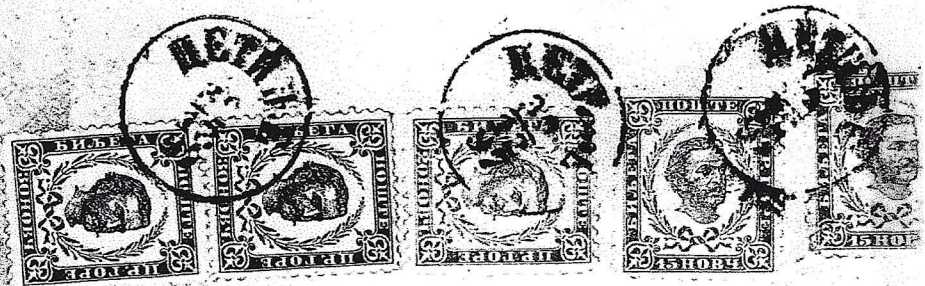


FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Third Printing of 1890
Additional Denominations Issued in 1894



*Sgr. Ivan
Kapetan Lloyd*

Via forni n°



Mixed franking of 20, 30 and 50n new denomination stamps with 10 and two 15n of the 1890 printing in an unusual combination to pay postage on a large registered envelope to a captain of the Austrian Lloyd shipping firm in Trieste. Backstamped for receipt on 1 January 1898.

Cetinje
30 December 1897

Signor
Burgstaller
Austriinski
Trieste 1800

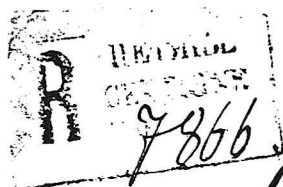
III piano presso Sgr. Brugger



The total postage of 1.70 fiorin paid on this cover is believed to be the highest non-philatelic franking that includes the 50n denomination of the Prince Nicholas issue.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
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Cetinje
1 October 1894



Dem hochgelehrten Herrn

Ritt. Wilhelm v. Dokoupil

R. K. Fachschul-Director

Racconard

Horice bei Königgrätz
(Böhmen)

Mixed franking of 20n new denomination and two copies of 2n 1890 printing in an unusual combination to pay double weight registered letter rate to Bohemia. Backstamped for receipt at Horice on 5 October.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Postal Cards of 1892

Cetinje
 13 February 1897
 3 March 1893

A second design was prepared without borders for the 1892 postal cards, which were printed in black on salmon-colored paper for the 2 novcica and on greenish for the 3 novcica.



Interestingly, the 3 novcica double card (addressed to Sarajevo, Bosnia) has no printing on the upper card to indicate this. However, the attached reply card is inscribed "Reponse."

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Parcel Address Card of 1892

Cetinje
 10 November 1892

Parcel cards were also issued in the first Prince Nicholas design. (Although the Michel Stationery catalogue shows 1893 as the year of issue, examples are known used in November and December 1892.)

COUPON
 Мјесто предаје
 Office de consignation

Бр. /
 N.º.

Име опремачења
 Consignataire
 M^r Ch^s Piquet
 à Cetigne, Montenegro

ЦиПОРА
 Feuille d' _____ 6 _____ ent

3a)
 Pour) *Un colis postal*

Врједност (фр.) }
 Valeur (fr.) } *100 francs*

Лок.)
 Mr.) *M^r le Comte de Pimodan*
Rue de l'Université 98
Paris

Тежина
 Poids } *36*

Тежина
 Poids } *378*

Франко
 Franco } *2.09*

Heu (thens)
 Porto } *378*

17

19

This address card accompanied a parcel with a value of 100 francs addressed to Paris. Additional postage due to weight and value apparently 2.09 fiorin. Backstamped in transit at Strassburg (Alsace) on the 17th and for receipt at the East Railway Station in Paris on 19 November 1892. (Parcel cards with the coupon attached are scarce.)

**FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Imprinted Envelopes of 1893**

Cetinje
10 January 1894

The first postal stationery envelopes were issued in 1893 in three denominations: 5n for domestic use, 7n for the concession rate to Austria and 10n for international letters.



Monsieur

Armand Dethier

25 rue Haute - Sauvenière

Liege
Belgique



The 7 novcica envelope was updated for international use by affixing a 3n stamp. Backstamped for receipt at Liege, Belgium on 15 January 1894.

**FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Postal Cards of 1893**

Cetinje
September 1899

Another printing of postal cards provided an entirely new set of inscriptions. In this case, the heading was given in four lines, with much larger lettering for "Postal Card." In addition, there is a border around the cards consisting of a wavy line. This issue was only for international mail and was printed on blue card stock.



The double card with attached reply was uprated by 10 novcica to pay the registration fee and another 10 novcica for a return receipt. Backstamped on arrival in Braunschweig on 9 September 1899.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Fourth Printing of 1893

Cetinje
6 December 1896

One final printing was made of the first Prince Nicholas stamps. The number produced is not reported but must have been high as a large quantity of remainders (mint and with backdated postmarks) was sold to the philatelic trade in 1906. This issue was printed on thin, white paper with watermark "Zeitungs-Marke" and then perforated 10 1/2-11 1/2.

