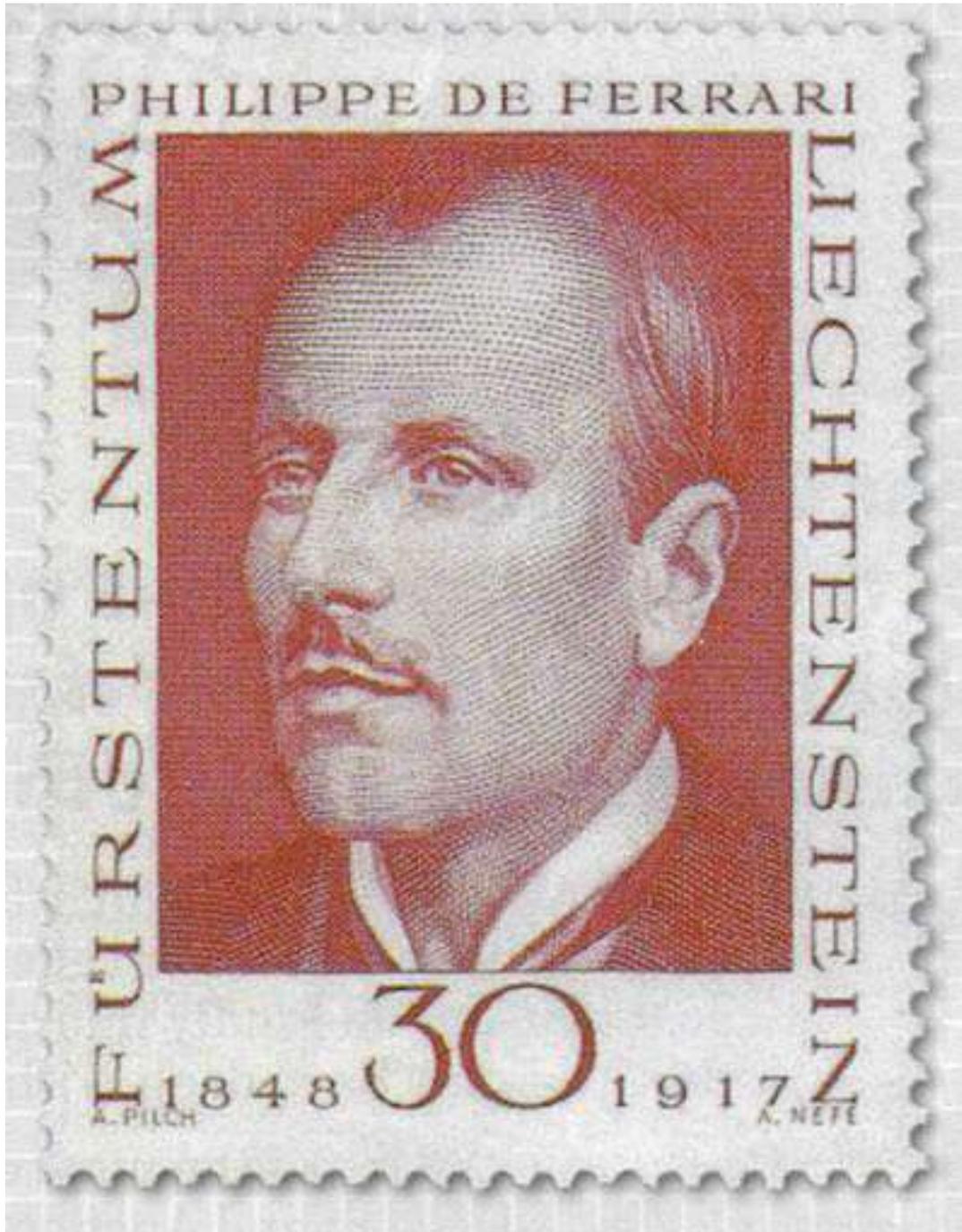


PHILIPP LA RENOTIRERE VON FERRARY
1850 – 1917



This short article has been prepared to mark the
Centenary of his death on 20 May 1917

Phillip von Ferrary was born in Paris on 11 January 1850, and he devoted his life to philately and amassed the greatest and most comprehensive collection of stamps ever assembled, which included all of the rarest and unique stamps known.

Apparently he did not care to insert any stamps on original cover, and it is recorded that after purchasing a rare and unique cover, he immediately tore off the stamp.

Whilst in his Will he bequeathed his collection to the German Nation, so that it could be exhibited at the Post Museum in Berlin, in order that the collection could be accessible to the public. He also made provision for its maintenance.

However, this was not to be, as The French Government at the cessation of the Great War in 1918, confiscated the Collection, claiming it as war reparation.

The Collection was auctioned off at 14 separate sales during 1921–1926. Mauritius was one of his favourite countries.



1859 Sherwin engraving, 2d position 7/8 SG 40

429. — *Idem.* 2 p. bleu; superbe paire, ty. VII et VIII.
(Photo pl. 16.)

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(Complete with the Ferrary "Shamrock" Insignia Reverse on stamp 7)
Lot 429 at the 2nd Sale. 13/14/15 October 1921

At the Paris Auction it was purchased for 7000 Francs.

It was again offered for sale at the BRITISH EMPIRE Auction held on 11 June 1975, by Robson Lowe Ltd. Lot 1494, estimate £1000, sold for £900, being the highest single purchase out of the 697 lots on offer at the Auction.

It is believed to be the only known horizontal pair, apart from one recorded pair on cover,

The above Mauritius SG40 is available for purchase
Offers welcomed

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Shewin engraving - Printed from the plate

Another item ex Ferrary is the rare printing of the 2d value NZ CHALON on PELURE paper, with the letters "PD" cancellation.



ex Lot 350 Auction 3, 5/6/7 April 1922

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