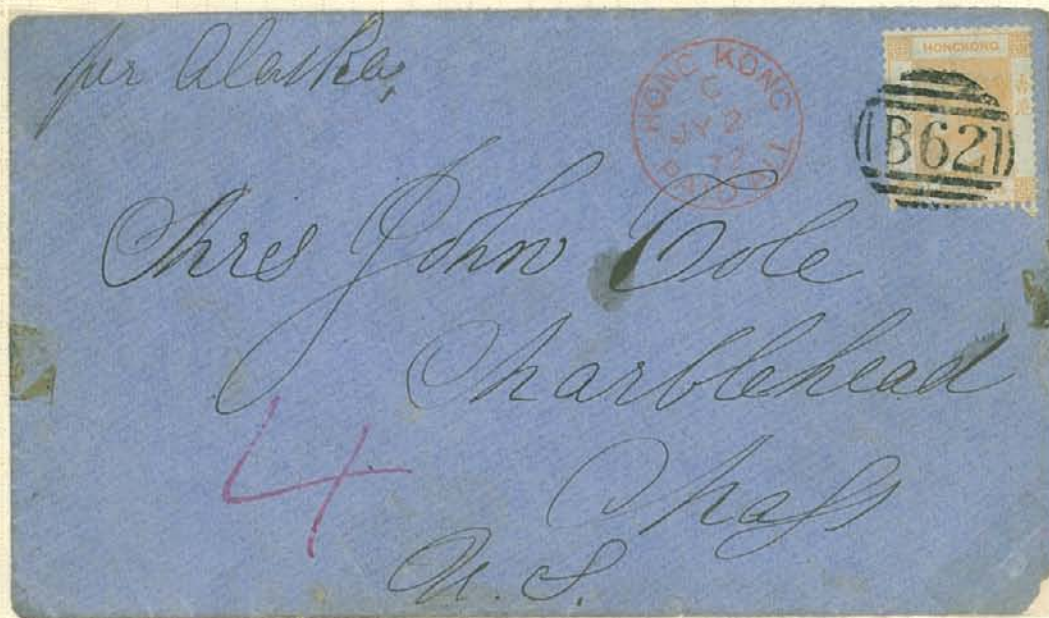


1872

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

SS ALASKA - The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.



July 21, 1872. Letter posted at the 8¢ H.K. rate established by the Anglo-American Convention of 1867. Endorsed "per Alaska" of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., which left Yokohama on August 8, 1872. Red mms. "4" restates the rate to British Equivalent of 4d.



September 1, 1872. Backstamp upon arrival at San Francisco. "Alaska" actually docked August 31, normal dockside handling delaying post office receipt by one day.

All Hong Kong covers under this convention show PAID ALL's of both S.F. and H.K.

1872

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. GREAT REPUBLIC

Anglo-American Convention of 1867

The Anglo-American Convention of 1867 governed the transportation of mail from Hong Kong to the U.S. on the trans-Pacific route. Rate at first was 10¢ H.K., later reduced to 8¢ H.K.



August 12, 1872. Letter posted at Hong Kong with 8¢ H.K. rate cancelled by "B62" obliterator of Hong Kong. Red HONG KONG/PAID ALL was used only in conjunction with the Anglo-American Convention rates. "4" (red mms.) was restatement of 8¢ rate in British equivalent, 4d., apparently for accounting purposes.

Sept. 13, 1872. Letter endorsed "per Great Republic" of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. She had left Yokohama August 21, arriving at San Francisco Sept. 21. Letter then went to the East overland (after 1869) by way of the trans-Continental railroad.

1872

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Douglas Lapraik & Co., S.S. Formosa. Amoy to Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Colorado. Hong Kong-Yokohama-S. Fri'sco



Sept. 14, 1872. Backstamp at Amoy, one of the Treaty Ports, where double the 8¢ Anglo-American Convention rate was paid by two copies of the Issue of 1865.

Sept. 16. S.S. Formosa, 615 ton British steamer departed Amoy, arrived Sept. 18 at Hong Kong where the adhesives were cancelled by the "B62", British Post Office number assigned to Hong Kong.

Sept. 21. S.S. Colorado of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. departed from Hong Kong via Yokohama, Oct. 2, for San Francisco. Letter was marked "8" in red, crediting U.S. for double credit of 4¢ x 2 = 8¢.



October 24. S.S. Colorado, Capt. Warsaw, arrived at San Francisco October 23, and the mail was processed next day, as usual. Most Hong Kong covers under the Convention of 1867 bear PAID ALL's at both Hong Kong and at San Francisco.

Mail forwarded east by the Central and Union Pacific Railroad Companies.

Hong Kong Daily Advertiser: Arrived WED., Sept. 18, 1872

FORMOSA, British steamer, 615, Young, Amoy 16th September,
General — Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Hong Kong Daily Advertiser, Sept. 17, 1872

THROUGH U.S. MAIL FROM CHINA AND JAPAN
TO NEW YORK

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANIES

THE S.S. "COLORADO" will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco via Yokohama on SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 3 o'clock P.M., taking passengers, Mails and Freight, for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan ports to San Francisco, to principal points in the United States, Canada and Europe, via Overland Railroad, and connecting lines of steamers, and to ports in Mexico and Central and South America.

A steamer of the Company will leave Shanghai about the same date via Sea Ports and make close connection at Yokohama.

The "COLORADO" will be due at San Francisco October 23rd, whence daily Passenger and daily Freight trains are run over the Central and Union Pacific Railroad Lines for New York, and for all the principal cities in the Interior and upon the Atlantic Seaboard.

Etc. . .

Hongkong Sept. 7, 1872.

T.A. HARRIS
Agent

San Francisco Alta California, Arrived Oct. 23 - Stmr. Colorado, Warsaw, 32 days from Hongkong, via Yokohama 21 days to Eldridge & Irwin.

1872

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Douglas Lapraik & Co., S.S. Thales, Amoy to Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Great Republic, H.K.-Yokohama-S. Frisco



Nov. 5, 1872. Letter was posted at Amoy for the "Pacific Mail" via Hong Kong. S.S. Thales, Capt. Burnie, departed Amoy Nov. 5, arrived at Hong Kong Nov. 6. Mail was cancelled at Hong Kong with the 8¢ Anglo-American Convention rate, paid by Issue of 1868, struck with the "B62" of Hong Kong. Red "4" is a credit to the U.S. for 4¢ out of the 8¢ rate.

Nov. 12. S.S. Great Republic, Capt. Cobb, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., departed from Hong Kong for Yokohama and San Francisco. She left Yokohama with a partially broken shaft, but completed the voyage without incident.



December 17. Great Republic arrived at San Francisco Dec. 16, mail processed next day.

Mail was forwarded east by the Central and Union Pacific Railroad Companies.

Hong Kong Advertiser

Arrivals, Nov. 6, 1872

THALES, British steamer, 775, Burnie, Amoy 5 Nov., Ballast -
Douglas Lapraik & Co.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY

THE S.S. "GREAT REPUBLIC," will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco via Yokohama on TUESDAY the 12th November, at 3 o'clock P.M. taking passengers, Mails and Freight, for Japan, the United States and Europe.

The "Great Republic" will be due at San Francisco Dec. 17th.

Alta California: Dec. 17, 1872. Arrived: Stmr. Great Republic, Cebs, 34 days from Hongkong, via Yokohama, 22 days 16 hours to Eldridge & Erwin.

1874

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Great Republic

Built by Henry Steers, Greenpoint, L.I., N.Y. 3881 tons, 360' x 47', wooden paddle-wheel steamer. Launched November 8, 1866. First vessel of the company to be built for the San Francisco-Japan-China Service. In San Francisco-Hong Kong Service 1867-1876.



March 5, 1874. A letter posted at Cadiz, Ohio to Japan, and paid at double the 10¢ rate of January 1867, American Packet via San Francisco. Payment is by a horizontal pair of the Issue of 1873 (Sc.161). It is addressed to the Hon. John A. Bingham, U.S. Minister to Japan at Yokohama.

April 1. S.S. Great Republic of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company departed from San Francisco.

