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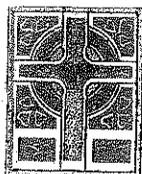
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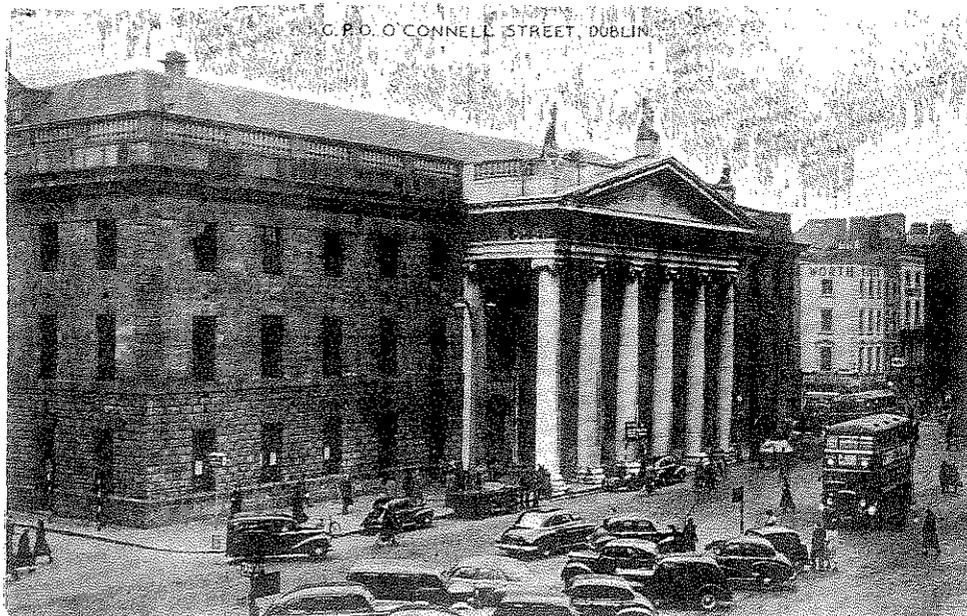
John J. Walsh, Editor

Easter 1916

By
THE EDITOR



The Dublin barred postmark



On Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916, a detachment of the Irish Volunteers seized control of the General Post Office in Dublin and the leaders of the Insurrection issued a proclamation, the opening sentence of which appears on the commemorative stamp for the twenty-fifth anniversary in 1941.

The fighting was sporadic throughout the day on Monday but by Tuesday, British artillery from Athlone arrived on the scene and opened fire and the British forces were able to divide the Volunteer Army into two groups and cut their communications.

On Wednesday, April 26th, artillery fire destroyed the upper part of the GPO and that same evening, two British infantry brigades arrived at Dun Laoghaire (then known as Kingstown) and moved into the city.

The fighting continued throughout Thursday and by Friday morning, the G. P.O. was on fire and had to be evacuated. On Saturday morning, a decision was made that further resistance was futile and Patrick Pearse, the head of the Provisional Government surrendered at 3:45 P.M.

The seizure of the GPO disrupted postal services during this week and philatelic material is interesting but scarce. Postal service did not resume before Tuesday, May 1st, 1916. Censored and other covers are known postmarked on and after May 1st.

The so-called Dublin "barred" postmark which is really a parcel post cancel is the most commonly found item. It is also claimed that a limited number of letters franked with the Celtic Cross label and the tricolour label of the Manchester Martyrs were actually conveyed by the Republican Army Post during this week and were duly postmarked at the GPO while it was in the hands of the Volunteers. This is highly questionable.

Our own President, Mr. Fred E. Dixon in Philately for July-August, 1957 reports that contrary to the belief that the ordinary Dublin date stamps were all destroyed in the GPO fire, that, "At least two survived and were kept as souvenirs. They have been employed to fake covers bearing the Sinn Fein labels.

"One of these two date-stamps is the common double-circle type in its later and smaller form, 23½ mm. diameter: the number at foot appears to be 17.

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Income:

Dues.....	\$ 405.72
Sale of Revealers.....	13.98
Interest on Bank Account..	22.94
Gratuities.....	11.00

Total Income..... \$ 453.64

Expenses:

Postage.....	\$ 70.50
Printing of Revealer.....	333.77
Miscellaneous.....	12.80
Profit for Year.....	36.57

Total Expense & Profit.... \$ 453.64

EDITORIAL

The above financial report submitted by your Secretary-Treasurer is most revealing and should be of interest to our members. It demonstrates clearly the close margin upon which E.P.A. operates and the necessity for both the prompt payment of dues and the obtaining of new members to replace those lost each year. It also reveals the greatly increased cost of producing the Revealer and of postage. It is our hope to produce the very best of information for the Revealer and this brings me to a very serious situation which not only persists but has become increasingly acute. There was just not enough information supplied to your editor to print the usual 12 pages this issue, and I decline to use non-philatelic matter. Please help us to continue to produce a worthwhile publication by sending in material for inclusion. The cost of printing the Revealer has almost doubled in the last few years, without any increase in dues.

