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SALE 1342—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M. (LOTS 1-132) AND 1:30 P.M. (LOTS 133-249)



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- 10. Agents executing bids on behalf of clients will be held responsible for all purchases made on behalf of clients unless otherwise arranged prior to the sale.
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Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population Report^{5M} is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.

Extremely Fine Gem (90-100): The term "Gem" describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to "Superb" used by grading services.

Extremely Fine (80-90): Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

Very Fine (70-85): Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. "Very Fine and choice" applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

Fine (60-70): Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

Very Good (below 60): Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM	
	Mint Never Hinged Free from any disturbance	Lightly Hinged Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area	Hinge Mark or Remnant Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining	Part o.g. Approximately half or more of the gum intact	Small part o.g. Approximately less than half of the gum intact	No gum Only if issued with gum	
Catalogue Symbol:	**	*	*	*	*	(★)	
PRE-1890 ISSUES	Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value			Scott Value for "O.G."		Scott "No Gum" Values thru No. 218	
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott "Never Hinged" Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for "O.G." (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		Disturbed Original Gum: Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum			
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for "Unused"			categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some gum disturbance due to humidity, and such condition is not considered a negative factor in pricing.			

Covers

Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.

Catalogue Values and Estimates

Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* (SCV) and *Stamp Market Quarterly* (SMQ) values are quoted in dollars (\$). Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz, American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel, Zumstein, Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an "E. \$" and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will often exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

\blacksquare	Block	E	Essay	No.	Scott Number	P	Proof
\boxtimes	Cover	EDU	Earliest Document Use	no.	number [e.g. plate]	S	Specimen

























MORNING SESSION (LOTS 1-132) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AT 10:30 A.M.

THE MAGNOLIA COLLECTION OF FOREIGN POST OFFICES IN CHINA

FRENCH POST OFFICES IN CHINA Arranged by Yvert





- 1894, 5c-5fr Overprints, Bristol Printing (1/12A var; Yvert 1/16 var). Complete set of eleven 1 values with matching "1894" year in margin at bottom, with simulated perforations, wonderfully fresh colors, Extremely Fine, a scarce set, particularly with the matching bottom year
- date which only occurs once on a pane, Yvert €1,100.....(Photo Ex) E. \$300-400 2 * 1894, 10c Black on Lavender, Blue Overprint (3 var; Yvert 5b). Original gum, h.r., fresh color, few shorter perfs at right, still Fine and rare, unlikely more than a sheet or two
- received the blue overprint in error, with 2024 Roumet certificate, unlisted in Scott, Yvert €6,300...... E. \$1,000-1,500





- 1894, 5fr Red Lilac on Lavender, Red Overprint (12Ab; Yvert 16a). Original gum, h.r., 3 * bright and fresh, Fine, signed A. Brun, Scott \$525, Yvert €735...... E. \$200-300
- 1901, 2c on 25c Black on Rose (14; Yvert 19). Original gum, rich color, Fine and scarce, 4 * signed A. Brun, with 2001 Behr certificate, Scott \$1,100, Yvert €1,450 E. \$300-400







- 5 ★ 1901, 4c on 25c Black on Rose (15; Yvert 20).

 Original gum, lightly hinged, fresh color and strong impression, Fine and scarce, signed A. Brun and Calves, with 1998 Behr certificate, Scott \$1,350, Yvert €1,450...... E. \$300-400
- 6 ★ 1901, 6c on 25c Black on Rose (16; Yvert 21).

 Original gum, h.r., bright and fresh, Fine and scarce, with 2024 Roumet certificate, Scott \$1,100, Yvert €1,450...... E. \$300-400
- 7 **1901, 16c on 25c Black on Rose, Black Surcharge (17a; Yvert 22A).** Tied by Peking Apr. 21, 1901 double-circle datestamp on small piece, removed to review condition but hinged back into place, bold color

FINE. AN IMMENSELY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1901 16-CENTS ON 25-CENTIMES WITH SURCHARGE IN BLACK. MISSING FROM EVEN THE MOST ADVANCED COLLECTIONS. ONLY 50 WERE PRINTED.

According to Power Search, this only the second example — in any condition (unused or used) — that we have offered in over 25 years.

Signed Champion and A. Brun. With 2024 Roumet certificate. Scott \$7,250. Yvert \in 9,000. ... E. \$2,000-3,000



8 ★★⊞ 1903, 5c on 15c Pale Red, Horizontal Pair, One Without Surcharge (45 var; Yvert 34b). Block of 25 with selvage at left and interpanneau gutter selvage at top and bottom, original gum, lightly hinged in places but error Mint N.H., which is located on the third stamp in fourth row, fresh color, few minor toned spots on gum

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE SETENANT ERROR WITH MISSING SURCHARGE OF THE 5-CENTIMES ON 15-CENTIMES PALE RED. PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE CONTAINED IN A BLOCK OF 25.

We doubt more than a few examples exist and noted as only the second example seen by Behr. With 2009 Behr certificate (clear certificate). Unlisted in Scott. Yvert €8,975 as singles and pair..... E. \$1,500-2,000

9 ★ **1904-05, 4c Claret on Bluish (47A; Yvert 64A).** Original gum, h.r., fresh color, Fine and scarce, signed Calves, Scott \$975, Yvert €1,150 E. \$200-300



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10 ★★⊞ 1904-05, 4c Claret on Bluish (47A; Yvert 64A).

Mint N.H. block of four with interpanneau gutter selvage at bottom and at center, impressively well-centered, lovely rich colors

VERY FINE. A CHOICE AND SUPERB MINT NEVER-HINGED BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 4-CENTIMES CLARET ON BLUISH. A RARE MULTIPLE.

Signed Behr. Catalogued as singles. Scott \$3,900 as hinged. Yvert €9,200...... E. \$1,500-2,000



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POSTAGE DUE



12 ★ 1903, 5c Green on Greenish, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J7b; Yvert TT6A). Original gum, h.r., particularly strong color on fresh paper

VERY FINE. ONE OF THE RAREST POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF THE FRENCH OFFICES IN CHINA — THE 1903 5-CENTIMES GREEN ON GREENISH POSTAGE DUE WITH THE CARMINE HANDSTAMP.

According to Power Search, this is the first example we have offered — in any condition — in any of our sales in at least 25 years. A key postage due rarity missing from most collections.

Signed Calves. With 2024 Roumet certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert €11,500...... E. \$3,000-4,000









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- 13 **★** 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp ([7; Yvert TT6B). Original gum, small h.r., vibrant color, fresh and Fine, a particularly rare postage due with original gum, signed Calves and A. Brun, with 2000 J-F Brun certificate, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €3,000 E. \$750-1,000
- 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J7; Yvert TT6B). Tied by mostly 14 complete strike of Tientsin Oct. 19, 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece, bright color, Fine and scarce, signed A. Brun, with 2024 Roumet certificate, Scott \$2,250, Yvert €1,250.... E. \$400-500
- 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Inverted Carmine Handstamp (J7 var; Yvert TT6Ba). 15 Tied by Tientsin Oct. 2, 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece, bright and fresh, Fine, scarce with the inverted overprint in Carmine, with 2024 Roumet certificate, Yvert €1,850 ... E. \$400-500
- 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Inverted Violet Handstamp (J7a var; Yvert 16 TT6Bc). Tied by clear strike of Tientsin Oct. 2, 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece, fresh color, Very Fine, a scarce stamp, particularly desirable used on small piece, signed Calves, with 2024 Roumet certificate, Yvert €2,000..... E. \$500-750



17 ★ 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Black Handstamp (J7 var; Yvert TT6Bd). Original gum, h.r., vibrant color

VERY FINE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 5-CENTIMES YELLOW GREEN POSTAGE DUE WITH BLACK HANDSTAMP. THE ONLY ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE WE ARE AWARE OF.

Very few examples of the postage dues from the Offices in China received the black handstamp and it is only known on some values. A few are thought to be unique (three of which are part of the Magnolia collection). The 5c is, by far, much scarcer than the 15c value. Only a small handful are known and this is the only example with original gum we are aware of.

Signed Champion. With 2008 Calves certificate. Unpriced as with original gum in Yvert, €6,000 as used..... E. \$2,000-3,000

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18 **1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Black Handstamp (J7 var; Yvert TT6Bd).** Bright shade, neat Tientsin Oct. 12, 1903 double-circle datestamp

FINE. A PARTICULARLY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 5-CENTIMES YELLOW GREEN POSTAGE DUE WITH BLACK HANDSTAMP.

Very few examples of the postage dues from the Offices in China received the black handstamp and it is only known on some values. A few are thought to be unique (three of which are part of the Magnolia collection). The 5c is, by far, much scarcer than the 15c value. We doubt more than a small handful exist.

With 2003 Scheller certificate. Yvert € 6,000...... E. \$1,500-2,000





19 detail of backstamp

19 Mag 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Black Handstamp (J7 var; Yvert TT6Bd). Used with 1903, 10c Rose Red (35; Yvert 112), each tied by Tientsin Oct. 16, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at center on cover addressed locally, "T" in triangle handstamp, blue "Corps d'Occupation de Chine, Le Commandant" cachet handstamp on back, cover with mild vertical file fold and light toned spots around periphery of mostly 10c

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL USE OF THE 5-CENTIMES YELLOW GREEN POSTAGE DUE WITH BLACK HANDSTAMP ON AN INCOMING COVER TO TIENTSIN. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY RECORDED USE OF THIS POSTAGE DUE STAMP ON COVER.

Very few examples of the postage dues from the Offices in China received the black hand-stamp and it is only known on some values. A few are thought to be unique (three of which are part of the Magnolia collection). The 5c is, by far, much scarcer than the 15c value. Only a small handful are thought to exist on the 5c — with this the only known cover (and noted as such on accompanying certificate).

With 2001 Behr certificate. Yvert €6,000 as simply a used single..... E. \$2,000-3,000



20 1903, 10c Black on Lavender, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J8; Yvert TT7). Tied by bold strike of Tientsin Oct. 4, 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece, intense color and impression

FINE EXAMPLE OF THE EXCEPTIONALLY RARE 1903 10-CENTIMES POSTAGE DUE WITH CARMINE HANDSTAMP. MISSING FROM MANY OF THE MOST ADVANCED COLLECTIONS.

Signed A. Brun. With 2024 Roumet certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert €8,500...... E. \$2,000-3,000





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1903, 10c Black on Lavender, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J8; Yvert TT7). Horizontal pair with millesimes "0" gutter selvage, tied to small piece by light strikes of Tientsin Oct. 7, 1903 double-circle datestamps, wonderfully fresh colors

VERY FINE. A TRULY REMARKABLE USED MILLESIMES PAIR OF THE 1903 10-CENTIMES POSTAGE DUE WITH CARMINE HANDSTAMP. EASILY ONE OF THE RAREST POSTAGE DUE ITEMS OF THE FRENCH POST OFFICES IN CHINA.

Typically, used millesimes pairs are quite scarce. For the obvious reasons, these were separated for use as singles and not often applied to cards or covers as pairs. Very few millesimes pairs of the French Post Offices in China postage due issues are recorded. Yvert only lists used millesimes examples for Yvert Nos. 9a and 19b. Each are given a €6,000 value. To put the rarity into perspective, two used singles of Yvert No. 9a are valued at €800 and 19b at €200. This particular 10c with the Carmine handstamp is extraordinarily rare in any condition - unused or used. To find a used millesimes pair is a truly remarkable rarity of great importance.

Signed Champion and Behr. With 2024 Roumet certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert €17,000 simply as two used singles...... E. \$4,000-5,000







- 24 ★ 1903, 15c Blue, Postage Due, Black Handstamp (J9 var; Yvert TT8b). Original gum, deep rich color on bright paper, Fine, an exceptionally rare original gum stamp, the black overprints are very rare and only known on some values including a few which are thought to be unique, none are listed in Scott and only a small number exist of the 5c and 15c, signed Champion, with 2008 Calves certificate, Yvert €6,000....... E. \$1,000-1,500



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25 * 1903, 20c Red on Green, Postage Due, Black Handstamp (Unlisted in Scott or Yvert). Original gum, h.r., lovely color

FINE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 20-CENTIMES RED ON GREEN POSTAGE DUE WITH BLACK OVERPRINT. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE, WHICH IS UNLISTED IN BOTH SCOTT AND YVERT.

Very few examples of the postage dues from the Offices in China received the black handstamp and it is only known on some values. The Magnolia collection, remarkably, contains three examples which are thought to be unique — including the example offered here. This is also the only recorded 20c Red on Green known with the "A Percevoir" overprint in any color — including Carmine or Purple.

With 2008 Calves certificate. Unlisted in both Scott and Yvert..... E. \$3,000-4,000



- 26 ★ 1903, 30c Brown on Bister, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J10; Yvert TT9). Original gum, minor h.r., fresh color on bright paper, Very Fine, a scarce postage due with original gum, signed Champion, with 2008 Behr certificate, Scott \$1,500, Yvert €1,750.. E. \$400-500

- 29 ★ 1903, 30c Brown on Bister, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J10a; Yvert TT9a). Original gum, minor h.r., deep rich color, Fine and scarce, signed Calves, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €1,800 E. \$400-500



30 M 1903, 30c Brown on Bister, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J10a; Yvert TT9a). Tied by Tientsin Oct. 15, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on large cover addressed locally, "T" in triangle handstamp, German Tientsin arrival backstamp, cover with minor edge wear and small stain at top right, still Very Fine and scarce use E. \$300-400



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31 ★ 1903, 50c Carmine on Rose, Postage Due, Black Handstamp (Unlisted in Scott or Yvert). Original gum, h.r., wonderfully fresh color

FINE. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 50-CENTIMES CARMINE POSTAGE DUE WITH BLACK OVERPRINT. UNLISTED IN BOTH SCOTT AND YVERT.

Very few examples of the postage dues from the Offices in China received the black hand-stamp and it is only known on some values. The Magnolia collection, remarkably, contains three examples which are thought to be unique — including the example offered here. This is also the only recorded 50c Carmine known with the "A Percevoir" overprint in any color — including Carmine or Purple.

With 2008 Calves certificate. Unlisted in both Scott and Yvert..... E. \$3,000-4,000







- **1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J14; Yvert TT10).** Tied by Tientsin Oct. 4, 1903 double-circle datestamp to small piece, well-centered, fresh color, Very Fine and quite scarce, signed A. Brun, Scott \$2,000, Yvert €1,150 E. \$400-500
- 33 **1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J14a; Yvert TT10a).** Tied by Tientsin Oct. 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece, fresh color, Fine and scarce, signed A. Brun, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €1,250...... E. \$300-400
- 34 ★ 1903, 10c Rose Red, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J15a; Yvert TT11a). Original gum, h.r., bright color, well-centered, Very Fine, a seldom encountered stamp particularly in unused condition, signed Champion and A. Brun, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €950...

 E. \$300-400



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35 ★ 1903, 20c Brown Violet, Postage Due, Black Handstamp (Unlisted in Scott or Yvert). Original gum, h.r., wonderfully fresh color, mild horizontal crease

FINE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 20-CENTIMES BROWN VIOLET POSTAGE DUE WITH BLACK OVERPRINT. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE RECORDED — UNLISTED IN BOTH SCOTT AND YVERT.

Very few examples of the postage dues from the Offices in China received the black handstamp and it is only known on some values. The Magnolia collection, remarkably, contains three examples which are thought to be unique — including the example offered here. This is also the only recorded 20c Brown Violet known with the "A Percevoir" overprint in any color — including Carmine or Purple.