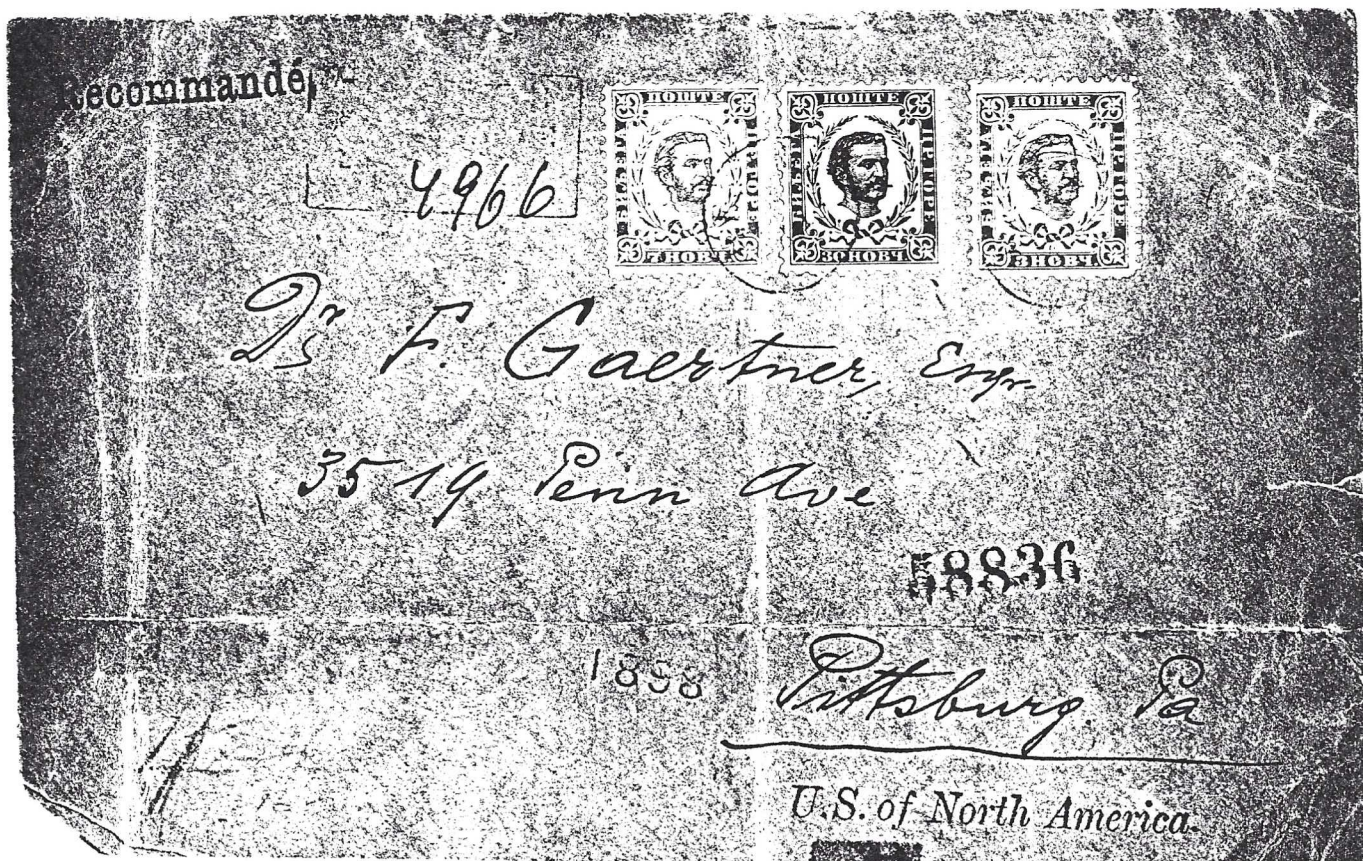


This cover (with an unusual glassine paper) was franked with a pair of the 2 novcica (perforated 10 1/2) and a block of four of the 3 novcica (perforated 11 1/2). It was addressed to a non-commissioned Austrian officer in Kotor, where a receiving mark was applied on 7 December.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Fourth Printing of 1893

Cetinje
July 1895

As a matter of historical interest, the country took its name, "Black Mountain," from Mt. Lovcen (5,770 feet), which was its historical center and provided a stronghold in the centuries-long struggle against the Ottomans. Prince Nicholas came to power in 1860 as a result of the assassination of his uncle, Prince Danilo. He ruled for 58 years until 1918, the last three years in exile in Bordeaux, France during World War I.



This cover has a mixed franking of the 3 and 7 novica stamps (perforated 10 1/2) from the 1893 printing, plus a 30 novica from the 1894 new denominations series. It was sent registered to Pennsylvania where it was backstamped for receipt on 26 July 1895.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Fourth Printing of 1893

Cetinje
28 August 1897

For official mail sent to international destinations, postage was required to be paid at the normal UPU rate.



