

Peru's 12 Centavos Issue of 1905

Stamp Development & Domestic to Foreign Usage

This traditional single frame exhibit tells the story of this stamp from development to domestic & foreign usage from 1905 to 1909. Shown will be solo, multiple and uses with other definitive stamps to make up different rates including registration fees.

On January 1, 1905 the new UPU international letter rate was reduced to 12 centavos from 22 centavos per 15 grams. The new rate included 2 centavos per letter for the Panama transit fee, additional 15 grams of weight required 10 centavos. A new 12 centavos stamp was ordered from the American Bank Note Company, New York. This stamp was engraved, perforated 12 and printed in sheets of 100 in 1904. The design used was the Municipal Institute of Hygiene in Lima. There were three printings in 1904, 1907 and 1908, the total of stamps printed is unknown. This stamp was in use early in 1905 until it was demonetized in December 1909. There is only one recorded domestic use of this 12c stamp which was issued to pay the UPU foreign letter rate of 15 grams (about ½ oz.) and its in this exhibit (page 7).



Instituto Municipal de Higiene (Municipal Institute of Hygiene), Lima. This colorized picture postcard is an early 1900's photo of the building.

Plan of Exhibit



Normal



Vignette Shift

Artists Artwork
Die Proofs in Black
Index Copy Proof
Plate Proofs

Specimens
Domestic Mail
USA Mail
Europe Mail

Deep Blue & Black

Artists Stamp-Size Artwork

Stamp-size composite photographic model (vignette) with frame entirely hand painted in dark blue, affixed to thick card, 145 x 120mm, initialed and approved by the American Bank Note Company, New York (ABN Co.) in 1904.



Die Proofs in Black

Die proofs in black made it easier for the printers to check the design for any errors. The ABN Co. changed the die numbering system to all numbers starting in 1924. The old C & number was lined out and the new number printed below it. The old number lined out was "C-656" and the new number "26053" printed above it on the Frame DP. On the Vignette DP the old C number "C-958" was lined out and a new number "V-43831" was printed below. These die proofs were pulled in 1904 and the new numbers were added sometime after 1924, then went into the ABN Co. reference file.



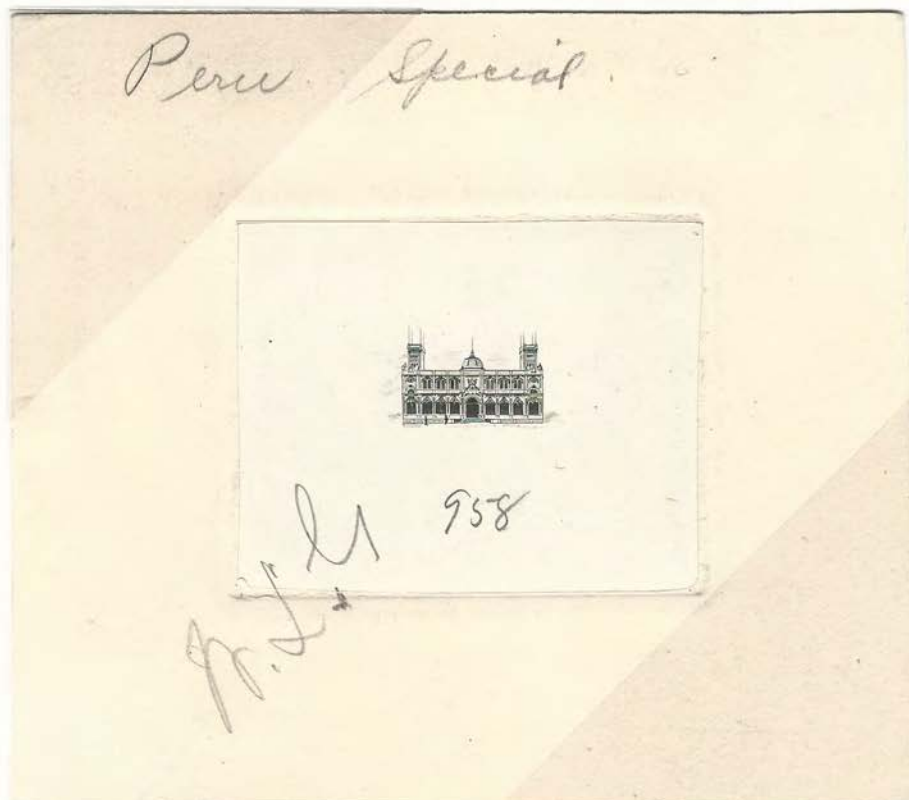
Frame



Vignette

Sunken Die Proofs of the Frame and Vignette

Notations on card read, "Transfer room - Please make this plate in accordance with Mr. Sinclair's instructions as quickly as possible, initialed and approved. ABN Co. datestamp of Nov 29 1904 New York tying sunken die proof to card.