Signed Champion. With 2008 Calves certificate (clear certificate). Unlisted in both Scott and Yvert. E. \$3,000-4,000

36 * 1903, 5c Green on Greenish, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J20b; Yvert TT12A). Original gum, lightly hinged, bold color, relatively well-centered

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 5-CENTIMES GREEN ON GREENISH WITH THE CARMINE HANDSTAMP. ONE OF THE KEY POSTAGE DUE RARITES OF THE OFFICES IN CHINA.

This stamp is missing from even the most advanced collections of either the French Offices in China or important Postage Due collections of the world. According to Power Search, this is the first example we have offered in over 25 years.

Signed Calves. With 2000 Behr certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert €11,500...... E. \$3,000-4,000





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- 37 ★★ 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J20; Yvert TT13). Mint N.H., bright shade on fresh paper, Fine, a particularly rare stamp in Mint N.H. condition, signed Calves, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €4,800...... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 1903, 5c Yellow Green, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J20; Yvert TT13). Used with 1903, 15c Blue and 10c Rose Red, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J22, J28; Yvert TT15, TT18), each tied by Tientsin Oct. 23, 1903 double-circle datestamps on cover addressed locally, "T" in triangle handstamp, arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce cover, just the 5c and 10c alone catalogue \$3,500 each on cover, signed Calves E. \$500-750



40 1903, 10c Black on Lavender, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J21; Yvert TT14). Fresh color, partial Tientsin Oct. 1903 double-circle datestamp

> FINE AND PARTICULARLY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 10-CENTIMES BLACK ON LAVENDER WITH THE CARMINE HANDSTAMP.

> With 2024 Roumet certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert € 9,350. E. \$2,000-3,000

41 1903, 10c Black on Lavender, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J21a; Yvert TT14a). Intense shade, tied by complete Tientsin Oct. 15, 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece, relatively well-centered

> FINE. A PARTICULARLY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 10-CENTIMES BLACK ON LAVENDER WITH THE PURPLE HANDSTAMP. A SELDOM ENCOUNTERED POSTAGE DUE RARITY.

> Signed Lemaire and Calves. With 2000 Behr certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert €9,000..... E. \$2,000-3,000



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1903, 15c Blue, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J22; Yvert TT15). Mint N.H., exceptionally well-centered with wide margins, beautiful pastel shade, Extremely Fine, a spectacular Mint N.H. example, particularly rare in this choice condition, signed Calves and Roumet, Scott \$1,250 as hinged, Yvert €2,100..... E. \$500-750

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43 ★ 1903, 15c Blue, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J22; Yvert TT15). Original gum, lightly hinged, intensely rich color on bright paper, Very Fine, a particularly rare postage due stamp, signed A. Brun, Calves, and Roumet, with 2001 Behr certificate, Scott \$1,250, Yvert €1,300.... E. \$300-400





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44 ★⊞ 1903, 15c Blue, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J22; Yvert TT15). Block of four with selvage at left, original gum, top stamps h.r., bottom stamps Mint N.H., deep rich colors on bright paper, impressively well-centered for this

VERY FINE. A RARE ORIGINAL GUM BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 1903 15-CENTIMES POSTAGE DUE WITH CARMINE HANDSTAMP.

Signed A. Brun and Roumet. With 2024 Roumet certificate. Catalogued as singles. Scott 5,000 as hinged. Yvert 6,800...... E. 1,500-2,000





- 45 ★ 1903, 15c Blue, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J22a; Yvert TT15b). Original gum, minor h.r., intense shade, well-centered, Very Fine and scarce, signed A. Brun, unpriced in Scott, Yvert € 1,400 E. \$400-500

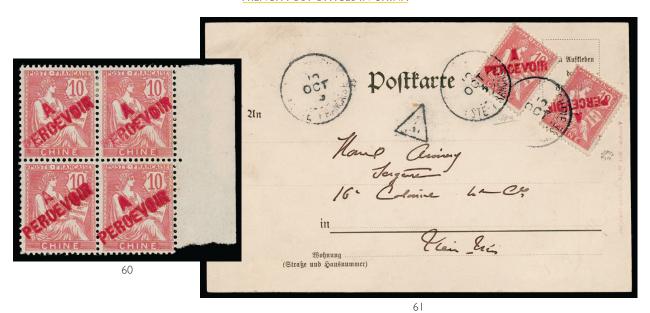


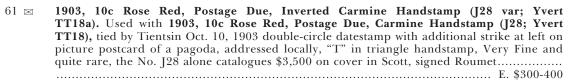
- 47 × 1903, 30c Brown on Bister, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J23; Yvert TT16). Tied by Tientsin Oct. 10, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at top center on cover addressed locally, "T" in triangle handstamp, arrival backstamp, minor opening tears at top, Very Fine, signed Calves, Scott \$3,250 for use on cover................. E. \$500-750
- 48 ★ 1903, 30c Brown on Bister, Postage Due, Inverted Carmine Handstamp (J23 var; Yvert TT16a). Large part original gum, bold color, Fine and scarce, signed A. Brun, Yvert €950 ...
- 49 ★★ 1903, 30c Brown on Bister, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J23a; Yvert TT16b). Mint N.H., deep rich color, wonderfully fresh and Fine, exceptionally rare in Mint N.H. condition, signed Behr, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €700 as hinged...... E. \$300-400
- 50 ★⊞ 1903, 30c Brown on Bister, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J23a; Yvert TT16b). Block of four, original gum, top pair h.r., bottom pair with minor paper adhesions, bold color, relatively well-centered, Very Fine, signed A. Brun, with 2024 Roumet certificate, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €2,800 as singles................................. E. \$500-750
- 52 **1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J27; Yvert TT17).** Tied by circular datestamp on small piece of picture post card, rich color, Fine, signed Calves, Scott \$1,750, Yvert €850 E. \$300-400



- 1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Inverted Carmine Handstamp (J27 var; Yvert TT17a). Tied by neatly struck Tientsin circular datestamp on small piece of picture post card, fresh color, Very Fine, signed Miro and A. Brun, Yvert €1,100...... E. \$300-400
- 54 **1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Inverted Carmine Handstamp (J27 var; Yvert TT17a).** Neat strike of circular datestamp, fresh color, Fine and scarce with the inverted handstamp, signed Calves, Yvert €1,100 E. \$300-400
- 1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Inverted Carmine Handstamp (J27 var; Yvert TT17a). Used with 1903, 15c Pale Red, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J29; Yvert TT19), each tied by Tientsin Oct. 9, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at left on picture postcard of the military "Allies" in China, addressed locally, "T" in triangle handstamp, Very Fine, a scarce use on postcard, signed Calves, the two used stamps alone catalogue €1,225 in Yvert... E. \$400-500
- 56 (★) 1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J27a; Yvert TT17b). Unused (no gum), impressively well-centered, rich color, Very Fine and scarce, signed Calves, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €1,850 (as original gum)...... E. \$300-400
- 57 **1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J27a; Yvert TT17b).** Well-centered, tied by mostly complete Tientsin Oct. 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece, Very Fine, with 2024 Roumet certificate, listed but unpriced in Scott, Yvert €950...... E. \$200-300
- 58 1903, 5c Green, Postage Due, Inverted Purple Handstamp (J27a var; Yvert TT17c). Light circular datestamp, particularly well-centered, rich color, Very Fine and scarce, signed Champion, A. Brun, and Roumet, unlisted in Scott, Yvert €1,200 E. \$300-400
- 59 ★ 1903, 10c Rose Red, Postage Due, Carmine Handstamp (J28; Yvert TT18). Horizontal pair, original gum, h.r., fresh color, right stamp with minor corner crease, otherwise Fine, we strongly feel this is Scott No. J15 (Yvert TT11) as this the size of the overprint more accurately reflects that stamp, but the diagonal angle of the overprint distinguishes the overprint type according to the accompanying certificate, despite it being noticeably smaller in size, signed Calves, with 2024 Roumet certificate, catalogued as singles, Scott \$680, Yvert €840....

 E. \$200-300







62 * 1903, 30c Lilac, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J30; Yvert TT19A). Part original gum, wonderfully fresh color, few minor perf flaws

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 30-CENTIMES LILAC POSTAGE DUE WITH PURPLE HAND-STAMP. CONSIDERED TO BE THE RAREST POSTAGE DUE STAMP FROM THE OFFICES IN CHINA. WE DOUBT MORE THAN A HANDFUL EXIST WITH ANY ORIGINAL GUM.

The accompanying certificate from a reputable authority notes this is the first example seen. Given that the Yvert catalogue prices this stamp with both original gum and in Mint N.H. condition, we make the presumption that at least one other example is recorded. Regardless, the total population known is likely very few. Without question, this is an item missing from nearly all collections — regardless of how advanced.

With 2008 Behr certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert €14,500...... E. \$3,000-4,000



63 1903, 30c Lilac, Postage Due, Purple Handstamp (J30; Yvert TT19A). Bold color, tied by complete and well-struck Tientsin Oct. 9, 1903 double-circle datestamp on small piece

FINE. A SELECT USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1903 30-CENTIMES LILAC POSTAGE DUE WITH PURPLE HANDSTAMP. ONE OF THE KEY POSTAGE DUE RARITIES — PARTICULARLY IN THIS EXCEP-TIONAL CONDITION.

We highly doubt many examples exist given its rare appearance on the market.

Signed Calves. With 2001 Behr certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott. Yvert €11,500....... E. \$3,000-4,000

64 "A Percevoir" Postage Due Overprint Balance. Over 60 stamps and six covers, stamps predominately used, many of which are tied to small piece by Tientsin or Peking circular datestamps, wide variety of both overprint types in both Carmine and Purple, both normal and inverted orientations, some duplication, many are signed by respected French experts (either on back or corner of piece folded over), few small flaws to be expected but much is Fine-Very Fine, the Yvert value for stamps alone should exceed €16,000..... (Website PDF) E. \$2,000-3,000





65 ★ Hoi Hao, 1901, 15c Blue (6; Yvert 7). Original gum, lightly hinged, deep rich colors and strong impression, Very Fine, a scarce stamp with only 450 printed, signed Champion and A. Brun, with 1996 Roumet certificate, Scott \$1,850, Yvert €2,250 É. \$500-750

66 ★ Hoi Hao, 1901, 15c Blue (6; Yvert 7). Original gum, strong colors, minor toned spots on gum, Fine and scarce, only 450 printed, signed Bernichon, Scott \$1,850, Yvert €2,250 E. \$300-400



67 ★ Hoi Hao, 1901, 5fr Red Lilac on Lavender, Red Overprint (15; Yvert 15). Original gum, h.r., fresh color, Fine, with 2024 Roumet certificate, Scott \$800, Yvert €1,100...... E. \$200-300

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68 * Tchongking, 1906, 5fr Red Lilac on Lavender, "T" Omitted from "TCH-ONG" (32a; Yvert 63a). Horizontal se-tenant pair, right stamp the error, original gum, lightly hinged, bold color, fresh and Fine, with 2024 Roumet certificate, catalogued as singles, Scott \$1,140, Yvert €910 E. \$300-400

Tchongking, 1906, 10fr Orange Brown on Green, "T" Omitted from "TCH-ONG" (33a; Yvert 64a). 69 ★ Tropicalized original gum, fresh color, Fine and scarce error, with 2024 Roumet certificate (not noting tropicalization), Scott \$1,200, Yvert €900..... E. \$300-400



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70 French Post Offices in China, Stamp Collection Balance. Mixture of material on album and stock pages, includes the General Issues with better items such as 1901 surcharges on 25c, 1904 4c Claret on Bluish (signed, gum flaws), and other high values and Postage Dues, plus the various Offices including Canton, Hoi Hao, Pakhoi, and Tchongking, filled with numerous varieties such as the Tchonking 1906 "T" Omitted set to the 2fr, and some of the other Yvert-only listed "tirage prive" varieties, some flaws to be expected but much is Fine-Very Fine, a lot worthy of close inspection as there are better items scattered amongst lower-valued stamps......(Website PDF) E. \$3,000-4,000

GERMAN POST OFFICES IN CHINA Arranged by Michel



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71 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 45 Degree Overprint (16a; Michel 7IA). Tied by mostly complete "Futschau, Deutsche Post 7/7 00" first day circular datestamp on small piece (likely from a "Market Report" circular), strong color

VERY FINE FIRST DAY OF USE CANCEL ON THE 5-PFENNINGS FOOCHOW PROVISIONAL SURCHARGE. ONLY 100 WERE PRINTED FOR USE PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1900.

Michel has two separate listings for the Foochow surcharge with the 45 Degree Overprint. Those with circular datestamps prior to Nov. 7, 1900 can be confirmed as originating from the first surcharging of which only 100 were made. These command a significant premium to those issued after Nov. 7 as there were 2,500 surcharged. Undoubtedly, between examples which remained unused and those lost to natural attrition, we doubt many still exist.

Signed Lange. With 2011 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate. Michel €7,500...... E. \$1,500-2,000

The 1900 5-Pfennings Foochow Surcharge Doubled One of only two recorded examples from this first printing



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1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 45 Degree Overprint, Double Surcharge (16a var; Michel 7IADD). Fresh color, clear and strong second strike of surcharge which is shifted slightly to the right, tied by mostly complete "Futschau, Deutsche Post 7/7 00" first day circular datestamp on small piece (likely from a "Market Report" circular), stamp with truly insignificant corner perf crease (pre-use) at bottom left

VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 1900 5-PFENNINGS FOOCHOW PROVISIONAL WITH DOUBLE SURCHARGE FROM THE FIRST PRINTING. ONLY 100 WERE PRINTED FOR USE PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 7. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ERROR RARITIES OF THE GERMAN POST OFFICES IN CHINA.

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With 1999 Steuer certificate. Listed but unpriced in Michel..... E. \$7,500-10,000







73 ★★ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 45 Degree Overprint (16a; Michel 7IB). Mint N.H. bottom right corner selvage single (h.r. in selvage only), lovely rich color on bright paper, Fine, signed Thier and Schlesinger, Scott \$1,400, Michel €1,800.. E. \$400-500

74 ★ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 45 Degree Overprint (16a; Michel 7IB). Original gum, minor h.r., bold color, Very Fine, signed Richter, Scott \$650, Michel €800...... E. \$200-300

1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 45 Degree Overprint (16a; Michel 7IB). Tied by portion of "Futschau, Deutsche Post ?/11 00" circular datestamp on small piece, well-centered, fresh and Very Fine, unfortunately there are insufficient traces of the date to distinguish if this is qualifies for the first printing (Michel 7IA), so categorized as the later printing, signed Thier and Bothe BPP, Scott \$950, Michel €1,200...... E. \$300-400



76 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 45 Degree Overprint (16a; Michel 7IB). Two vertical strips of five, tied by six bold strikes of "Futschau, Deutsche Post 14/2 01" circular datestamps on large piece, fresh color

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF TWO STRIPS OF FIVE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNINGS FOOCHOW SURCHARGE ON LARGE PIECE OF COVER.

Multiples are scarce. Frankings of this size are very rare. With 2024 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate. Catalogued as singles. Scott \$9,500. Michel € 12,000. E. \$1,500-2,000



 $77 \star \star \boxplus 1900$, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 56 Degree Overprint (16; Michel 7II). Mint N.H. top left corner selvage block of four with "1,00" and "2,00" value inscriptions at top, lightly hinged in selvage only, rich color, selvage with slight wrinkling and previously folded along perfs between stamps and selvage at left, Fine and scarce multiple, signed Drahn, catalogued as singles, Scott \$4,400, Michel €5,600 E. \$1,000-1,500

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78 ★★⊞ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 56 Degree Overprint (16; Michel 7II). Mint N.H. top left corner sheet selvage block of six with "1,00" and "2,00" value inscriptions at top, rich color, accompanying certificate notes "teils leicht getonten Gummi" (slightly toned) which is truly minor and light

> VERY FINE AND RARE CORNER SELVAGE MULTI-PLE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNINGS FOOCHOW PROVI-SIONAL SURCHARGE.