May 14. Docket notes receipt at Yokohama.

1874

Douglas Lapraik & Co.: S.S. Yesso, Foochow to Hong Kong
 Pacific Mail S. S. Co.: S.S. Costa Rica, Hong Kong to Yokohama
S.S. Japan, Yokohama to San Francisco



August 22 and 31, 1874. A letter datelined at Foochow by missionary J.E. Walker to his cousin at East Baldwin, Maine.

September 5. Letter put into the mails at the Treaty Port of Foochow where the 8¢ Anglo-American Convention of 1867 rate was paid by the Hong Kong Issue of 1865. The British S.S. Yesso, Capt. S. Ashton, departed from Foochow on September 6. Her dates were: Foochow, Sept. 6th; Amoy, 7th; Swatow, 8th. Tea and Treasure to Douglas Lapraik & Co. (Hong Kong Times, Sept. 10th.)

September 9. Yesso arrived at Hong Kong where the stamp was cancelled by the "B62" of Hong Kong and the letter received the Hong Kong PAID ALL in red. Letter endorsed: (Via San Francisco)/ P.M. S.S., bears the British 4d. mark in red, equivalent to the 8¢ rate.

September 19. S.S. Costa Rica of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. departed from Hong Kong for Yokohama.

September 30. Costa Rica's mails were transferred at Yokohama to S.S. Japan, also of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

October 22. S.S. Japan, Capt. Warsaw arrived at San Francisco October 21, mail processed the next day, as usual. The mail was forwarded east by rail.



1874

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Douglas Lapraik & Co., S.S. Kwangtung, Amoy to Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Costa Rica, Hong Kong to Yokohama
S.S. Japan, Yokohama to San Francisco



Sept. 11, 1874. Backstamp at Amoy, one of the Treaty Ports, where the 8¢ Anglo-American Convention of 1867 rate was paid by a copy of the Issue of 1865. The 491 ton British S.S. Kwangtung, Capt. D. Pitman, departed from Amoy this date. Her dates were: Foochow Sept. 10th; Amoy 11th; Swatow 12th.

Sept. 13. Kwangtung arrived at Hong Kong where the stamp was cancelled by the "B62" of Hong Kong and the letter received the Hong Kong PAID ALL. Letter, endorsed "Pacific Mail" is missing the customary "4" credit to the U.S.

Sept. 19. S.S. Costa Rica of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. departed from Hong Kong for Yokohama.

Sept. 30. Costa Rica's mails were transferred at Yokohama to S.S. Japan, also of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.



Oct. 22. S.S. Japan, Capt. Warsaw, arrived at San Francisco Oct. 21, mail processed next day as usual. Mail was forwarded east by rail.

MY-11
The Hong Kong Times. Sept. 14, 1874.

Arrived H.K. SUNDAY, SEPT. 13. KWANGTUNG, British str.,
491, D. Pitman, Foochow, Sept. 10; Amoy, 11th; Swatow, 12th.
General - Douglas Lapraik & Co.

KWANGTUNG departed H.K. Sept. 17 for Coast Ports.

The Hong Kong Times, Daily Advertiser, and Shipping Gazette
Sept. 19. (Inter Alia)

U.S. Mail Line

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.

Through to New York, via PANAMA

TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO

THE S.S. "COSTA RICA" will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco
in connection with the S.S. "Japan" from YOKOHAMA, ON SATURDAY
the 19th instant at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, Mails and Freight
for Japan, the U.S. and Europe.

A steamer of the Company will leave Shanghai via the Inland
Sea Ports, about the same date, and make close connection at
Yokohama. . .

G.B. EMORY

Acting Agent

VPD SHEET PROTECTOR MY-11
VPD SHEET PROTECTOR

1874

Douglas Lapraik & Co., S.S. Douglas, Amoy to Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Nevada, Hong Kong to Yokohama
S.S. China, Yokohama to San Francisco



October 2, 1874. Backstamp at Amoy where the Anglo-American Convention rate of 1867 was paid by the 8¢ Issue of 1865. The 864 ton British steamer Douglas, Capt. E. Burnie, was making the Coast Ports run at this time, her dates were: Pagoda Anchorage Sept. 29th; Sharp Peak Oct. 1st; Amoy 2nd; Swatow 3rd.

October 4. Douglas arrived at Hong Kong where the stamp was cancelled by the "B62" of Hong Kong. Letter marked "Pacific Mail" indicating routing by Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

Hong Kong Times. U.S. MAIL LINE. The S.S. "NEVADA" will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco, in connection with the S.S. "CHINA" from Yokohama on MONDAY the 5th proximo.

October 12. Nevada arrived at Yokohama and transferred her mails, freight and passengers to S.S. China, which departed from that port for San Francisco October 14.



November 8. S.S. China, Capt. Phillips, arrived at San Francisco. Mails forwarded east by rail.

Hong Kong Times

Arrived Hong Kong October 4, 1874.

DOUGLAS, British str., 864, E. Burnie, Pagoda Anchorage
Sept. 29th, Sharp Peak Oct. 1st, Amoy 2nd, Swatow 3rd, General -
Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Hong Kong Times, Oct. 5, 1874.

U.S. MAIL LINE

The S.S. "NEVADA" will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco, in
connection with the S.S. "CHINA" from Yokohama on MONDAY, the
5th proximo, at 3 p.m. taking Passengers, Mails, and Freight
for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Departed Monday, Oct. 5.

Nevada, Am. str., for Yokohama, and San Francisco.

OR MY-11

VPD SHEET PROTECTOR MY-11

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1874

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Augustine Heard & Co., S.S. Tartar, Amoy to Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Vancouver (Chartered). H.K. - Yokohama - S.F.



October 24, 1874. Circular dated backstamp at Amoy with the straight line AMOY. The Anglo-American Convention of 1876 8¢ rate was paid by the Issue of 1865.

October 27. British steamer Tartar, 1476 tons, J.S. Ferries, Commander, left Amoy and arrived at Hong Kong Oct. 29 (sic) to Augustine Heard & Co. (Hong Kong Times.)

Hong Kong Times, October 26. U.S. Mail Line. PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY. The Chartered S.S. "VANCOUVER" will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant at 3 P.M.

Vancouver was owned by the China Trans-Pacific Steamship Co. and had previously made 2 voyages to San Francisco under her own flag. This was her only charter to Pacific Mail S.S. Co. Another ship of China Trans-Pacific, S.S. Vasco da Gama made five voyages for Pacific Mail in 1874-75.

October 28. Vancouver, Captain Shaw, departed from Hong Kong for San Francisco via Yokohama November 6.

December 1. Vancouver arrived at San Francisco November 30, mail processed Dec. 1. Mail went east by railroad.



Hong Kong Times
Arr. Hong Kong Oct. 29, 1874, TARTAR, British str., 1476,
J.S. Ferries, Amoy Oct. 27th, General - Augustine Heard & Co.

H.K. Times Oct. 26, 1874.

U.S. Mail Line
PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.
Through to New York, Via Panama
Touching at YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO

The Chartered S.S. "VANCOUVER" will leave Hong Kong
for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th
instant at 3 P.M. taking Passengers, Mails and Freight,
for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Advertisement:

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
The Steamship
"YESSO"
Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched for the above
Ports TO-DAY, the 26th inst. at 8 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hong Kong, Oct. 23, 1874.

1874-75

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Vogel, Hagedorn & Co., S.S. Formosa, Amoy - Hong Kong

Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Colorado, H.Kong - Yokohama - S. Fr'isco



December 5, 1874. Backstamp at Amoy, one of the Treaty Ports, where the Anglo-American Convention rate of 8¢ was paid by a copy of the Issue of 1865. On Dec. 6 the Spanish steamer Formosa, Capt. Morales, departed from Amoy with a general cargo. She arrived at Hong Kong Dec. 7 to Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

December 7. Upon arrival at Hong Kong the adhesive was cancelled by the "B62" of Hong Kong and a "4" (¢) credit to U.S. was noted in red crayon.

December 12. S.S. Colorado of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. departed for San Francisco via Yokohama Dec. 19, departing that port Dec. 22.