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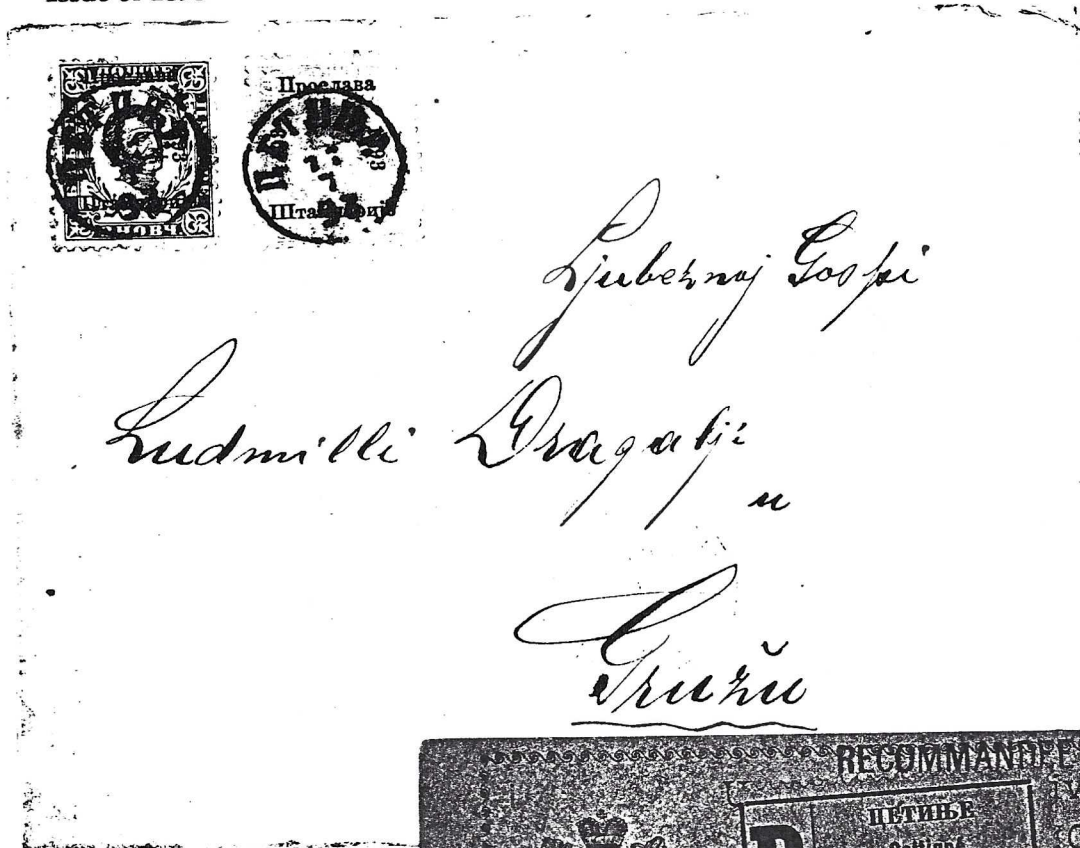
Cover above sent by the Montenegrin Ministry of Education & Ecclesiastical Affairs and franked with a 10 novacic stamp perforated 10 1/2 to pay the international letter rate to Zagreb in Hungary. Backstamped for receipt on 2 September.

400th ANNIVERSARY OF PRINTING

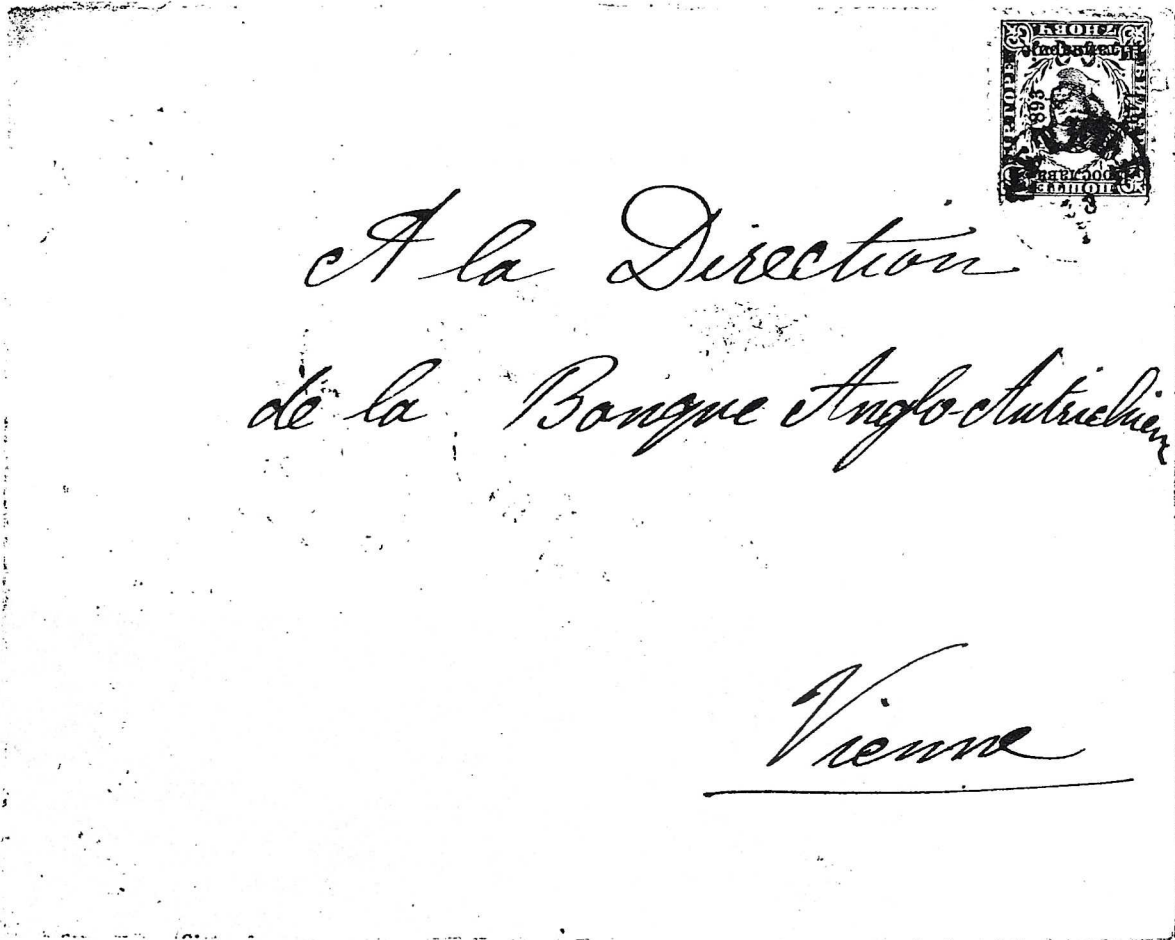
On 25 July 1893, all 7 denominations of the current definitive series depicting Prince Nicholas were overprinted "Proslava Stamparije" to commemorate the 4th centenary of the first book printed in Montenegro. For this purpose, Nicholas stamps from the second, third and fourth printing were used interchangeably. A large number of overprint varieties and errors were produced in this set.