Index Copy Proof in Color of Issue

This (proof printed in 1904) index copy for the American Bank Note Co. order book was made in the 1920's. A transfer plate of 100 was made for the frame and one for the vignette. The printing for this stamp was completed in November 1904.

The American Bank Note Co., National BNC. & the Continental BNC. were consolidated into one company in 1879 and became the America Bank Note Co. N.Y. (New York). Then a second die numbering system was started using the letter "C" (consolidation) with the number. Other letters were used and to bring order a new die numbering system was started in 1924. Die proofs with the old numbers were lined out and new ones added. On this proof card the V stands for Vignette.

Frame engraved by Mr. Seymour
Vignette engraved by Mr. Gunn

PERU

Postage

F 482

Nov. 1904

12¢

Border-C 656 - 26053
Vignette-C 958 - V 43831



INDEX COPY

Institute Municipal de Hygiene
Color-Border-Blue
Center-Black

Eng. border - Seymour - center Gunn

Plate Proofs in Color of Issue

Plate Proofs of Frame in Deep Blue,
Dated 12/1/04 and Initialed.



Finished Design Plate Proofs in
Deep Blue and Black, Dated
Dec 3 1904 and Initialed.



Specimen Stamps

There were three different printings, 1904, 1907 and 1908 in sheets of 100. Sheets of 100 were overprinted "SPECIMEN" in red with a security punch and placed in the American Bank Note Company files as a reference of work done during that printing.

1904 Printing



Specimen Type 15 – 2.0 x 11.5 mm
with 2mm Security Punch

1907 Printing



Specimen Type 18 – 1.8 x 14 mm w/serifs,
slanted letters & 2mm Security Punch

1908 Printing



Specimen Type 18 – 1.8 x 14mm w/serifs, slanted letters & 4mm Security Punch.
Upper left block of 8, handstamped "JAN 3 – 1908", right margin pair with guide line.

Domestic Mail

Internal Letter Rate

5c first 15 grams

50c per 150 grams

Lima Superior Justice Court Mail

Lima to Canete July 27, 1906 48c postage for 10X domestic rate of 150gr (underpaid 2c).

The only known domestic cover with the 12 centavos stamp



Lima Superior Court declaration on cover back: "it contains an habeas corpus" papers
(80% photocopy of cover back)



Mail to USA

UPU Single Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams

New 12c foreign letter rate of 15 grams (about ½ oz.) went into effect on January 1, 1905 which included 2c for Panama transit. It is not known when 12c stamp went on sale.