January 22, 1875. Colorado, Capt. Morse, arrived at San Francisco Jan. 21, mail processed the next day. Mails were forwarded east by rail.

Hong Kong Times:

Arr. Hong Kong MON., Dec. 7, 1874.
FORMOSA, Spanish str., 355, James Morales, Amoy Dec. 6th,
Geberal — Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

Hong Kong Times, Dec. 8, 1874

U.S. MAIL LINE
PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY

The S.S. "COLORADO", will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco
via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 12th instant at 3 PM, instead of
the time previously notified.

Etc...

Departed SATURDAY, Dec. 12, 1874: Colorado, Am. str., for San
Francisco.

1874-75

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Altona (under charter) Anglo-American Convention '67



December 28, 1874. A letter from the United States Consulate at Hong Kong paid at the 8¢ Hong Kong rate established by the Anglo-American Convention of 1867. 8¢ Issue of 1865, orange buff, watermarked Crown and CC. Letter is endorsed: Per

S.S. "Altona." Letter bears red "4", portion of postage credited to U.S.

The Hong Kong Times, Daily Advertiser and Shipping Gazette:
Dec. 28, 1874. Mails will close today: For Yokohama and San Francisco, per "Altona" at 2:30 P.M.

Altona, Capt. Hore, owned by German firm of W. Von Pustau, was under charter to Pacific Mail. She made two trans-Pacific voyages for Pacific Mail in 1874 and 1875.



Jan. 31, 1875. Daily Alta California: The steamer Altona, chartered by the Pacific Mail Company, arrived last evening from Hong Kong and Yokohama. She left H.K. Dec. 28, at 5 P.M...arrived Yokohama Jan. 6th,... sailed thence Jan. 9th.... Jan. 10th and 11th cyclone from southwest, lost two boats and shipped heavy seas, smashing deck fittings, etc.

Letter went by rail trans-continental to Boston.

Daily Alta California, San Francisco, SUNDAY, Jan. 31, 1875.

CHINA AND JAPAN

Arrival of the German steamer "Altona"

The steamer Altona, chartered by the Pacific Mail Company, arrived last evening from Hong Kong and Yokohama. She left H.K. Dec. 28, at 5 P.M., glass falling and commencement of a north-east gale; Dec. 30th, 31st. and Jan. 1st terrific northeast gale and the ship hove to; Jan. 2nd gale decreasing; moderate thence to Yokohama, where we arrived Jan. 6th, and anchored at 6 P.M.; sailed thence Jan. 9th at 10:30 A.M., passed Cape Sagamai at noon, passed Meta Cape Sunday; Jan. 10th and 11th cyclone from south-west, lost two boats and shipped heavy seas, smashing deck fittings, etc.

1875

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Douglas Lapraik & Co., S.S. Kwangtung, Amoy to Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Alaska, Hong Kong-Yokohama-S. Francisco



Jan. 4, 1875. Letter posted at the Treaty Port of Amoy, backstamp. Anglo-American Convention of 1867 rate paid by a copy of the Issue of 1865 at 8¢. The 491 ton British steamer Kwangtung, Capt. Geo. D. Pitman, was on the Coast Port run. Her dates were: Foochow, Jan. 3rd; Amoy 4th; Swatow 5th.

Jan. 6. Kwangtung arrived at Hong Kong to Douglas Lapraik & Co. Adhesive was cancelled here by the "B62" of Hong Kong and a red "4" (¢) credit marked to U.S. for her portion of the voyage. Directional endorsement "Pacific Mail" indicated routing by the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company.

Jan. 13. S.S. Alaska, Capt. Van Sice, departed from Hong Kong and arrived at Yokohama Jan. 21. She cleared Yokohama Jan. 26 for San Francisco. This was her first voyage after being grounded several months previous during a typhoon at Hong Kong.



Feb. 17. Alaska had arrived at San Francisco Feb. 16, mail processed the next day. Mails were forwarded east by railroad.

Hong Kong Times

Arrived Hong Kong Jan. 6, 1875.

KWANGTUNG British str., 491, Geo. D. Pitman, Foochow
Jan. 3rd, Amoy 4th, Swatow 5th, General - Douglas Lapraik
& Co.

Hong Kong Times, Friday, Jan. 8.

U.S. Mail Line

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY

The S.S. "ALASKA", will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco
via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th instant, at 3 P.M. . .

1875

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Douglas Lapraik & Co., S.S. Kwangtung, Amoy - Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. Colorado, Hong Kong - Yokohama - S. Francisco



March 12, 1875. Backstamp at Amoy, one of the Treaty Ports, where the Anglo-American rate of 8¢ was paid by Hong Kong Issue of 1865. S.S. Kwangtung departed from Amoy this date.

Hong Kong Times. Arrived Sunday March 14, KWANGTUNG, British str., 491, Geo. D. Putnam, Foochow Mar. 11, Amoy 12th, Swatow 13th, General - Douglas Lapraik & Co.

March 14. Adhesive cancelled by the "B62", British Post Office number assigned to Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong PAID ALL was struck.

Hong Kong Times, March 15:

U. S. Mail Line

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY

The S.S. "Colorado" will leave Hong Kong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, THIS DAY, the 15th inst. at 3 p.m.



April 16. S.S. Colorado, Captain Dearborn, arrived at San Francisco April 15, letter processed April 16. Mail was forwarded East by rail.

April 30. New York City carrier's backstamp. This may have been a special usage as it was struck 14 days after letter dispatch from San Francisco. Normal transcontinental transit was 5 days. This mark is uncommon, only about 10 copies having been recorded.

1875

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

Douglas Lapraik & Co., S.S. Yesso, Amoy to Hong Kong
Pacific Mail S.S. Co., S.S. City of Tokio, H.K.-Yokohama-S. Frisco



May 10, 1875. Letter posted at Amoy at the 8¢ Hong Kong rate established by the Anglo-American Convention of 1867. Endorsed "Pacific Mail," indicating the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. The 559 ton British steamer Yesso, Capt. J.E. Punchard, made ports-of-call along the China Coast, her dates were: Foochow May 9th; Amoy 10th; Swatow 11th.

May 12. Yesso arrived at Hong Kong where the adhesive was cancelled by the "B62" of Hong Kong, letter also marked PAID ALL.

May 15. S.S. City of Tokio, Capt. Maury, departed Hong Kong, arrived Yokohama May 21, departing therefrom May 23. This was the first eastward crossing of the new steel hulled screw steamer City of Tokio.



June 10. City of Tokio arrived at San Francisco. Usual "4" credit is missing on this 1867 Convention cover. Mails forwarded east by rail.

1879

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. S.S. City of Tokio



May 31, 1879. U.P.U. rated letter at 5 sen per $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. paid by adhesive stamp 5s. brown, Issue of 1876. Stamp is cancelled by the X-shaped "chop" of Yokohama.

May 31. S.S. City of Tokio of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. departed from Yokohama ("Pacific Crossings").



June 16. City of Tokio, Capt. Maury, arrived at San Francisco, 16 days from Yokohama. PAID ALL back-stamp at San Francisco, letter forwarded paid to Nantucket, Mass.

1882

AMOY AND HONG KONG TO U.S. VIA SAN FRANCISCO

S.S. Coptic

ORIENTAL & OCCIDENTAL STEAMSHIP CO.

British Post Office Number "D 27" of Amoy



1882

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

AMOY AND HONG KONG TO U.S. VIA SAN FRANCISCO
S.S. Coptic ORIENTAL & OCCIDENTAL STEAMSHIP CO.
British Post Office Number "D27" of Amoy

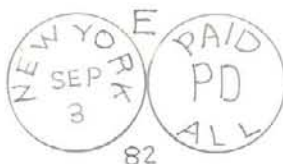
There were seven different U.P.U. rates at Hong Kong that prevailed in the 19th Century. They were:

1) April 1877 to 1 April 1879	12¢ per half-ounce
2) 1 April 1879 to 18 February 1880	8¢
3) 18 February to 1 January 1891	10¢
4) 1 January 1891 to March 1891	7¢
5) March 1891 to 10 January 1894	10¢ - U.P.U. 7¢ - U.K.
6) 10 January 1894 to 1 January 1899	10¢
7) 1 January 1899	4¢.