Issue of 1893

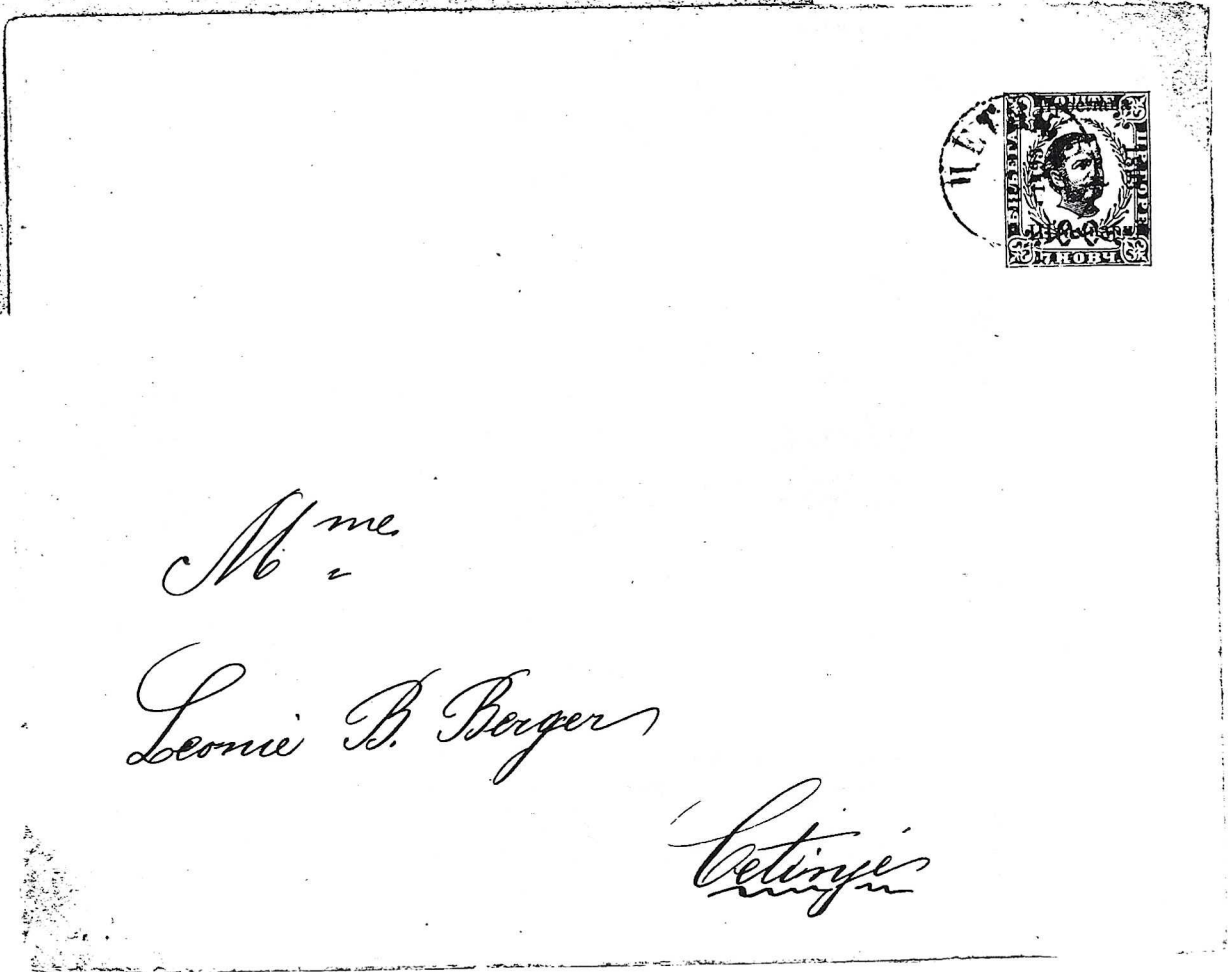
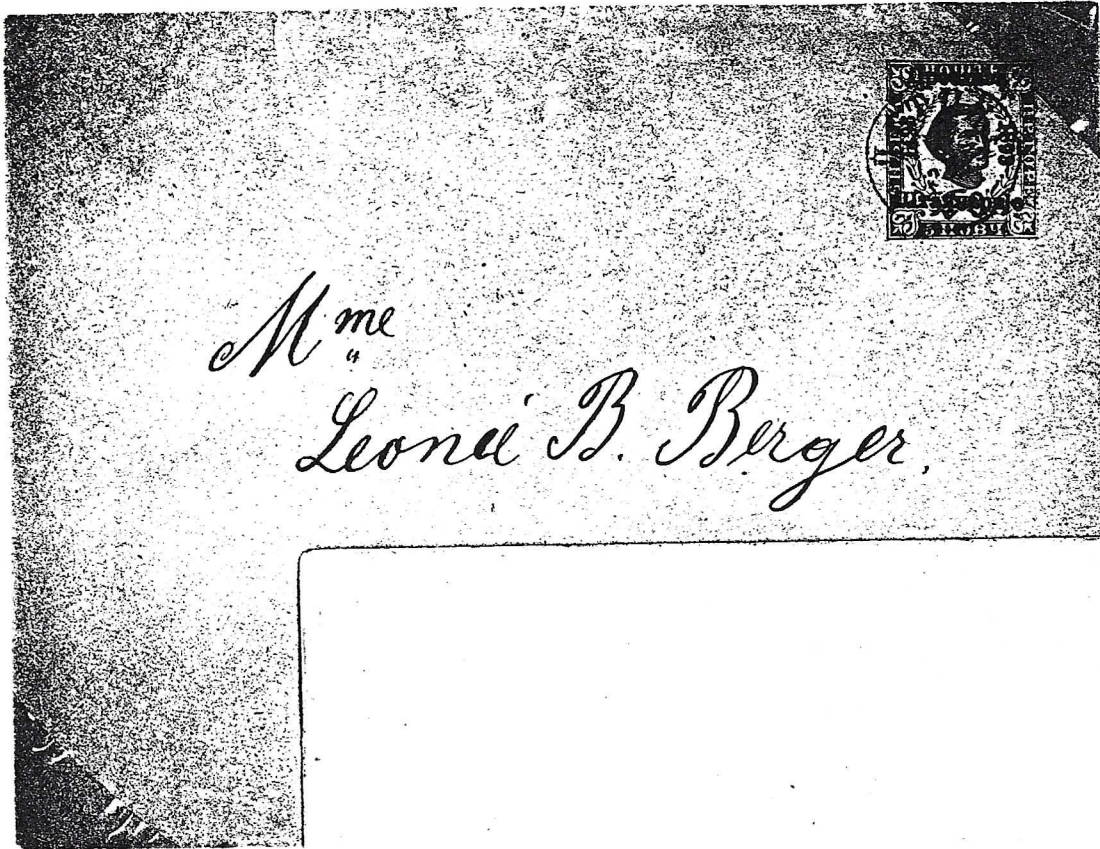
Cetinje
27 July 1893
15 August 1896



