May.) Present at the meeting were: Mirko L. Vondra, Edward Lisy, Thomas Meeks and Henry Hahn. Absent were: George A. Blizil, Charles Chesloe, Wolfgang Fritzsche, Josept Janecka Jr., Mrs. Jane Sterba and Joseph Stein. Henry Samek, Youth Advisor, attended as a guest. Since a quorum number of Board Members (five) were not present, no official action calling for votes could be taken.

The meeting was nevertheless constructive in planning future action and in preparing resolutions for distribution to absent board members, inas-

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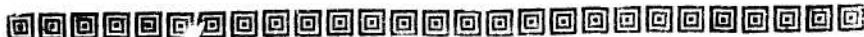


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much as absentee voting has recently been adopted by unanimous consent of the Directors.

Reports by the Officers of the Society and various Committee and Activities Chairmen were presented orally or in writing. The Secretary (Lisy) reported that he was receiving membership renewals at a gratifying rate, in spite of the increased dues schedules. The Secretary reported further that a permanent plasticized membership card would be issued to each member in good standing within the next few months. He expressed regret that these cards are not as yet available to serve as a receipt for the payment of 1975 dues, and hence a member's cancelled check will for the present have to suffice as proof of dues payment. The permanent card will be undated and will serve as a record of membership number rather than proof of membership in future years.

The Treasurer (Meeks) reported that in spite of increased advertising and exhibition revenues, the Society's cash position was down from the previous year due primarily to the Society's expanded publications program, which in 1974 included free distribution of the Czechoslovakia Postal Stationery Catalogue and the 10-Year Index of the SPECIALIST. However, the new dues structure in 1975 should provide sufficient revenues for further expansion of services offered our membership, providing printing costs do not rise substantially. The Librarian's (Carrigan) report was submitted in writing, while additional reports (COMPEX, SPECIALIST, etc.) were delivered orally.

Items of "New Business" included a report on a proposal for the Society's participation in the Nation's Bicentennial activities by Henry Hahn. In particular, it was proposed that as a first step the Society provide materials and assistance to a group of youths in Tabor, South Dakota that has already expressed interest in our hobby. Prime responsibility for this activity was assumed by Youth Advisor Henry Samek. It was further suggested that additional projects of this type be undertaken by the Membership Committee (to be formed) as a means of expanding our membership base.

Other items of "New Business" included a proposal to place the Society's operations on a July 1 to June 30th fiscal year basis. This would avoid the problem of closing out each year at the very time membership renewals are being received (Jan. 1st) and publications activities are in full swing. It was further proposed that a formal balance sheet and income statement be published following the end of each fiscal year, and that budgets for all activities be prepared for approval by the Directors on a fiscal year basis.

The President (Vondra) discussed election of new Board Members and submitted a "Call" which is published elsewhere in this issue.

Following a brief discussion, it was unanimously agreed by those present at the meeting that the Society retain its prior decision to participate in NOJEX '75 and INTERPHIL '76.

The next meeting of the Directors was scheduled to take place during the course of NOJEX '75 in October. H.H.

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Sheet remainders of various Hradčany values were overprinted in the years 1922 through 1926 for postage due use. The word "Doplatit" along with a new value were overprinted first in blue and later in violet.

Again, because of the overprint, many varieties exist and this month we will illustrate and discuss some of these varieties.

The blue overprint was applied in 1922 and Figures 1 and 2 show pairs of the 20/3 with shifted overprints in different positions. Figure 1 shows a strong shift down and Figure 2 a strong shift to the right.



Figure 1

Figure 2



Fig. 3

Figure 3 shows the 20/3 and 80/100 with the overprints inverted.



Fig. 4

Figure 4 illustrates 50/75 and 60/80 with double overprints. The violet overprint was applied to the Hradčany series from 1923 thru 1926.

Figure 5 shows the 60/50 with a white spot (printing variety) and also a large portion of the 100/80 marginal pair. Note that the control numbers were overprinted out with a thick line since the new value changed the addition tables.

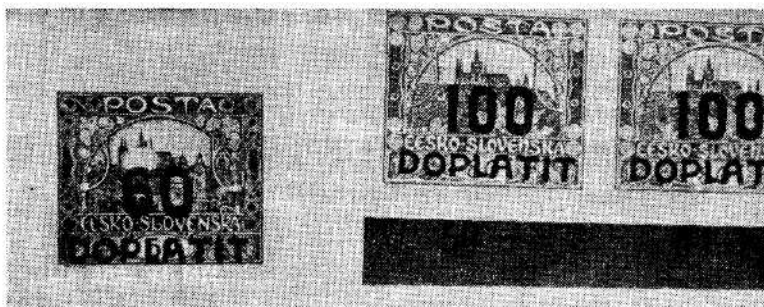


Fig 5



Fig. 6

Figure 6 shows 3 values with different placements of the double overprint.



Fig. 7

Figure 7 shows three different values all on the 3 heller Hradčany with the overprints shifted to the right or left. Only having the sheet margins can one really tell if the overprint is shifted to the right or left on these types.

Minkus does list some of these values with a double overprint and inverted overprint but as yet Scott does not list these varieties.

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