Japanese woodblock prints (6): shared purchase between Russian NE Asia and Japan
Purchased at the annual Tanabata dai nyusatsu (Star Festival Big Auction) on July 7
Arrival ceremony of Russian Crown Prince in Japan May 24, 1891
The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston has the top set of 3 prints (above)
The Edo-Tokyo Museum has the bottom set of 3 prints (above)
[ASIA - JAPAN - HOKKAIDO]
[Collection of Twenty-three Original Photographs Documenting the Investigation of the Wreck of the Russian Coast Guard Ship Kreiserok in the Vicinity of Cape Soya, Northwestern Hokkaido].
Ca. 1889.

This important photographic collection documents the fate of the shipwreck of the Russian coast guard schooner Kreiserok ("Little Cruiser") which was in service along the coast of Tyuleniy Island in the Sea of Okhotsk protecting against poachers and disappeared in a storm on the 26th of October, 1889. The collection, assembled by the Danish member of Kreiser’s crew, Lt. C.M.T. Cold (who also captioned most of the images), includes eleven images of the Kreiserok wreck on shore with all parts of the schooner's remains clearly visible. Alexander Bunge is present on five pictures, and possibly V. Bukharin and Lt. Cold present at least on six pictures; several pictures show the Japanese members, and two images are group portraits of all expedition members. Built in 1884 in Seattle, this schooner before 1886 sailed under the American flag as the "Henrietta," and often sailed to Hawaii. In 1886 it was confiscated by the Russian clipper "Kreiser" for poaching in the Russian waters of the Bering Sea. Alexander von Bunge was a renowned Russian Polar explorer, doctor of medicine and zoologist, a son of the famous botanist Alexander von Bunge (1803-1890). He participated in the expeditions to the mouth of the River Lena (1882-84), Yenisey River (1892-95), Spitsbergen (1900) et. al.; he headed the expedition to the New Siberian Islands (1885-86).

No other known copies.
This rare pamphlet was published by German prisoners of war in the POW camp at Krasnoiarsk, Russia, using hand-carved letter forms and an improvised wooden press. The text consists of basic information about the city of Krasnoiarsk, the history of the camp, the demographics of prisoners as well as data on mortality and medical problems. Krasnoiarsk held approximately ten thousand prisoners of war, mostly consisting of Austrian and German officers. The booklet is illustrated with six original woodcut prints by Hermann Josef Keim, an artist from South Tyrol, who documented his entire imprisonment through sketches and even water colors. His spare, yet skillfully executed woodcuts are a valuable artistic document of the local landscape, architecture, and people. An astonishing testament to the tenacity with which creative work and book culture were pursued in this Siberian camp for prisoners of war.

OTHER ITEMS PURCHASED:

Monarchist publications:
The Monarchist Association arose in early 1923, following the Whites' defeat in the Civil War, under the guidance of General A. G. Sychev. It was focused among workers of the KVzhd, which remained under the control of the Whites for the time being, and was a key center of the most anti-Bolshevik elements among the former White Army.

All published by the Dal’ne-Vostochnyi Russkii Monarkhisticheskii Soiuz [Far-Eastern Russian Monarchist Association]:
- Broadside: 26-go noiabria Sv. Georgii Pobiednosets (Kharbin 1923)
- Staryi Khleborod [pseud.] Pamiatka kazaku i khleborodu (Shankhai 1923)
- Izgannik [pseud.] Chto-zhe dielat? (Shankhai 1923)

No other known copies

Additional China imprints:

Maybe 1 other copy at Library of Congress (cannot verify right now)

Rare, apparently unrecorded publication by the Brotherhood of Russian Truth, a secretive monarchist organization with anti-semitic and pseudo-terrorist features, which was founded in Berlin in 1921 as a worldwide resistance movement seeking to combat Bolshevism. Among its founding members were General Petr Krasnov, Prince Anatolii Lieven, and Count von Leuchtenberg, as well as other members of the White Russian movement. It had hidden cells all throughout the diaspora, including the Far East, where it was led by D. V. Gondatti. Among its key goals were sending partisan fighters and other agents to the Soviet Union. As a result of Soviet counter-intelligence operations, the group suffered considerable casualties and was dissolved after the murder of its head in 1932. Stamp of previous owner Igor Kersha, of Lakewood, New Jersey.

