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今覺

重慶對剖票

此票亦爲紅色二分對剖作一分使用者。惟無特別加蓋戳。僅有普通雙線圓戳。外框直徑爲廿五糎。內框直徑爲廿三糎。框內有兩橫線。劃分圓面積爲三格。上格平列四川兩字。中格爲甲辰六月廿二日。或廿三日。卽西歷之一九〇四年八月三日或四日也。下格平列重慶二字。在兩字之中間。有一小數目字。卽郵政第幾分局之號數。余所見者有「二」「三」「六」三種號碼。不知其「一」「四」「五」三局曾發行此項對剖票否耳。若析而言之。則六處分局。每局有廿二廿三兩戳。計十二種不同之戳。每一戳所蓋之票。又有左上右下右上左下四種不同之剖法。則共計全組應有四十八種。然此特理想之空談。實際上爲不可能之事也。此票發行。相傳只廿二廿三兩日。至廿四日已取消。但余有一奇特之信封。其分局爲第三。其日期竟

爲廿五。或以爲此「五」字必爲「三」字所改造者。但余以廿五兩字與廿三兩字相比較。其筆畫形狀處處皆不同。絕非以三字改五字者。豈廿五日尙能行使此項對剖票乎。或好奇之士。當時向郵局特別請求消印者歟。惜不能起陳人而問之矣。

夔府對剖票

此爲棕色四分票對剖。暫作二分使用者。所蓋爲尋常圓形郵戳。單框直徑爲廿三糎半。中分三格。上格平列四川二字。中格爲乙巳正月十六日。卽西歷一九〇五年二月十九日也。下格平列夔府二字。此票余僅有一斷片信封。更不知其歷史矣。

長沙對剖票

此爲紅色二分票對剖。暫作一分使用者。所蓋亦尋常單框圓形郵戳。直徑爲廿五糎。在中腰略偏於上方之處。有一橫線。線之上爲華文長沙二字。線之下有西文三行。第一行爲 CHANGSHA。第二行爲 10 APR. 第三行爲 06。

即一九〇六年四月十日也。此票連信封者。英人福勒却 H. G. Fletcher 所藏甚多。余亦從福氏購得者。蓋福氏於彼時恰在長沙海關任職。又恰值發行此票之時。故所得獨多。據福氏言。亦因一分票用罄。而以對剖票救濟。當時僅發行一日而已。由福氏之言。則此票實經郵局正式發行。非投機性質者可比。特集郵家知之者甚鮮耳。

對剖票結論

當時有一般西人。對於福州對剖票。曾發生疑問。疑其未得北京總局之許可者。如品司者。即其一也。其在郵票閒談中。發表一段意見。大致謂一分票如果用罄。儘可以兩枚半分票替代。以福州地方之不衝要。郵票之需要。未必甚廣。何必用對剖票乎。云云。此言可代表一般懷疑者之心理。然福州重慶兩處對剖票。曾得北京總局之許可。已有各方面證明其不虛。即綿嘉理義所刊一九〇六年郵政報告書中。亦已正式採入。此報告書。乃根據郵局之案卷而著者。非私家之著述可比。當然無可疑駁。至於不以

兩枚半分代一分之用者。其理亦甚明顯。蓋當一九〇三四年之時。本埠平信郵資為半分。外埠為一分。此兩種郵票。需要皆甚廣。苟非半分票有特別豐富之存儲。則決不敢輕取以代一分之用。蓋恐半分票亦同時用罄。則更無替代之品也。迨至一九〇五年時。本埠郵資。增為一分。外埠增為二分。則一分二分之需要亦甚廣。故夔府二分票驟感缺乏時。甯以四分票對剖用之。而不敢以兩枚一分票替代。亦此意也。