UNIPEX - 1965

UTICA MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, UTICA, N.Y.

A very extensive philatelic exhibition, called UNIPEX 1965 is planned for Utica, New York in October, 1965. We should like to have some outstanding exhibits of Irish Postage Stamps for this show. In fact, the planning committee has requested E.P.A. to consider holding a regional meeting in connection with this exhibition. Any members wishing to take part in this meeting should contact the editor.

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RANDOM NOTES

BY F. E. DIXON

REGISTRATION ENVELOPES: The 1/1 size F envelope differed from its predecessor by the absence of brackets around "This space.....Label" and "REGISTERED LETTER." What has drawn my attention to this is that the same modification has now been made on the G size envelope as well. Inspection of what I thought were duplicates reveals that the modified G appeared as long ago as March 1963. The situation regarding the K size is just the reverse. The first of the K 1/1 had the brackets but they reappear on one used in the spring of 1964. Regarding the fourth size, H, I have seen very few, none of which has the brackets.

N. Langton gets the credit for spotting the appearance of a new issue of registration envelopes with embossed 1/5 green stamp. Sizes F and G have been seen so far, both with the old letterpress, amended only by a rectangular handstamp reading "THE MINIMUM REGISTRATION FEE IS NOW 1/- S." It is not clear what the final S signifies. And the price of the envelopes has been increased by 1/2d, so that the inclusive price is 1/7 for size F and 1/7½ for size G.

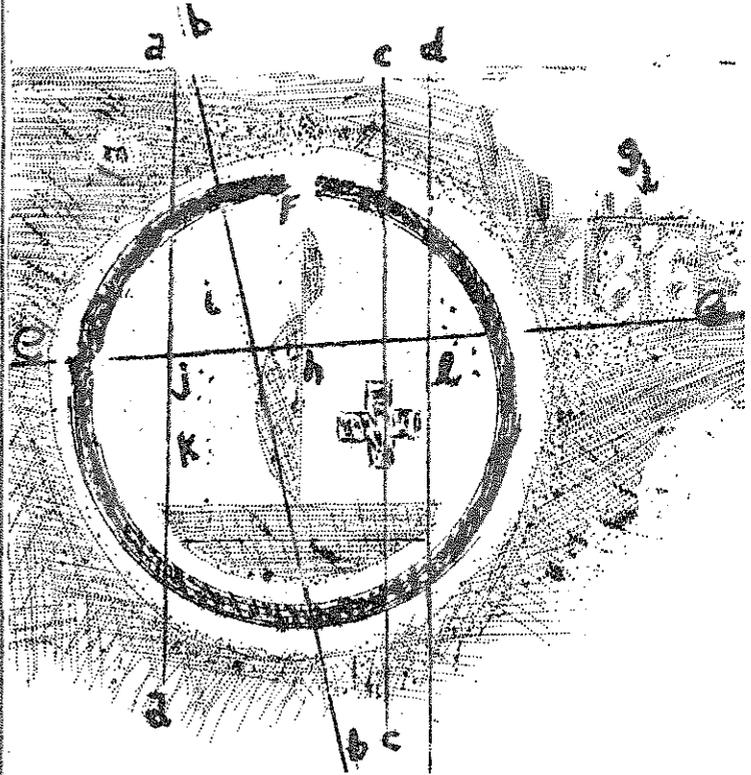
NEW BOOKLET: A new issue has appeared (about 18 September) as expected, but the make-up disappoints. Your 3/- buys six at 4d and 12 at 1d. The surprise is the front cover, printed in red on yellow, with the inscription "STAMPAI 3/-" with no other indication of the contents, and with no serial or date number. Stitching is white.

5d NEW YORK FAIR COMMEMORATIVE: I do not enthuse about varieties due to faulty registration of the different colours, but have seen one such worthy of mention. Upward displacement of the purple causes a pale purple patch on the lower left corner of the building. Another result is that the design is 21 3/4 mm tall instead of about 21 3/8 mm.

I have since found that at least one of them (lower pane, row VIII) occurs also on the 1/5, inter-

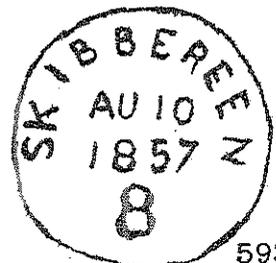
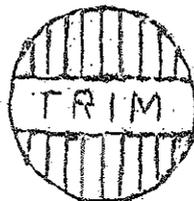
esting evidence that the same cylinder was used for the two values, or else that the lines developed in a master copy from which reproductions were made.

SOME OF THE RECURRENT VARIETIES ON THE 4d RED CROSS:



- (a) Red line continuing on to stamp below where it appears a little further right.
- (b)(c)(d) and (e) red lines. (e) is on Row 12, No. 5 and continues into No. 4.
- (f) Weak spot in circle.
- (g) White dot above 86
- (h) White dots on lamp. Row 12, No. 6
- (i) Line of double red dots.
- (j) Two red dots with grey accompaniments.
- (k) Dotted red line. Row 20, No. 3
- (l) Red dots.
- (m) Weakening of grey background.

