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EDITORIAL:

One of the perks of being the editor of the Poster Stamp Bulletin is that once in a while we are able to ride to glory on the back of the work of another. This is such a moment. Steven Greiczek has honored us with an article that we feel sure will be of interest to every red blooded collector of Poster Stamps. We take pride in presenting it as part of our editorial page.

1913 Germany – The Centenary Year

The year 1913 was a prolific year for printers of poster stamps, particularly in Germany. In addition to the innumerable advertising issues for new German products there are a record number of events and exhibitions, no fewer than 290 listed in the SaThuWa catalog. Dozens of poster stamps were issued for major events like the IBA and the Turners Festival in Leipzig. But all were surpassed by the two important state-sponsored and promoted events: the Centenary of the 1813 War of Liberation and the 25th Anniversary of the reign of Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Both were heavily promoted in support of Germany's increasing influence on the world's stage and its burgeoning economy. It seems that every commercial product from shoe polish to noodle soup showed their patriotism to spur sales of their wares.

The Centenary was commemorated throughout the Empire as would be expected of an event of international importance and numerous 'official' poster stamps were issued. Leipzig served as the focus for celebrations as the location of the 'Volkerschlachtdenkmal' or the Battle of Nations Monument. Kelheim, where the 'Befreiungshalle' or Liberation Hall was located, was also an important site of commemorative events. The two cities issued sets of poster stamps to commemorate the Centenary.



Other cities like Bamberg, Breslau, Cassel, Dortmund, Hamburg, Königsberg, Rudolstadt and Stettin held exhibitions, festivals and anniversary celebrations linked to the Centennial. Even the toy industry exhibition in Chemnitz gave a nod to the event by illustrating a toy German soldier on his horse. All together a bonanza of poster stamps for collectors.



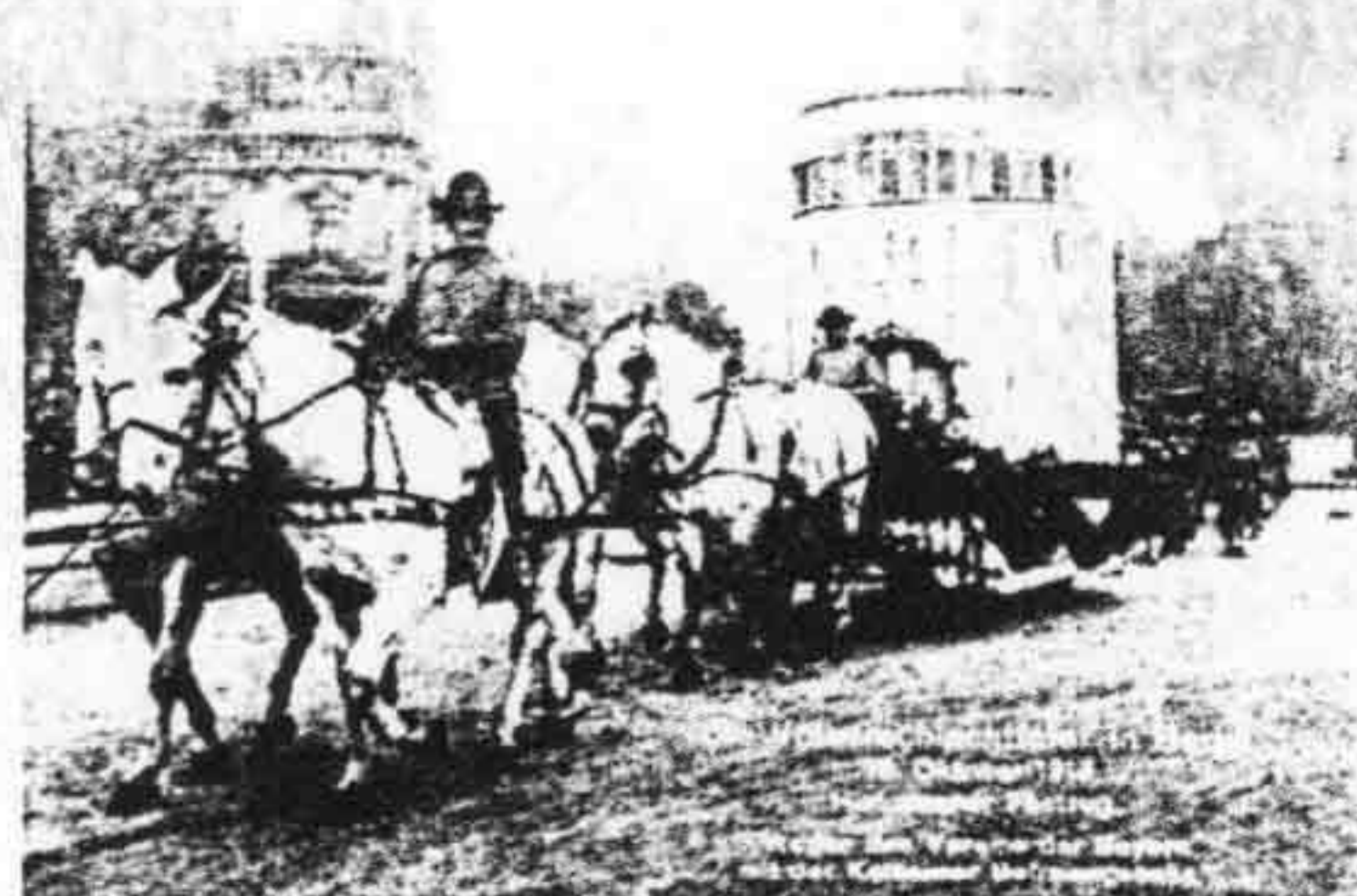
The Anniversary of Kaiser Wilhelm's reign however did not see the same widespread celebrations and issue of corresponding poster stamps. Likely this is because such events were held in Berlin where they would be attended by the Kaiser himself. Surely every good German citizen shared in the Kaiser's celebration, though maybe only with a toast at the local gasthaus. Even so, Wilhelm's portrait appears on a number of other events' issues in deference to the Jubilee and the Kaiser's popularity.

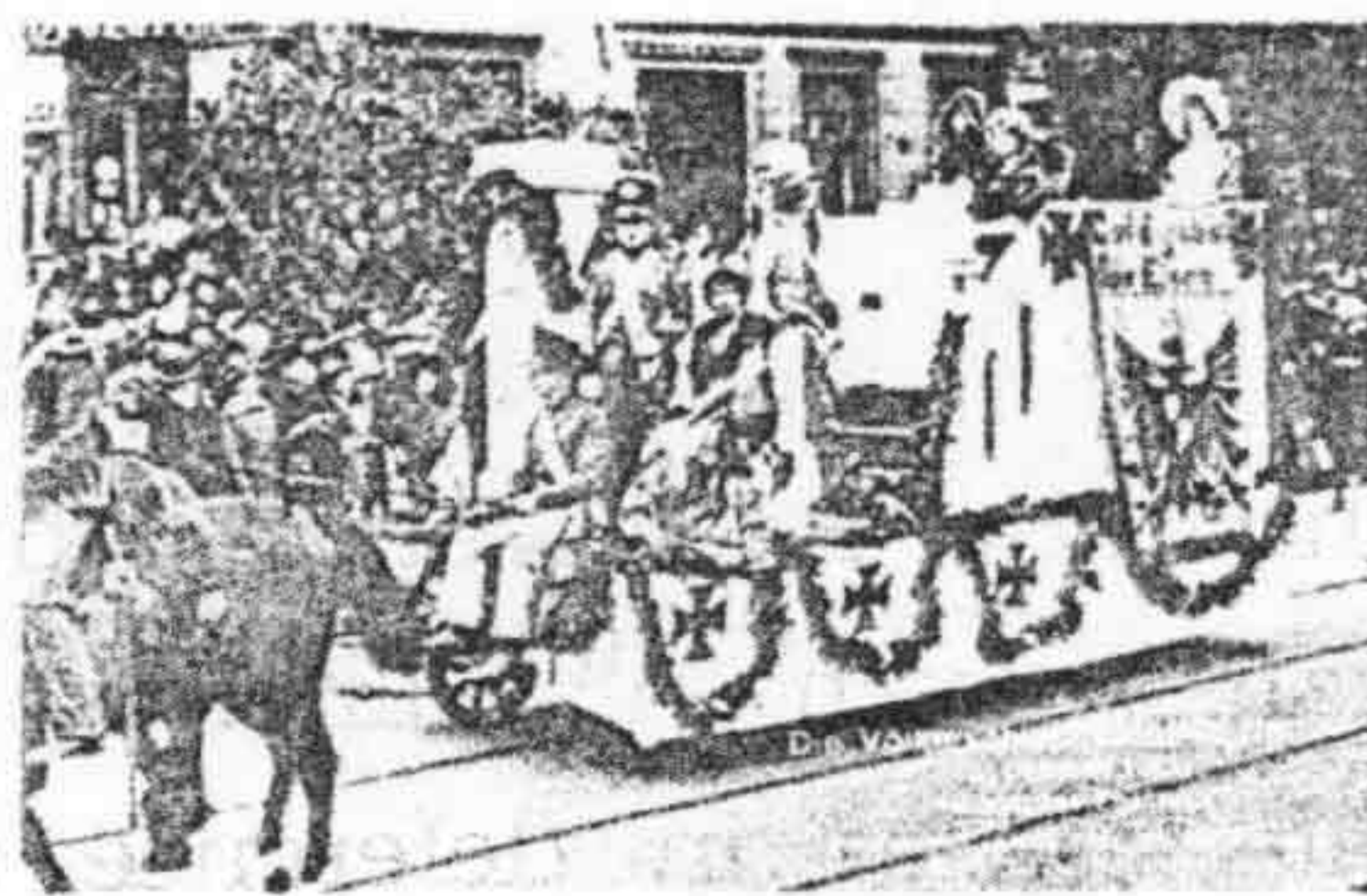
Most of the poster stamps related to the Centenary or the Kaiser Wilhelm II anniversary can be readily found, though it can be a challenge to find some of the advertising issues or complete sets of the various 'Napoleon' series. Two sets that are considered rare and difficult to find are both from the city of Berlin and are small reproductions of photographs of the events held there.

The first show the decorations throughout the city for the June 15th festivities for Kaiser Wilhelm II's 25th anniversary. 12 different views are known printed in brown-black and vary a bit in size with a 53x34mm illustration (reproduced here less than full size).



The second set shows the Centennial parade through the city on October 19 with various historical tableau and regiments of soldiers in 1813 uniforms. Seen too are the Turners with founder 'Vater' Jahn himself. Again they are printed in brown-black with 53x34mm illustrations. 6 views are known, surely there must be more.





Thanks to Peter-Hannes Lehmann and Ernst-Reiner Scharf for the Berlin illustrations.

ANOTHER LOOK AT THE RED CROSS

We stumbled upon two sets of Red Cross issues that we hadn't seen for some time. We liked looking at them then and we like looking at them now. The first set was designed by Edmund Dulac and both sets have been published by the Avenue Press in England. This artist was born in France in 1882 and left the planet in 1953. Long before that sad event, at the age of 22, he moved to England in 1904 and later became a British citizen in 1912. His art work is brilliant and dramatic. His illustrated book Edmund Dulac's Picture Book for the French Red Cross was published in 1915 and recently sold at auction for \$600. The following set is the only example of his Poster Stamps that we know of.