Earliest Known Date

22 ABR (April) 1905 Lima to Rochester, New York

Address on front @ 50%



*The New York Institute of Science
Dept. 140 G, Rochester, N.Y. (W. de A.)*

**Arequipa to New York
JUN 14 1905**

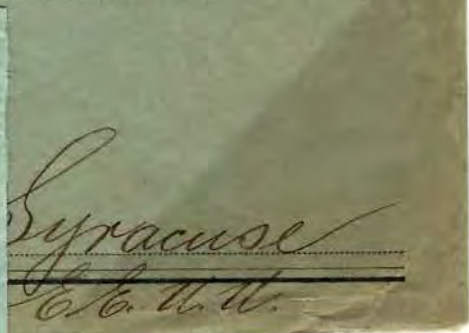
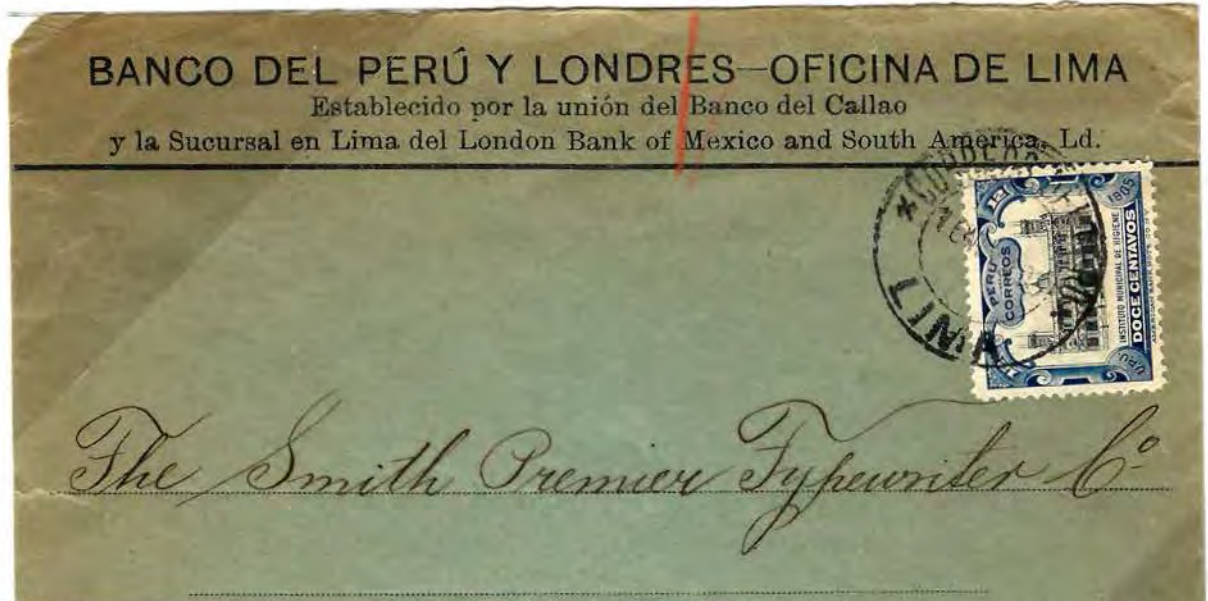
Private Company
Handstamp with
Date Letter was
Mailed.



Mail to USA

UPU Single Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams

Lima to Syracuse,
New York
10 Nov 1905



Callao to New York City
Jan 18 1908

Huaraz to Chicago
16 Sept 1909



Mail to USA

UPU Single Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams

Paita. Sub-Pral to New York
Sep 12 1909

F. E. HELGUERO. - Piura, (PERU)



UPU Double Weight Letter
22c over 15 gr. & under 30 gr.

Arequipa to New York 19 Sep 07

Convenience use of 12c pair was common practice by many businesses, overpaid by 2c.



Registered Mail to USA

UPU Single Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams



Lima to Vacaville, California

Jun 27 1908
 Letter Rate 12c
 Registration Fee 10c
 Total Postage 22c



Registration label in blue with red numbers, each registration postal clerk received his own booklet with different color registration labels, below the label is in red with blue numbers. (photo copy of cover back @ 80% to left).

UPU Double Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams,
10c each add'l 15 grams

Lima to Vacaville, California

Jun 2 1908
 Double Wt. Letter Rate 22c
 Registration Fee 10c
 Total Postage 32c



Mail to USA

Letter Weight 60 gr = 42c
(48c on cover, overpaid 6c,
convenience usage by business)

Lima to New York
JUN 18 1909

UPU 4X Weight Letter

12c first 15 grams
10c each addl. 15 grams

Central & South American Telegraph Co.

J. G. Murray, Esq.,

Central & South American Telegraph Co.,

64, Broad Street,

New York,

J. G. Murray

U. S. A.



Registered Mail to USA

Letter Weight 90 gr. = 62c
Registration Fee 10c
Total Postage 72c (overpaid 4c)

Callao to Washington, D.C.
JUN ? 1905

UPU 6X Weight Letter

REGISTERED MAIL
1431
CALLAO - P.