Gornostaev, A. K. Pered litsem smerti: L.N. Tolstoi i N.F. Fedorov (Kharbin 1928)


One copy held at in RZIA at the Klementium, Prague

Signed and inscribed by the author in the year of publication (upper portion of leaf, with the inscription and dedicatee's name, has been cut out and lost). Very rare first-hand reminiscences about the Russian Officer's experiences in World War I. According to Bakich #2544, the book
was printed in an edition of only 50 copies, to be exclusively distributed among friends and superiors.


Novaia faza voiny: dinamitnye meteory na Anglii. Shankhai: Germanskoe Informatsionnoe Biuro, 1944. 10, [2] p. No known copies. An utterly intriguing propaganda document, which describes the German attacks on England in early 1944 (presumably Operation Steinbock, the last such offense by the German Luftwaffe). It was published by the German Information Bureau in Shanghai, China, for the benefit of Russian exiles living in the Far East. By some accounts, this office in Shanghai was the largest public relations office the Nazi government operated outside Germany. It was established by Baron Jesco von Puttkamer in 1941, initially in the penthouse at the Park Hotel, later in a villa near a German church.


Russkie pesni, vyp. 1 (Shankhai 1923) We already have vyp. 4-10 Worldcat reports 1 copy at Univ. British Columbia

Trudovaia Krest’anskaia Partiiia: Dal’nevostochnyi Komitet. [Kharbin?]: Fond svobodnoi pechati dlia Rossii pri “Krest’ianskoii Rossii”, 1929. 28 p. WorldCat reports 1 microfilm copy at Columbia

South American imprints


Rezoliutsiia pervogo s”ezda Konfederatsii anarkhistskikh Organizatsii Ukrainy “Nabat” (sostotaivashegosia v g. Elisavetgrade 2-7 aprelia 1919 g.). Argentina: Izdanie Rabochei Izdatel’skoi Gruppy v Res. Argentine; Tip. “Gol. Truda”, 1923. 51, [4] p. No known copies. Rare publication by this Argentine publisher who largely published anarchist material. The last page includes a catalog of books by Kropotkin, P. Arshinov's works about Makhno, Errico Malatesta, as well as an "Anarchist Bulletin". This title, published in September 1923, is no. 7 in this series of publications.

Connections to South America:
Solonevich, Tamara. Zapiski sovetskoi perevodchitsy (Sofia: Izd-vo Golos Rossi, 1937)
Largo Albums—2

411 photos, 10 playbills, clippings, business cards. 1930s-1940s.
The family of Igor Efimovich Sychev (1913-2002), the well-known caricaturist in Krokodil. Igor spent his young years in Shanghai, because his father was a White Guard officer who had to flee to Manchuria. Sychev (his pen-name was Igos) in his young years was an acrobat and ballet dancer. He also was a costume and make-up designer for some of the performances as we can see from the playbills featured in the albums. He left China in 1947 and went to USSR. The albums cover only his Chinese period.

Sychev was involved in two acrobatic trios: ‘Kobra’ and the Largo Trio. The photos include the pictures from the performances, both acrobatic and the ones from ballet. Two photos are dedicated to Chaliapin’s visit to Shanghai, one showing him being greeted and the other showing the sign the Russian community made to welcome him.

Visiting Vladivostok scholar Amir Khisamutdinov provided 31 pages of notes on the two albums—primarily biographies of the people in the photos.

**Globus, Slavic Bookstore (SF)**

Opened in 1984, the owner Veronica Ahrens-Pulawski announced she will close in the summer of 2018. UH History Professor John Stephan first visited the store not long after it opened. From that time onward we were always given first choice of materials before her catalogs went out to customers. I was very pleased to give her one final order in July: 30 titles (51 items).

**China**

Beyer, F. *Pervonachal’naia shkola dlia fortepiano* (Shanghai: Cathy Publ. Co., n.d.)
Frank, Nina Iosifovna (editor of White guard newspapers in Harbin and Omsk)
--V strane svobody izolota (Tallin 1936)
--Rikhard IUl’ge (Tallin 1937)

Il’ina, N. Sud’by. (M: Sovetskii pisatel’ 1957). Putting with her Shanghai publication
Nazhivin, Ivan Fedorovich. Will put these with the author’s Tian’tszin’ imprints:
--Glagoliat stiagi (Novyi Sad 1929)
--Vo dni Pushkina (2 v. Parizh 1930)
--Prorva (Riga 1928[?]). Will put these with the author’s Tian’tszin’ imprints.