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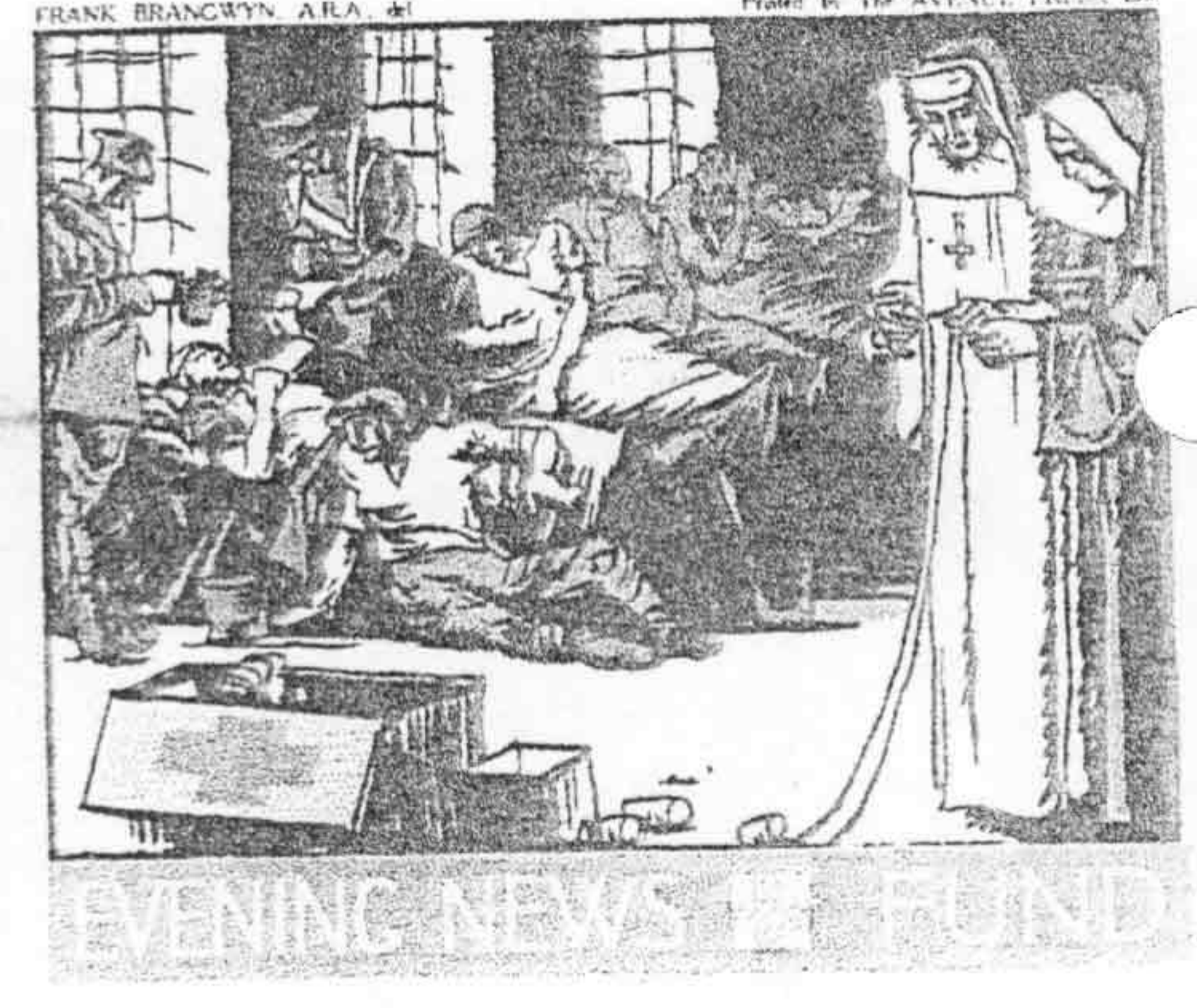
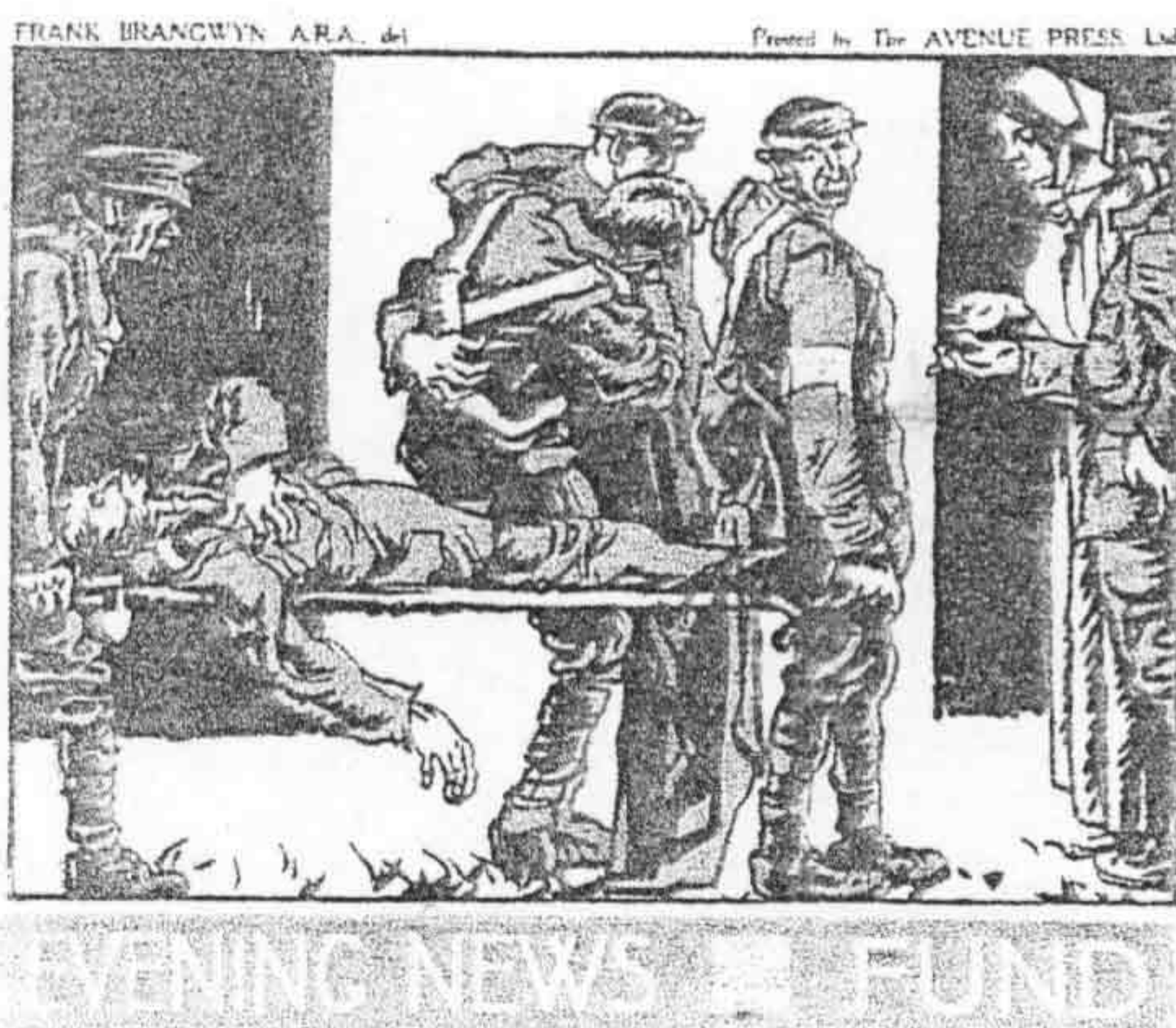
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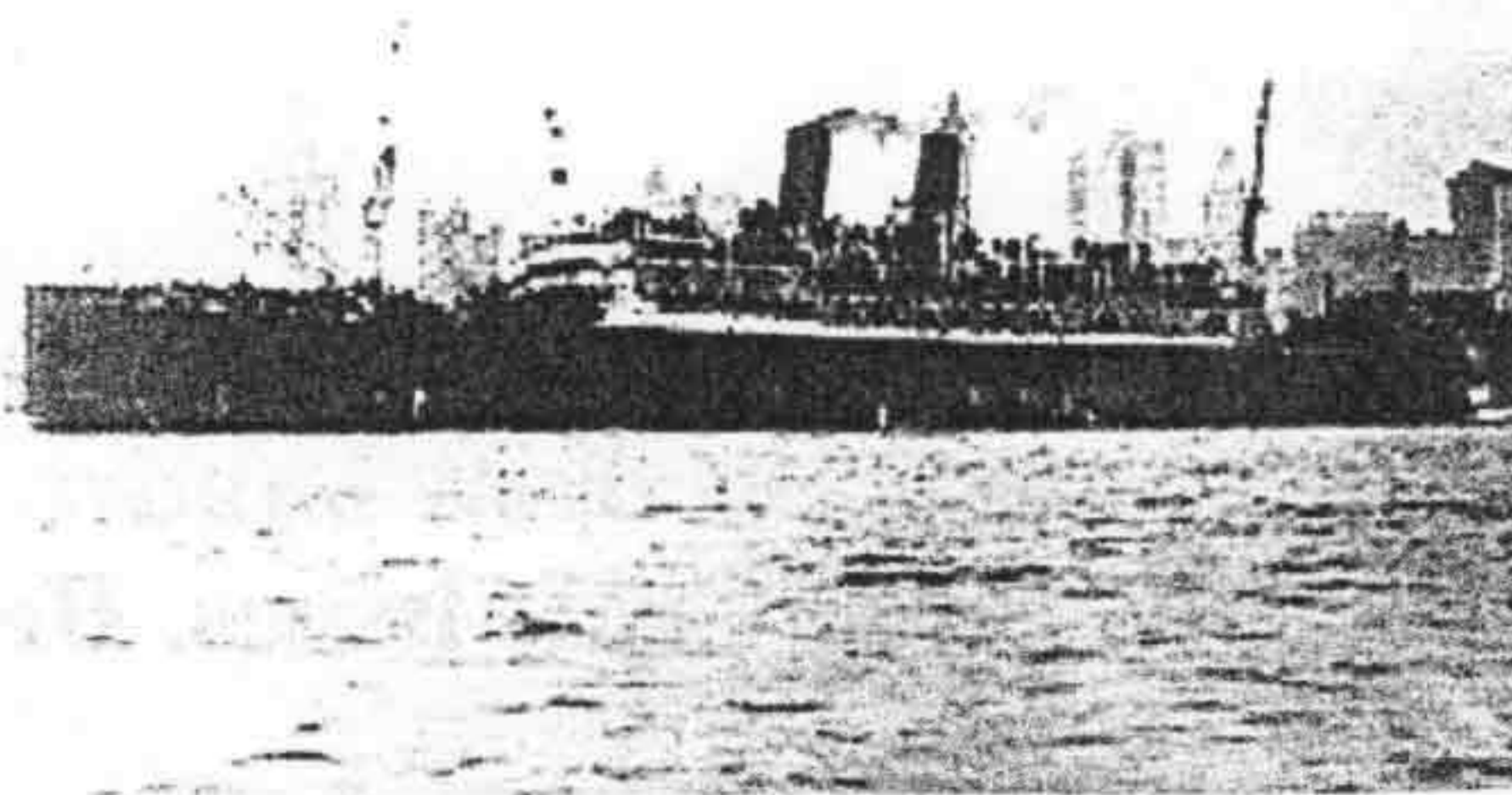
The second set of Red Cross issues represents the work of Frank Brangwyn. He was a self taught artist born in Belgium in 1867 to British parents who later moved the family back to England. His use of bright colors did not please the art critics of the day, but at the same time he was not dismissed as a self taught upstart. He was his own man who blazed his own artistic trail following no other artist's style. He illustrated many books, painted many murals, drew hundreds of pen and ink sketches, and, fortunately for us, illustrated the following WWI Red Cross issues. He died in 1956 without ever signing any of his works.



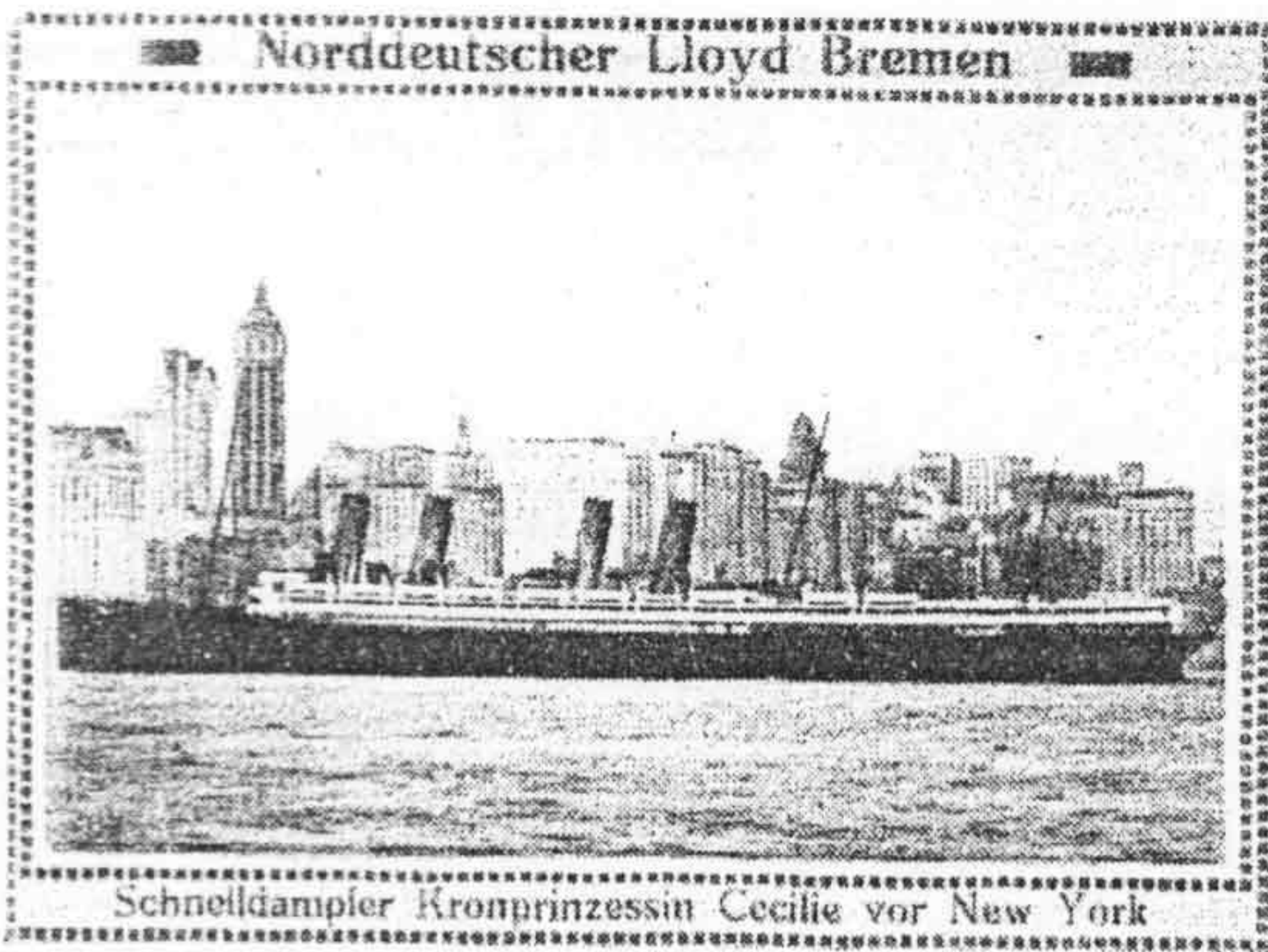
SOME LLOYD BREMEN ISSUES

Most collectors are familiar with the Poster Stamps of the Lloyd Bremen Steam Ship Company. Most are common, a few are not, but all are collectable.