TRIM PARCEL CANCEL: We continually find more surprising cases of the persistence of English or anglicised forms of Irish town names in cancellations. The latest is a parcel type of Trim (Irish name Baile Atha Truim) still used 1964.



SKIBBEREEN: The before sketch shows an unusual early skeleton owned by A.T. Sedgely. The 8 is probably the identifier of the particular set of movable letters. I have a similar 7 in a Lisamore skeleton of 1861.

DAY OF ISSUE CACHET: O. M. Richards draws attention to a new version of the La a Chead Eisiuna / First Day of Issue" on some of the Wolfe Tone first day covers. The lettering is sans-serif and the height 12 mm.

SHANNON AIRPORT SILVER JUBILEE: Something went wrong in that the slogan introduced 8th August was withdrawn. The slogan reappeared in Dublin 4th September, and was simultaneously introduced in Ennis. Limerick (still using SEP for the month) followed the next day.

CONGRESS OF AVIATION AND SPACE MEDICINE: Covers posted at the Congress, 14th to 18th September, bore a rubber-stamped cachet 74 x 28 mm, and a circular rubber-stamped cancellation -28mm diameter, both specifying XIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AVIATION AND SPACE MEDICINE DUBLIN. The cachet repeats the DUBLIN and adds IRELAND, above and below the caduceus symbol. Both are in purple.

INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS - COUPON RESPONSE INTERNATIONAL

How many different issues have there been for "Southern Ireland"? I have the following:

1. Oct. 1931. Old style (legless female flying from old world to new). Etat Libre d'Irlande - Saorstat Eireann. Languages Irish, French, German, English, Spanish, Italian. Cost 4d.

2. Dec. 1931. New style. Same names of state. Same languages, but six-months validity omitted. Cost 4d.

3. 1946. Same as #2 except that the country is "IRLANDE. EIRE" and price increased to 6d.

4. 1949. As #3 but languages Irish, French, English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Russian.

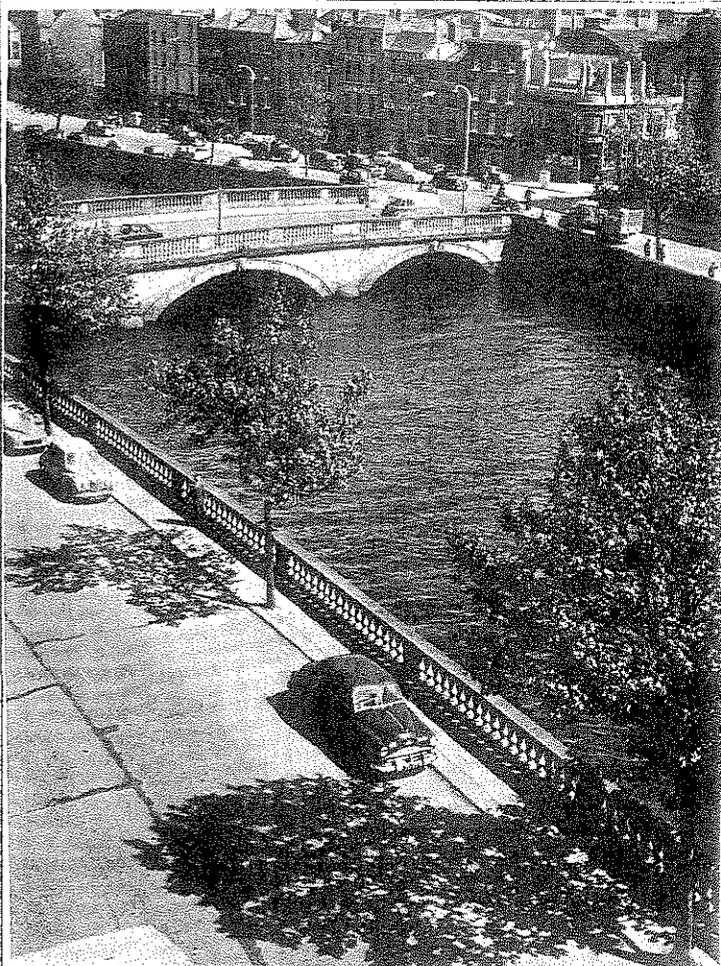
5. 1951 (?). Same as #4, but price amended by pen to 8d.

6. 1952 (?). Same as #4, but price now printed as 8d.

7. 1958 (?). Similar but coupon has "Formule C 22" at top right. Languages Irish, French, German, English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and Russian. Wording at lower left "Timbre du Bureau D'Emission"; lower center, "IRLANDE. EIRE" and at lower right, "Timbre du Bureau D'Echange". Cost printed 9d.

8. 1963. Similar but change in wording at lower left, "Empreinte de control du Pays d'origine (date facultative)" instead of the "Timbre du Bureau d'Origine". Price 1s.

All have the imprint of Benziger & Cie S.A. Einsiedeln.



River Liffey from the Quays, Dublin

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The other seems to be an Express type but all of the half-dozen copies I have seen have been struck in such a way that most of the upper word is missing and in no case is more than the final ESS legible.

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