讀吉本司目錄書後續前期

今覺

吉本司目錄。於華郵漏齒變體。除第一二次票中著錄五種外。惟於萬壽小字加蓋一角二分者。著錄一種。自餘以外。皆摒而弗錄。然其他各國票之漏齒變體。固照常著錄也。豈華郵自萬壽票以下。其漏齒變體。皆無著錄之價值乎。然萬壽票中。有名之漏齒亦夥矣。何以僅看中小字一角二分之一種乎。其用意實不可解。吾無以名之。名之曰矛盾荒謬而已矣。

日本石印第一次正式票。五元深綠者。標價五十先令。而黃綠者不標價。不標價者。表示物稀難遇。不敢定價也。然此票之黃綠色者。並不比深綠色者為稀。亦不至竟到不敢定價之程度。其墨綠誤色五角。標價為五鎊。蓋西人向來重視此票。遠在二元五元者之上也。

臨時中立票。福州一元二元五元三種。皆標價廿四鎊。南京漢口者。七分為八鎊。十六分為十五鎊。五角為四十鎊。一元為廿鎊。二元為五十鎊。五元為七十鎊。合全組計之。已近三百鎊。依現時匯兌率核算。殆七千餘元矣。此猶正票也。若欠資中立。則其昂尤令人舌橋不敢下。蓋二角三角者。每枚一百鎊。餘四種每種卅鎊。其以半分與一角同等定價者。蓋據舊時傳抄之表。謂其發行之枚數相等也。此關郵學。不足與郵商語。余將於華郵圖鑑詳論之。

民國四寶中之宮門倒印。標價最高。為六十鎊。憶當日余以卅鎊得之。而鎊價僅十元。則今之視昔。適加五倍矣。限省新貼用。標價為卅鎊。而三分暫作二分。及四分暫作三

分兩倒蓋。則僅標十五鎊。蓋以此兩種後出。資格較淺。如初入仕途者。雖極精幹之人材。亦不能遽擢高位。此種循資按格之成見。以英人為最甚。若美日則不然。如五分黃色欠資票。初不著錄。一出現即為五百美金。此種勇猛精神。惟新大陸國民有之。老大帝國不能夢見也。

宋字中華民國二元倒蓋者。標價六鎊。商務一分倒蓋。標價五十先令。而三分倒蓋新票。則僅標十五先令。彼但知二元為高數值耳。而不知三分倒蓋新票。其罕貴在二元倒蓋之上也。觀其於三分倒蓋舊票。亦標十二先令半。乃知其毫無經驗。彼蓋因舊票之習見。遂以例新票。而略加其值。殊不知新與舊之間。相差不啻三十倍也。孫像光復紀念票。在舊目中。五元票之價。高於二元票。茲則五元票標價卅五先令。而二元票價為四十五先令。是已知市價之變更矣。倫敦版十元票。舊價為四鎊。茲則一躍而為十鎊。而北京版廿元票。舊價為七鎊半者。茲則跌為四鎊。蓋亦知郵局尚繼續出賣也。航空票。亦新價低於舊價。其緣

由亦同。

欠資票中變體。凡司各脫所著錄者。無一收入。乃至最著名之一分五分宋字倒蓋。亦始終不理。然則吾人何貴有此目錄乎。

余於吉本司目錄。批評得身無完膚。非有所不慊於彼也。蓋深惡夫英人頑鈍之性。不求進步改良。而猶楞然自負其執郵目之牛耳。一般集華郵者。或懵然不察。反奉此奄然無生氣之郵目爲標準。故不惜大聲以喚醒之。

歡迎美國華郵專家施塔氏紀事 今覺

施塔氏攜其妻女。乘奧皇后號船。環遊地球。於二月廿一號抵滬。余於前兩月。已接得其來信。并云將攜其郵集同來。就正於余。余乃邀約本會董事諸君。及南京梅贊文君。開會歡迎。藉以聯絡情誼。并爲華郵宣傳地步也。是日午後二時。余遇施君於大華飯店。梅君已先在。相見握手甚歡。立談之頃。施君迫不及待。卽就更衣室外小几上。展示其郵集。其女公子在旁掩口而笑。篤好之士。結習難除如