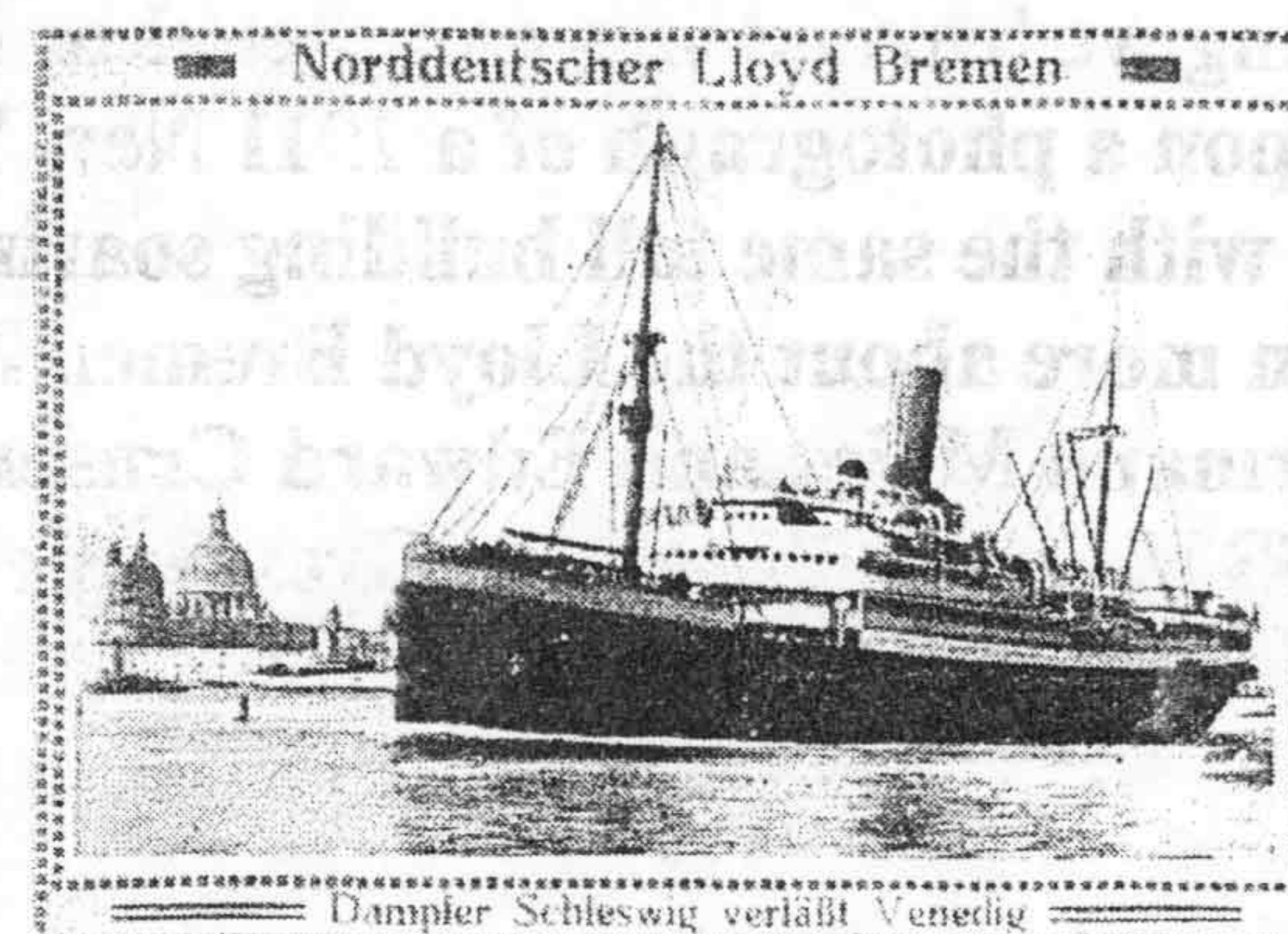
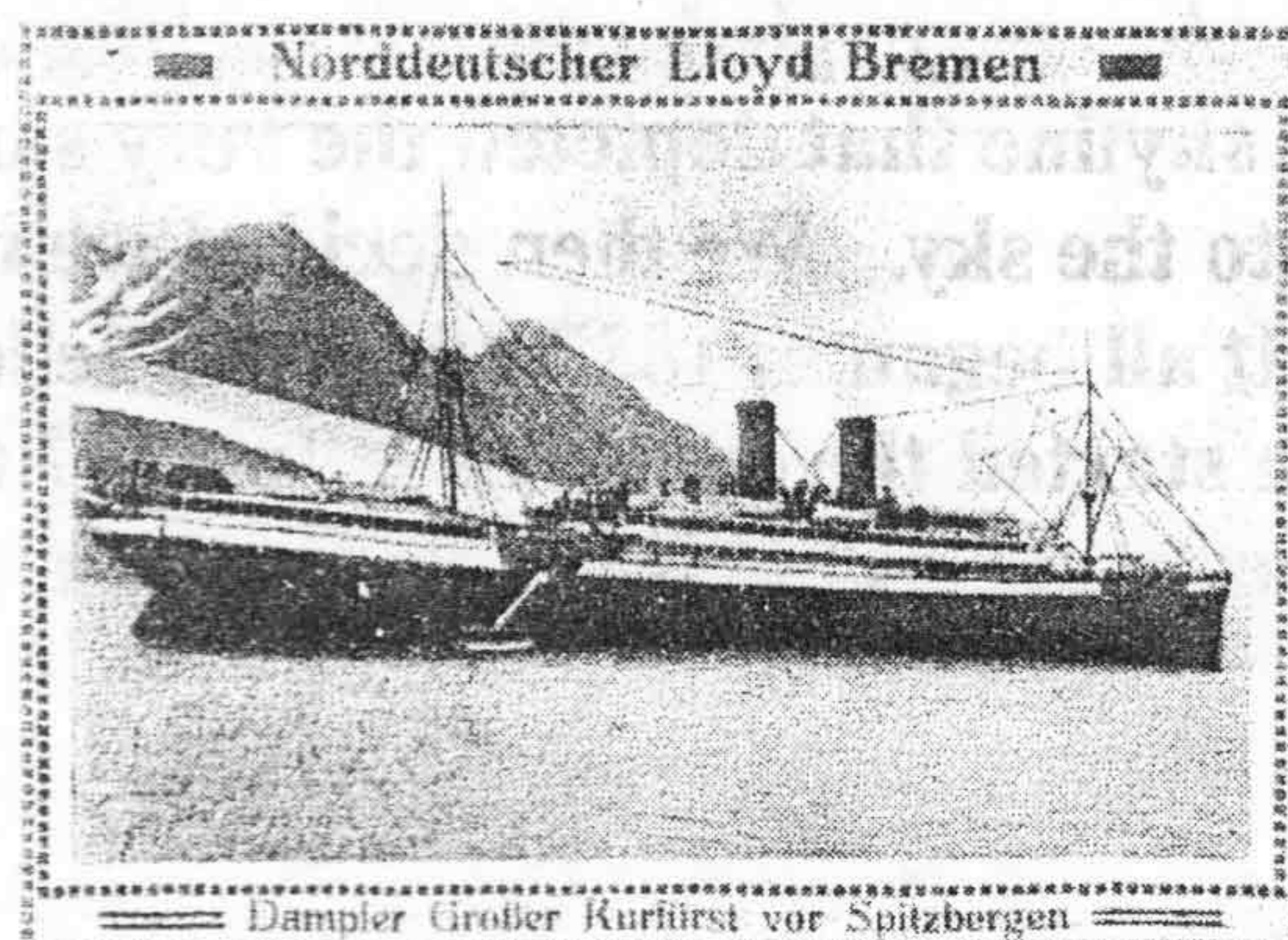
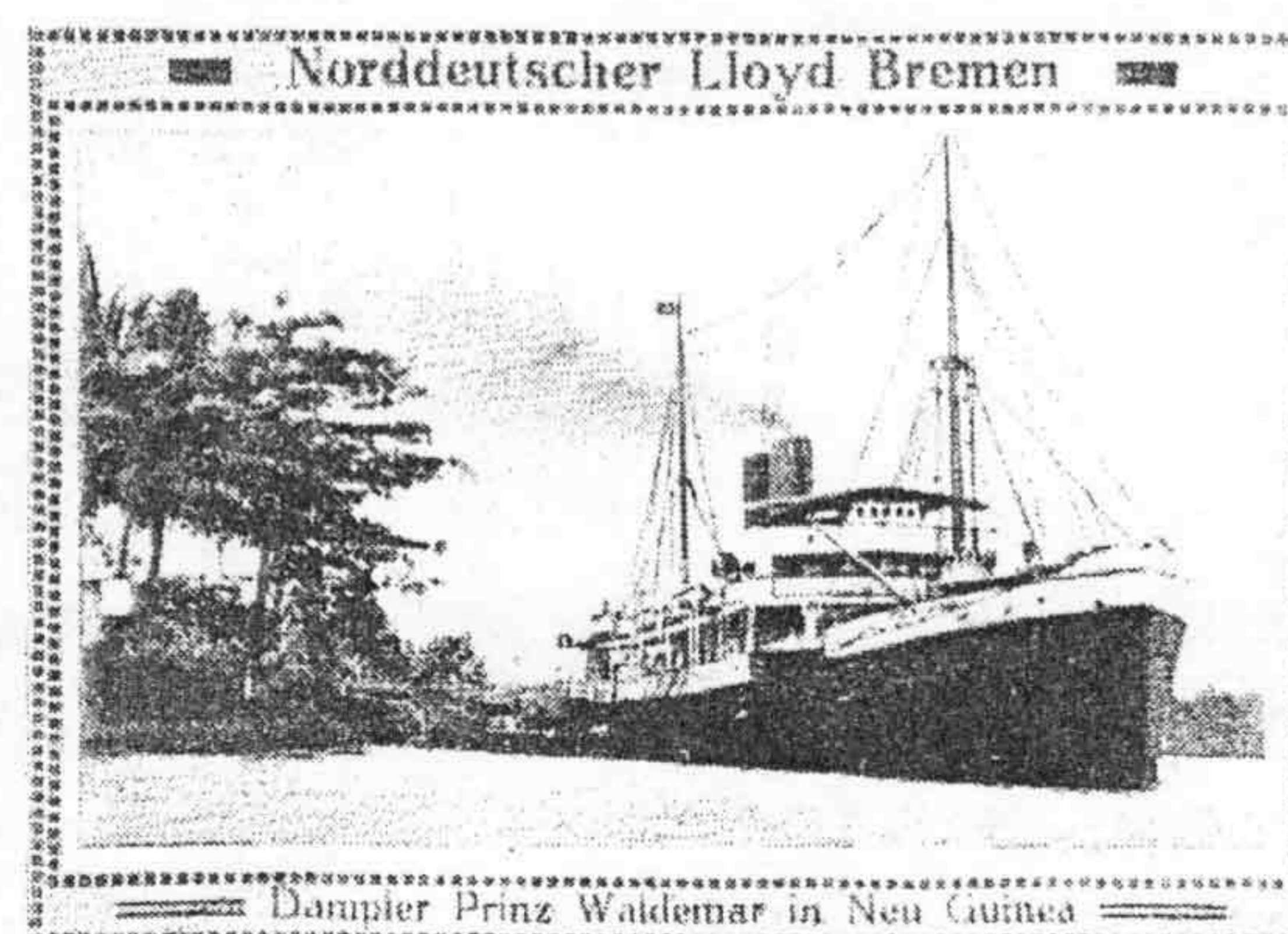
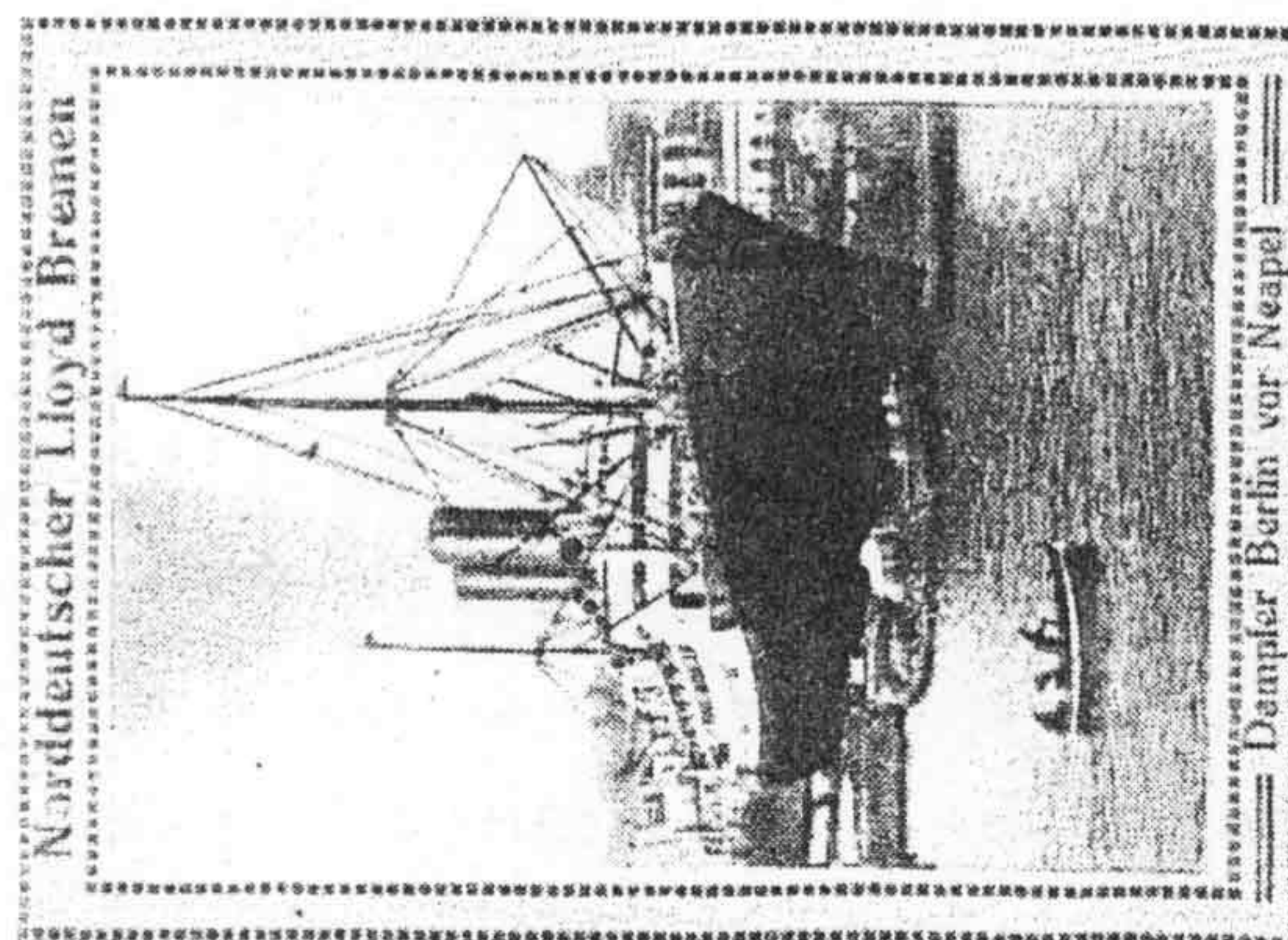
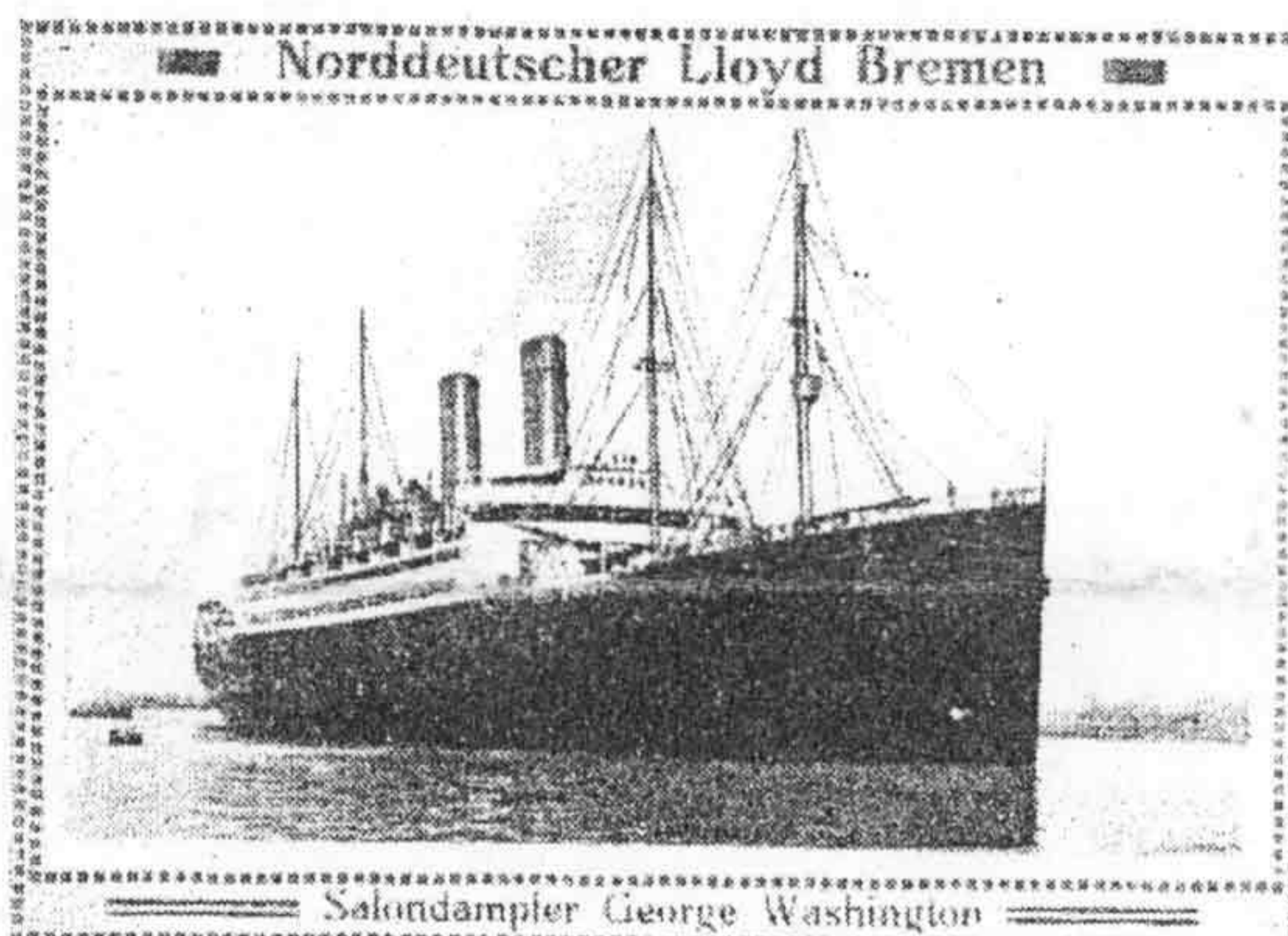
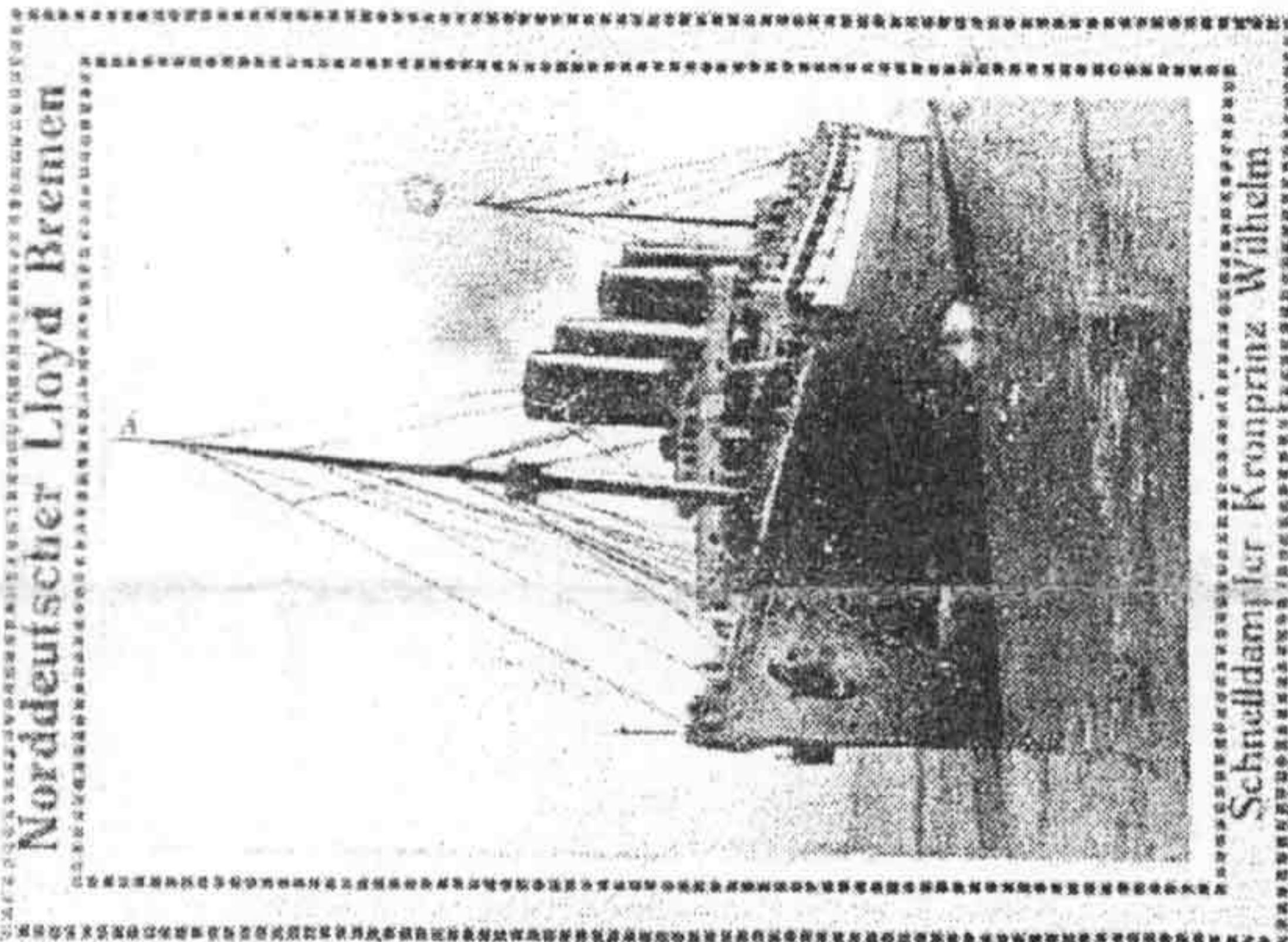
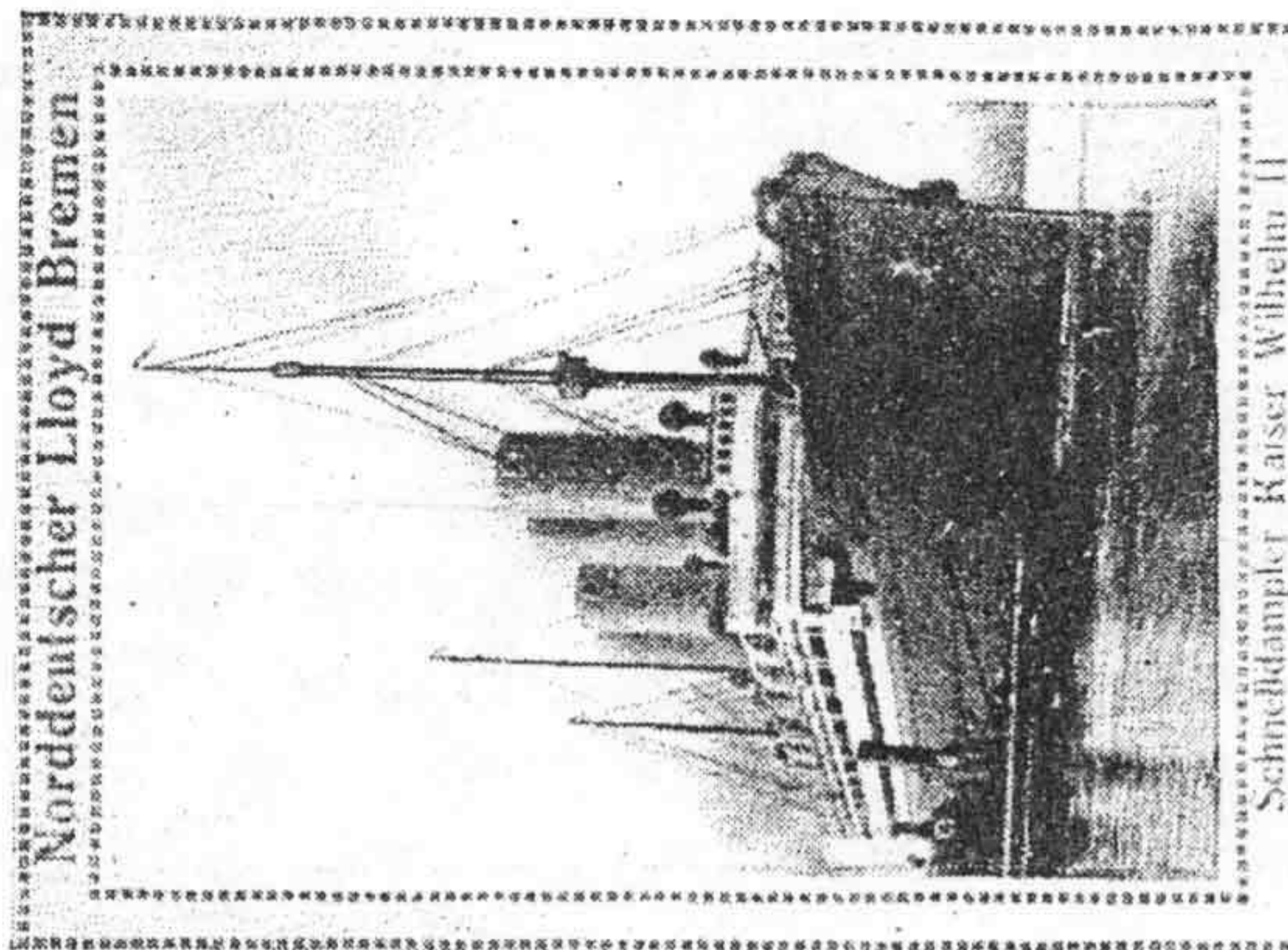
Recently, as we were sorting through a box of stuff, we came upon a set of Lloyd Bremen stamps that appeared to be quite old. One of the issues showed what we thought was the Empire State Building in the back ground as a Lloyd Bremen ship passed by. This building we learned was completed in 1931. As we googled around surfing the net, we came upon a photograph of a 1911 New York skyline that depicted the very same back round and with the same tall building soaring into the sky. We then decided we had better learn more about the Lloyd Bremen line. It all began in 1857 when two fellows named Hermann Meier and Edward Crusemann started the enterprise. In 1897 they launched SS Kaiser Wilhem der Grosse, the largest and fastest ship afloat at that time. Others ships of the line like the ones illustrated in the following set quickly followed. We would guess that there are not many of these sets around today. Is it possible that we have stumbled upon a rarity? Then again, maybe not.