July 25, 1882. Letter paid at the third U.P.U. rate of 10¢ per half-ounce. It was double rated ($\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 oz.) as noted by the red "2" in the upper left corner, which rate was paid by a pair of the 10¢ violet Issue of 1880. Posted at the Treaty Port of Amoy, the stamps were cancelled by the "D27", the British Post Office number assigned to Amoy. This is a rare and popular cancellation. Eighteen D27 covers have been recorded from 5 August 1876 to 24 January 1884.

July 27, 1882. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong. The Oriental & Occidental Steamship Co.'s Coptic departed from Hong Kong July 31 via Yokohama August 13.



September 3, 1882. Coptic arrived at San Francisco August 28. Usual transcontinental transit time of 5-6 days for arrival at New York September 3. Backstamp.

1877

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. S.S. City of New York
 6d. Treaty Rate, New South Wales Direct to San Francisco
 White Star Line, S.S. Germanic, N.Y. to Queenstown



June 26, 1877. Letter paid at Sydney, N.S.W. "Via San Francisco" at the 6d. (12¢) Treaty Rate plus a 4d. Registry Fee. Stamps are 4d. red brown Issue of March 1877 and 6d. Issue of 1872. Being registered, this mail went closed through San Francisco and New York.

London Times, July 3, 1877. SYDNEY. The Pacific Mail steamer City of New York left this port to-day with the mails for San Francisco via Auckland and Honolulu.

Alta California, San Francisco. Arrived July 26. Stmr. City of New York, Cobb, 27 days from Sydney, etc. via Honolulu, 8 days to Williams Blanchard & Co.

London Times, Mon. Aug. 6. NEW YORK Aug. 4. The White Star United States Mail steamer Germanic left here to-day with the Australian mails received via San Francisco.

QUEENSTOWN Aug. 13. The White Star steamer Germanic, from N.Y. with 400 passengers, \$120,000 specie, and the U.S., Australian and New Zealand mails, arrived here this morning and after landing mails and passengers proceeded for Liverpool.

Aug. 15. Arrival backstamp at Norwich, England (sic.)



1882

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. City of Peking



September 28, 1882. A letter to Cleveland, Ohio paid at Yokohama at the 5 sen U.P.U. rate by the Issue of 1876. The cover is endorsed: Per S.S. City of Peking.

September 15. S.S. City of Peking of the Pacific Mail Line departed from Hong Kong and touched at Yokohama September 28, where this letter went aboard.



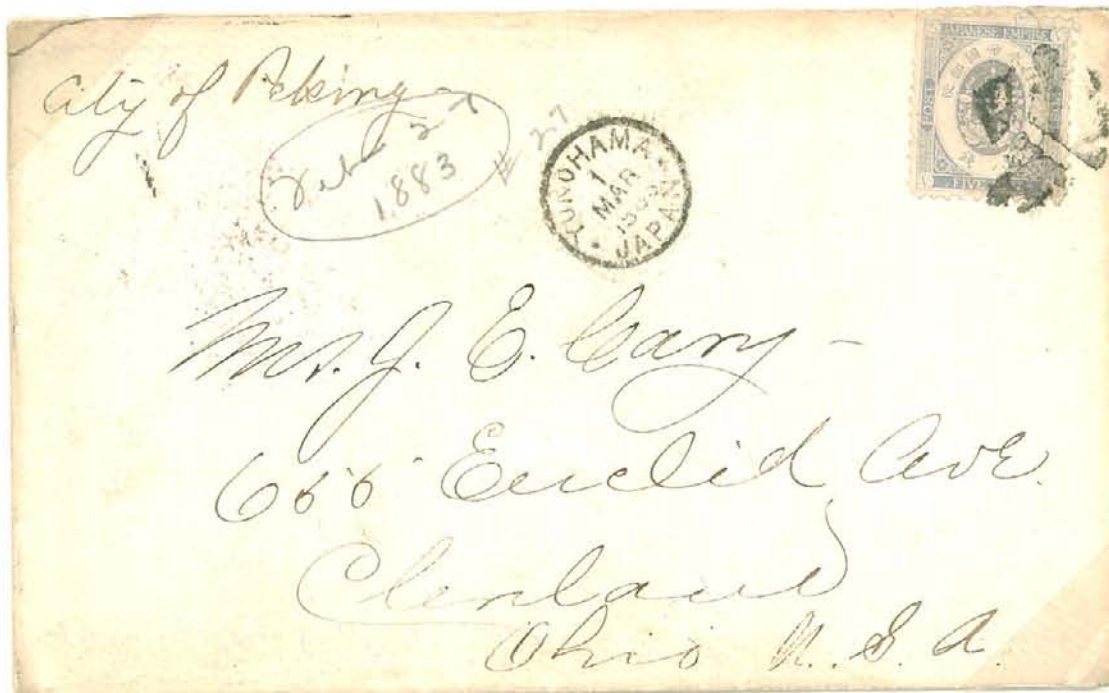
October 13. City of Peking arrived at San Francisco, backstamp. This letter was forwarded east by rail.

October 19. Arrival backstamp at Cleveland.

1883

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. City of Peking



March 1, 1883. Letter paid at Yokohama at the 5 sen U.P.U. rate by the Issue of 1883, early use of this stamp. Though the docket notes this letter was dated Feb. 27, 1883, Yokohama date-stamped letters in transit on the sailing date of the steamers for the U.S. Letter is endorsed: City of Peking.

February 20. S.S. City of Peking departed from Hong Kong, touched at Yokohama March 1, where this letter went aboard.



March 18. San Francisco arrival backstamp agrees with the recorded arrival date of the S.S. City of Peking at that port, PD ALL.

March 23 (ca.). Cleveland arrival backstamp.

1883

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. City of Peking



July 20, 1883. Letter posted at Hong Kong paid at the 1st U.P.U. rate (effective Feb. 18, 1880 to Jan. 1, 1891) of 10¢ by a copy of the 10¢ violet Issue of 1880. Adhesive cancelled by the B62, British Post Office number of Hong Kong.

July 27. S.S. City of Peking departed from Hong Kong for San Francisco via Yokohama.

August 22. San Francisco Examiner,
August 23. Arrived 22nd, Stmr. City
of Peking, Berry, 27 days from Hong
Kong via Yokohama 18 ds, to Williams
Diamond & Co.



Arrival backstamp at San Francisco.

1892

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S. S. City of Peking

Built by John Roach & Son, Chester, Penn. 5080 tons, 408' x 47'.
Single screw, 15 knots, compound engine, iron hull. Launched March
18, 1874. Broken up in 1910.



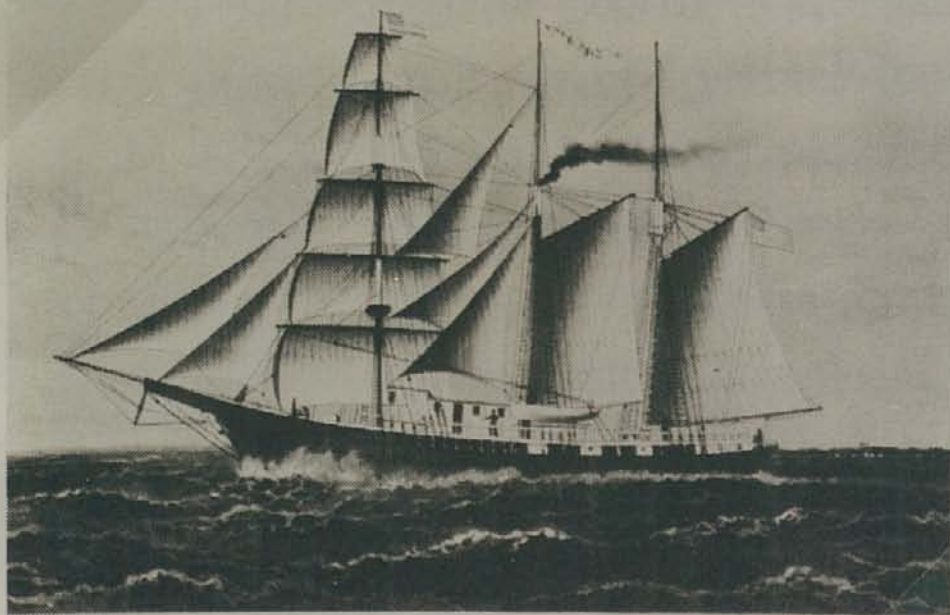
April 22, 1892. A letter paid at Osaka, Japan at the 5 sen U.P.U. rate by the Issue of 1883, the 5 sen ultramarine.