> Each stamp signed Drahn. With 1969 Drahn and 2011 Jaschke-Lantelme certificates. Catalogued simply as singles. Scott \$6,600. Michel €8,400. E. \$1,500-2,000



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use) of no consequence, Extremely Fine and scarce multiple, signed Willmann, with 2011 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate, catalogued as singles, Scott \$3,200, Michel €4,000

..... E. \$1,000-1,500

1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 56 Degree Overprint (16; Michel

7II). Block of four, tied by two clear strikes of "Futschau, Deutsche Post 23/3 01" circular datestamps on small piece, fresh color, wellcentered, few separated perfs at bottom (pre-

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GERMAN POST OFFICES IN CHINA

The 1900 5-Pfennings Foochow Surcharge The spectacular reconstructed half sheet cancelled a day before release





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80 H 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 56 Degree Overprint (16; Michel 7II, 7IIZS). Blocks of 20 and 30, together comprising the left half of the original sheet of 100, both pieces separated by horizontal interpanneau gutter margin, top selvage of first block with "1,00" and "2,00", second block with "3,00", "4,00", and "5,00" value inscriptions, all cancelled by numerous strikes of "Futschau, Deutsche Post 6/7 00" circular datestamps, stamps retain their original gum in Mint N.H. condition, positions 14 and 15 of the block of 30 showing traces of doubling in "5" of handstamp (likely due to slight shift of hand rather than two separate strikes), previously folded along the perfs between first and second vertical columns causing some splitting, which also occurs horizontally between top block and gutter of both pieces

VERY FINE AND EXCEPTIONAL SHOWPIECE MULTIPLES FOR THE GERMAN OFFICES IN CHINA SPECIALIST. THIS RECONSTRUCTED HALF SHEET CONSISTS OF THE FIVE VERTICAL COLUMNS OF THE 1900 5-PFENNINGS FOOCHOW PROVISIONAL SURCHARGE — CANCELLED A DAY BEFORE RELEASE AND GIVEN TO SIEMSSEN WHO WAS THE GERMAN CONSUL IN FOOCHOW.

It is very likely that only one sheet of this provisional surcharge was cancelled the day before release and given to Mr. Siemssen as a souvenir. He was the head of the company Siemssen & Krohn as well as the German consul in Foochow at this time. This information is noted on the accompanying certificate for the block of 30 from Dr. Steuer. Also, worthy of note is that used interpanneau gutter pairs are exceptionally rare for this provisional — they are unpriced in Michel but is accompanied by a note to this effect.

Block of 30 with 1990 Steuer and 2016 Jaschke-Lantelme certificates. Catalogued simply as used singles. Scott \$40,000. Michel €50,000...... E. \$10,000-15,000



1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Foochow Surcharge, 56
Degree Overprint, Double Surcharge (16 var; Michel
7IIDD). Slight and near coincident surcharges, most
noticeable under "f" of surcharge, neatly cancelled by
"Futschau, Deutsche Post 30/7 00" circular datestamps,
fresh color

VERY FINE. ONE OF THE FEW USED EXAMPLES RECORDED OF THE 5-PFENNINGS ON 10-PFENNINGS WITH DOUBLE SURCHARGE

It is interesting to note that the current Michel catalogue value hasn't changed for at least fourteen years — likely due to the infrequent appearance of examples on the market







- 83 ★★ 1900, 3pf Brown, Tientsin Handstamp (17; Michel 8). Mint N.H., excellent centering with wide margins, fresh color, Very Fine and choice, a pristine example, especially scarce in Mint N.H. condition, with 1993 Buhler certificate, Scott \$2,250, Michel €3,000...... E. \$500-750
- 84 ★ 1900, 3pf Brown, Tientsin Handstamp (17; Michel 8). Original gum, lightly hinged, bold color on fresh paper, Very Fine, with 2024 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate, Scott \$600, Michel €750 E. \$200-300







- 85 **1900, 3pf Brown, Tientsin Handstamp (17; Michel 8).** With boldly struck "Tientsin, Deutsche Post 27 1 01" circular datestamps (Sorte II), Very Fine, signed Richter, Rohr, Schlesinger, and Thier, with 2005 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate, Scott \$800, Michel €450..... E. \$150-200
- 1900, 3pf Brown, Tientsin Handstamp, Double Overprint (17a; Michel 8DD). Fresh color, clear doubling of entire overprint slightly below original strike, neat "Tientsin, Deutsche Post 22/1 01" circular datestamp, minute perf tear at top right, Very Fine appearance, a rare error in postally used condition, only a handful of genuine examples are thought to exist, with 1993 Jakubek certificate, listed but unpriced in Scott, Michel €4,500....... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 87 ★ 1900, 5pf Green, Tientsin Handstamp (18; Michel 9). Original gum, barely hinged, rich color, Very Fine, signed Kosack, with 2008 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate, Scott \$400, Michel €500...... E. \$150-200







- 89 ★★ 1900, 20pf Ultramarine, Tientsin Handstamp (20; Michel 11). Mint N.H., lovely fresh color and crisp impression, Very Fine, a particularly rare stamp to find in Mint N.H. condition, signed Senf, Ebel, and Richter, with 2000 Jakubek certificate, Scott \$4,000, Michel €5,500

 E. \$1,000-1,500
- 90 **1900, 20pf Ultramarine, Tientsin Handstamp (20; Michel 11).** Tied by nearly complete "Tientsin, Deutsche Post 1/1 01" circular datestamp (Sorte II) on small piece, well-centered, fresh and Very Fine, signed Thier and Richter, with 1997 Jakubek certificate, Scott \$950, Michel €700 E. \$200-300



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1900, 30pf Orange & Black on Salmon, Tientsin Handstamp (21; Michel 12). Block of four, affixed to piece and cancelled by exceptional strike of "K.D. Feld-Poststation No. 2 26/2" (1901) circular datestamp, bold colors, previously folded vertically along perfs of no concern

EXTREMELY FINE AND IMPORTANT USED MULTIPLE OF THE 1900 30-PFENNINGS WITH THE TIENTSIN PROVISIONAL HANDSTAMP. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE SHOWPIECE ITEM — PARTICULARLY SO WITH THE FIELD POST STATION CANCEL.

Ex Mizuhara. Signed Thier, Kosack, Bartels, and Ebel. With 1929 Friedemann certificate. Catalogued simply as singles. Scott \$19,000. Michel €24,000. E. \$5,000-7,500

The 1900 40-Pfennings Tientsin Provisional Handstamp This unissued value is one of the rarest stamps of the issue



94 * 1900, 40pf Carmine & Black on Rose, Tientsin Handstamp, Unissued (Michel II). Original gum, barely hinged (if at all), excellent color, vivid color on immaculate white paper

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A REMARKABLY FRESH ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE UNISSUED 40-PFENNINGS TIENTSIN PROVISIONAL HANDSTAMP - ONE OF THE IMPORTANT RARITIES OF ALL THE GERMAN COLONIES AND OFFICES ABROAD.

It is believed no more than 50 were produced, and only a tiny fraction of those are in existence today. Accompanied by extensive paperwork dating back to the 1960s from Frisch and Drahn regarding the presence of another partial strike which is further confirmed by the most recent 1991 Jakubek certificate, although we fail to see a true doubling of the overprint. As such, this is offered as the basic stamp. As a true double overprint, this likely would be the only example known.

Signed Thier and Drahn. With 1991 Jakubek certificate. Footnoted in Scott and priced at \$37,500. Michel €50,000. E. \$10,000-15,000



95 * 1900, 50pf Purple & Black on Salmon, Tientsin Handstamp (22; Michel 13). Original gum, h.r., bold color on fresh paper, well-centered

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 50-PFENNINGS TIENTSIN PROVISIONAL HANDSTAMP.

The 50pf is the rarest of the regularly issued Tientsin handstamps. According to Power Search, we have only offered three other unused examples in over 25 years.

Signed Thier and Bloch. With 1956 Friedl and 2002 Jakubek certificates. Scott \$16,000. Michel €20,000...... E. \$4,000-5,000



96 **1900, 50pf Purple & Black on Salmon, Tientsin Handstamp (22; Michel 13).** Well-centered, clear strike of "Tientsin, Deutsche Post 22 1 01" circular datestamp (Sorte II), bold colors

VERY FINE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 50-PFENNINGS TIENTSIN PROVISIONAL ISSUE HANDSTAMP. THIS IS THE RAREST REGULARLY ISSUED STAMP OF THE ISSUE.

Signed Thier, Kohler, and Bothe BPP. With 1985 Kilian certificate. Scott \$13,500. Michel €10,000. E. \$3,000-4,000

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97 **1900, 50pf Purple & Black on Salmon, Tientsin Handstamp (22; Michel 13).** Originally cancelled by "Berlin SW 61 22/11 00" circular datestamp, affixed to piece and tied by complete "Tientsin, Deutsche Post 14/3 01" circular datestamp (Sorte I), bold colors

VERY FINE. AN INTRIGUING USE OF THE 50-PFENNINGS TIENTSIN PROVISIONAL HANDSTAMP ON PIECE — WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY USED MONTHS EARLIER IN BERLIN. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER EXAMPLES. LIKELY A UNIQUE USE.

We can only speculate as to the true use of this stamp. The accompanying certificate from Jakubek theorizes this stamp was originally on a piece of mail from Berlin to China. Upon arrival, it received the Tientsin provisional handstamp and subsequently cancelled. The Berlin and Tientsin dates corroborate this theory in the sense of timing. Regardless, it is an unusual and peculiar German colonial item.

Signed "E.M.R." (Ruben). With 1955 Krumhaar, 1970 Pfenninger, and 1989 Jakubek certificates. Catalogued a normal used stamp. Scott \$13,500. Michel €17,000...... E. \$4,000-5,000



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99 ★⊞ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a-c", 45 Degree Overprint (1a-3a; Michel 1I). Complete pane of 50 from the bottom half of the sheet, original gum, top row with hinge reinforcements (also in selvage), remaining 40 stamps Mint N.H., comprising the entire setting of subtypes, some splitting and slight scalloping

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE COMPLETE PANE OF 50 OF THE 45 DEGREE OVERPRINT OF THE FIRST 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE OF KIAUCHAU. POSSIBLY THE ONLY COMPLETE PANE IN PRIVATE HANDS.

With photocopy of 1982 Bothe certificate. Michel €22,000 simply as singles (with no premium for subtypes)..... E. \$4,000-5,000

100

1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "ac", 45 and 56 Degree Overprint (1-3, 1a-3a; Michel 1I, 1II, 1IIb). Three complete subtype reconstructions, one for the 45 degree, one for the 56 degree, and one for the 56 degree with violet crayon, mostly used with many tied to small piece, wonderfully fresh

VERY FINE AND REMARKABLE TRIO OF SUBTYPE RECONSTRUCTIONS OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE FOR THE 45 DEGREE OVERPRINT AND 56 DEGREE OVERPRINT, WITH BLUE AND VIOLET CRAYON. A VERY CHALLENGING ASSEMBLAGE.



100EX

The Kiauchau 1900 5-Pfennigs Surcharge with Short Blue Crayon A rare combination of the blue crayon inserted by hand on the subtype 3c



101 ⊞ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "b", 45 Degree Overprint, Short Blue Crayon Under Surcharge (2a var; Michel 1Ie). Block of four with selvage at right, Positions 39-40/49-50, Michel Ty. 2-2/3-3c, each with short blue crayon strokes added by hand, cancelled by "Tsingtau, Kiautschou 10/5 00" circular datestamps, few sensible hinge slivers reinforcing a few split perfs

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL MULTIPLE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE WITH THE SHORT BLUE CRAYON LINES ADDED BY HAND. A MAJOR RARITY, PARTICULARLY AS A MULTIPLE WITH THE RARE MICHEL SUBTYPE 3C.

Stamps without the blue crayon were only sold on May 9, 1900. After the initial day of release, according to official records, all stamps sold were to have the blue crayon line added to clearly indicate the reduction in value of the stamp from 10pf to 5pf. Most sheets were given long and uniform blue or violet lines. We presume those that received these short blue strokes were done very early on and could have originated from previously broken up panes which made it hard for the long blue lines to be added. Regardless, only a very small number of examples exist — let alone a multiple such as the example offered here.



102 ★⊞ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a", "b" and "c", 45
Degree Overprint, Surcharge Shifted Downwards, Without
Blue Crayon (1a-3a vars; Michel 1IFI). Vertical block of ten
with "7,00" and "8,00" value inscriptions in top selvage and
interpanneau gutter selvage at bottom, slightly disturbed original gum as this was originally affixed to a page and gently
removed, Positions 7-8/17-18/27-28/37-38/47-48, Michel Ty. 11/6-1/2-2/2-2/3b-3, rich color

VERY FINE. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE SHIFTED DOWNWARDS AND WITHOUT BLUE CRAYON. PARTICULARLY RARE WITH THE MICHEL SUBTYPES 3B AND 6.

Stamps without the blue crayon were only sold on May 9, 1900. We estimate that no more than around 20 examples of each subtype 3b and 6 are possible with this type of shifted surcharge and without blue line.

With 1971 Pfenninger certificate. Michel €5,500 simply as singles with no premium for multiple or rare subtypes.
E. \$2,000-3,000

103 ★ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a/b", 45 Degree Overprint, Double Surcharge, Without Blue Crayon (1b/2b; Michel 11DDF). Original gum, h.r., top surcharge Michel Ty. 1, bottom surcharge Michel Ty. 2, well-centered, fresh color, Very Fine and scarce combination of surcharge types, with 1979 Bothe certificate, those without the blue crayon were only issued on May 9, 1900, catalogued as normal double without premium for different types, Michel €550, Scott \$450 E. \$200-300



103



104 ★⊞ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "b-c", 45 Degree Overprint (2b-3b; Michel 1IDDF). Block of four with selvage at right and interpanneau gutter at bottom, Michel Ty. 2-2/3-3c, typical light original gum, lightly hinged, surcharges at both top and bottom, plus an additional surcharge in gutter, fresh color

VERY FINE. AN IMPORTANT POSITIONAL PIECE OF THE 5-PFENNIGS DOUBLE SURCHARGE WITH INTERPANNEAU GUTTER AT BOTTOM AND MICHEL TY. 3C. LIKELY THE ONLY MULTIPLE OF ITS KIND STILL IN EXISTENCE.

The Michel Ty. 3c is quite rare, especially so with the double surcharge and with the interpanneau gutter still affixed at bottom. Signed Sellschopp and Lange. With 1963 Lange and 2011 Jaschke-Lantelme certificates. E. \$1,000-1,500

105 ★ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a" and "c", 45 Degree Overprint, Without Blue Crayon, Double Surcharge (1b/3b; Michel 1IDDF). Top left corner selvage vertical strip of five comprising the first column of the top pane with "1,00" value inscription in top selvage, interpanneau gutter at bottom, first four stamps Mint N.H., bottom stamp lightly hinged (hinged in selvage), Positions 1/11/21/31/41, Michel Ty. 1a/1/4/2/5a, left selvage was expertly rejoined along the perfs and some minor splitting between second and third stamps

FINE. A PARTICULARLY RARE STRIP COMPRISING THE ENTIRE FIRST COLUMN OF A PANE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE DOUBLED AND WITHOUT BLUE CRAYON. THE MICHEL SUBTYPES OF 1A, 4, AND 5 ONLY OCCUR ONCE IN A PANE.