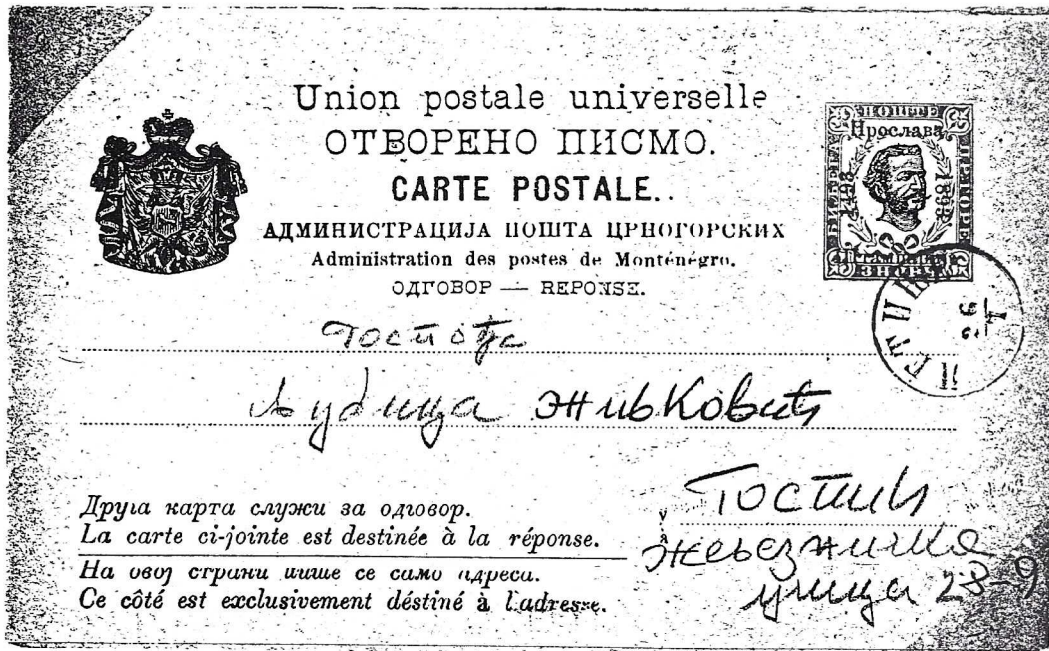
The 3 novcica value used above on the cover to Gruz in Dalmatia (along with a 2n to pay the 5n concession rate to Austria-Hungary) has an error in the date, with "1494" being printed instead of "1493." The Fleck handbook states that these stamps correctly used on covers are scarce. Postal card is updated with three of the Stamparije overprints to cover the registration fee to Bavaria.



Cover with 7n overprint sent from the Ottoman Legation in Cetinje to the Anglo-Austrian Bank in Vienna, where it was backstamped for receipt on 1 August 1893. A very scarce commercial use of this commemorative just three days after it was issued.



