

Ottoman Lloyd Newspaper Stamped Wrappers—1908 to 1918

Purpose & Scope: To illustrate & provide an understanding of the issuance & distribution of one newspaper's stamped wrappers from the Ottoman Empire. The scope is basically the WWI era.

Organization: The exhibit is a single frame, double page layout organized by destination of the mailing during the apropos time period. All examples were posted from Constantinople, Turkey.

Importance: The stamped wrappers are noteworthy as they provided a fascinating use of postage stamps not usually noticed by collectors. They reflect the geo-political structures of the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire after centuries of prominence/existence. Most historical scholars define the Empire's dissolution as 1908 to 1920.

Difficulty of Acquisition: Most of the stamped wrappers shown in this exhibit are the result of years of searching for the more challenging uses/noteworthy destinations. One is fortunate to find more than a few fine examples each annum. Most printed matter did not survive its usage & most likely most wrappers were torn apart in order to access the newspaper enclosed. Special items are bordered in red.

Condition: Be reminded that each item shown is over 100 years old & were used during wartime; & note inexpensive paper was used in the production of the wrappers. Condition is usually very fine or better for the items selected for inclusion in this exhibit.

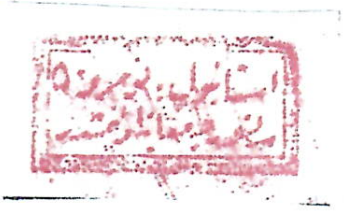
Knowledge & Research: Key items of research & knowledge are identified with a small magnifying glass:

Background Information: The Ottoman Lloyd newspaper was **owned by the German state** through its German Foreign Office. Other organizations also supported & financed the newspaper & the backers are an interesting list which will be included in the exhibit. The newspaper was published from November, 1908 to October, 1918 in French & German. There were other newspapers published of course but they are not included in this exhibit.

Early 1914 use to: An die Schriftleitung der (Trans.: *Editorship*)
Unknown destination w/ 10 paras postage stamp issued Jan. 1914



1st London Printing
35 x 24mm Green
Perf. 12
View of Lighthouse



Red Censor Marking - on reverse - full size scan

Title left

The **Osmanischer Lloyd** was a German-Language daily newspaper in Ottoman Constantinople which was founded after the Young Turk Revolution in 1908. Between 1908 & 1915 the newspaper was published as bilingual outlet, w/ each issue having two pages containing French articles. From November 1915 onwards, there were two 4-page newspapers, one in German language & other in French language. The funding was provided by the German companies Krupp & Deutsche Bank.



Ottoman Empire Flag

March 21 1914 mail to **Smirice, Austria** now in the Czech Rep. previously part of Bohemia, part of Austro-Hungarian Empire



1st London Printing

20 paras

31 x 25mm Red

Perf. 12

View of Fortress

Distance Constantinople to Smirice: 899 mi.



Mailed to **Wien, Austria**; Semi-postal use; Sep 1917

Turkey censor marking on reverse; Austria Censor (Zensuriert) marking on front

10 paras overprint semi-postal

27 x 36mm Violet

Perf. 12

War Orphans

Distance Constantinople to Wien: 793 mi.

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