Stamps without the blue crayon were only sold on May 9, 1900. Multiples of this size, especially those containing rare subtypes such Ty. 1a, 4, and 5 offered here are quite exceptional. We highly doubt there are many other similar strips such as this still available.

Signed Gentzsch. With 2021 Steuer certificate. E. \$1,500-2,000







- 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "b" and "c", 56 Degree Overprint (2-3; Michel III). Block of four with selvage at bottom, original gum, top stamps lightly hinged, bottom stamps Mint N.H., Positions 36-37/46-47, Michel Ty. 2-2/3-3b, fresh colors, Very Fine, a scarce block, particularly with the rare Michel subtype 3b which only occurs once in a pane, with 2013 Steuer certificate E. \$400-500



108 ★ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a", "b", and "c", 56 Degree Overprint (1-3; Michel 1II). Vertical strip of five with selvage at bottom, original gum, one stamp with small h.r., others lightly hinged, Michel Ty. 1/1/2/2/3, Very Fine and quite scarce in a strip format with each of the basic three types, with 2014 Steuer certificate...... E. \$200-300

1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a" 109 ★ and "c", 56 Degree Overprint, Violet Crayon (1, 3 vars; Michel 1IIb). Vertical strip of five comprising the left column of the bottom pane with interpanneau gutter at top and selvage at left and bottom, original gum, top hinged, stamp lightly other stamps Mint N.H. (hinged in selvage), Positions 51/61/71/81/91, Michel Ty. 1a/1/4/2/5a, previously folded along perfs between third and fourth stamp VERY FINE. A RARE VERTICAL STRIP OF FIVE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE WITH THE VIOLET CRAYON — PARTICULARLY RARE WITH MICHEL SUBTYPES 1A AND 5A.

> With 2011 Steuer certificate...... E. \$1,000-1,500



109



110 ★ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a-c", 56
Degree Overprint, Without Blue Crayon (1-3
vars; Michel 1IIFII). Twelve items comprising a
complete subtype reconstruction, mostly Mint
N.H. except Michel Ty. 2, 3a, and 3c hinged, Ty.
1b and 5 contained in vertical interpanneau
gutter pairs, few others with selvage at side
(assisting to confirm type), exceptionally fresh

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL SUBTYPE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE WITHOUT THE BLUE CRAYON. LIKELY LESS THAN 20 EXAMPLES EXIST OF SOME SUBTYPES, MAKING THIS RECONSTRUCTION REMARKABLY CHALLENGING TO REPLICATE.

Stamps without the blue crayon were only sold on May 9, 1900. As Michel subtypes 1a, 1b, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4, 5, 5a, and 6 only occurred once in a pane, only about 20 are thought to exist of each.

Subtypes 1, 3, 3b, 3c, 4, 5, 5a, and 6 accompanied by 1990s Steuer certificates. Subtype 3a with 2008 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate. Michel €6,750 as basic stamp (with no premium for subtype)....

E. \$2,000-3,000

111 ★⊞ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a" and "c", 56
Degree Overprint, Without Blue Crayon (1, 3 vars;
Michel 1IIFII). Block of twelve with "2,00", "3,00",
and "4,00" value imprint selvage at top, original
gum, five examples lightly hinged, other seven Mint
N.H., top two rows Michel Ty. 1, bottom two rows
Michel Ty. 2

VERY FINE. A RARE AND IMPRESSIVE ORIGINAL-GUM BLOCK OF TWELVE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE WITHOUT THE BLUE CRAYON.

Stamps without the blue crayon were only sold on May 9, 1900. Multiples of this size are rarely encountered. Signed Bothe. With 1983 Bothe certificate. Michel €6,050 as singles...... E. \$1,500-2,000







112 ★⊞ 1900, 5pfg on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "a", "b", and "c", 56 Degree Overprint, Without Blue Crayon (1-3 vars; Michel 1IIFII). Vertical block of twelve with interpanneau gutter selvage between bottom block of four, "9,00" and "10,00" value inscription in top selvage and selvage at right, original gum, bottom block of four with sensible hinge reinforcements, top block of eight Mint N.H., Positions 9-10/19-20/29-30/39-40/49-50/59-60, Michel Ty. 1-1/1-1/2-2/2-2/3-3c/1-1, some splitting along perfs in bottom block of four

VERY FINE AND IMPRESSIVE MULTIPLE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE WITHOUT THE BLUE CRAYON — ESPECIALLY SO WITH THE RARE MICHEL SUBTYPE 3C AND TWO INTERPANNEAU GUTTER PAIRS.

Stamps without the blue crayon were only sold on May 9, 1900. It is highly doubtful more than 20 examples of the rare Michel subtype 3c were produced without the blue crayon. It is even less likely those that remain are interpanneau gutter pairs.

Signed Bloch. With 1972 Bothe and 1972 Mansfeld certificates. Michel €6,400 without any premium for multiple, interpanneau gutter pairs, or rare subtypes...... E. \$1,500-2,000





- 115 ★ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d" (4; Michel 2). Michel Ty. 1b with distinctive damage to "f", original gum, minor h.r., bold color on fresh paper, Very Fine, a rare Michel subtype which only occurred 40 times, signed Thier and Brettl, with 1975 Bothe certificate, catalogued as normal surcharge, Scott \$3,250, Michel €4,000...... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 116 ★ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d" (4; Michel 2). Michel Ty. 1, large part original gum, h.r., mild diagonal crease, Very Fine appearance, signed Friedemann (blue "F" and "echt" handstamps) and Bothe BPP, with 2007 Steuer certificate, Scott \$3,250, Michel €4,000....... E. \$500-750



117

117 ★★⊞ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "e/d" (4-5; Michel 2). Mint N.H. block of four with sheet selvage at left, Positions 11-12/21-22, top stamps Michel Ty. 2, bottom stamps Michel Ty. 1, incredibly fresh color, well-centered

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. AN EXCEPTIONAL MINT NEVER-HINGED SE-TENANT BLOCK WITH BOTH MICHEL TYPES 1 AND 2. MULTIPLES OF ANY SIZE, PARTICULARLY WITH DIFFERING TYPES AND IN THIS SUPERB CONDITION, ARE VERY RARE.

Signed Kosack and Bothe. With 1971 Bothe certificate. Catalogued simply as singles. Scott \$20,000. Michel €24,000. E. \$5,000-7,500



118

118 **1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f" (6; Michel 2).** Position 96, surcharge with "5" Michel Ty. 3 and "Pf" Michel Ty. 2 **combination of types,** now regarded as Michel "Ty. 11", partial strike of Taputur Jul. 1900 circular datestamp, well-centered, bold color

VERY FINE AND EXCEPTIONALLY RARE SUBTYPE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE — THE MICHEL "TYPE 11". ONLY USED IN ONE POSITION ON THE LAST SURCHARGE PLATES.

This only occurred on the last phase of the surcharge plates on Position 96. It is also known with the additional large format "5 Pf" surcharge. We doubt many examples exist. With 1982 Bothe certificate. Catalogued as basic surcharge type. Scott \$4,000. Michel €5,000.......

E. \$1,500-2,000







1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d" (4; Michel 2). Michel Ty. 1a, neatly tied by "Taputur, Kiautschou 23/7 00" circular datestamp on small piece, fresh color, Very Fine and choice example of this scarce surcharge, this Michel subtype 1a only produced 80 examples, Jul. 23, 1900 was also the first day of opening of the Taputur post office, signed Friedemann and Kosack, with 1994 Steuer certificate, Scott \$4,000, Michel €5,000 E. \$1,000-1,500

1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d" (4; Michel 2). Michel Ty. 1, bold color, Tsingtau Jul. 8, 1900 circular datestamp, Very Fine and scarce, signed Grobe, Richter, and Bothe BPP, with 2024 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate, Scott \$4,000, Michel €5,000...... E. \$1,000-1,500

1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d" (4; Michel 2). Michel Ty. 1, with "Tsingtau, Kiautschou 23/7 00" circular datestamp, rich color, couple perf thins at top, otherwise Very Fine, with 1931 Friedemann and 2002 Steuer certificates, Scott \$4,000, Michel €5,000.... E. \$750-1,000



122

1920, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f" (6 var; Michel 2 var). Michel Ty. 3a with oblong dot, clear strike of "Tsingtau, Kiautschou 23/7 00" circular datestamp, fresh color

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 1900 MICHEL TYPE 3A 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE, WHICH WAS INTENDED FOR THE ADDITIONAL "5" OR "5 PF" SURCHARGES (SCOTT 7-9; MICHEL 3-4). ONLY TWO OR THREE EXAMPLES ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST — MAKING THIS A MAJOR KIAUCHAU RARITY.

The Type 3a only occurred once in a pane (twice in a sheet). Almost all recorded examples are known with the additional "5" or "5 Pf" surcharges (Scott 7-9; Michel 3-4). When factoring how many examples are possible and exist (2 or 3 examples), this is one of the rarest Kiauchau surcharge subtypes possible.

With 1984 Bothe certificate...... E. \$4,000-5,000



123

123 **1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f", Double Surcharge (6a; Michel 2DD).** Michel Ty. 3a, clear and strong doubling of surcharge, neat "Tsingtau, Kiautschou 27/7 00" circular datestamp

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1900 5-PFENNIGS ON 10-PFENNINGS WITH DOUBLE SURCHARGE. ONLY A HANDFUL OF EXAMPLES ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST.

Signed Friedemann and Bothe. With 1994 Buhler certificate. Scott \$18,000. Michel €22,000. E. \$4,000-5,000

The Kiauchau 1900 "5fP" Error of Surcharge One of the most important and visually striking error varieties of Kiauchau



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124 ★ 1900, "5fP" Error on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f" (6b; Michel 2II). Position 93, Michel Ty. 10, original gum, lightly hinged, surcharge ideally placed below diagonal "China" overprint and above blue crayon line allowing for clear view of error, wonderfully fresh color

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THIS MAJOR AND VISUALLY STRIKING "5 FP" ERROR INSTEAD OF "5 PF". THIS ERROR ONLY OCCURRED AFTER THE FIRST SURCHARGE PLATE CHANGE. ONE OF THE KEY UNUSED ERROR RARITIES OF KIAUCHAU.

The Kiauchau 1900 5-Pfennigs Se-tenant Pair with the Large Surcharge "5" Only 100 were additionally surcharged with very few pairs in existence



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125 ★ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "e" and "d", One with Additional Large "5" Surcharge (5/7; Michel 2+3 SZd). Bottom right corner selvage vertical se-tenant pair, slightly flat original gum, lightly hinged, bottom stamp with the additional large format "5", underlying surcharges Michel Ty. 1/3, excellent color on bright paper

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE ORIGINAL-GUM SE-TENANT PAIR WITH THE BOTTOM STAMP RECEIVING THE ADDITIONAL LARGE FORMAT "5" SURCHARGE—SCOTT 7, MICHEL 3. CONSIDERING ONLY 100 EXAMPLES WERE SURCHARGED A SECOND TIME, SE-TENANT PAIRS ARE NOT ONLY HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER, BUT EXCEPTIONALLY RARE. WE DOUBT MORE THAN A FEW PAIRS ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE.

It is thought that only 100 examples were surcharged with the additional "5" along the last row of each pane. As the underlying surcharge in these rows was quite small, this was intended to assist in clearly identifying the surcharge. As would be expected, most examples were separated and either used or kept as singles — not to mention the examples which have been lost to philately due to natural attrition.

Signed Grobe and Richter. With 1932 Richter and 2024 Jaschke-Lantelme certificates. Unpriced as se-tenant pair in Scott. Michel €110,000...... E. \$15,000-20,000

The Kiauchau 1900 5-Pfennigs Se-tenant pair with the Large Surcharge "5 Pf"
A pristine mint never-hinged example in exceptional condition



126

126 ★★ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d" and "f", One with Additional Large "5 Pf" Surcharge (4/9; Michel 2+4 SZd). Mint N.H. vertical se-tenant pair, bottom stamp with the additional large format "5 Pf", underlying surcharges Michel Ty. 5/3, well-centered, fresh color on bright paper

EXTREMELY FINE MINT NEVER-HINGED SE-TENANT PAIR WITH THE BOTTOM STAMP RECEIVING THE ADDITIONAL LARGE FORMAT "5 PF" SURCHARGE — SCOTT NO. 9, MICHEL NO. 4. ONLY 200 EXAMPLES WERE ADDITIONALLY SURCHARGED A SECOND TIME, LEAVING SETENANT PAIRS NOT ONLY HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER BUT EXCEPTIONALLY RARE. THOSE STILL IN PRISTINE NEVER-HINGED CONDITION ARE ALMOST UNHEARD OF.

The Michel subtype 5 of the top stamp should not be overlooked. This type only occurs once in a pane of 50. A se-tenant pair with the additional surcharge large format "5 Pf" is remarkable. Very few are even possible and it is unlikely more than a couple, if any others, still exist in this format.

The Kiauchau 1900 5-Pfennigs Se-tenant Pair with the Large Surcharge "5 Pf"

An extraordinary multiple with the rare subtype 3b and 3c



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127 ★⊞ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d" and "f", One with Additional Large "5 Pf" Surcharge (4/9; Michel 2+4 SZd). Block of four containing two vertical se-tenant pairs with sheet selvage at bottom, Positions 88-89/98-99, original gum, top stamps very lightly hinged, bottom stamps Mint N.H., bottom stamps with the additional large format "5 Pf", underlying surcharges Michel Ty. 1-1a/3c-3b, deep rich color

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A SPECTACULAR ORIGINAL-GUM BLOCK OF FOUR WITH TWO SE-TENANT PAIRS WITH THE BOTTOM STAMPS RECEIVING THE ADDITIONAL LARGE FORMAT "5 PF" SURCHARGE — SCOTT NO. 9, MICHEL NO. 4. ONLY 200 EXAMPLES WERE ADDITIONALLY SURCHARGED A SECOND TIME. THE USE OF THE MICHEL SUBTYPES 3B AND 3C ARE EXCEPTIONAL AS ONLY SIX AND THREE EXAMPLES RESPECTIVELY ARE POSSIBLE.

Only about 200 examples were surcharged with the large format "5 Pf" surcharge along the last row of each pane. As the underlying surcharge in these rows was quite small, this was intended to assist in clearly identifying the surcharge. The underlying (original surcharge) types along the bottom are exceptionally rare. The Michel subtype 3b **only occurred six times** and the subtype 3c **only occurred three times.** This was done after the second surcharge plate change. To find examples with the rare additional large format "5 Pf", in a multiple, **and** still in a se-tenant format is truly sensational.

Signed Friedemann and Richter. With 2006 Steuer certificate. Unpriced as se-tenant pair in Scott. Michel €80,000 simply as two pairs with no premium as multiple and rare subtypes....

E. \$20,000-30,000

128 * 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "d-f", One with Additional Large "5 Pf" Surcharge (4-6/9; Michel 2+4 SZd). Vertical rejoined strip of five comprising an entire column of the bottom pane with interpanneau gutter at top and selvage at bottom, bottom two stamps as rejoined se-tenant pair (by hinge), original gum, mostly lightly hinged except for hinge between the bottom pair, bottom stamp with the additional large format "5 Pf", underlying surcharges Michel Ty. 2a/2/1/1/3, excellent color, fourth stamp with inconsequential short corner perf

> VERY FINE. A RARE ORIGINAL-GUM REJOINED SE-TENANT STRIP OF FIVE WITH THE BOTTOM STAMP RECEIVING THE ADDITIONAL LARGE FORMAT "5 PF" SURCHARGE—SCOTT 9, MICHEL 4. CONSID-ERING ONLY 200 EXAMPLES WERE SURCHARGED A SECOND TIME, SE-TENANT PAIRS ARE NOT ONLY HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER, BUT EXCEPTIONALLY RARE.