SS Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm of 1907



Schnelldampfer Kronprinzessin Cecilie vor New York



WE GET EMAILS

Steve Greiczek sent the following email with information on "Blyn Shoes."
(see pg. 7 Oct. 2010 Bulletin)

Hi Walter!

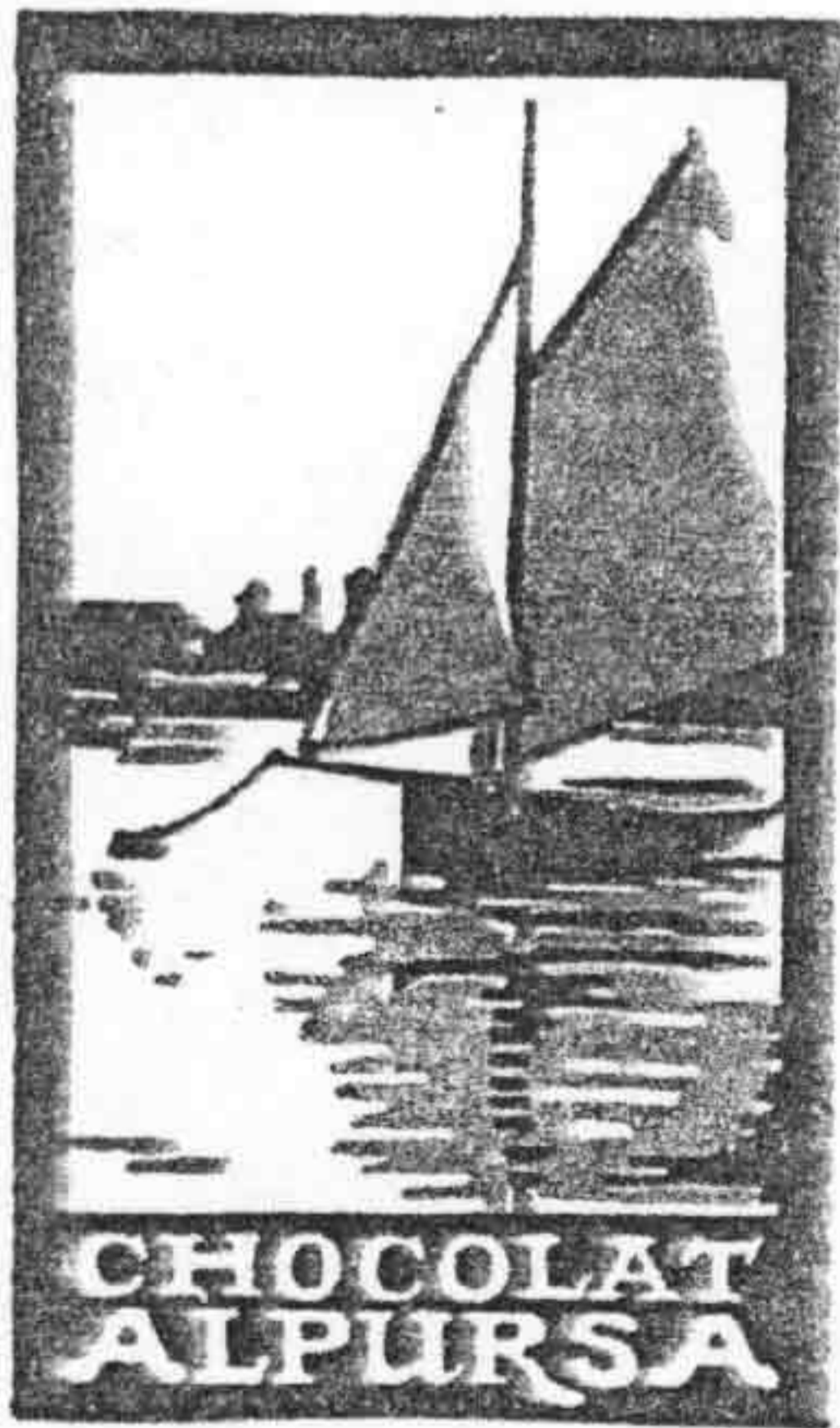
Well I finally read your piece on the Blyn Shoes and didn't believe that you couldn't find anything with Google so I had to give it a try myself. The challenge is to not get search results from Brooklyn. You might try the trick of using quotes for words that you wish found in exactly that form...so "Blyn Shoes" New York or "Blyn Stores" New York can yield better results.

Not too much to be found it seems, some ancestry lists of descendants and a fair number of pages from old newspapers. I attach two from 1913 and 1915. I hope you can open them, they are pretty big. You can buy a children's pair for as little as \$1.75. If you zoom in you can find ads selling an "Eager Colon Cleaner" for \$6.00, fancy Water Wings for 35 cents and for \$1.50 you can reduce that nasty double chin.

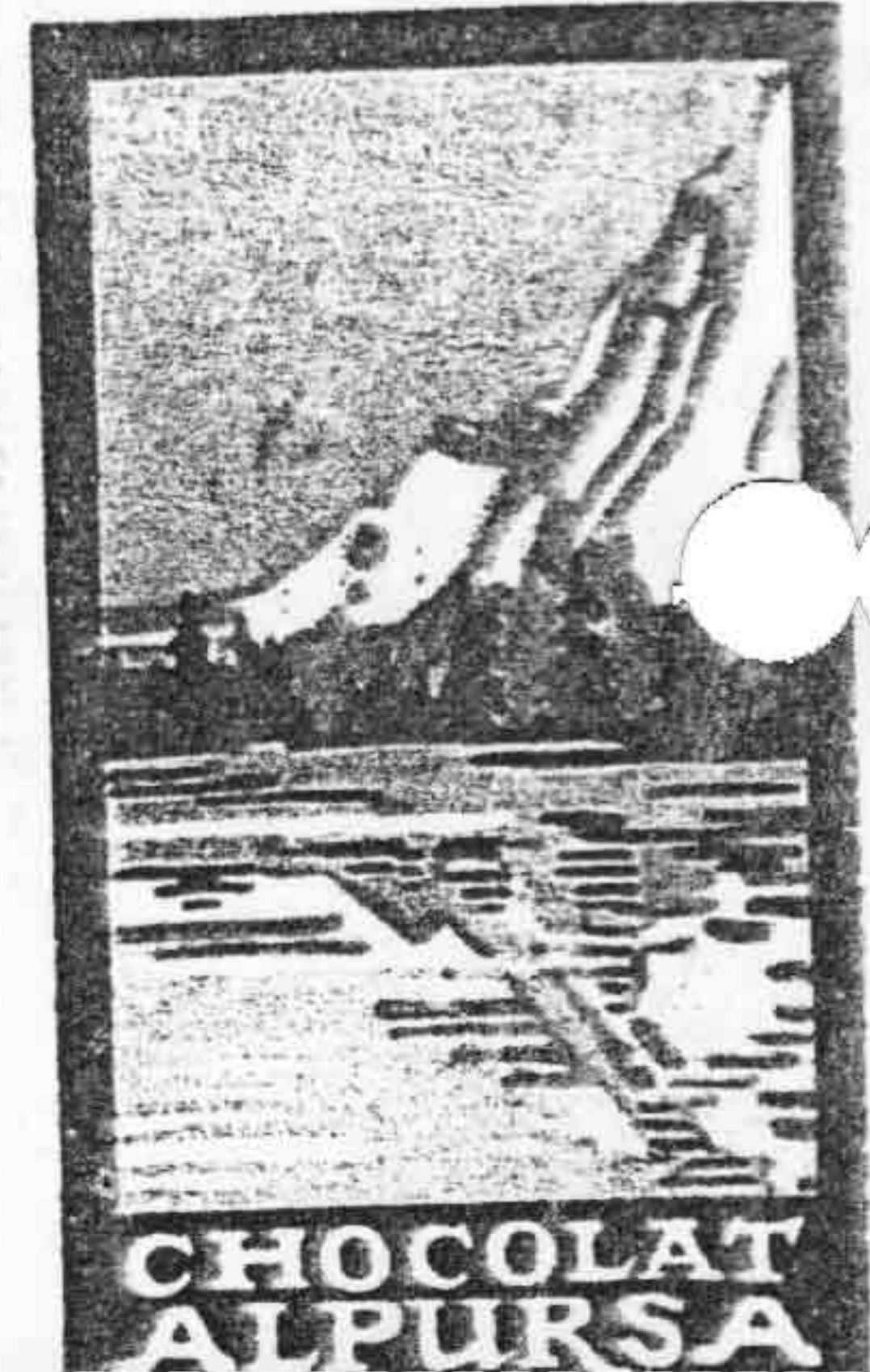
The ads list 10 addresses in New York and 1 in Newark. So there are your "Ten Big Blyn Stores". I didn't see any ads later than 1917.

THE NOVEMBER "GOOD STUFF" AUCTION

We continue as before with some "good stuff." We provide the name of the designer when known. Some of these guys are really good artists. Charles Kiddle has documented the work of 20 of the most prolific artists in two catalogs and both are worth owning. If interested buying these catalogs, see Don Bodow's ad for details. Auction rules are as follows: First responder wins tie bids. All lots will be sold for one step above the second highest bid. This auction ends on the last day of the month.