April 28. Transit date stamp at Yokohama. The S.S. City of Peking had left Hong Kong on April 16, called at Yokohama on April 28. This letter bears Meiji date stamps, showing the 25th year of the reign name of Emperor Mutshuhito, who came to power in 1867.



May 8. The City of Peking arrived at San Francisco, back-stamp.

May 14. Arrival backstamp at Sterling, Illinois.



34. *Morning Star IV*

1898

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. City of Peking



May 2, 1898 (sic.) Card written aboard the missionary ship Morning Star. Isaiah Bray writes, " 'Morning Star' Honolulu May 2d 1898. Yours of Jan 8/98 was here on my arrival from Micronesia April 10th. You do not seem to realize that we are absent from this place nine or ten months of the year..."

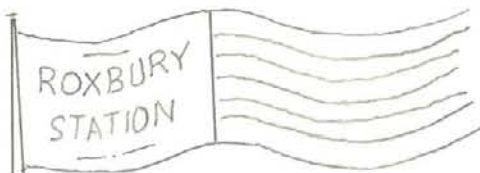


May 1. Hawaiian Postal Card, Issue of 1897, 2¢ bluish green on white card (border size 133 x 73½ mm.) pays the rate to the U.S. Cancellation by the Station 2 duplex at Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO
- CALA. -
MAY 8 11-AM '98

The Examiner, San Francisco. DUE AT SAN FRANCISCO May 7, City of Peking from Hong Kong via Honolulu.

May 8. San Francisco arrival backstamp.



May 15. Card received at Roxbury, Mass. and forwarded to Brooklyn, N.Y.

May 16. Brooklyn arrival stamp.

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Great Britain annexed the Gilberts. The Spaniards forbade the *Star* and the missionaries to visit certain islands and destroyed a great deal of mission property. But in 1889, after the Spanish American War, when the islands were sold to Germany, the work was continued with some restrictions. The *Morning Star IV* was a good vessel and served her purpose well until 1900 when she was sold into the merchant service on the West coast to avoid the expense of major repairs. The Hawaiian Board now closed out its interest in the Micronesian mission work, leaving the American Board of Commissioners to continue alone. The Board purchased from the Maine Seacoast Mission the four-year-old steamer *Sunbeam* of four hundred and three tons. She was one hundred and thirty feet long, thirty feet wide, and nine and five-tenths feet deep, with a speed of some ten or eleven knots. Her name was changed to *Morning Star V*, and seafaring men considered her entirely unsuitable for the missionaries' purposes.⁸ Shares to raise the \$37,000 necessary to buy, repair, and adapt her for Pacific work were sold again at ten cents. She left Boston, June 11, 1904 and the Reverend Hiram Bingham, Jr., who had been out on both *Morning Star I* and *II* offered the prayer at her dedication. She did not go the usual way round the Horn or through the Straits of Magellan, but crossed the Atlantic to the Mediterranean and through the Suez Canal to reach Ponape on October 27. The opinion of nautical men was correct for she was a poor sea boat and far too expensive to run. Besides, in the meantime, regular steamship service had been established with the Gilberts and Marshalls. The Board put her up for sale late in 1905, but there were no buyers until three years later. This was the end of the *Morning Star* series. But there is a sequel.

During World War II, when a small group of American

WITH COURAGE AND ZEAL

1880

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. City of Tokio



September 1, 1880. A letter to Japan paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate by the 3¢ stamped envelope, Issue of 1874 and the 2¢ American Bank Note Co. Issue of 1879, and endorsed: Via San Francisco/ Cal. It was posted at Veedersburgh, Indiana, an office in service 1872-93.



September 7. San Francisco receiving backstamp. The S.S. Oceanic had departed for Hong Kong via Yokohama on September 1, so this letter was held for the next sailing.

September 20. S.S. City of Tokio departed from San Francisco for Asia.



October 12. City of Tokio arrived at Yokohama, backstamps.

1884

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. City of Tokio



July 31, 1884. Letter posted at Shanghai, paid 10¢ at the 3rd U.P.U. rate by the 10¢ green, Issue of 1882, watermarked Crown & CA. "SI" is the Webb fourth type accompanied by the 19½ mm. cds SHANGHAE, Type Ci.

North China Herald (Shanghai). LATEST MAIL DATES: Departed steamer Sindh, August 3 for Hong Kong.

August 5. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong. Letter endorsed: "Pacific Mail", signifying per Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

August 8. S.S. City of Tokio departed Hong Kong for San Francisco via Yokohama August 18.

San Francisco Daily Examiner, Sept. 3. Arr. S. Francisco Sept. 2, Stmr City of Tokio, Maury, 26 ds. from Hong Kong via Yokohama 16 ds. 11 hrs. to Williams, Diamond & Co.



Mails went east by rail.

Sept. 9. Transit and receipt backstamps at New York and New Haven, Conn.

1873

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO TO COSTA RICA VIA ACAPULCO
S.S. Great Republic 10¢ Rate of June 1863



January 17, 1873. Letter paid at San Francisco at the 10¢ rate to Costa Rica, effective from June 1863 to July 1875. Paid by the National Bank Note Co. Issue of 1870, H grill.

Advertisement Alta California:

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR NEW YORK VIA PANAMA. Leave at 12 o'clock noon on the 7th, 17th and 27th of each month for Panama, and connecting via Panama Railroad with one of the Company's splendid Steamers from Aspinwall for New York.

Steamers of the 17th and 27th will call at Mazatlan and Manzanillo and connect at Acapulco for all Central American Ports.

Jan. 17 - GREAT REPUBLIC, Capt. Cavarly

Jan. 27, MONTANA, Capt. Nolan.

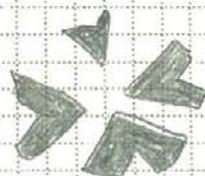
Steamer of the 17th will not call at San Diego.

January 17. S.S. Great Republic, Capt. Cavarly, sailed as scheduled for Panama via Mazatlan, Manzanillo, and Acapulco.

January 26. Docket notes receipt at San Jose, Costa Rica. Central American mail had gone ashore at Acapulco for transit onward by local steamer.

1874

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
S.S. Arizona 10¢ Rate of June 1863



June 6, 1874. Letter paid at San Francisco at the 10¢ rate to Costa Rica, effective June 1863 to July 1875. Paid by the Continental Bank Note Co. Issue of 1873.

Advertisement, San Francisco Daily Examiner, June 4, 1874:

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

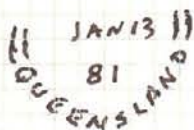
FOR NEW YORK VIA Panama. Leave at twelve o'clock noon every FOURTEENTH day instead of every seventeenth day, as formerly, for PANAMA, and connecting via Panama Railroad, with one of the company's steamers from Aspinwall for New York.

June 6. ARIZONA, Capt. Cavalry, calling at Mansillo, Acapulco, and ALL THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS: SAN JOSE DE GUATEMALA, ACAJUTLA, PUNTA ARENAS and during the coffee season the first steamer leaving each month will call at these ports both ways.

June 25 (sic). Docket notes receipt at San Jose.

Letter was dropped off with the mails at San Jose Costa Rica, at the Arizona's call at that port.

1881



UNIDENTIFIED ORIGINATING P.O.