此。凡同好一藝術者。往往乍見卽脫略忘形。德總統與登堡所謂。郵學無國界。無階級。爲世界和平大同之先導。詎不然歟。余謂同志諸君。在會所久候。當先往介見。然後鑒賞大集未晚。施君乃偕梅君及余。同乘一車。直往銀行俱樂部。則諸君相待已久。逮一一介紹時。詎施君與李輝堂君。已先於今晨晤面。蓋由薛多爾導往李君寓所。購票八十餘元也。相見畢。余以施君於六時半卽須離滬。時間短促可貴。刪去一切繁文。先拍兩照。一同人合拍。一余與施君同拍。拍畢。施出其郵集。供大衆觀覽。余始得觀此天下。一品之闊邊黃五分全張。施所攜郵集。僅第一次海關一部份。新舊雜糅。且多重行組合之全張。蓋純爲便於研究起見。故新舊未分。施於第一次票之版模版式。分析最詳。用功亦最深。自云各版模皆能個個識別。余則尙未能爲。非真不能。蓋無暇下此一番細功也。然施君之第二次光邊無齒者。亦具特色。而此次偶未攜來。所可見者。僅此一鱗一爪而已。時已三時有半。余遂領導出會。驅車直向余

家。坐定後。卽出示余之郵集。然以時間太促。所閱僅止少半。且亦走馬看花。殊無從容討論之暇。施見余紅印花小四分小二分倒蓋當五圓等。每種皆十餘枚。且多雙連四連者。已爲奪氣。施自云。渠於此種貴票。每種不過一二枚。具體而已。余曰。君集萬壽票。知此票爲紀念慈禧后六十萬壽所發行。今來余家。不可不更觀慈禧后之手蹟。因導往別室。觀慈禧御筆畫扇兩件。御筆立幅兩軸。皆當年賜余祖父者也。施曰。余此行遍歷各國。覺中國最可愛。而今日在君家一聚。尤可愛中之可愛者。余知其爲面諛應酬之套語。乃應之曰。君集華郵。自覺與中國親近。但余以爲中國之特色。在北平而不在上海。上海不過一歐式商埠耳。北平則數千年文明之所萃。處處可以表現東方美術。如天壇也。國子監大成門也。（卽宮門倒印之宮門。非宮門。乃學宮之門也。）萬里長城也。向日在郵票中見其圖形者。今可觀其實物矣。若有餘晷。宜再往白紙坊一觀印刷局。此華郵產生之地也。所惜清談未終。驪歌已唱。時

已五時三刻。不能再留。乃與同人送往新關船埠。汽笛一聲。此幕遂告終止。歷六萬里而來。談四小時而去。曇華一現。人事不可謂不奇特也。客去。遂操筆而記之。并附照像於後。中坐者爲施與余。施左爲許君伯明。余右爲李君輝堂。後排中立者爲梅贊文君。其左爲朱世傑君。謝鄂常君。其右爲葉頌蕃梁芸齋二君也。

會務報告

本年二月。恰值廢歷年關。國府定爲結帳收束之期。各會員皆以事忙不克出席。故董事會議決停止常會一期。

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大連羅仙樵君寄贈第九回日本選手權大會紀念郵戳明信片多枚。已分致董事部諸君拜領。特此誌謝。惟此紀念戳之緣起尙未詳耳。

欲得歡迎施塔氏照片者注意

本期所印歡迎美國華郵專家施塔氏之照片。乃北四川路橋堍愛而康照相館所拍。凡欲得此照片以爲紀念者。請直接向該館定印可也。

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CHUNGKING BIASECTED STAMPS.