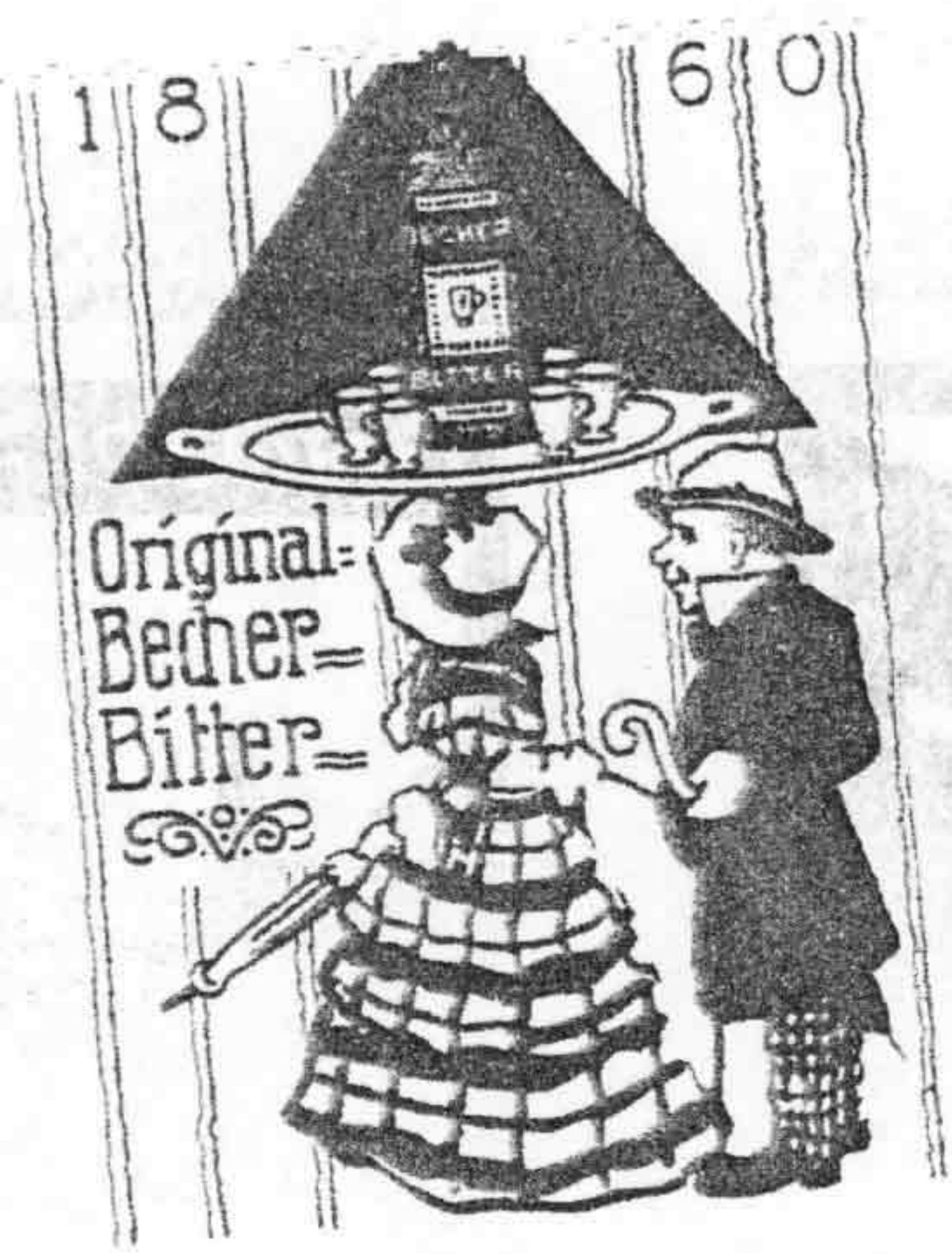


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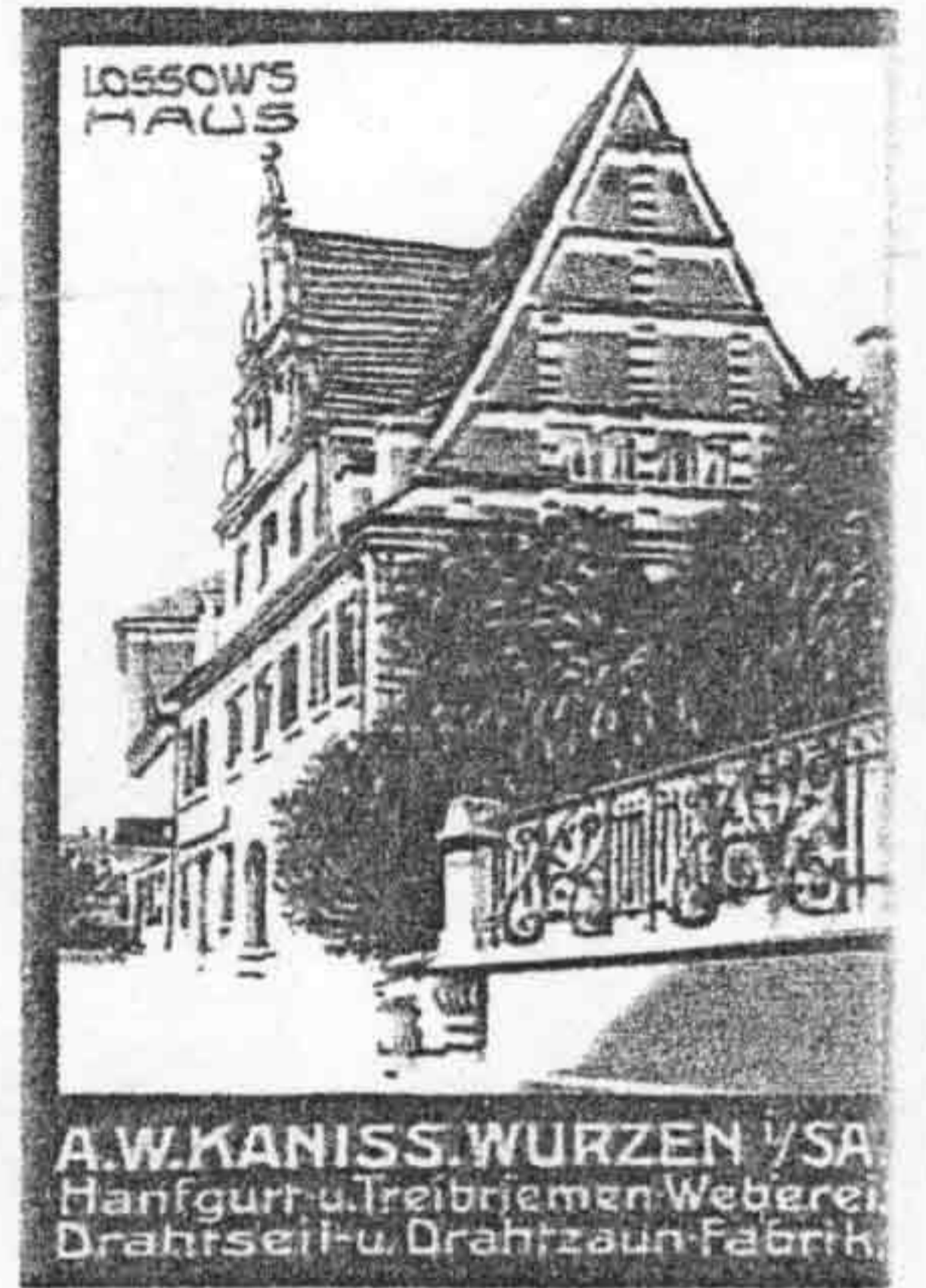
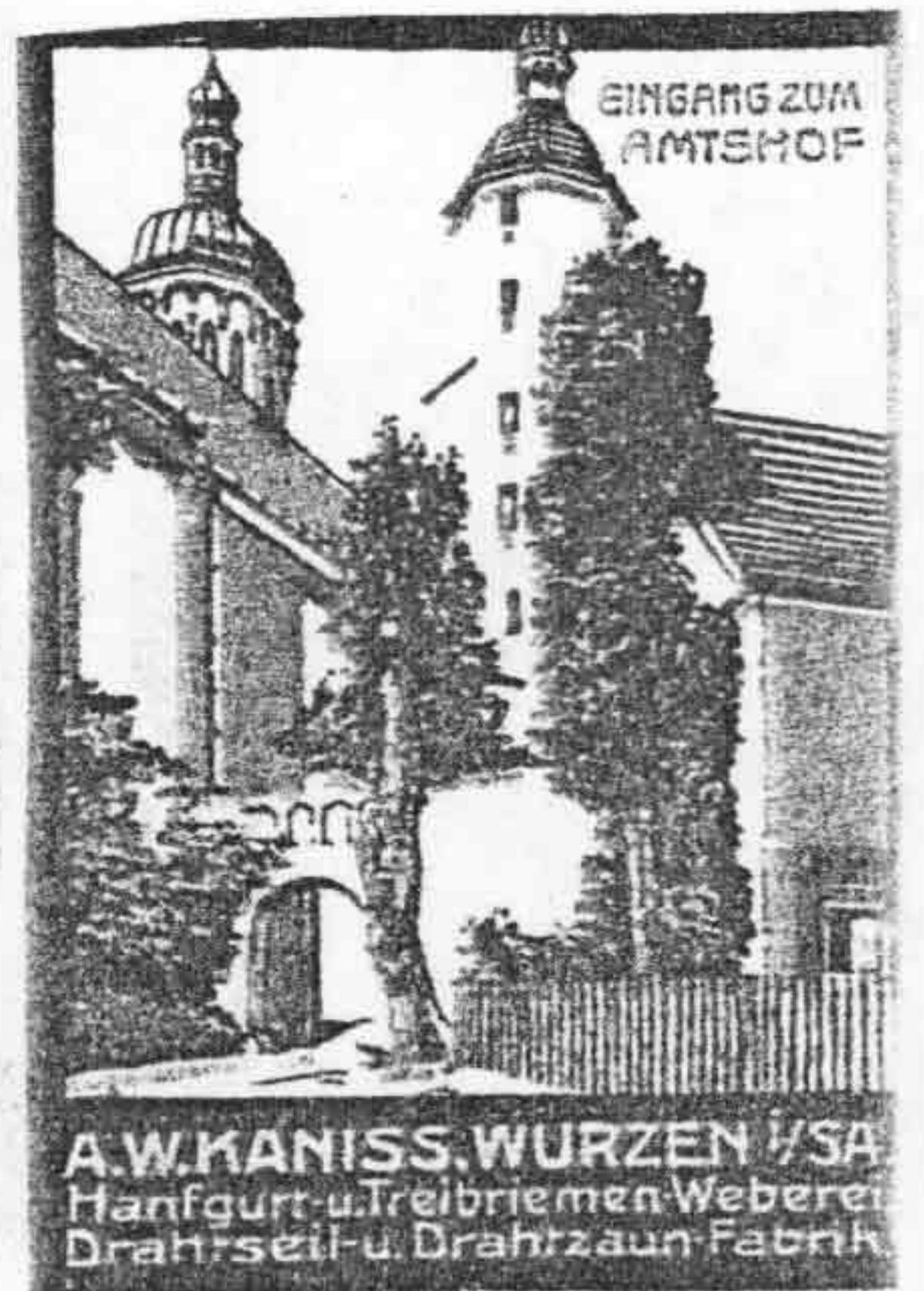
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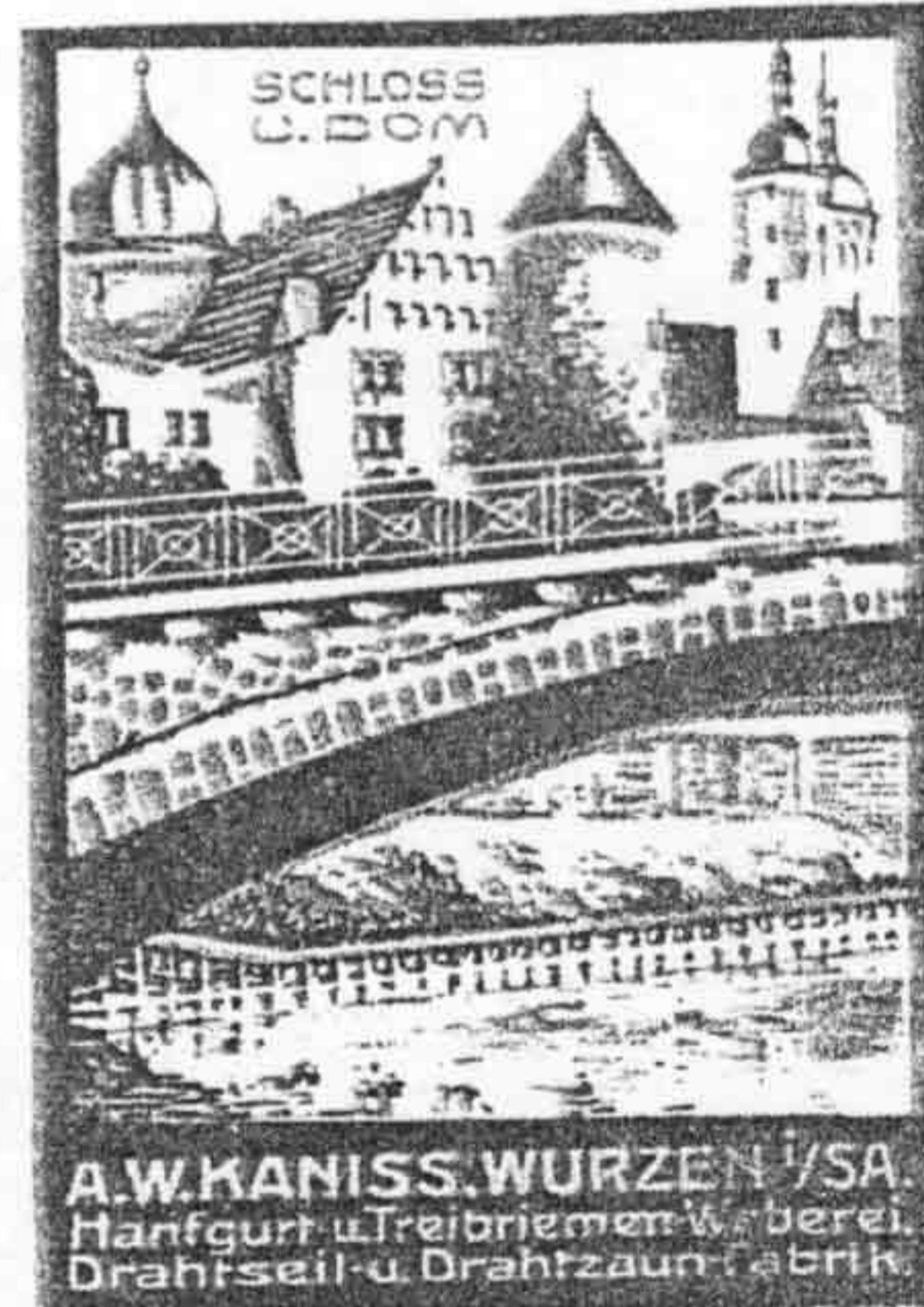