TRANSIT MARKINGS

SAN FRANCISCO
ARRIVAL



THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER OF 24 FEBRUARY 1881 REPORTED:
"ARRIVED 23 FEBRUARY STEAMER 'AUSTRALIA', CARGILL, 26
DAYS FROM SYDNEY VIA HONOLULU 7 DAYS."

"AUSTRALIA" WAS A P&O CO. SHIP

THIS COVER IS A DOUBLE RATE COVER.

THE BRISBANE APPLIED "PAID ALL" IN BLACK WAS COUNTER TO
THE POSTAL CONVENTION OF 1 JAN '76 WHICH STATED THAT IT WAS TO
BE IN RED. ALL BRISBANE PAID ALL STAMPS WERE IN BLACK
AND IN USE 13 JAN 81 TO 16 JULY 1881

1881-82

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. S.S. City of Sydney
6d Treaty Rate, Queensland Direct to San Francisco



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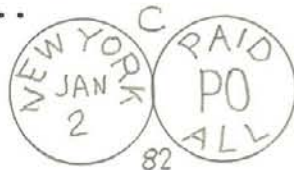
PAID
ALL

November 24, 1881. Double letter paid at the 6d. x 2 = 1 shilling to U.S. by Treaty direct to San Francisco, effective June 1870 to Oct. 1891. At the latter date the Australian States entered the U.P.U.

Transpacific rate paid by the 1/- Issue of 1881. In addition double the local rate of 2d. x 2 = 4d. was paid by the 4d. Issue of 1879.

December 4. S.S. City of Sydney of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company departed from Sydney.

Daily Examiner, San Francisco, Dec. 28, 1881. Arrived Stmr. City of Sydney, Dearborn, 26 ds. from Sydney via Auckland and Honolulu 7ds. and 15 hrs. to Williams Diamond & Co..



Jan. 2, 1882. Arrival backstamp at New York.

1883

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. S.S. Australia

Sydney to San Francisco via New Zealand

6d Treaty Rate via San Francisco



PAID ALL

November 15, 1883. A PAID ALL letter posted at Wellington, New Zealand to the U.S. The 12^d Treaty rate of Dec. 1870 via San Francisco was paid at the equivalent 6d. in New Zealand currency by the Issue of 1882.

November 14. London Times. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Australia left Sydney this afternoon with the homeward Australian mails via San Francisco.

Times, December 13. SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. 11, 1883. The Pacific Mail steamer Australia, arrived here from Australia and New Zealand to-day, bringing the English mails.

December 15. Transit handstamp at Chicago. Letter en route to the East Coast for eventual delivery at Ipswich, Mass.



1885

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Australia

Sydney to San Francisco



*The Hon.
H B Martin
Milton
Mass.
U.S. America*

Rec Oct 12th /85



September 8, 1885. Letter posted at Nyngan, New South Wales, backstamp, with the adhesives cancelled by the boxed oval 1046 of Nyngan. A strip of 3 of the 2d. Issue of 1882, perf. 11 x 12, pays the six pence rate, held equivalent to the U.S. rate of 10¢ of June 1870 to the Australian States. The States did not become members of the U.P.U. until August 1891.



London Times, Saturday, Sept. 12. Sydney, Sept. 10. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Australia left here this afternoon with the homeward Australian mails via San Francisco.

San Francisco, October 6. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Australia, from Sydney, has arrived here with the Australian and New Zealand mail.

October 12. Milton, Mass. arrival backstamp, usual 6 day transcontinental transit by rail.



1891

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China (II)

SAN FRANCISCO TO HONG KONG VIA YOKOHAMA



July 10, 1891. U.P.U. rated letter paid 5¢ by the 3¢ stamped envelope, die 2 on white, Issue of 1874 and 2¢ Issue of 1890. Letter endorsed: Via San Francisco. Addressed to a seaman aboard the S.S. Soiko Mauru at Yokohama.

July 15. Transit backstamp at the San Francisco Foreign Department.

San Francisco Examiner:

PACIFIC MAIL SS CO.
FOR HONG KONG VIA YOKOHAMA

S.S. ChinaSaturday, July 18th.

Cleared Sat., July 18, Br. stmr. China, Seabury, Hong Kong and Yokohama, PMSS Co.

August 2. Arrival backstamp at Yokohama. Usual 15 day run, San Francisco to Yokohama.



1894-95

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

U.S. POSTAL AGENCY, SHANGHAI

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China

This 5060 ton single screw, 440' x 48' steamer was built in 1889 by Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., Govan, Scotland to replace City of Tokio, lost in 1885. She was named after the 1866 China which was broken up in 1886 after being sold by Pacific Mail in 1883.

The new China was in service San Francisco-Hong Kong-Manila 1889-1915, then in service for China Mail Steamship Co. San Francisco-Manila, 1915-1923. Broken up for scrap at Kowloon, '25.

The U.S. maintained a Postal Agency at Shanghai which utilized United States postage stamps.



December 8, 1894. Letter paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate by a copy of the Grant design of the American Bank Note Co., Issue of 1890. Letter went by local steamer, Shanghai to Hong Kong.

December 12. The British steamer China departed from Hong Kong for San Francisco.

January 6, 1895. Transit backstamp at S.F.

San Francisco Examiner, Jan. 7. Arrived SUN, Jan. 6, Br. steamer China, Seabury, 25½ ds. fr. Hong Kong via Yokohama 10½ ds. via Honolulu 5 ds. 14½ hrs. to Pacific Mail SS Co.

January 11. Arrival backstamp at Winchester, Virginia.



Miss Ward

Box 159

Winchester Va

U. S. A.

1890

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China(II)



November 20, 1890. Postal card datelined at Osaka, Japan. It is the older 2 sen U.P.U. postal card rate to member countries.

November 23. S.S. China of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. called at Yokohama, 11 days out of Hong Kong en route to San Francisco.

Examiner, San Francisco, December 9, 1890. Arrived Dec. 8, Br. stmr. China, Seabury, 27½ ds. fm. Hongkong, via Yokohama 16½ ds.: pass. and mdse. to W R A Johnson. Pacific Mail SS Co.

December 13. Receiving postmark at Dandridge, Tenn., usual 5 days transcontinental transit by rail.



1894

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. S.S. China (II)



October 23, 1894. A double weight U.P.U. rated letter paid at Union Spring, Alabama at 10¢ by a pair of the 4¢ Issue of 1890 plus the 2¢ Columbian Issue envelope.

October 28. San Francisco machine cancel transit backstamp. This letter just missed the sailing of the Pacific Mail's S.S. City of Peking, which had departed from San Francisco October 27, arrived at Hong Kong November 23.



November 6. Letter was held for the S.S. China, which departed from San Francisco November 6 for Hong Kong via Yokohama.

December 3. Hong Kong arrival backstamp agrees with the recorded arrival date of China at that port. She had touched at Yokohama on November 27.

December 11. Arrival backstamp at Foochow. Mails went by local steamer from Hong Kong to Foochow.



1895

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Peru



May 22, 1895. A letter written at the Nagasaki Club, Japan, and paid to the U.S. at the U.P.U. rate of 5 sen by Japan Issue of 1883.

May 25. Letter forwarded to the port city of Yokohama, the port of call in Japan of the Pacific Mail steamers.

May 29. S.S. Peru of the Pacific Mail Line called at Yokohama. She had left Hong Kong May 18 on her eastbound passage to San Francisco.



June 12. Peru arrived at San Francisco, backstamp.

June 18. Partial strike (backstamp,) received at Macon, Georgia. Usual 5-6 day transcontinental transit time.

1897

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. S. S. China (II)



February 25, 1897. A letter to Maebashi, Jashu, Japan paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate by the stamped envelope, Issue of 1887, die I.

N.Y. Times. TRANSPACIFIC MAILS. Mails for China, Japan and Hawaii per steamship China (from San Francisco) close here daily up to Feb. 26 at 6:30 PM.

March 2. San Francisco transit backstamp.



March 22. China arrived at Yokohama, backstamp. This letter was forwarded on to Maebashi with native notations and arrival handstamp on face.