> The large format "5 Pf" surcharge was applied to the bottom row of each pane. As the underlying surcharge in these rows was quite small, this was intended to improve the visibility of the surcharge. Only around 200 of these additional surcharges were applied.

> With 1961 Pfenninger and 2024 Jaschke-Lantelme certificates. Unpriced as se-tenant pair in Scott. Michel €52,000 pair as singles (€26,000 as singles)..... E. \$4,000-5,000





128

129 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f", With Additional "5" Surcharge (8; Michel 3). Michel Ty. 3, deep rich shade, clear strike of "Tsingtau, Kiautschou 21/7 00" circular datestamp, truly imperceptible corner perf crease at bottom right

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARING USED EXAMPLE OF THE ENORMOUSLY RARE 1900 5-PFENNIGS SURCHARGE WITH THE ADDITIONAL "5" SURCHARGE. ONLY 100 EXAMPLES WERE PRINTED WITH THIS ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE.

Just 100 examples were printed combined of both Scott Nos. 7 and 8. We estimate a fraction of that original number still exist today. This additional surcharge was done along the bottom row of certain panes as the underlying surcharge was often too hard to read.

With 1956 Willmann, 1968 Bothe, and 2024 Jaschke-Lantelme certificates. Catalogued as basic surcharge types. Scott \$50,000. Michel €60,000. E. \$7,500-10,000

The Kiauchau 1900 5-Pfennigs with Large "5 Pf" Surcharge Doubled This is the only recorded example of this exceptional rarity



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130 ★ 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f", Additional Large "5 Pf" Surcharge Doubled (9a; Michel 4DD2). Position 91 with selvage at bottom, underlying surcharge Michel Ty. 9, original gum, lightly hinged, showing clear and pronounced doubling of large format surcharge shifted downwards, wonderfully fresh color, insignificant thin spots in the selvage only

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THIS EXCEPTIONAL AND IMPORTANT KIAUCHAU RARITY. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE DOUBLE LARGE FORMAT "5 PF" SURCHARGE AS NOTED BY THE ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATE. ONE OF THE PINNACLE ITEMS INTENDED FOR THE MOST SERIOUS COLLECTORS OR EXHIBITORS OF THIS GERMAN COLONY.

The large format "5 Pf" surcharge was done along the last row of each pane. As the underlying surcharge in these rows was quite small, this was intended to assist in clearly identifying the surcharge. Only around 200 of these additional surcharges were applied.

The Kiauchau 1900 5-Pfennigs with Double Surcharge and Large "5 Pf" One of the few examples extant



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131 1900, 5pf on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f", Double Surcharge, Additional Large "5 Pf" Surcharge (9b; Michel 4I). Clear and strong doubling of underlying surcharge, both Michel Ty. 3a, strong large format "5 Pf" surcharge, bold "Tsingtau, Kiautschou 26/7 00" circular datestamp, intensely rich color

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 5-PFENNIGS WITH THE DOUBLING OF THE UNDERLYING SURCHARGE ALONG WITH THE LARGE FORMAT "5 PF" SURCHARGE. ONE OF THE KEY ERROR RARITIES OF KIAUCHAU WITH VERY FEW EXAMPLES THOUGHT TO EXIST — PARTICULARLY SO IN USED CONDITION.

The large format "5 Pf" surcharge was done along the last row of each pane. As the underlying surcharge in these rows was quite small, this was intended to assist in clearly identifying the surcharge. Only around 200 of these additional surcharges were applied. It is important to mention that this is a major rarity even without this additional surcharge handstamp. The rarity is only compounded with the combination of surcharges.

Signed Kosack and Thier. With 1929 Friedemann and 2006 Steuer certificates. Listed but unpriced in both Scott and Michel....... E. \$7,500-10,000

The Kiauchau 1900 "5 fP" Error Surcharge with Additional Large "5 Pf" One of the key error rarities of this German area



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1900, "5 fP" Error on 10pf Carmine, Ty. "f", With Additional Large "5 Pf" Surcharge (9c; Michel 4II). Position 93, underlying surcharge Michel Ty. 10, large format surcharge placed over "5fP" error but shifted just enough to clear show error lettering, well-centered, bold color, tied by "Tsingtau, Kiautschou 31/8 00" circular datestamp on small piece

VERY FINE USED EXAMPLE OF THE RARE 1900 5-PFENNIGS "5 FP" INSTEAD OF "5 PF" ERROR SURCHARGE WITH ADDITIONAL LARGE FORMAT "5 PF" SURCHARGE. WE ESTIMATE NO MORE THAN FOUR EXAMPLES EXIST — MAKING THIS A VERY IMPORTANT KIAUCHAU ERROR RARITY.

Only about 200 examples were surcharged with the large format "5 Pf" surcharge along the last row of each pane. As the underlying surcharge in these rows was quite small, this was intended to assist in clearly identifying the surcharge. This rare "5 ff" error only occurred ten times leaving few with the additional large "5 Pf" surcharge even possible. We doubt more than four examples exist.

Signed W. Brandes and Richter. With 1950 Fulpius, 1990 Steuer, and 2016 Jaschke-Lantelme certificates. Listed but unpriced in both Scott and Michel. E. \$7,500-10,000



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AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 133-249) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AT 1:30 P.M.

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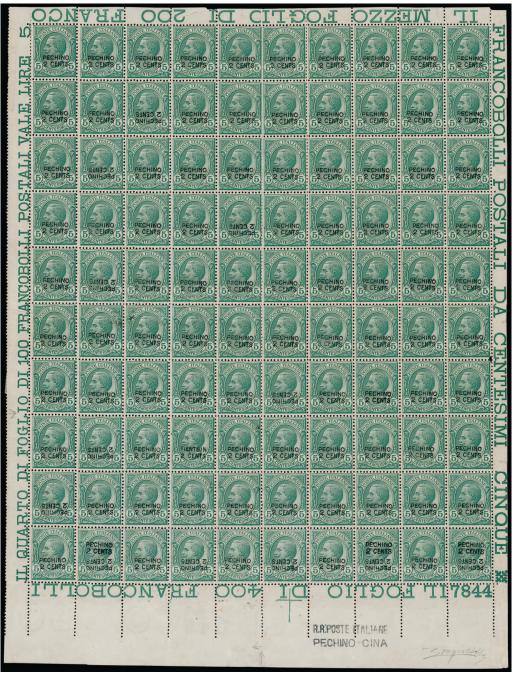
- 133 ★★⊞ 1917, 2c on 5c Green (1; Sassone 1). Mint N.H. top right corner sheet selvage with "7844" and part inscription "FRANCOBO(LLO)" block of four, Peking Oct. 7, 1917 circular datestamp in top
- selvage, rich color, Fine-Very Fine, a rare multiple in Mint N.H. condition, signed Raybaudi, catalogued as singles, Scott \$3,500, Sassone €7,200...... E. \$750-1,000
- 134 ★★ 1917, 4c on 5c Green, Inverted Surcharge (1a; Sassone 1b). Mint N.H. horizontal se-tenant pair with "POSTAL" partial inscription in bottom selvage, left stamp the error, fresh color, Fine and scarce, signed Bolaffi, catalogued as singles, Scott \$1,675, Sassone €3,500 E. \$300-400
- 136 ★ 1917, 4c on 5c Green, Double Surcharge, "TIENTSIN" Inverted (1 var; Sassone 1e). Original gum, lightly hinged, exceptionally well-centered, fresh color

VERY FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE AND RARE DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR WITH "PECHINO" AND INVERTED "TIENTSIN" ON THE 5-CENTISIMI VALUE, PARTICULARLY RARE IN THIS CHOICE CONDITION.

Signed Oliva. With 2016 Bottacchi certificate. Unlisted in Scott. Sassone €18,000. E. \$1,500-2,000



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137 ★★⊞ 1917, 4c on 5c Green (1-1e; Sassone 1-1h). Mint N.H. complete pane of 100 with full imprint selvage on each side (few hinge marks in selvage only), containing fourteen listed error varieties including nine horizontal se-tenant pairs, one inverted surcharge (1a; Sassone 1h), three double surcharge, one inverted (1b; Sassone 1c), 4c on 5c error of value (1c; Sassone 1A), and horizontal se-tenant pair, one with "TIENTSIN" overprint (1e; Sassone 1d), wonderfully fresh color, horizontal gum bend thru sixth row, minor scalloping along some vertical perfs

VERY FINE AND IMPRESSIVE SHOWPIECE ITEM — A COMPLETE PANE OF 100 OF THE 1917 4-CENTS ON 5-CENTESIMI FIRST PEKING SURCHARGE. THIS EXCEPTIONAL SURVIVING PANE IS LIKELY THE ONLY ONE THAT REMAINS INTACT AND IS ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE WITH FOUR OF THE LISTED ERROR VARIEITES. A WORLD-CLASS EXHIBITION ITEM.

Signed several times by Champion and Oliva. With 2007 Colla certificate. Catalogued as singles (with Mint N.H. premium where catalogued). Scott \$112,250. Sassone €240,600.......

E. \$20,000-30,000







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- 138 ★★ 1917, 6c on 15c Slate (5; Sassone 3). Mint N.H., intensely rich color and bold impression, Fine, signed Avi and with his 2025 certificate, Scott \$3,250, Sassone €7,000.... E. \$750-1,000
- 139 ★★ 1917, 6c on 15c Slate, Inverted Surcharge (5 var; Sassone 3b). Mint N.H., unusually well-centered, bold color, Very Fine and rare inverted surcharge error, signed Raybaudi and others, with 1999 Raybaudi certificate, unlisted in Scott, Sassone €6,000 E. \$750-1,000
- 140 ★ 1917, 6c on 15c Slate, Inverted Surcharge (5 var; Sassone 3b). Horizontal se-tenant pair, left stamp the error, original gum, small h.r., bold color, Fine and scarce pair, with 1963 Fiecchi and 1987 E. Diena certificates, unlisted in Scott, Sassone €6,500 as singles E. \$750-1,000



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141 ★ 1917, 6c on 15 Slate, Se-Tenant Overprint of Both Offices (5d; Sassone 3d). Horizontal pair with part imprint selvage at left, original gum, barely hinged (if at all), left stamp "TIENTSIN" and right stamp "PECHINO", fresh color, left stamp with minute gum flake causing pinpoint thin

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE 1917 6-CENTS ON 15-CENTESIMI WITH BOTH THE TIENTSIN AND PEKING OVERPRINTS. AN EXCEPTIONAL RARITY WITH FANTASTIC EYE-APPEAL. WE DOUBT MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF EXAMPLES EXIST.

Signed Bottacchi and others. With 2016 Bottacchi certificate. Scott \$17,500. Sassone \in 35,000. E. \$3,000-4,000



142 1917, 6c on 15c Slate, Vertical Surcharge (5 var; Sassone 3f). Exceptional centering with wide margins, fresh color on bright paper, lightly cancelled, Extremely Fine, a choice example of this rare variety, very few examples are thought to exist, all are known used, ex Gilbert, with 1983 Raybaudi certificate, unlisted in Scott, Sassone €11,000 E. \$1,000-1,500

143 ★ 1917, 8c on 20c on 15c Slate (7; Sassone 4). Slightly brownish original gum as usual, lightly hinged, uncommonly well-centered with wide margins, bold color, Very Fine and scarce unused stamp, with 1995 E. Diena certificate, Scott \$6,000, Sassone €15,000... E. \$1,000-1,500



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1917, 8c on 20c on 15c Slate (7; Sassone 4). Precise centering with wide margins, deep rich color and bold impression, neatly cancelled, Extremely Fine, a superb used example of this scarce stamp, with 2007 Sorani certificate, Scott \$4,500, Sassone €8,000...... E. \$1,000-1,500



144

145 ★ 1917, 8c on 20c on 15c Slate, Inverted Surcharge (7a; Sassone 4b). Original gum, very lightly hinged, intensely rich shade on bright paper, Very Fine, a rare and visual error, with 1991 E. Diena certificate, Scott \$5,500, Sassone \in 13,000 E. \$1,000-1,500



146 ★ 1917, 8c on 20c Brown Orange (8; Sassone 5). Original gum, lightly hinged, well-centered, bold color in a bright shade

VERY FINE. A RARE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 8-CENTS ON 20-CENTISIMI BROWN ORANGE.



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147 ★ 1917, 8c on 20c Brown Orange, Inverted Surcharge (8a; Sassone 5b). Original gum, h.r., well-centered, bold color, minute corner perf tip crease

VERY FINE APPEARING ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 8-CENTS ON 20-CENTISIMI BROWN ORANGE WITH INVERTED SURCHARGE.

Ex King Carol of Romania. Signed Sorani. With 1980 E. Diena certificate. Scott \$12,000. Sassone \leqslant 22,000. E. \$1,500-2,000

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1917, 8c on 20c Brown
Orange, Inverted Surcharge
(8a; Sassone 5b). Bold color,
well-centered, tied by Peking
Nov. 22, 1917 double-circle

error, signed E. Diena, with 2000 Chiavarello certificate, Scott \$4,200, Sassone €8,000 E. \$1,000-1,500

datestamp, Very Fine, an attractive use of this scarce



The Peking 1917 20-Cents on 50-Centesimi Surcharge A remarkable mint never-hinged example



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149 ★★ 1917, 20c on 50c Violet (9; Sassone 6). Mint N.H., intensely rich color

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 20-CENTS ON 50-CENTESIMI PEKING SURCHARGE. A REMARKABLE CONDITION RARITY — WE DOUBT MANY OTHER MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLES EXIST.

According to Power Search, we have never offered another example of this stamp in any condition — used or unused — in over 25 years. An item destined for a world-class unused collection or major Italian Post Offices Abroad collection.



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150 ★ 1917, 20c on 50c Violet, Inverted Surcharge (9a; Sassone 6b). Original gum, lightly hinged, deep rich color on bright paper

FINE. A FRESH ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 20-CENTS ON 50-CENTESIMI PEKING ISSUE WITH INVERTED SURCHARGE. A MAJOR ERROR RARITY — PARTICULARLY IN THIS CHOICE QUALITY.

With 1985 E. Diena certificate. Scott \$40,000. Sassone €100,000..... E. \$7,500-10,000



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151 **1917, 20c on 50c Violet, Inverted Surcharge (9a; Sassone 6b).** Fresh pastel shade, light double-circle datestamp

FINE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 20-CENTS ON 50-CENTESIMI WITH THE INVERTED PEKING SURCHARGE. A MAJOR USED ERROR RARITY — VERY FEW EXAMPLES ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST.

Ex Marquis de Bute. Signed Oliva. With 1959 A. Diena and 2016 Bottacchi certificates. Scott \$27,000. Sassone $\[immgarray]$ E. \$5,000-7,500





The Peking 1917 40-Cents on One-Lire Surcharge

A phenomenal original-gum example of which only two are recorded

152 ★ 1917, 40c on 11 Brown & Green (11; Sassone 7). Original gum, very lightly hinged, exceptionally rich colors on bright paper

FINE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE ITALIAN OFFICES IN PEKING 1917 40-CENTS ON ONE-LIRE BROWN & GREEN. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT UNUSED RARITIES — NOT ONLY OF THE ITALIAN POST OFFICES — BUT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. THIS RANKS AS ONE OF THE KEY PHILATELIC RARITIES OF THE 20TH CENTURY, WITH ONLY TWO ORIGINAL GUM EXAMPLES BELIEVED TO EXIST.