These bisected stamps were also made from the red 2ct. stamps which were cut diagonally into halves and used as substitutes for 1ct. stamps. Instead of special surcharge chop, a circular post mark with double outline was used. The diameter of the outer circle is 25 mm., while that of the inner, 23 mm. The space inside the circle is divided into three sections by two cross bars, the upper section containing the two Chinese characters "四川" (Szechuen), and the middle section containing the date in Chinese "甲辰六月廿二日" or "甲辰六月廿三日", Chia Chên 6th moon, 22nd or 23rd day, equivalent to the 3rd or 4th August, 1904 of the Gregorian Calendar. (The two Chinese characters "甲辰" are one of the combinations used in the old mode of recording the Chinese years. There are two sets of these terms, 10 upper ones known as "天干" (Celestial Stems) and 12 lower called "地支" (Earthly Branches). To couple one of the ten "stems" with one of the twelve "branches" will form the name of a year. As there are only sixty different combinations possibly arranged from these characters, they will repeat and turn out to be exactly alike in every 60 years, thus forming a sexagenary cycle. This is the most ancient method of recording the year and was in existence 4,000 years ago, when China first had her written characters. It is still used in postmarks on some occasions now. As most foreigners often fail to understand the meaning of these couplets, I take this opportunity to give a brief explanation here). In the lower section lie horizontally the two Chinese characters "重慶" (Chungking), and between these two characters, there is a numeral figure showing the ordinal number of the branch post office. From what I have seen, I only notice three such numbers, "2", "3", and "6", and I do not know whether the branch post offices "1", "4" and "5" had ever issued any such bisected stamps or not.

There is no means of tracing whether there were any marked with the post office numbers "7", "8", and so forth, other than the six as mentioned above.

It is said that the issue of these stamps took place only for 2 days, i.e., the 22nd and 23rd, and was suspended on the 24th. I have however in my possession a queer cover bearing the Post Office number "3", marked with the date 25th. Some opine that the figure "5" is the result of an alteration from the figure "3", because the Chinese figure "三" can easily be altered to "5" (五), by adding on two short vertical strokes. But when I compare very carefully this date chop with that of the 23rd, I find that the two figures "25" are different from the figures "23" in every respect, and that it can by no means be the result of an alteration of the figure "3" to the figure "5". So far nobody can give the reason how this cover could have received the date chop of "25th".