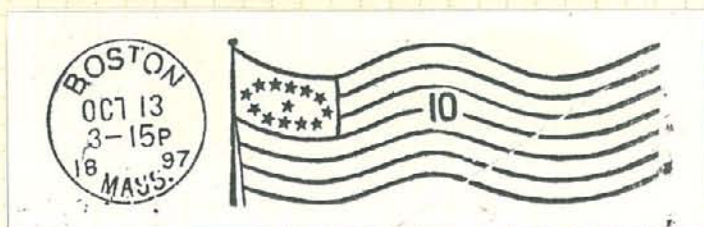
1897

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY S.S. China (II)



Sept. 2, 1897. Letter paid at Tokio by a five sen stamp, Issue of 1883. S.S. China left Hong Kong Sept. 11, 1897 for San Francisco via Yokohama and Honolulu.

Oct. 8. San Francisco Examiner: Arrived the Hawaiian steamer China, Seabury, 27 days 12 hours 20 minutes from Hong Kong via Yokohama 15 days 14 hours 33 minutes via Honolulu 5 days 12 hours 48 minutes to Pacific Mail SS Co.



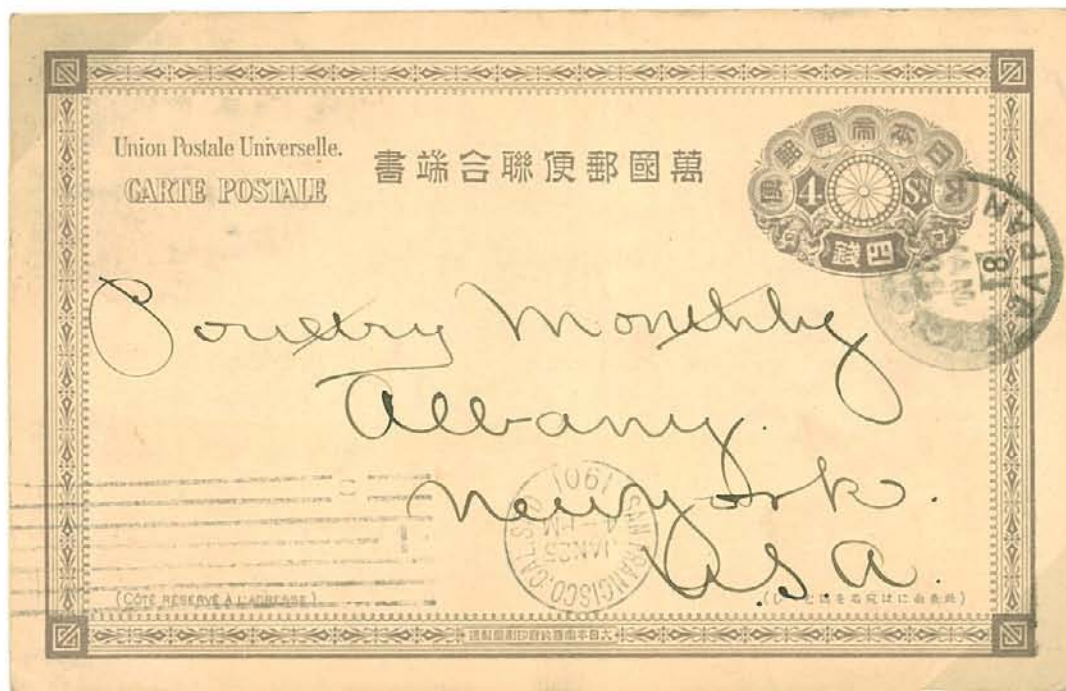
Oct. 13. Textbook strike of the Boston flag cancel arrival backstamp. Usual transit time of 4-5 days transcontinental by rail. Cambridge Station arrival backstamp.

S.S. China: 5060 tons, 440' x 48', single screw, triple expansion engines, 17 knots. Built by Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., Govan, Scotland. Four masts and two funnels. Built to replace the City of Tokio lost in 1885. (The pioneer China (I) was broken up in 1886). In service San Francisco-Hong Kong and Manila, 1889-1915. Sold to Atlantic Transport Co. in 1915, and then resold to China Mail Steamship Co. In service San Francisco-Manila for China Mail, 1915-1923. Broken up at Kowloon in 1925.

1901

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China (II)



January 8, 1901. Postal card dated at Yokohama. The writer asks for a specimen copy of the "Poultry Monthly" and says, "You will please excuse postage as we have no U.S. stamps in Japan." He is referring to return postage for the journal.

January 8. 4 sen U.P.U. international rate card posted at Yokohama, date inverted on the Yokohama receiving stamp. The S.S. China of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. departed from Yokohama this date, 11 days out of Hong Kong en route to San Francisco.



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Examiner, San Francisco, January 26, 1901. Arrived January 25. Stmr. China, Seabury, 28 days from Hongkong, via Yokohama 17 days 12 hours, via Honolulu 6 days 12 hours 20 minutes.

1901-02

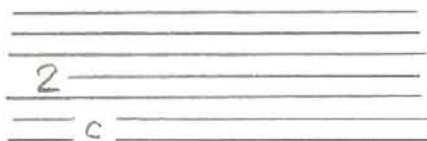
TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China (II)



December 28, 1901. The 10¢ U.P.U. rate here paid by the 2¢ green and two copies of the 4¢ carmine rose, all Issue of 1900, watermarked Crown and C.A. Cancelled by Webb Type II, known July 25, 1901 to Nov. 11, 1903 on Queen Victoria adhesives.

December 31. S.S. China of Pacific Mail departed from Hong Kong for America via Yokohama. This was the 2nd China, replacing the 1866 China, which was sold by Pacific Mail in 1883.



San Francisco Examiner, Jan. 28, 1902. Arrived Jan. 27, Stmr. China, Friele, 27 days from Hongkong via Yokohama 17 days via Honolulu 6 days 9½ hours.

Feb. 1. Dayton, Ohio arrival backstamp.



1905

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China(II)

Postkarte — Carte postale
Weltpostverein — Union postale universelle
Levelező-Lap — Correspondenzkarte — Доси
Karta korespondencyjna — Korespondenční listek
Briefkaart — Cartolina postale — postcard

Открытое письмо — Дописна карта

Brevkort — Tarjeta postal



Miss Rosamond Williams
28 Richdale Ave



Somerville.

Mass.

U. S. S. America.

July 24, 1905. Picture post card (view of the Treaty Port of Chefoo at low tide) posted at the Chefoo office, Imperial Japanese Post, paid by the 4 sen rose, Issue of 1900 overprinted for use in Japanese offices abroad (offices in China). The Chinese stamp was only needed for Chinese internal postage as China was not (in 1905) a member of the U.P.U. Foreign postage was necessary for transmission outside of China, thus only the Japanese offices in China stamp was cancelled.



Aug. 3. Transit at Nagasaki, Japan. S.S. China of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. picked up the Oriental mails Aug. 8 at Yokohama.

Aug. 17. Honolulu. The steamship China, which arrived early this morning from Asiatic ports, experienced good weather during the trip from Yokohama, arriving off the harbor earlier than usual. She discharged 325 tons of freight at this port and resumed her voyage to San Francisco at 6 p.m. She took on 525 tons of coal and left five cabin passengers, fifty Japanese and seven Chinese in the steerage at this place.

San Francisco Examiner: Arrived Wed. Aug. 23, steamer China, Friele, 26 days 16 hours 57 minutes from Hongkong, via Yokohama 15 days 17 hours 7 minutes via Honolulu 5 days 18 hours 30 minutes.