There are very few instances with listed stamps (omitting varieties, errors, or multiples) where there are only a few examples known. In this case, there are currently only two original gum examples recorded (the other example recorded is Mint N.H.). This is certainly almost unheard of for a 20th century stamp, and it means only two individuals are able to completely finish a straightforward unused collection of the Italian Offices in China. The catalogue value of this stamp also ranks as one of the highest we are aware of for any 20th century stamp.

With 1994 E. Diena certificate. Scott \$350,000. Sassone €600,000. E. \$75,000-100,000

One of the finest used examples of this rarity in existence

1917, 40c on 11 Brown & Green (11; Sassone 7). With small piece of selvage at top, tied by crisp and mostly complete strike of Peking Nov. 22, 1917 double-circle datestamp on small piece, unusually well-centered, fresh colors

VERY FINE. A CHOICE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 40-CENTS ON ONE-LIRE PEKING SURCHARGE ON SMALL PIECE. EASILY RANKING AS ONE OF THE FINEST USED EXAMPLES OF THE SMALL HANDFUL KNOWN.

With 1954 A. Diena certificate. Scott \$60,000. Sassone $\in 120,000...$ E. \$7,500-10,000

The Peking 1917 40-Cents on One-Lire Surcharge An affordable example of this important rarity



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1917, 40c on 11 Brown & Green (11; Sassone 7). Bold Peking Nov. 22, 1917 double-circle datestamp, minute corner perf crease and green color affected by water (previous auction description also notes small closed tears which we cannot detect)

FINE APPEARANCE. AN AFFORDABLE USED EXAMPLE OF THE RARE 1917 40-CENTS ON ONE-LIRE BROWN & GREEN, FROM THE FIRST PEKING SURCHARGE ISSUE.

Ex Marquis de Bute. Signed Champion and Sorani. With 2025 Avi certificate. Scott \$60,000. Sassone $$\in$120,000$. E. \$4,000-5,000

The Peking 1917 40-Cents on One-Lire Surcharge Inverted One of the finest used examples of this important error rarity



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155 **1917, 40c on 11 Brown & Green, Inverted Surcharge (11a; Sassone 7b).** Tied by perfectly struck Peking Nov. 22, 1917 double-circle datestamp on small piece, bold colors, relatively well-centered

VERY FINE. A SUPERB USED EXAMPLE ON PIECE OF THE 1917 40-CENTS ON ONE-LIRE BROWN & GREEN WITH INVERTED SURCHARGE. A SPECTACULAR ERROR WHICH EASILY RANKS AS ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE VERY SMALL NUMBER THOUGHT TO EXIST.



The Peking 1917 40-Cents on One-Lire Surcharge with "PECHINO" Omitted This is the only recorded example in any condition – a key addition to any collection

156 ★ 1917, 40c on 11 Brown & Green, "PECHINO" Omitted (11 var; Sassone 7i). Original gum, small h.r., uncommonly well-centered for this issue, bold colors

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 40-CENTS ON ONE-LIRE PEKING SURCHARGE WITH THE "PECHINO" OMITTED. THIS REMARKABLE ERROR IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE IN ANY CONDITION. A HIGHLIGHT OF ANY WORLD-CLASS COLLECTION OF THE ITALIAN OFFICES AND A KEY 20TH CENTURY ERROR OF THE WORLD.

The production of the 1917 Peking surcharges was done by handstamp and contained two-lines — "PECHINO" and the value below, in this case "40 CENTS". We can only theorize that the handstamp plug was mistakenly not inserted into the device and remained unnoticed before issuance. What sets this error apart from others from this 1917 Surcharged issue is that this stamp is a tremendous rarity in and of itself in unused condition. Only two unused examples (see Lot 152) are recorded and are given a catalogue value of \$350,000 in Scott as unused (\leqslant 600,000 in Sassone). While this error is unpriced in Sassone, we could only fantasize what this would catalogue given its currently unique status.

Signed Sorani. With 2012 Colla and 2013 Avi certificates. Unlisted in Scott. Listed but unpriced in Sassone. E. \$50,000-75,000



157 **1917, 4c on 5c Green, Error of Value (1c; Sassone 1A).** Lightly struck violet circular datestamp, wonderfully well-centered, strong color

VERY FINE USED EXAMPLE OF THE PEKING 4-CENTS SURCHARGE ERROR OF VALUE ON THE 5-CENTISIMI GREEN. THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE THE ONLY CERTIFIED USED EXAMPLE OF THIS ERROR RECORDED. AN EXCEPTIONAL ITALIAN OFFICES ABROAD RARITY.

Errors of value are known on three stamps from this 1917 issue. This includes the 4c and 8c on 5c (2c normal surcharge), 8c on 15c (6c normal surcharge), and 40c on 50c (20c normal surcharge). Any example is exceptionally rare, with used examples recorded on the two higher values as well. According to the Fiecchi certificate which accompanies, this is the only recorded used example.

With 1963 Fiecchi and 1987 E. Diena certificates. Listed in both Scott and Sassone but unpriced as used, \$9,500 (€20,000) as unused...... E. \$4,000-5,000

158 1917, 6c on 15c Slate, Overprinted on 1909 Issue (5 var; Sassone 3B). Lightly struck Peking double-circle datestamps, bold color

FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 6-CENTS ON 15-CENTISIMI PEKING SURCHARGE ON THE 1909 TYPOGRAPHY PRINTING. ONLY TWO EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED — MAKING THIS ONE OF THE KEY RARITIES OF THE ITALIAN OFFICES IN CHINA.

The 1917 Peking surcharges were applied by hand. The vast majority of the 15c values used for surcharging were from the 1911 Re-engraved plates. Evidently, supplies of the 1909 Typography issue were also surcharged for use. To date, only two examples — both used — have been recorded (mentioned as such in Sassone). An item of exceptional importance which is missing from nearly every collection of Italian Offices in China.



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159 ★★ 1917, 40c on 50c Violet, Error of Value (9b; Sassone 6A). Mint N.H., wonderfully rich color on bright paper

FINE. A CHOICE AND REMARKABLE MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 1917 40-CENTS ERROR OF VALUE SURCHARGE ON THE 50-CENTESIMI. AN IMPORTANT ITALIAN OFFICES IN PEKING RARITY, ESPECIALLY IN THIS CONDITION.

It is highly doubtful many Mint N.H. examples still exist. Signed Sorani. With 1994 Sorani certificate. Scott \$36,000. Sassone €75,000....... E. \$5,000-7,500

The Peking and Tientsin 1917 Surcharge Proofs The unique set of five values on the earlier issued 1901 stamps











All 160

160 ★ 1917, 2c on 5c to 20c on 50c Surcharges, Surcharge Proofs (1-7, 9 vars; Sassone 1-3, 5-6 var). Complete set of five values, original gum, h.r. or lightly hinged, fresh colors, 2c and 6c with couple traces of toned perf tips at top

FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF THE FIVE 1917 HAND-SURCHARGED VALUES USED ON THE APPROPRIATELY DENOMINATED BUT EARLIER ISSUED 1901 STAMPS WITHOUT THE "PECHINO" OR "TIENTSIN" IN THE SURCHARGE. THIS SET CONTAINS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF EACH VALUE.

It is thought that these were proof surcharges prepared as a test prior to the official issuance of the stamps. It was ultimately decided — possibly due to lack of sufficient stocks — to use the more current Emanuele III stamps. The stamps offered here are printed on the 1901 Emanuele III issue. The same denominations were used but differ in the actual stamp issue. The "PECHINO" or "TIENTSIN" handstamp slug would have been added above the value to determine the appropriate office. To date, these are the only examples of each value known to exist.

Each with 2010 Sorani certificate (clear certificates). Listed in the 2024 Sassone (p. 933) and priced at €20,000 for each example (€100,000 total)...... E. \$10,000-15,000





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161 ★ 1917, 5c Green, 10c Claret, Large Format "PECHINO" (1-3 vars; Sassone 1B-2B). Original gum, minor h.r., 5c particularly well-centered, fresh colors

FINE-VERY FINE. A RARE ORIGINAL-GUM PAIR OF THE 1917 LARGE FORMAT "PECHINO" TRIAL OVERPINTS.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue. The larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of €5,000 each for all others).

With 1984 E. Diena and 1984 Raybaudi set certificates. Sassone €26,000..... E. \$2,000-3,000





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1917, 5c Green, 10c Claret, Large Format "PECHINO" (1-3 vars; Sassone 1B-2B). Neatly cancelled, fresh colors

FINE AND RARE PAIR OF THE 5-CENTESIMI AND 10-CENTESIMI WITH THE LARGE FORMAT "PECHINO" TRIAL OVERPRINT.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue. The larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of €5,000 each for all others).

With 1984 Raybaudi and 1984 E. Diena set certificates. Sassone €26,000..... E. \$2,000-3,000



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163 **1917, 5c Green, 10c Claret, Large Format "PECHINO" (1-3 vars; Sassone 1B-2B).** 5c horizontal pair **with inverted overprint,** all tied by Peking Aug. 23, 1917 double-circle datestamps on piece, bright and fresh

FINE AND VERY RARE USE OF THE 1917 LARGE FORMAT "PECHINO" OVERPINT ON THE 5-CENTESIMI AND 10-CENTESIMI STAMPS TIED TO A SMALL PIECE.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue. The larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of €5,000 each for all others).

With 1996 E. Diena certificate. Sassone €39,000 as singles (not accounting for the inverted overprint)...... E. \$3,000-4,000





1917, 5c Green, Large Format "PECHINO" (1 var; Sassone 1B). Original gum, h.r., fresh color, Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue, the larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 1996 E. Diena certificate, Sassone €13,000...... E. \$750-1,000

165 ★ 1917, 5c Green, Large Format "PECHINO" (1 var; Sassone 1B). Horizontal pair, original gum, lightly hinged, well-centered, bold color, left stamp with hint of pulled corner perf at top

VERY FINE ORIGINAL-GUM HORIZONTAL PAIR OF THE 5-CENTESIMI WITH THE LARGE FORMAT "PECHINO" TRIAL OVERPRINT.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue. The larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of €5,000 each for all others).

With 1984 Raybaudi and 1984 E. Diena certificates. Sassone €26,000 as singles. . E. \$2,000-3,000



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1917, 5c Green, Large Format "PECHINO" (1 var; Sassone 1B). Block of four, strong color, tied by Peking Aug. 28, 1917 double-circle datestamps on small orange piece

VERY FINE. A STUNNING USE OF A BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 5-CENTESIMI WITH THE LARGE FORMAT "PECHINO" TRIAL OVERPRINT.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue. The larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of €5,000 each for all others).

With 1984 Raybaudi and 1984 E. Diena certificates. Sassone €52,000 as singles. . E. \$3,000-4,000



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1917, 5c Green, Large Format "PECHINO" (1 var; Sassone 1B). Used with 45c Olive Green "Floral" and 30c Special Delivery, Large Format "PECHINO" (unlisted in Scott or Sassone), all tied by Peking Aug. 31, 1917 double-circle datestamps on large piece, fresh colors

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 1917 LARGE FORMAT "PECHINO" OVERPINT ON THE 5-CENTESIMI, 45-CENTESIMI AND 30-CENTESIMI SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS TIED TO SMALL PIECE.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue. The larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of \in 5,000 each for all others). The accompanying certificate mentions the 45c and 30c Special Delivery are the only existing examples he was aware of, but we know of at least one other of each (see Lots 176 and 177).

With 1988 E. Diena certificate. Sassone €23,000 as singles. E. \$1,500-2,000

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169 (★) 1917, 10c Claret, Large Format "PECHINO" (3 var; Sassone 2B). Unused (no gum), strong color, violet backstamp which just shows thru, Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue, the larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Sassone €13,000...... E. \$500-750



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1917, 10c Claret, Large Format "PECHINO" (3 var; Sassone 2B). With slight doubling of overprint, particularly in the "PEC", tied by Peking Aug. 28, 1917 double-circle datestamp on small piece, well-centered, Very Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue, the larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Sassone €13,000...... E. \$1,000-1,500



171 **1917, 10c Claret, Large Format "PECHINO" (3 var; Sassone 2B).** Horizontal strip of five, relatively well-centered, bold color, tied by Peking Aug. 23, 1917 double-circle datestamps on orange piece

VERY FINE. A STUNNING STRIP OF FIVE OF THE 10-CENTESIMI WITH THE LARGE FORMAT "PECHINO" TRIAL OVERPRINT. A MAJOR RARITY OF THE ITALIAN OFFICES IN PEKING AND ESSENTIAL PIECE FOR ANY AWARD-WINNING EXHIBIT COLLECTION.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue. The larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of €5,000 each for all others).

With 1984 Raybaudi and 1984 E. Diena certificates. Sassone €65,000 as singles. . E. \$4,000-5,000



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172 **1917, 4c on 10c Rose (3 var; Sassone 2 var).** Tied on small piece by May 11 double-circle date-stamps, fresh color, minor surface rub at bottom of stamp

FINE. ONE OF THE FEW USED EXAMPLES RECORDED OF THE 1917 4-CENTS ON 10-CENTESIMI PEKING SURCHARGE ON THE 1901 EMANUELE III "FLORAL" DESIGN.

The vast majority of stamps used for surcharging were the later Emanuele III issues from 1906. The 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" design was still in use in Peking at this time. Therefore, some examples of different values were surcharged by hand. Very few examples of any value are recorded.

With 1983 Raybaudi certificate (clear certificate). Footnoted in 2024 Sassone (p. 933) and priced at €25,000 for unused, €50,000 on cover. E. \$2,000-3,000



- 1917, 25c Blue, Large Format "PECHINO" (Sassone 2B Footnote). Tied by Peking Aug. 30, 1917 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at left on small piece, bold color, Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue, the larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, signed Champion, with 2025 Avi certificate, Sassone €5,000...... E. \$500-750
- 1917, 25c Blue, 50c Violet, Large Format "PECHINO" (Sassone 2B Footnote). Both tied by two strikes of Peking Aug. 28, 1917 double-circle datestamps on bluish piece, Fine and scarce, particularly with this combination of values, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Peking surcharged issue, the larger format "PECHINO" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2025 Avi certificate, Sassone €10,000... E. \$1,000-1,500





- 179 ★ 1917-18, 50c Violet, Severe Horizontal Perforation Shift (18 var; Sassone 14b). Horizontal pair, original gum, h.r., severe shift of horizontal perforations causing about ½ of the design at top and ½ of design at bottom, "Pechino" overprint at top, minor perf flaw at bottom right, still Fine and scarce variety, with 1960 A. Diena and 2016 Bottacchi certificates, Sassone €1,000 as singles...... E. \$200-300







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- 181 ★ 1918-19, 50c Violet, Imperforate in Top Margin (28 var; Sassone 25 var). Original gum, h.r., imperforate in top margin and showing large portion of above design, fresh color, Fine, a scarce unlisted variety, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate E. \$200-300
- 182 P **1919, 10c on 25c Black, Imperforate Proof (32P; Sassone P28).** With sheet margin at right including portion of imprint, other sides large, without gum as issued, fresh color, Very Fine, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, unpriced in Scott, Sassone €1,300 E. \$200-300

The Peking 1919 2-Dollar on 5-Lire Type III Surcharge A stunning mint never-hinged example



183 ★★ 1919-20, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type III (30b; Sassone 29). Mint N.H., lovely rich colors on bright paper, superb centering with wide margins

EXTREMELY FINE. A TRULY SPECTACULAR MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE PEKING SURCHARGE TYPE III. THIS IS LIKELY THE FINEST EXAMPLE IN EXISTENCE — COMBINING BOTH EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION AND PRECISE CENTERING.