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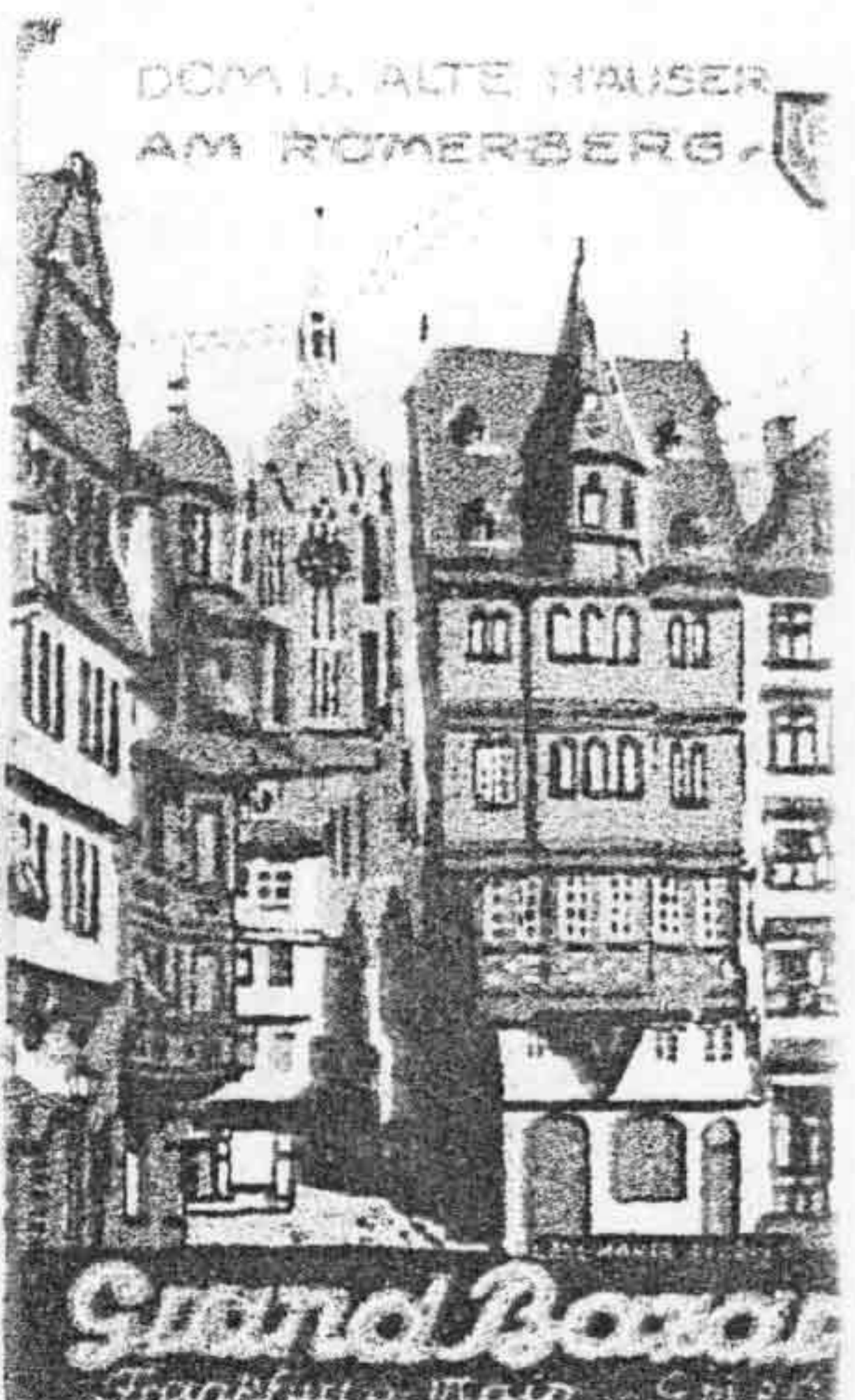
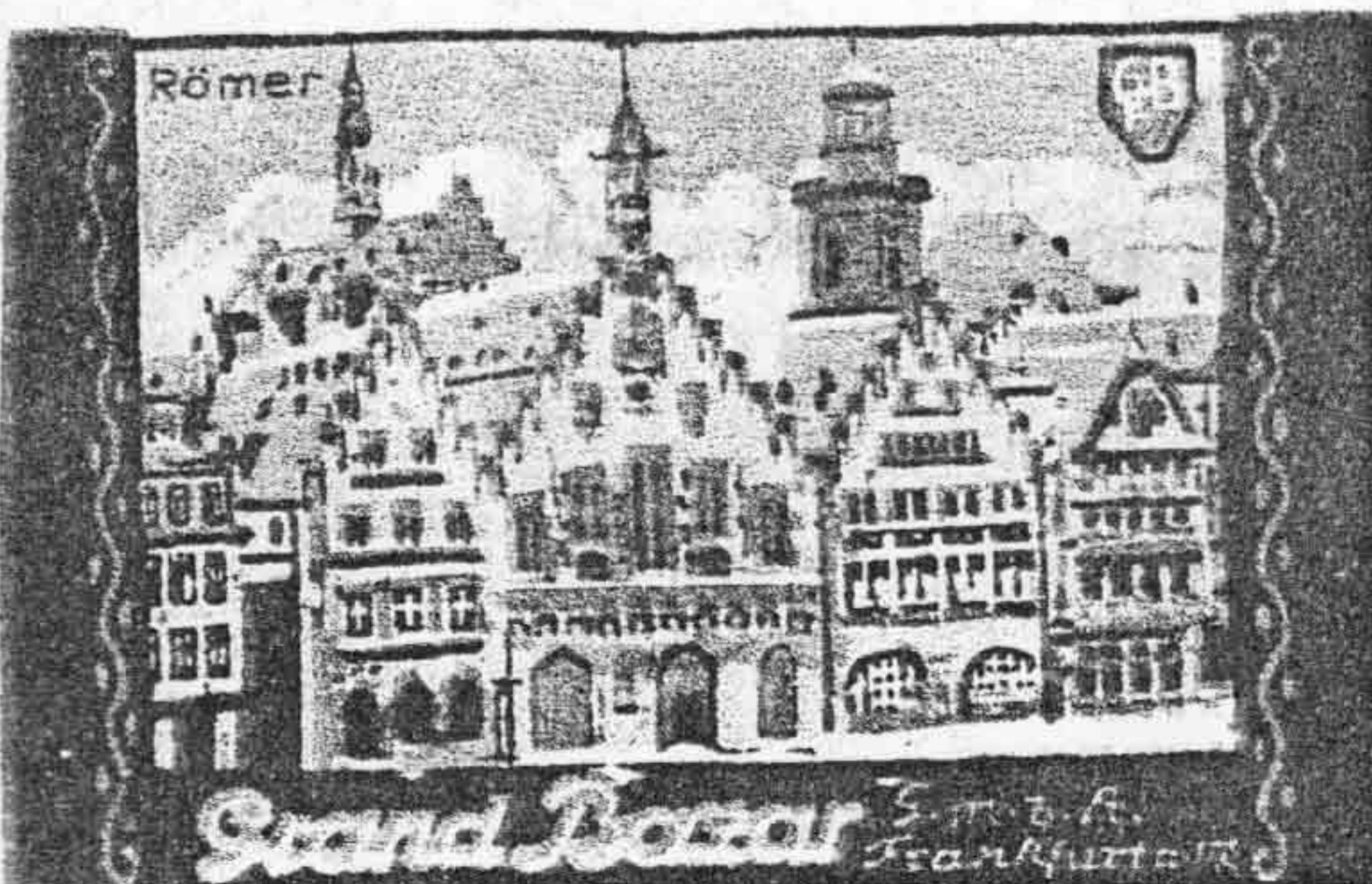
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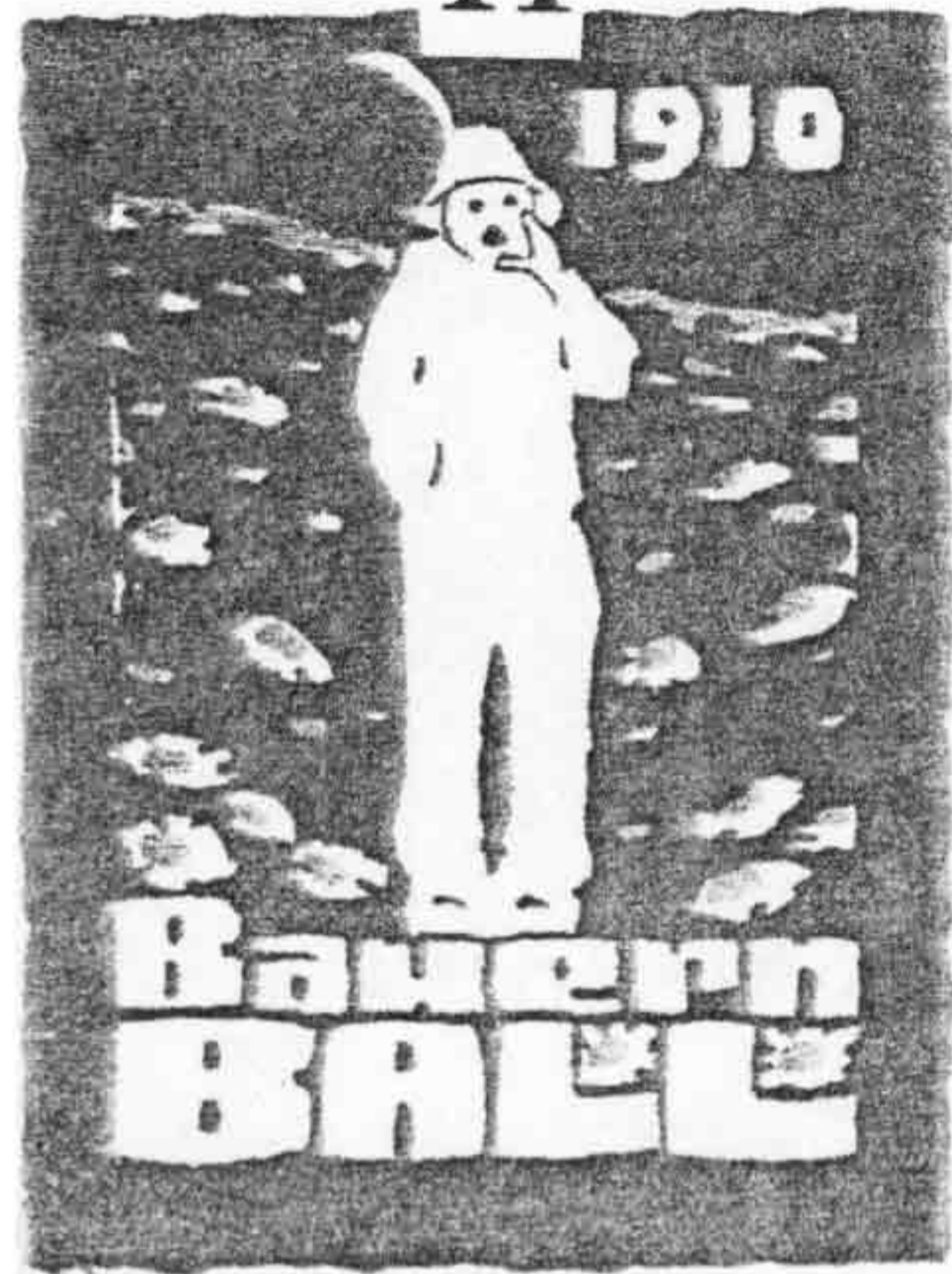
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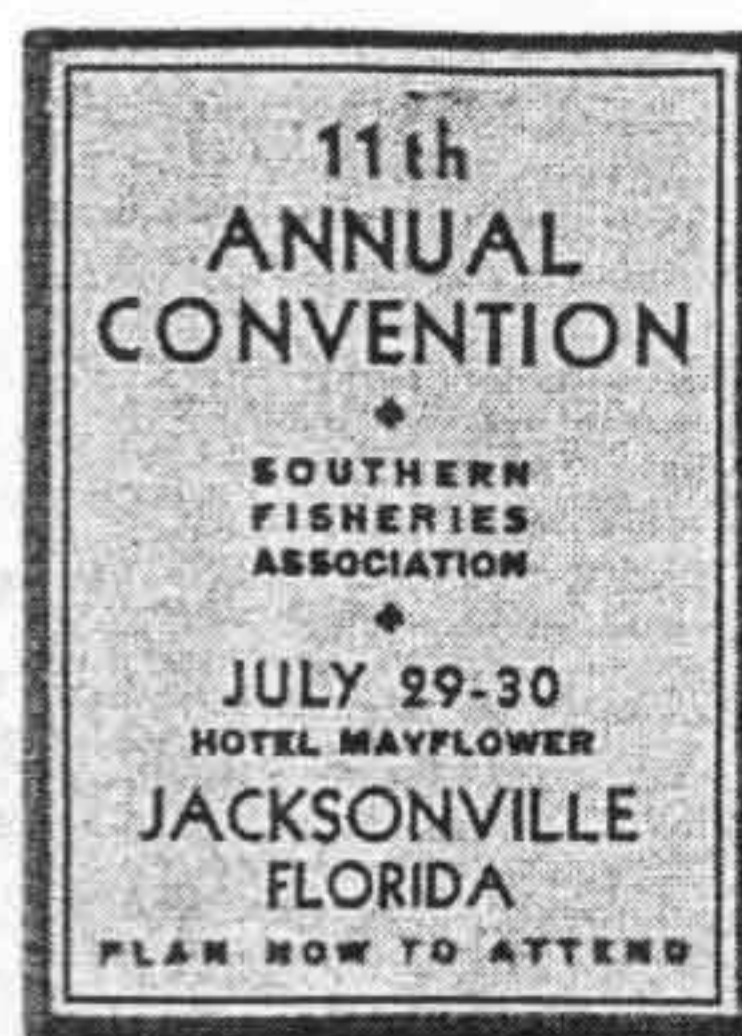