Osipov, I. V. Diplomnyi proekt po predmetu arkhitektura Kharbinskogo Politekhнического
instituta: Planirovka teatral’nykh zdanii. 123, 71, 24,16,7, 7, 6 p, illus.
[Manuscript no copies in WorldCat]

San Francisco
Bel’deninovy, O. i S. Mir khochet skazki (SF 1957)
Beseda Pr. Serafima Sar. O tseli khris. zhizni (SF 1967)
Boussenard, Louis. Iz Parizha v Braziliiu (cherez Sibir, Aliaska, Panama i IUzhnaia Amerika)
(S.-Peterburg 1911). Stamp of SF Russian & Art store. No copies in WorldCat
Chernavin – Kniaz’ Vladmir ... (SF: Balakshin Printing Co. 1942)
Sererbrennikova, A.N. Velikaia legenda (SF 1967)
Sokolov avtor knigi ‘Ubiistvo TSarskoi Sem’i (SF 1978) No copies in WorldCat

South America
Karateev, M. Vozvrashchenie (Parish 1967)
“ Zheleznyi khromets (Parizh 1967).
Putting with all his South American imprints.
Nasha strana: gazeta. Buenos Aires. 14 issues from years 1988-1989. We have a large run of
this paper.
Okkul’tizm i ioga. (Asuncion and other cities) Kn. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 20, 27, 57

Stamps of Harbin and/or Shanghai libraries
Dal’skii – Teatral’no-zerelishchnye deistviia na Krite... (M.-L. Izd-v. Akad. nauk SSSR 1937)
Solov’ev – Dukhovnye osnovy zhizni (Parizh 1925)
Sosuntsov – Konspekty urokov po Zakonu Bozhiyu (4-e izd. Kazan’ 1912)

Vladivostok
Livin, P.F. - Angliiskaia khrestomatiia (Vladivostok 1921) No copies in WorldCat

Pacific
Markov, S. Liudi velikoi tseli: ...N. N. Miklukho-Maklai (Moskva 1944)

Oregon
Riazanovskii, V. A. Obzor russkoi kul’tury (2 parts in 3 books. Oregon 1948)

Other emigration centers
Maevskii – Russkie v IUgoslavii. T. 2 (NY 1966)
Panteleimonov – Zolotoe chislo (Parizh 1949)
Rossiiane v Azii. Toronto. 1994, no. 1

General Collection
Istoriia Moskvy. T. 1 and 3 (Moskva) This is a 6 v. set...we lacked these 2 volumes.
Satirikon: ezhened. izdanie. 1910, no. 3. We have other issues of this journal.
Zapiski mechatelei (Letchworth: Bradda Books 1971)

Avenarius, G. G.  Kratkii ocherk istorii Kitaia. (Kharbin 1914)
Not in WorldCat Bakich#1511

Repertuar truppy Itsikava Sadandzi (teatr “Kabukidza” v Tokio)
gastroliruiushchei v avguste 1928 g. v Moskve i Leningrade po priglasheniiu VOKS (Tokio [1928?])
WorldCat shows 1 copy at Waseda University

Prokazniki sloniata (Kharbin n.d.)  A children’s book.
Not in WorldCat Bakich#1208

Russkii Dal’nii Vostok: ekon. ezhemesiachnik (Tokio 1920-21) 4 numbers were published.
Received No. 1. We have nos 2 and 3

Piasetskii, Pavel Iakovlevich, 1843-1919

A respected doctor and talented artist/writer who participated in a number of official Russian expeditions to Asia and the Middle East. He joined a trade expedition to China in 1874.
Ramstedt, Ion Gustav [Gustaf John, 1873-1950]  
A Finnish diplomat and linguist specializing in historical linguistics of the Urals, Altaic, Korean and Japanese languages. He undertook two expeditions to Mongolia in 1898-1901 and 1909-19 to study the Altaic languages. He also became a friend of the Buriat Mongol Agvan Dorzhiev. He was the first Finnish envoy to Japan (1920-1929).

*O mongol’skikh bylinakh*. Irkutsk: Parovaia tip. Gazeta  
Vostochnoe obozrenie, 1902. 8 p.  
No copies reported in WorldCat

Biriuk, A. IA.  
WorldCat reports 7 copies.

*Rubezh*: ezhenedel’nyi lit.-khudozhestvnyi zhurnal. Kharbin. 1934. 52 nos. [complete]  
This was similar to the *Life* magazine of the Russian emigration in Harbin from 1926 to 1945. Of the 862 issues published, we now have with this purchase only 99 missing issues.