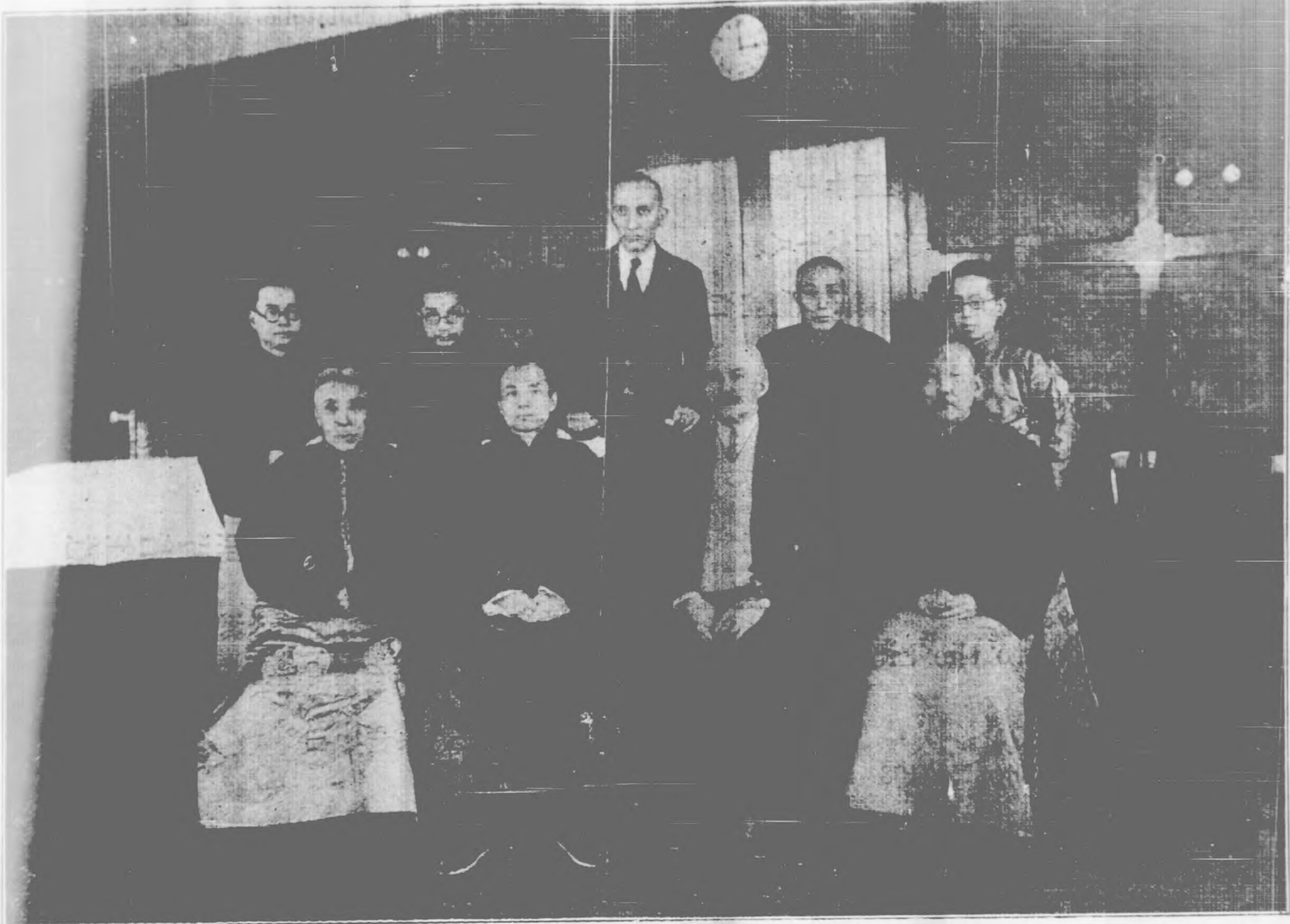
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Mr. James Starr's Visit in Shanghai.

On Saturday, February 21st, some of the members of the Chinese Philatelic Society had the good fortune to be able to entertain Mr. James Starr, the well-known American collector of Chinese stamps, during his all-too-short stop-over in Shanghai. Mr. Starr arrived at the Customs Jetty, from the "Empress of Australia, on which he was making a round-the-world trip with Mrs. and Miss Starr, at ten o'clock, a.m. There he was met by Mr. Theo. Siddall and Mr. S. J. Mills, who had come from Nanking for the occasion.

The remaining hours of the morning were spent with Mr. Siddall and in visiting one or two other members of the Society. At two o'clock Mr. M. D. Chow called for Mr. Starr and Mr. Mills and took them to the Bankers' Club, where the Society holds its monthly meetings. Here Mr. Starr had the opportunity of meeting several of the prominent members of the Philatelic Society and of making the acquaintance of a few with whom he had been in correspondence from time to time in the past. A photograph of the group was taken as a souvenir of the event. From the Bankers' Club, the whole group went to Mr. Chow's home, at 286 Yu Yuen Road, where for a couple of hours and more Mr. Starr and Mr. Chow gave an exhibition of portions of their remarkable collections.

The original plan was for everybody to accept Mr. Chow's kind invitation for the evening meal, but, since the last tender left the Customs Jetty at six O'clock, this was out of the question as far as Mr. Starr was concerned. It was with the sincerest of regrets that "good-byes" were said to Mr. Starr as he left Shanghai to continue his journeyings which will bring him back home about the middle of April. We are already looking forward to Mr. Starr's next visit to China and trust that it will be possible for him to make a longer stay in Shanghai at that time.



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