

# Rapp-Auction

## November 22-25, 2005

### Rapp presents philatelic treasures



For more than thirty years now, the auction house of Rapp (based in Wil, Switzerland) has been one of the leaders on the international philately market. Rapp's November 2005 auction will once more set standards throughout the sector. Hundreds of clients from all over the world have entered top-class submissions, including choice individual lots and valuable collections, with a total value of many millions of dollars. Rapp will again be presenting international philately material of the highest quality, beauty and rarity. The material will include outstanding individual items and collections of particular interest to American collectors and dealers.

This press release tells you about just a few of the many items that will be offered. You can also find a lavishly illustrated preview of our current auction items on our website: [www.rapp-auktionen.ch](http://www.rapp-auktionen.ch).

### Germany

A fantastic range of Bavaria items, with outstanding and often extremely rare individual items and an important undivided collection. Marvelous blocks of stamps of the Old German States from a specialist collection will be auctioned, including original sheets. There will also be items referred to in the relevant literature such as a 20-stamp block of the Bremen No. 1 and a mint block of 12 from the upper sheet margin of the Schleswig-Holstein No. 1b from the Caspary collection.



The auction will also include valuable covers and individual items of all the Old German States, special collections of Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein, and collections of the German Empire and German Colonies and Post Offices Abroad, with outstanding covers and a large number of top items. There will also be what is without a doubt one of the best collections in existence of field and islands post, with a large number of exceptional rarities.

### Zeppelin post from 1933 with rarities from the Italian flight

Rapp will also be auctioning a multi-volume collection of Zeppelin post that focuses exclusively on the airship flights that took place in the year 1933. This is probably the very best collection of the 1933 flights. The lot with items from the Italian flight by the airship LZ 127 - the "Graf Zeppelin" - at the end of May 1933 is of exceptional interest, being extremely extensive and including very rare cards and covers of top quality such as can probably not be found in any other collection. This unusual lot also includes outstanding specialties such as the original designs for rare Zeppelin stamps and complete original sheets of some of the highest value Zeppelin stamps from the years 1930-1933 from all over the world.



## USA



The United States will be represented by an outstanding cover collection of the bank-note issues from 1870. The collection includes large separate multiples (including cancelled blocks of 8 and 10 - in varying colors - of the 90 cent Commodore O.H. Perry stamp) and, most impressively, on-cover items with spectacular multiple frankings. The more than 600 covers in this collection are particularly impressive because of what are often unusual transits, high

frankings, and unusual cancellations (including New York foreign mail cancellations). Above all, they are interesting because of their unusual destinations, such as Argentina, Australia, Austria, Cape of Good Hope, Chile, Denmark, the Falkland Islands, France, French Guyana, Greece, India, Korea, Peru, Spain, St. Helena, Turkey, and many more. There are also rare frankings with US stamps from Mexico to Tucson or Boston, from Shanghai to Milwaukee, from Yokohama to Switzerland, and from Samoa to Germany. This exceptional lot, which also includes an extensive specialist library, is being offered as an undivided collection and is estimated to make about CHF 300,000.

## United Kingdom

British philately from 1840 on and British postal history will be represented at the auction not only by exceptional individual items but above all by a series of top-class collections, including large multiples and numerous stamps with high denominations. Everything will be of the excellent quality that is so typical of Rapp auctions.

## British North America

A major special collection of British areas of North America - British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, etc. - with numerous rarities (unused, mint, cancelled, and on covers). The rare bisected stamps of the first issues are also included on covers. Canada is represented with an extremely valuable and extensive collection starting with classic issues and including airmail. One really special example is the 1897 Jubilee edition, in plate blocks, to celebrate 60 years of Queen Victoria's reign.

## British Commonwealth

The countries making up the British Commonwealth are represented with top-class collections, some of them extensive, and including numerous rarities, for example Gibraltar and Malta with all the top items.

## British Occupation of Togo

Items issued during the British occupation of Togo, with numerous rarities, will be an important part of an extremely valuable and extensive collection of German Colonies and Post Offices Abroad.

## Italian and German Occupations of Ljubljana and Montenegro

The auction will be particularly interesting this time for collectors of Italian material, with true philatelic rarities and exceptional special collections of international quality such as can hardly be found even in Italy itself. There will undoubtedly be enormous interest not only in an exceptional collection of material from the German occupation of Ljubljana



but in two exceptionally rich and varied collections of material from the Italian occupations of Ljubljana and Montenegro. All three collections are extremely specialized, with single stamps, multiples, covers, and postal stationery, and include almost all known rarities from this area, many of them unique.

## Rapp auctions worldwide philatelic items

Rapp will also be auctioning top-class philatelic items of exceptional quality from all other areas, ranging from classic Swiss canton issues to France, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Russia (including a splendid airmail collection with all the rarities). There will also be an important "whole world" collection with top classic items.

Judging by past experience, the traditional special session on the last day of the auction will again be an exceptional event, with hundreds of collections, accumulations, and legacies being auctioned with a total value of many millions of dollars. These will naturally include numerous exciting lots of special interest to US collectors and dealers.



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