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Nick Follansbee's Undated U.S. Event Catalog continues.....



Jacksonville 11th Southern Fisheries Conv.
July 29-30 (1932) 5.00

JACKSONVILLE
Antique Show
Jan. 27 thru 31
George Washington
Hotel
Jacksonville, Florida
Preview 7 P. M., 27th



Jacksonville Antique Show, Jan 27-31 (c1940) .. 2.00
Joliet Kiwanis Conv, Sept 27-29 (c1940) . 3.00

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Kansas City Auto Show, Feb. 7-14
a Two cars passing 12.00
b Girl behind wheel 12.00
c Speedster, ocean in background .. 12.00
d Headlights illuminating text 12.00

An old listing has these as 1925, but they are surely earlier, possibly 1918.

J-K



Kalama Strawberry Festival
June 20-21 (c1940) 2.00



Kansas City 18th A.S.R.E. Western Meeting
May 6-8 (c1925) R
Kansas City Southwest Power Show
Sept. 7-12 (1931) 6.00



Kansas City Jubilesta Sept 17-25 3.00
Kansas City Jubilesta Sept 26-Oct 3 3.00



Kansas City Better Homes & Building Exposition
Feb 23-March 4 (c1940) 4.00
Kansas City AGAEM Exposition
May 9-14 (?) 4.00

A notation in an old collection gave the date of the AGAEM issue as "1927" but it's appearance suggests much later. I would guess around 1940. It would be nice to know the facts.



Kansas City Trade Week. Sept 30-Oct 5 (c1940) 2.00



Kansas City I.B.C.A. (Baby Chicks) Silver Jubilee Conv. July 22-25 (c 1940) 3.00
 Kenosha American Legion Convention Aug 11-14 (c1930) 5.00

Klamath Falls Buckaroo Days, July 2-4 (1939) ... 8.00

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Kent City Celebration & Homecoming August 14-15 (c1940?) 3.00
 Kenton Co. Centennial, June 14-22 (1940) 3.00

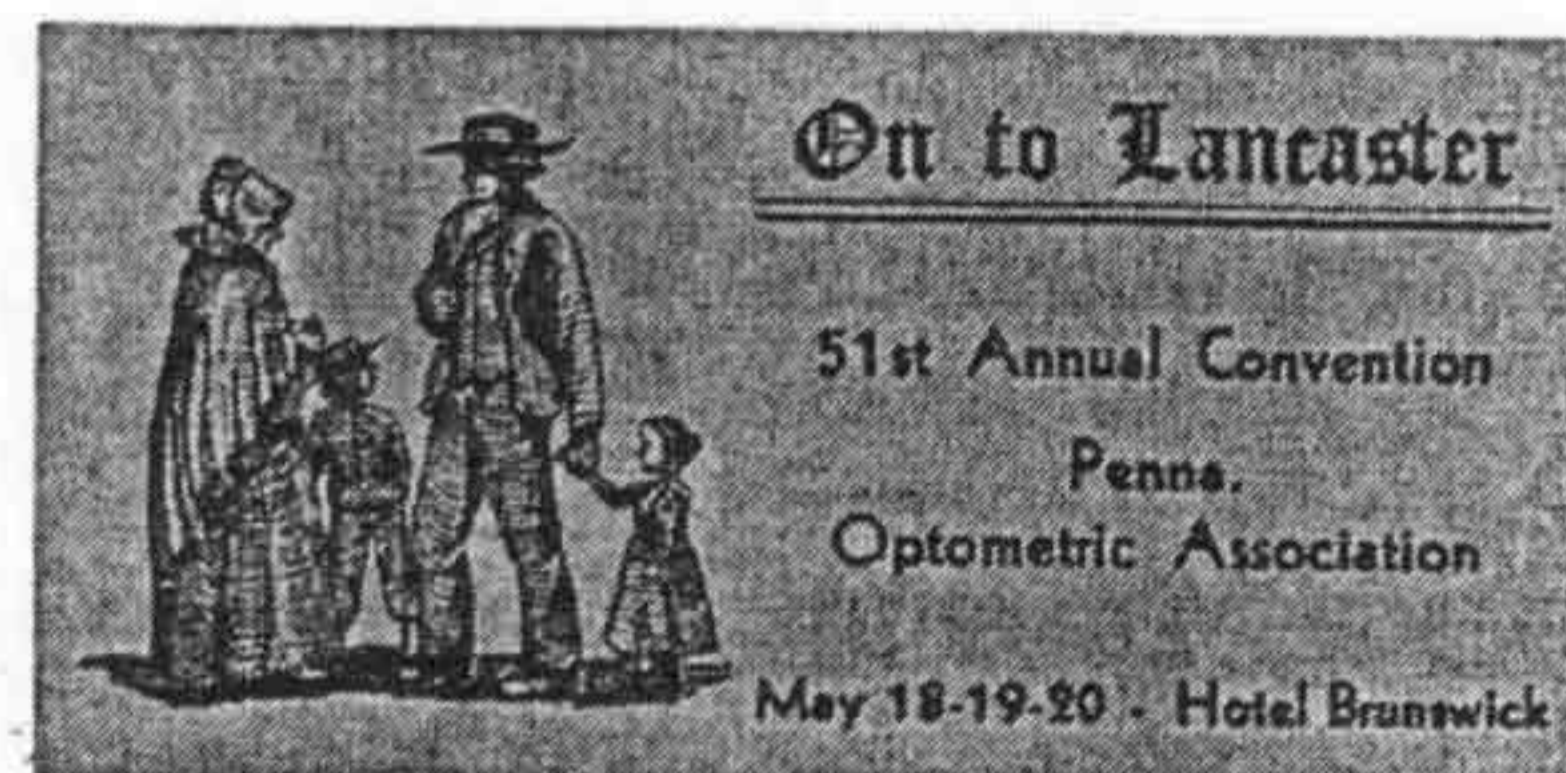
Lafayette Chautauqua, July 9-15 (c1915) RR



Kenton International Brotherhood of Magicians (Conv.) June 1-3 (1929). Various colors 7.00 ea

Lake Placid Mid-winter Figure Skating Carnival Feb 16-17 (c1940?) 4.00
 Lansing Michigan State-Wide Safety Conference May 22-24 (c1950?) 3.00

Stamps are also found where the date and place have been omitted or blocked out.



Lancaster 51st Penna. Optometric Conv. May 18-20 (c1940) 3.00



Kenton International Brotherhood of Magicians (Conv.) June 1-3 (1929). Various colors 7.00 ea



Las Vegas Cowboy Reunion, July 1-3 (1920) ... 15.00
 Las Vegas 111th Cavalry Horse Show Aug. 22-23 (c1920?) RR

These Magician issues are found in black or red on white or various colored papers. They require more study.

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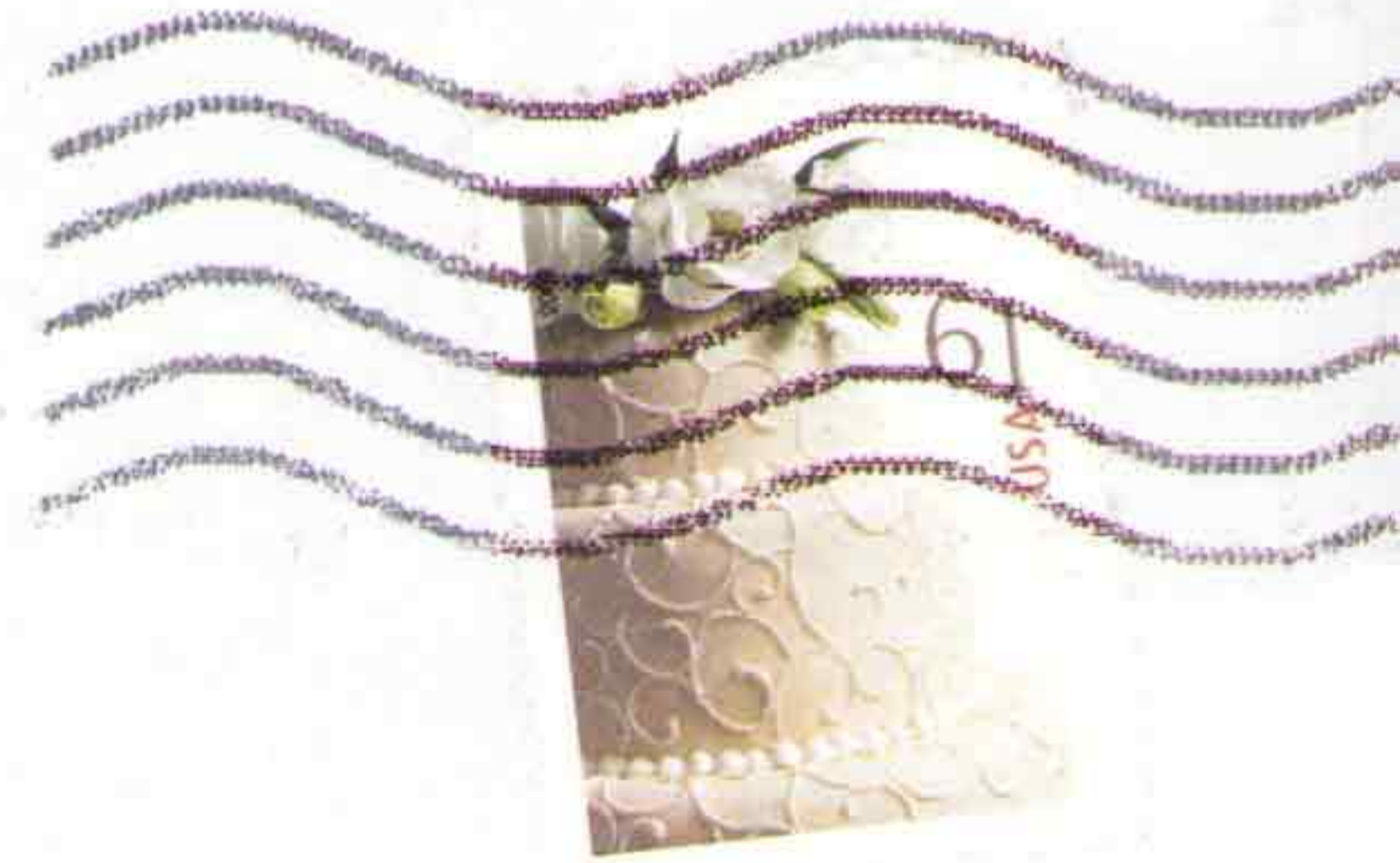
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