In addition to the stamps, postal stationery envelopes with the imprinted design showing Prince Nicholas were overprinted to commemorate the anniversary of the printing of the first book at Obod, Montenegro.



Postal cards showing Prince Nicholas were also overprinted to commemorate the anniversary of printing.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Additional Denominations Issued in 1894

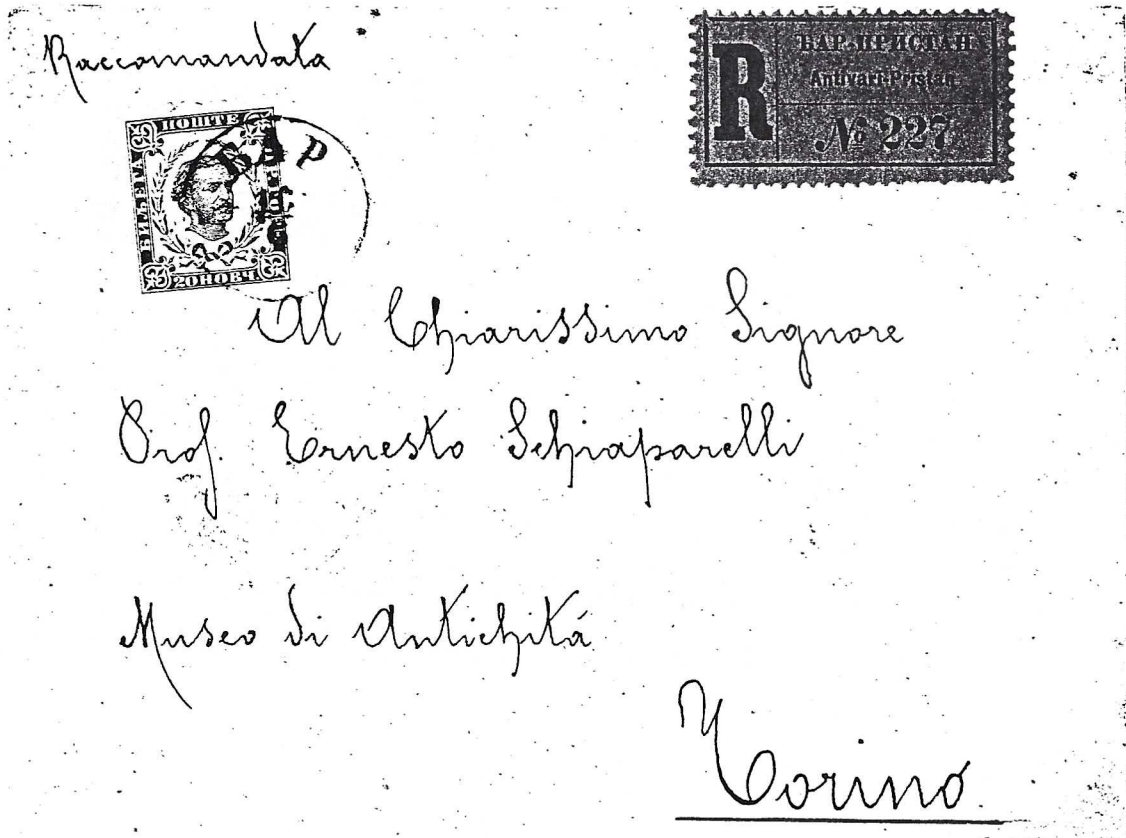
Cetinje
6 September 1899



On 1 March 1894 six new denominations of the Prince Nicholas definitives were issued. These included the lowest and highest values, i.e. 1 novcica and 2 fiorin. Above picture postcard is franked with the 1 novcica value plus two stamps from the 1898 series, slightly overpaying the rate to Hamburg.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Additional Denominations Issued in 1894

Bar
10 June 1895



An example of the new 20 novica stamp used on a registered cover from Bar (Antivari) to Turin, Italy. It is backstamped for receipt on 12 June 1895.