The underlying stamp issues of Italy from the earliest years of the 20th century are notorious for being off-centered — often times with the design touching the perfs on at least one side. Therefore, for this particular underlying stamp, Sassone lists three separate catalogue values for "moderate", "reasonable", and "perfect" centering. For the 5l (Sassone 78), the values are $\in 55$, $\in 100$, and $\in 500$. We feel this clearly represents the "perfect" centering catalogue. If the same ratios were to apply for this stamp, it would catalogue well above $\in 400,000$.

There are three types of the \$2.00 surcharge including one type with "DOLLARI" capitalized. The other two "dollari" in lower case are differentiated by the spacing of "Pechino". This example, measuring 11½mm instead of 13mm, is far more valuable.

With 1958 A. Diena certificate. Scott \$30,000. Sassone €52,500. E. \$7,500-10,000



184 ★ 1919-20, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type III (30b; Sassone 29). Original gum, minor h.r., excellent colors

FINE AND FRESH ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE PEKING SURCHARGE TYPE III. A RARE ITALIAN POST OFFICES IN PEKING STAMP.

There are three types of the 2.00 surcharge including one type with "DOLLARI" capitalized. The other two "dollari" in lower case are differentiated by the spacing of "Pechino". This example, measuring 11%mm instead of 13mm, is far more valuable.



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185 **1919-20, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type III (30b; Sassone 29).** Lightly cancelled, bold colors on fresh paper

VERY FINE AND RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE PEKING SURCHARGE TYPE III.

There are three types of the \$2.00 surcharge including one type with "DOLLARI" capitalized. The other two "dollari" in lower case are differentiated by the spacing of "Pechino". This example, measuring 11½mm instead of 13mm, is far more valuable.

Signed E. Diena and Oliva. With 2025 Avi certificate. Scott \$16,000. Sassone €30,000....... E. \$3,000-4,000

The Peking 1919-20 2-Dollar on 5-Lire Type II Surcharge An incomparable mint never-hinged example



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186 ★★ 1919-20, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type II (30a; Sassone 30). Mint N.H., exceptional centering with wide margins, bold colors

EXTREMELY FINE. A PHENOMENAL MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE PEKING SURCHARGE TYPE II. A WORLD CLASS RARITY OF NOT ONLY THE ITALIAN OFFICES IN CHINA BUT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. ONLY FIFTEEN EXAMPLES HAVE BEEN RECORDED. THIS IS LIKELY THE FINEST EXAMPLE OBTAINABLE - IN THIS SUPERB CONDITION WITH FLAWLESS CENTERING.

The underlying stamp issues of Italy from the earliest years of the 20th century are notorious for being off-centered — often times with the design touching the perfs on at least one side. Therefore, for this particular underlying stamp, Sassone lists three separate catalogue values for "moderate", "reasonable", and "perfect" centering. For the 5l (Sassone 78), the values are €55, €100, and €500. We feel this clearly represents the "perfect" centering catalogue. If the same ratios were to apply for this stamp, it would catalogue well above €2 million.

There are three types of the \$2.00 surcharge with this type the most distinctive. The other types show "dollari" in lower case and are differentiated by the spacing of "Pechino". Unlike nearly all other surcharge and overprint varieties which emanate from different positions of a plate and produced at the same time, this was a totally different surcharge plate.

With 1962 A. Diena certificate. Scott \$185,000. Sassone €300,000. E. \$40,000-50,000

The Peking 1918 4-Cents on 10-Centesimi Postage Due Only seven original-gum examples recorded – one of the postage due rarities of the world



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188 ★★ 1918, 4c on 10c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due (J5; Sassone S5). Mint N.H., bold colors, typical centering, with partial official seal on back

FINE. AN EXTRAORDINARILY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 1918 4-CENTS ON 10-CENTESIMI PEKING POSTAGE DUE SURCHARGED ISSUE. THIS RANKS AS ONE OF THE RAREST POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF THE WORLD WITH ONLY SEVEN EXAMPLES RECORDED. A KEY STAMP WHICH IS MISSING FROM NEARLY ALL COLLECTIONS.

There are very few regularly issued postage due stamps which reach anywhere near the rarity and catalogue value that the 4c Peking surcharge warrants. With only seven examples recorded, this item is missing in nearly all collections formed of either the Italian Post Offices in Peking or those who collect postage dues of the world. All of the examples we are aware of are similarly centered to the left indicating they likely all originated from the same pane (or part pane as these were hand-surcharged). We highly doubt many (if any) other Mint N.H. examples exist.

189 ★★ 1917, 10c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, Double Overprint (J1a; Sassone S1a). Mint N.H., clear doubling of overprint, bold colors, Fine, scarce in Mint N.H. condition, signed A. Diena and Bottacchi, with 1952 A. Diena and 2016 Bottacchi certificates, catalogued as hinged, Scott \$400, Sassone €700

E. \$200-300



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190 1918, 8c on 20c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, "Stick Characters" (Caratteri Bastoncino) (J6 var; Sassone S6b). Neat double-circle datestamp which is also applied to back, bold colors, "8 CENTS" surcharge in a clearly different font

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE — EITHER UNUSED OR USED — OF THE 1918 8-CENTS PEKING POSTAGE DUE SURCHARGE WITH THE "STICK CHARACTERS" FONT. AN IMPORTANT POSTAGE DUE RARITY.

The origin of this surcharge — which is in a clearly different font than the issued stamps — is unknown. We theorize it could have been a trial or test subject prior to the release of the issue or for the unissued 1919 series, especially as it has a datestamp on the back which could have acted as a control marking. It is similar in font style to the unissued 1919 set, but differing slightly in size. Regardless, this is the **only example** recorded and noted as such in Sassone.

With 1998 E. Diena certificate. Listed but unpriced in Sassone...... E. \$3,000-4,000



191 ★★ 1918, 12c on 30c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, Double Surcharge (J7 var; Sassone S7aa).

Mint N.H., bright colors, surcharge clearly and entirely doubled

FINE AND AN EXCEPTIONAL POSTAGE DUE RARITY. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 1918 12-CENTS ON 30-CENTESIMI PEKING POSTAGE DUE WITH A DOUBLE SURCHARGE. A KEY STAMP FOR ANY IMPORTANT ITALIAN OFFICES OR POSTAGE DUE COLLECTION.

According to Sassone, this is the only recorded example of this error in existence — whether unused or used.





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1917, 4c on 5c Green, Inverted Surcharge (1a; Sassone 1b). Mint N.H. with part inscription 194 ★★ selvage at bottom, strong color, Fine, signed Avi and with his 2025 certificate, Scott \$1,200, Sassone € 1,000 as hinged.... E. \$200-300

195 ★ 1917, 2c on 5c Green, Double Surcharge (1b; Sassone 1c). Original gum, lightly hinged, bold color, uncommonly well-centered for this issue, clear but near coincident strikes of overprint, Very Fine, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Scott \$1,200, Sassone €2,200 E. \$200-300

196 1917, 2c on 5c Green, Double Surcharge (1b; Sassone 1c). Particularly well-centered, rich color, second strike of surcharge close to original but clearly visible, Very Fine, signed Sorani, with 2025 Avi certificate, Scott \$875, Sassone €1,600 E. \$200-300

197 1917, 2c on 5c Green, Double Surcharge, One Inverted (1d; Sassone 1d). Neat double-circle datestamp, fresh color, Fine and visually striking error, signed Sorani, with 2025 Avi certificate, Scott \$950, Sassone €1,800 E. \$200-300







198

198 ★ 1917, 2c on 5c Green, Pair, One with Inverted Surcharge (1a; Sassone 1da). Horizontal setenant pair with part imprint selvage at bottom, original gum, lightly hinged, left stamp the error, deep rich color, fresh and Fine, a scarce variety but particularly rare as a se-tenant pair, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, unlisted as a pair in Scott, Sassone €7,000.....

1917, 2c on 5c Green, Diagonal Surcharge (1 var; Sassone 1f). Mint N.H., uncommonly well-199 ★★ centered with wide margins, deep rich color, Very Fine and scarce variety, signed Avi and with his 2025 certificate, Sassone €3,500 as hinged E. \$400-500

1917, 4c on 10c Claret, Double Surcharge, One Inverted (2c; Sassone 2d). Original gum, 200 ★ lightly hinged, deep rich color, fresh and Very Fine, a scarce and striking error, with 2025 Avi certificate, Scott \$2,000, Sassone €3,500...... E. \$400-500







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- 202 ★★ 1917, 6c on 15c Slate (4; Sassone 3). Mint N.H., wide margins, lovely rich color and strong impression, Very Fine, a scarce stamp in Mint N.H. condition, signed Oliva and Raybaudi, with 2008 Raybaudi certificate, Scott \$5,200, Sassone €11,000...... E. \$750-1,000
- 203 ★★ 1917, 6c on 15c Slate, Inverted Surcharge (4a; Sassone 3b). Mint N.H., fresh color and crisp impression, Fine and rare error, particularly in Mint N.H. condition, according to Power Search, this is the first example of this error we have offered in over 25 years, signed Colla, with 2007 Colla certificate, Scott \$4,000, Sassone €11,000...... E. \$750-1,000



204

204 ★ 1917, 6c on 15c Slate, Pair, One with Inverted Surcharge (4a; Sassone 3da). Horizontal setenant pair, original gum, lightly hinged, left stamp the error, deep rich color on fresh paper FINE. A RARE SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE 1917 6-CENTS ON 15-CENTESIMI TIENTSIN SURCHARGE WITH ONE INVERTED.

Noted on accompanying certificate as the first example this recognized expert was aware of. It is unlikely many (if any) other examples exist as a se-tenant pair.

With 2016 Bottacchi certificate. Unlisted in Scott as a se-tenant pair. Sassone €16,000....... E. \$1,500-2,000



205 ★★ 1917, 6c on 15c Slate, Surcharge Partially Omitted (4 var; Sassone 3ha). Mint N.H., fresh color

FINE. A RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 6-CENTS TIENTSIN SURCHARGE PARTIALLY OMITTED.

Signed Avi. With 2025 Avi certificate. Sassone €13,000 as hinged...... E. \$2,000-3,000



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206 ★⊞ 1917, 4c on 5c Green, Error of Value (1c; Sassone 1A). Se-tenant block of four, original gum, minor h.r., top right stamp the error, bold color on fresh paper

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL ORIGINAL-GUM SE-TENANT BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 1917 4-CENTS ON 5-CENTESIMI TIENTSIN SURCHARGE WITH ERROR OF VALUE. A VISUALLY STRIKING ERROR WHICH IS PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE AS A SE-TENANT BLOCK WITH NORMAL EXAMPLES.

We highly doubt more than a handful of examples are in existence — particularly as a setenant block with three normal examples. According to Power Search, this is the first example we have offered in our auctions for over 25 years.

With 1996 E. Diena certificate. Catalogued as singles. Scott \$17,725. Sassone €38,000....... E. \$3,000-4,000



207 **1917, 5c Green, 10c Claret, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (1-2 vars; Sassone 1B-2B).** 10c horizontal pair, right stamp with traces of original handstamp at top, 5c with **inverted** handstamp, tied by Tientsin Aug. 31, 1917 double-circle datestamp

FINE-VERY FINE. A RARE PIECE WITH THE 1917 LARGE FORMAT "TIENTSIN" TRIAL OVERPINT ON THE 5-CENTESIMI AND 10-CENTESIMI VALUES.

These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance of the first Tientsin surcharged issue. The larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of €5,000 each for all others).

Signed Sorani. Sassone €39,000..... E. \$2,000-3,000









210 1917, 5c Green, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (1 var; Sassone 1B). Fresh color, tied by Tientsin Aug. 20, 1917 double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on small orange piece, Very Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, signed Champion, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Sassone €13,000 E. \$1,000-1,500

211 ★ 1917, 10c Claret, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (2 var; Sassone 2B). Original gum, lightly hinged, fresh color, small toned spot at bottom (not mentioned on accompanying certificate), still Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2025 Avi certificate, Sassone €13,000....... E. \$750-1,000





212 (*) 1917, 10c Claret, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (2 var; Sassone 2B). Unused (no gum), bold color, small violet backstamp just shows thru, Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Sassone €13,000..... E. \$400-500

913 1917, 10c Claret, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (2 var; Sassone 2B). Tied by lightly struck double-circle datestamp on small piece, excellent centering, strong color, Very Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, signed Champion, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Sassone €13,000....... E. \$1,000-1,500



214 1917, 10c Claret, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (2 var; Sassone 2B). Vertical strip of three, top stamp inverted overprint, middle stamp double overprint, one inverted, bottom stamp normal, tied by Tientsin Aug. 25, 1917 double-circle datestamps on piece, deep rich color

> FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL STRIP OF THREE OF THE 10-CENTESIMI WITH THE 1917 LARGE FORMAT "TIENTSIN" TRIAL OVERPRINT. A SHOWPIECE ITEM SHOWING THE INVERTED OVERPRINT, DOUBLE WITH ONE INVERTED OVERPRINT, AND NORMAL.

> These overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue. The larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels. It is unknown how many examples were overprinted on each stamp — including on the 1901 Emanuele III "Floral" issue or Special Delivery stamps. Sassone only lists the 5c and 10c as they are part of the values that received the issued overprint (but gives a value of $\leq 5,000$ each for all others).

> With 1996 E. Diena certificate. Sassone €39,000 (without factoring in any variety). E. \$3,000-4,000

1917, 25c Blue, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (Sassone 2B Footnote). 215 Tied by well-struck Tientsin Aug. 31, 1917 double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on small piece, "TIENTSIN" handstamp with strong watery ink bleed appearing blacked out, Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 1958 Fiecchi certificate, Sassone €5,000 E. \$500-750



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1917, 45c Olive Green, Large Format "TIENTSIN" Inverted (Sassone 2B Footnote). Tied by bold strike of Tientsin Aug. 31, 1917 double-circle datestamp on small piece, strong color, Very Fine and scarce, particularly with the inverted overprint, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2025 Avi certificate, Sassone €5,000 E. \$500-750



- 217 ★ 1917, 50c Violet, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (Sassone 2B Footnote). Original gum, lightly hinged, warm shade, small toned area at top right which just shows thru (not mentioned on accompanying certificate), Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2025 Avi certificate, Sassone €5,000.......