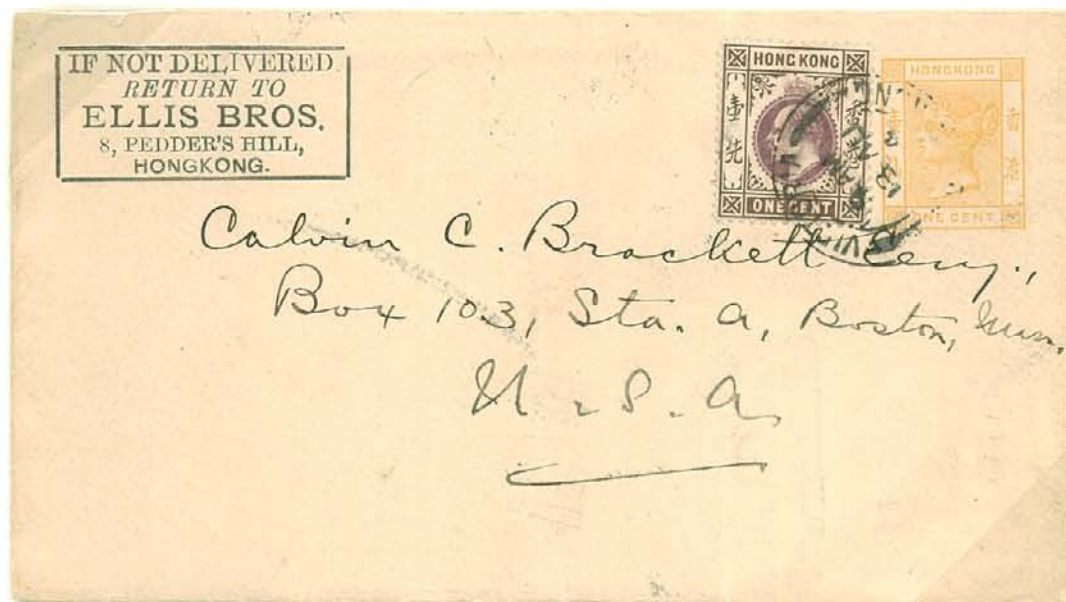


Aug. 28. Arrival postmark at Boston, Somerville Station, Mass., normal 5 days transit continental by rail.

1904

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Korea



August 13, 1904. A "letter" posted at the 2¢ newspaper rate of 1880 via San Francisco. Rate is made up of the 1¢ yellow stamped envelope of Queen Victoria design, Issue of 1900, augmented by the 1¢ Edward VII brown and lilac, Issue of 1903.

August 15. S.S. Korea of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company departed from Hong Kong.

San Francisco Examiner, TUESDAY, September 13. Arrived Sept. 12, Stmr. Korea, Seabury, 27 days 10 hours 56 minutes from Hongkong, via Yokohama 16 ds. 9 hours 55 min. via Honolulu 5 days 18 hours 56 minutes.

Sept. 17.
Boston arrival
backstamps.
Usual 5 day
transcontinental
transit by rail.



1906

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China (II)



July 11, 1906. A letter to Peking, China, posted at Beverly, Mass. It was paid at the U.P.U. rate by the 5¢ Issue of 1903. Letter is endorsed at upper left: Per S.S. China/ Via San Francisco. Dated and times at 12 noon at Beverly.



July 11. Boston
Foreign Branch transit
backstamp, 5:30 P.M.



July 16. San Francisco
transit backstamp.



San Francisco Examiner: TO LEAVE THIS PORT, Monday, July 16. For Hong Kong via Honolulu, Yokohama, etc. Stmr. China, Captain Freile at 1 P.M.



August 13. Peking arrival backstamp
at the French Post Office.

1908

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Korea

11,276 tons, built 1901 by Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Newport News, Va. 551' x 63'. Twin screw, 20 knots (service speed 16 knots). Quadruple expansion engines. Two masts and two funnels. Steel hull. The elliptical funnels were 14' x 10' and measured 108' high from fire grate to rim. In San Francisco-Hong Kong, Manila service of Pacific Mail 1902-1915. Sold to Atlantic Transport Co. in 1915. Purchased by Toyo Kisen Kaisha in 1916. Renamed Korea Maru. Sister ship: Siberia.



June 13, 1908. Letter from the Chief Engineer's Office, Philippine Railroad Construction, posted at Cebu on the island of Cebu, southeast of Luzon the island on which Manila is located. A pair of the 2 centavos, Issue of 1906, pays the rate.

June 15. Transit backstamp at Manila. S.S. Korea departed Hong Kong June 16, arrived S.F. July 14.



N.Y. Times July 16. Mails from Hongkong June 16; Shanghai June 20; Yokohama June 29 and Honolulu July 8 reached San Francisco per steamer Korea, and were dispatched east at 6:20 p.m. July 14, due N.Y. July 19.



July 18. Arrival backstamp Middleboro, Mass., normal 4-5 days from West Coast by rail. Note same type of machine cancel as at Manila.

1910

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Manchuria

13,638 tons, built 1904 by New York Shipbuilding Co., Camden, N.J.; 600' x 65'. Twin screw, 16 knots. Quadruple expansion engines, four masts, one funnel, steel hull. In San Francisco-Hong Kong-Manila service, 1904-15. Owned by E.H. Harriman and chartered by Pacific Mail during the 1904-11 period. Purchased by Pacific Mail in 1911. Sold to Atlantic Transport Co. in 1915. In transatlantic service for a time. Renamed (a) President Johnson, 1929, (b) Santa Cruz, 1947. Broken up in Italy in 1952.



March 23, 1910.
Letter paid at
Kobe, Japan by
10 sen Issue of
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Hotel, Ltd.,
Kobe.

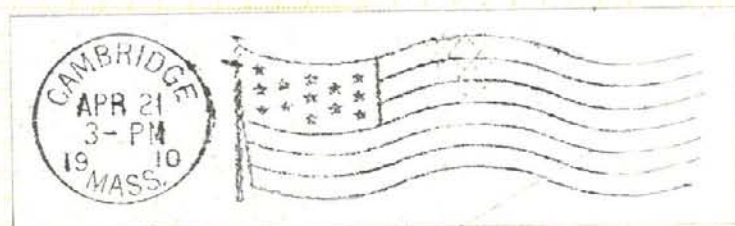
S.S. Manchuria
of the Pacific
Mail Steamship
Co. left Hong
Kong March 19
and Yokohama
March 31.

April 15.
Manchuria arr-
ived at San
Francisco.

San Francisco Examiner: Arrived San Francisco April 15, steamer Manchuria, Dixon, 27 days 13 hours from Hongkong, via Yokohama 16 days 15 hours, via Honolulu 5 days 15 hours to Pacific Mail Steamship Company at 3:40 p.m.

April 20. Letter arrived at
Cambridge, 5 days from San
Francisco.

April 21. Letter readdressed
to N.Y., backstamp flag cancell-
ation at Cambridge, Mass.



1910

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S. S. Mongolia



The Klongnan Dock
(-8 JUL 1910)
& Engineering Works



July 8, 1910. Letter posted at the Shanghai, Chin U.S. Postal Agency, with backstamp of the Klongnan Dock & Engineering Works. Letter properly endorsed: Via San Francisco/Per S/S "Mongolia".

North-China Herald, Shanghai, July 15. Departures from the Anchorage and Woosung. July 8, Mongolia for America via Japan with Mails, etc.

San Francisco Examiner. Arrived San Francisco Aug. 6, Stmr. Mongolia, Kitt, 32 days 15 hours from Hongkong, via Yokohama 16 days 13 hours via Honolulu 5 days 23 hours. Passengers and merchandise to Pacific Mail Steamship Company at 12:50 p.m.

S.S. Mongolia, built 1904 by New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, N.J. 13,635 tons, 600' x 65', twin screw, 16 knots. On S.F.-Hong Kong run 1904-11. Owned by E.H. Harriman 1904-11, chartered by Pacific Mail.

1898

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Peru

Peru, built by Union Iron Works, San Francisco, in 1892 for Pacific Mail. 3528 tons, 336' x 45'. Single screw, two masts and one funnel. Steel hull. Sold to French owners in 1919.



Jan. 21, 1898. Letter paid at the U.P.U. rate of 5¢ per ½-oz. by 2¢ green stamped envelope, Issue of 1887, die 2 (U317), and a vertical strip of 3 of the 1¢, Issue of 1895, at Annandale (Hunterdon Co.), N.J.

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Jan. 26. Transit backstamp at San Francisco. The San Francisco Examiner, Jan. 26: Departed today, steamer Peru, Capt. Friele, for Hong Kong and Yokohama via Honolulu.



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