

Overlooked Issues Part 26
Early Modern 1917-1950
Post War Regular Issues 1917-20



In my past writings I have completed much about the issues used during the civil war years. The actual end of the Revolutionary period for stamps was 1916 Stamp production of what we call the 'Regular Issues' did not commence until 1917. Many of the stamps brought back into use to cover that time, were the old overprinted and unoverprinted issues used during the war years. Actually, during times of short supply regular issues of the old 1910 issues would be used as late as 1922. So, the new issues that were printed during 1917-1920 seem to be a bridge between the old to the new style postage stamps we will see in the early modern issues.



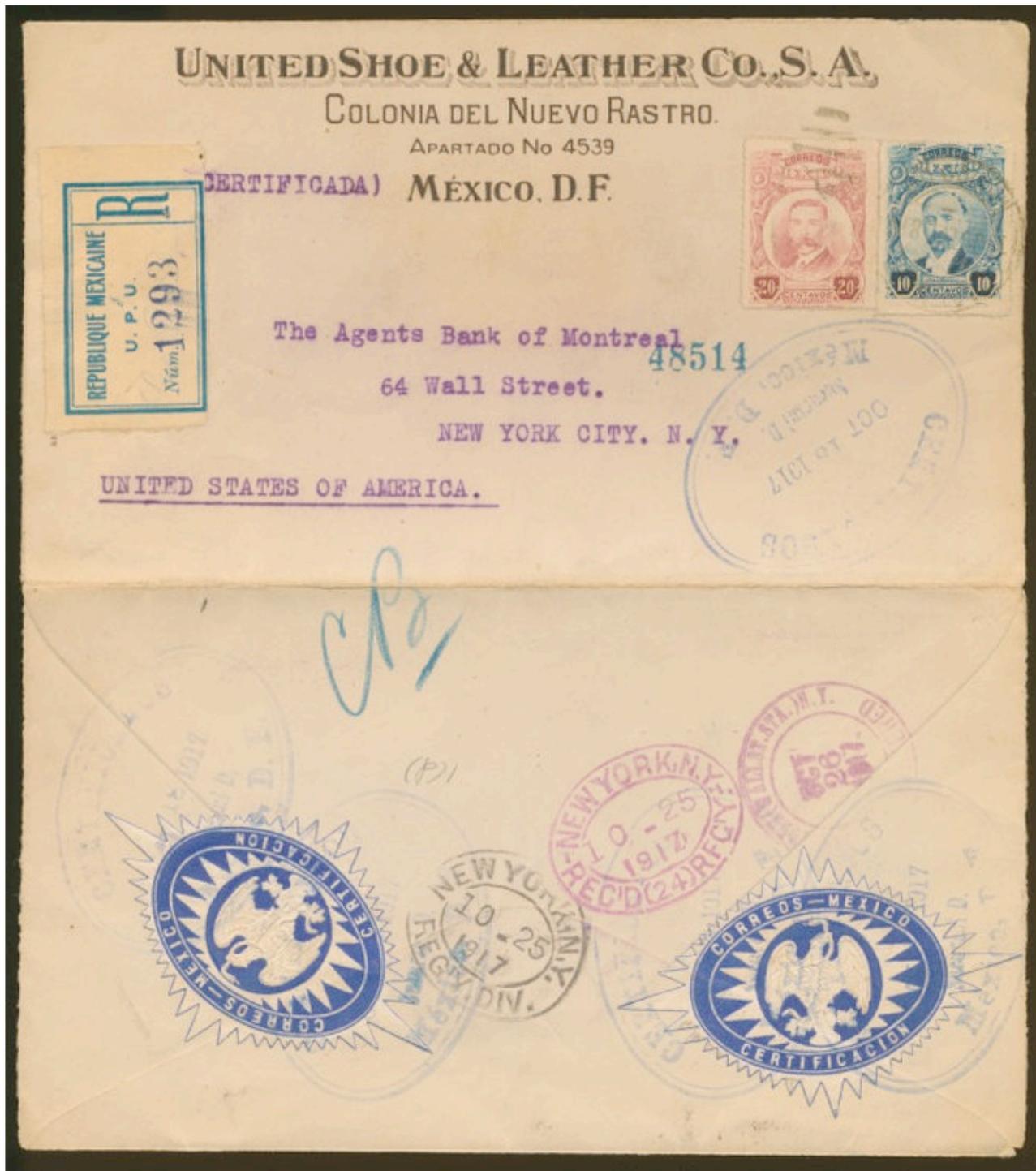
Blue/ black and blue/blue on Un Peso Issue

Taking a similar theme as the 'Famous Men' Series, these new stamps we consider the first of the Post Revolution issues has Eight men portrayed that play important roles in Mexico's history. Along with these portrait issues, the forty centavos, one and five peso of the 1915-16 issue would also be used but in new different colors. Speaking of colors, one of the most outstanding features of these stamps are the brilliant colors and interesting color varieties found on many of these stamps. Not only are some of these color on the issued stamps interesting, but there are also a number of trial color proofs of these stamps.



Roulette and bogus perforations 12 on Roulette issue

These stamps were issued in both Roulette and Perforated versions. Due to the heavy use of these stamps and the difficult economic conditions of post war Mexico few of these stamps were saved in mint condition, so most of these stamps in both versions of perforations are scarce as nice mint examples, with one exception, the three centavos issue in perforated condition which is rare both in mint and used. The Roulette version of the three centavos issue is only worth a small amount in mint or used. So, this stamp is often found with bogus perforation done over the roulettes making it appear as the rarer version. Acquiring a MEPSI certificate is a good idea for this issue. Interestingly, most of the other stamps are rarely found with any tampering or enhancement, outside of added gum to a very small percentage of the mint examples.



Registered mail with Sunburst seals

Postal History with these stamps is one of the areas that have some of the most interesting stories to tell in this issue. With the emergence of commerce and postal practice across the country becoming normal once again, the letter flow produced many examples of interesting covers. Since this stamp was released during World War Two, there are a number of Censor covers available for this series. Registered covers are another area of collectors interest and this was the time when the Sunburst Certificate Seals were starting to see wide use on these covers. Another area of covers used during this series were coming from the large Chinese Immigrant population in Mexico at the time. These covers with the Chinese script are very popular and widely collected.



Official on 'Regular Issue' 2 centavos

On Official issues of these stamps with various overprints were used through the 1921-24 issues. This is a very interesting field of study for these issues with a number of scarce to rare overprint examples used on these stamps. There are some challenging aspects to collecting the Officials of Mexico, but the value of philatelic knowledge in this area is one of the most worthwhile areas of study for the collector. Official covers with these stamps are especially difficult to obtain, due to the practice of removing stamps from their covers for single stamps for the collector's albums.



Diez Centavos without inscription at bottom, MNH

Like all Mexican stamps it is easy to see that a specialized collection of these issues may be a beautiful addition to any collection and they can give the owner years of enjoyment. For further information on this and other issues, joining MEPSI for access to the large amount of reference material is very important, since little has been published on these stamps in other resource material.

Enjoy!