 E. \$500-750
- 1917, 50c Violet, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (Sassone 2B Footnote). Tied by Tientsin Aug. 28, 1917 double-circle datestamp on small piece, pretty shade, Very Fine and scarce, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2025 Avi certificate, Sassone €5,000 E. \$500-750
- 1917, 30c Blue & Rose, Special Delivery, Large Format "TIENTSIN" (Sassone 2B Footnote). Tied by excellent strike of Tientsin Aug. 17, 1917 double-circle datestamp on small piece, well-centered, rich colors, violet handstamp on back which just shows thru, Very Fine, especially scarce on the Special Delivery issue, these overprints were done as trials prior to the issuance first Tientsin surcharged issue, the larger format "TIENTSIN" handstamp was taken from the handstamp often used for registry labels, with 2025 Avi certificate, Sassone €5,000....... E. \$500-750
- 220 ★ 1917-18, 1c Brown, Inverted Overprint and "Tientsin" at Bottom (5a, 5 var; Sassone 4a-4b). Two stamps, both original gum, lightly hinged, relatively well-centered, fresh and Very Fine, Inverted Overprint with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Sassone € 980 E. \$200-300
- 221 ★★⊞ 1917-18, 101 Gray Green & Red (14; Sassone 13). Mint N.H. block of four, well-centered for this challenging issue, exceptional colors on bright paper, Very Fine, a choice multiple of this high value, particularly scarce in Mint N.H. condition, with 1996 Raybaudi certificate, catalogued as singles, Scott \$4,000, Sassone €2,400 as hinged................................ E. \$750-1,000
- 222 ★⊞ 1918, ½c on 1c Brown, Inverted Surcharge (15a; Sassone 15a). Block of four, original gum, top stamps lightly hinged, bottom stamps Mint N.H., strong color, Fine and scarce multiple, signed Sorani, catalogued as singles, Scott \$3,900, Sassone €6,000 as hinged E. \$500-750
- 223 ★★⊞ 1918, 1c on 2c Orange Brown, Inverted Surcharge (16b; Sassone 16a). Mint N.H. block of four, wonderfully fresh color on bright paper, Fine and impressive error multiple, signed Sorani, catalogued as singles, Scott \$5,200, Sassone €4,400 as hinged E. \$750-1,000

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- 224 ★★ 1918, 1c on 1c Brown, Error of Value (15b; Sassone 15A). Mint N.H. with fancy imprint selvage at top, fresh color, Fine and scarce error which should read "½ CENT" rather than "1 CENTS", signed E. Diena, Scott \$2,100, Sassone €4,000...... E. \$400-500
- 225 ★★ 1918, 1c on 2c Orange Brown, Surcharged "1 CENTS" Instead of "1 CENT" (16a; Sassone 16A). Mint N.H., lovely rich color, Fine and scarce error, signed Avi and with his 2025 certificate, Scott \$1,100, Sassone €2,000 E. \$200-300



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226 *** 1919, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type II (23a; Sassone 24).** Original gum, lightly hinged, impressively well-centered for this issue, fresh and rich colors

VERY FINE. A CHOICE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE TIENTSIN TYPE II SURCHARGE. ONLY 300 EXAMPLES WERE SURCHARGED — WE DOUBT MANY ARE AS WELL-CENTERED AS THE EXAMPLE OFFERED HERE.

Similar to the \$2.00 surcharged issues of Peking, there are three types of overprints. Two are similar in nature with "Dollari" overprints, the third is the example offered here with the "dollari" overprint. This is a distinctive rarity which is often missing from advanced Italian Offices in China collections.



1919, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type II, "Tientsin" Overprint Shifted to the Left (23a var; Sassone 24a). Mint N.H., relatively well-centered for this notoriously off-centered issue, fresh and rich colors

VERY FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE TIENTSIN TYPE II SURCHARGE WITH SHIFTED "TIENTSIN". WITH ONLY 300 EXAMPLES SURCHARGED, IT IS DOUBTFUL MANY EXAMPLES OF THIS VARIETY EXIST, ESPECIALLY IN NEVER-HINGED CONDITION.

Similar to the \$2.00 surcharged issues of Peking, there are three types of overprints. Two are similar in nature with "Dollari" overprints, the third is the example offered here with the "dollari" overprint. This is a distinctive rarity which is often missing from advanced Italian Offices in China collections — made even more so by the shifted "Tientsin".

Signed E. Diena. With 2025 Avi certificate. Scott \$30,000 as normal. Sassone €43,750 as hinged. The price for the normal stamp is €52,500 as never hinged. In keeping with the same proportional values, this should theoretically catalogue over €65,000 as never hinged.......... E. \$5,000-7,500



228

228 ** 1921, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type III (23b; Sassone 25). Mint N.H., intensely rich colors, typical centering

FINE. A PARTICULARLY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 1921 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE TIENTSIN TYPE III SURCHARGE. WE DOUBT MANY OF THE 300 PRINTED ARE STILL IN NEVER-HINGED CONDITION.

Similar to the \$2.00 surcharged issues of Peking, there are three types of overprints. Two are similar in nature with "Dollari" overprints and the third with the "dollari" overprint. The differentiating factor is the size of the "Tientsin" which measures 10mm wide versus the more common example (23; Sassone 23) which measures 13mm. The Sassone catalogue specifically notes that the Type III "quasi sempre mal centrato" (almost always badly centered).

Signed Bloch. With 1997 E. Diena certificate. Scott \$26,000. Sassone €45,000. E. \$4,000-5,000



229 *** 1921, \$2.00 on 51 Blue & Rose, Type III (23b; Sassone 25).** Original gum, lightly hinged, fresh colors, typical centering

FINE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE 1921 2-DOLLAR ON 5-LIRE TIENTSIN TYPE III SURCHARGE. RARE WITH ONLY 300 EXAMPLES SURCHARGED.

Similar to the \$2.00 surcharged issues of Peking, there are three types of overprints. Two are similar in nature with "Dollari" overprints and the third with the "dollari" overprint. The differentiating factor is the size of the "Tientsin" which measures 10mm wide versus the more common example (23; Sassone 23) which measures 13mm. The Sassone catalogue specifically notes that the Type III "quasi sempre mal centrato" (almost always badly centered).

With 1967 A. Diena certificate. Scott \$17,500. Sassone €30,000...... E. \$3,000-4,000





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230 ★ 1917, 10c and 30c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, Double Overprint (J1a, J3a; Sassone S1a, S3a). Each original gum, lightly hinged, fresh colors, 10c particularly well-centered for this challenging issue, both with near coincident doubling of overprint, Fine-Very Fine, each with 2016 Bottacchi certificates, Scott \$800, Sassone €1,400...... E. \$200-300



231

231 ** 1918, 4c on 10c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due (J5; Sassone S5). Mint N.H., bright colors

FINE. A FRESH AND RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 1918 4-CENTS ON 10-CENTESIMI POSTAGE DUE OF TIENTSIN. ONE OF THE RAREST POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF THE ITALIAN OFFICES ABROAD.

..... E. \$2,000-3,000

The Tientsin 1918 4-Cents on 10-Centesimi Surcharge Added by Hand An important rarity with only three examples recorded



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232 1918, 4c on 10c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, Surcharge Applied by Hand (J5 var; Sassone S5a). Exceptionally well-centered, fresh colors, tied by Tientsin Jan. 24, 1922 double-circle datestamp on small piece

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 1918 4-CENTS ON 10-CENTESIMI POSTAGE DUE OF TIENTSIN WITH THE SURCHARGE VALUE APPLIED BY HAND. A PHENOMENAL RARITY OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE WITH ONLY THREE EXAMPLES RECORDED. THIS IS ARGUABLY THE FINEST EXAMPLE KNOWN.

This rare variety is only priced as used in Sassone with the note that very few examples are known. The accompanying certificate from a respected authority notes only two other examples are known to them.

With 2009 Sorani certificate. Unlisted in Scott (only with the other font applied by hand). Sassone €110,000. E. \$10,000-15,000

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233 ★★ 1918, 8c on 20c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, Double Surcharge (J6a; Sassone S6c). Mint N.H., intensely rich colors, showing clear doubling of surcharge, fresh and Fine, a very scarce error, according to Power Search, this is the first example we have offered in over 25 years, signed Oliva and Raybaudi, with 2002 Oliva certificate, Scott \$5,500, Sassone €5,000 as hinged E. \$750-1,000

234 ★ 1919, 4c on 10c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, Unissued, Double Surcharge (Sassone S9a). Original gum, minor h.r., relatively well-centered, fresh colors, Very Fine, a scarce error, with 2016 Bottacchi certificate, Sassone €1,200.....

E. \$200-300





235 ** 1919, 16c on 40c Buff & Magenta, Postage Due, Unissued, Double Surcharge (Sassone S12a). Mint N.H., lovely fresh colors, relatively well-centered, clear but near coincident strike of second surcharge

FINE. ONE OF THE VERY FEW EXAMPLES RECORDED OF THE UNISSUED 1919 16-CENTS ON 40-CENTESIMI POSTAGE DUE WITH DOUBLE SURCHARGE. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT OF THE FEW RECORDED, MANY (IF ANY) ARE MINT NEVER-HINGED. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE STAMP.

Signed Raybaudi. With 2009 Avi certificate. Sassone €20,000 as hinged...... E. \$2,000-3,000

Italy, Offices in China, Stamp Collection Balance. Exceptional balance on album pages and loose covering both the offices of Peking and Tientsin, includes straightforward singles, both unused and used, plus multiples, wide variety of errors, some of which catalogue well over \$1,000 each, includes seven examples of the Peking handstamp from the altered registry handstamps (catalogues €5,000 each but most with backstamp that bleeds thru), many stamps signed by recognized Italian experts, condition is generally above the norm but a few flaws should be expected, mostly Fine or better, a lot worthy of very close inspection as we expect the catalogue value to be enormous.................(Website PDF) E. \$5,000-7,500

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237 **1899, 7k Dark Blue, Inverted Overprint (5a).** Well-centered, strong color, neatly cancelled, Very Fine, a scarce error, particularly in used condition, ex Faberge, with 1998 Eisold certificate, Scott \$500 as unused (unpriced in used condition)..... E. \$200-300





238 ** 1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper (11). Mint N.H. with huge selvage at top, wonderfully well-centered, deep rich colors, Extremely Fine, a superb example of this scarce stamp, particularly rare in Mint N.H. condition, ex Peel, with 1993 Mikulski certificate, Scott \$1,500 as hinged E. \$750-1,000

239 ★ 1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper (11). Original gum, very lightly hinged, excellent centering, deep rich color, Very Fine and choice, a particularly scarce stamp, with 1994 Mikulski certificate (as Mint N.H.), Scott \$1,500... E. \$400-500



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240 ★ 1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper (11). Original gum, small h.r., bold colors, well-centered, Very Fine and scarce, signed J-F Brun, with 1994 Mikulski certificate, Scott \$1,500...... E. \$400-500



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241 ★⊞ 1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper (11). Block of four with large selvage at right, original gum, two stamps h.r., two stamps Mint N.H., wonderfully fresh color, excellent centering

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE ORIGINAL-GUM BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 1904 10-KOPECKS ON VERTICALLY LAID PAPER. ONLY FOUR UNUSED BLOCKS OF FOUR ARE KNOWN.

Ex Adler. Signed Mikulski. With 1990 Mikulski certificate. Scott \$6,000 as hinged singles.
E. \$2,000-3,000

The Russian Offices 1904 10-Kopecks on Vertically Laid Paper One of the most important showpiece items of this area



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1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper (11). Block of nine (3x3), cancelled and tied by multiple strikes of Hankow Aug. 3, 1909 double-circle datestamps, fresh color, bottom right stamp with minor crease and top left stamp with single toned perf tip

VERY FINE BLOCK OF NINE OF THE 1904 10-KOPECKS DARK BLUE ON VERTICALLY LAID PAPER. AN ITEM OF IMMENSE RARITY AND ONE OF THE KEY ITEMS OF THE RUSSIAN POST OFFICES IN CHINA. THIS IS THE LARGEST RECORDED USED MULTIPLE.

Individual examples are quite scarce as only several sheets of the vertically laid paper were thought to have received the "Kitai" overprint. Multiples are exceptionally rare. The block offered here is truly one of the most important rarities of the Russian Post Office in China and destined for a world-class exhibit or important collection.

Scott \$11,700 simply as used singles. E. \$7,500-10,000

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243 **1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper (11).** Horizontal strip of three, horizontal pair, and two singles, used with **1899, 1k Orange and 3k Carmine (1, 3),** tied by Hankow May 8, 1909 double-circle datestamps on small piece, wonderfully fresh colors

VERY FINE AND IMPORTANT RARITY WITH SEVEN EXAMPLES OF THE RARE 1904 10-KOPECKS DARK BLUE ON VERTICALLY LAID PAPER. A KEY ITEM TO ANY AWARD-WINNING EXHIBIT COLLECTION AND THE SECOND LARGEST FRANKING OF THIS STAMP RECORDED.

This item, when it featured in the Liphchutz collection, was one of the highlights of his Russian Offices in China. Individual examples are quite scarce as only several sheets of the vertically laid paper were thought to have received the "Kitai" overprint. Multiples are exceptionally rare to find and a franking like this is truly remarkable.

Ex Liphchutz and Mizuhara. Signed Calves and Holcombe. Scott \$9,100 simply as used singles...... E. \$5,000-7,500



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1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper (11). Block of four and horizontal pair, cancelled and tied by two strikes of Hankow May 29, 1909 double-circle datestamps on small piece, rich color

VERY FINE AND STUNNING BLOCK OF FOUR AND PAIR OF THE 1904 10-KOPECKS DARK BLUE ON VERTICALLY LAID PAPER. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FRANKINGS OF THE RUSSIAN OFFICES IN CHINA

Individual examples are quite scarce as only several sheets of the vertically laid paper were thought to have received the "Kitai" overprint. Multiples are exceptionally rare. The block and pair on piece offered here is truly a spectacular use.

With 2001 A.P.S. certificate. Scott \$7,800 simply as used singles..... E. \$4,000-5,000

The Russian Offices 1904 10-Kopecks with Groundwork Inverted The only recorded used example



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245 **1904, 10k Dark Blue, Vertically Laid Paper, Groundwork Inverted (11a).** Excellent centering, neatly cancelled, fresh colors

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. AN EXCEPTIONAL USED EXAMPLE OF THE 1904 10-KOPECKS DARK BLUE ON VERTICALLY LAID PAPER WITH GROUNDWORK INVERTED. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE IN USED CONDITION.

This error, with groundwork inverted, is a major inverted rarity in any condition — not just of the Russian Offices in China — but of Russia and the world as a whole. An essential component to any world-class exhibit collection or specialist of the Russian Offices in China.

Ex Cunliffe. Listed in Scott but unpriced as used (\$14,500 as unused)...... E. \$5,000-7,500

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1910, 1k Orange Yellow, Black Overprint (25 var). Bright color, neatly struck datestamps, Very Fine, a rare variety with the overprint in true Black versus Blue-Black, very few examples are thought to exist, with 1997 Dr. Ceresa and 2003 Hovest certificates..... E. \$300-400

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247 ★★⊞ 1917, 10c on 10k Dark Blue, 35c on 35k Brown Violet & Green, Inverted Surcharge (55a, 60a). Mint N.H. blocks of four, 10c with small selvage at bottom, well-centered, bright and fresh, Very Fine, a scarce pair of error blocks, all signed by Filatelia SSSR, each with 2000 Ceremuga certificate, Scott \$600 as hinged singles E. \$300-400

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248 ★ 1917, \$5.00 on 5r Indigo, Green & Light Blue, Inverted Surcharge (68a). Original gum, h.r., bold colors, Very Fine, a particularly scarce inverted surcharge error, with 1944 B.P.A. certificate, Scott \$500

..... E. \$200-300

249 Russian Offices in China Stamp Collection Balance. Impressive balance on album and stock pages, wide range of unused material covering each of the overprinted and surcharge issues, with singles, multiples including blocks and even panes and sheets, plus Specimen overprints, with specialized offering of scarce 1920 Surcharge Issue including blocks of four, 1c complete pane cancelled, collection with numerous listed varieties such as double and inverted surcharges, also with numerous used examples of each issue from Shanghai, mostly Fine-Very Fine, close inspection is highly encouraged.....(Website PDF) E. \$3,000-4,000



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