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D. C. 16950*

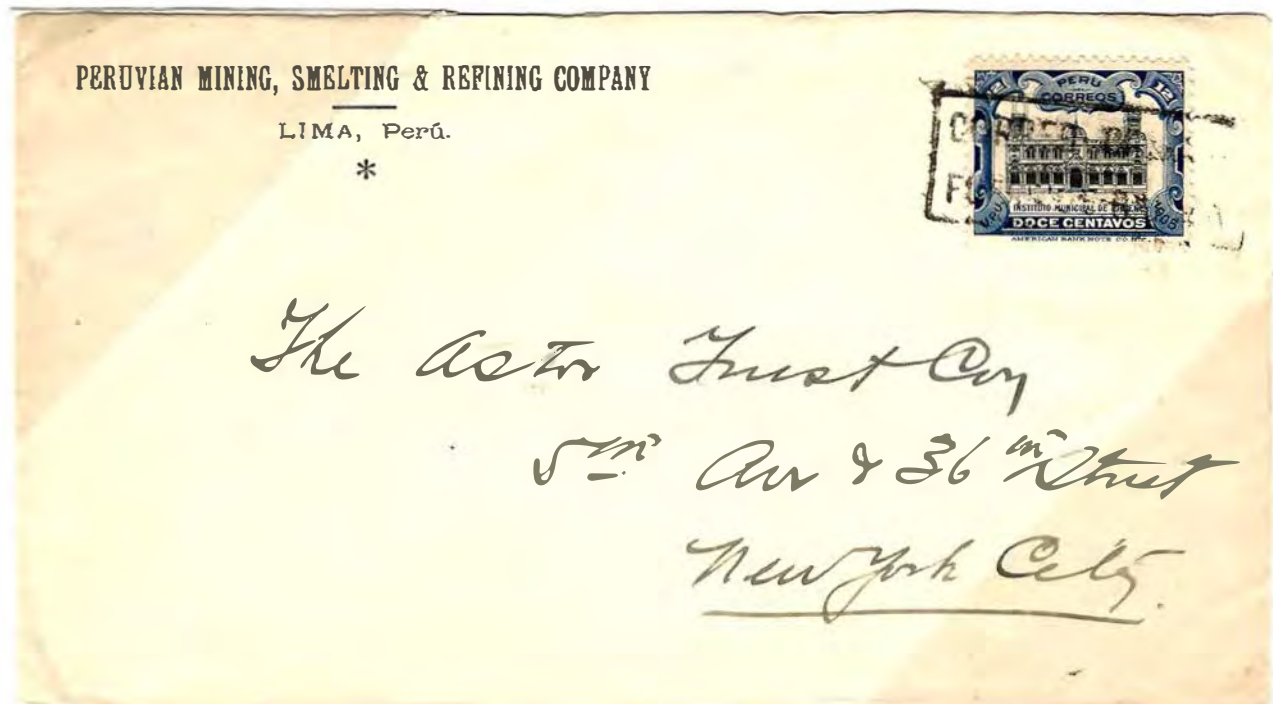
Estados Unidos de America 23061

Mute killer cancels were common in the 19th century but rarely used on 20th century mail. Callao is the only known post office to have used them this late.

Callao to Philadelphia, 23 Dec. 05



“FUERA DE BALIJA” (outside the mailbox) cancel on cover is undated as it was unsure when the cover would arrive at the closest dispatching town post office.



Registered Mail to France

**UPU Single Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams**



Pisco to Bordeaux
 Letter Rate 12c
 Registration Fee 10c
 Total Postage 22c
 (Registered "Transito Callao"
 hand-stamp on cover back be-
 low @ 80%)



**UPU Double Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams
10c each add'l 15 grams**

Lima to Cherbourg

Feb. 1906

Double Letter Rate 22c

Registration Fee 10c

Total Postage 32c

(Registration Label on
cover back below @ 80%)



Mail to Europe

Cuzco via Arequipa to Paris, France Apr 1 1908

UPU Single Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams



Registered Mail to Italy

Trujillo 6 Jul 1909 via
"U.S. SEAPOST REG.
JUL 24 1909" to Naples

Letter Rate 12c
Registration Fee 10c
Total Postage 22c
(US SEAPOST cds
below)



Mail to Europe

UPU Single Weight Letter
12c first 15 grams



Arequipa to Stuttgart
27 Jan. 1906

On Feb. 1, 1898, the 3c internal letter cards were allowed for foreign use. 12c was added (convenience) to the 3c letter card, overpaid 3c.



Lima to Komarom, Hungary
Oct. 1907



POSTSCRIPT: This 12c stamp was demonetized by December 1909, but the 12c foreign letter rate continued until after the Madrid Postal Congress of 1920. Mail to countries that did not require Panama transit (USA via San Francisco, Central America & most of South America) paid a lower rate of 10c per 15 grams.