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Introduction.

POLITICAL REVIEW OF THE RESPECTIVE YEARS IN UKRAINE (1917 - 20).

The revolution in Petrograd on March 8, 1917 stirred the nations subjugated by Tsarist Russia into the fight for their liberation. Shortly afterward, on March 17, 1917 in the capital of Kyiw (Kiev) a representative assembly, the Ukrainian "Central Rada" was set up with historian Michael Hrushevskyj as president. On January 22, 1918 it solemnly proclaimed the independent democratic state as the Ukrainian National Republic ("U.N.R.").

A coup d'état on April 29, 1918 replaced the republic with a constitutional monarchy and proclaimed the "Ukrainian State" with General Paul Skoropadskyj as Hetman.

After an uprising and abdication by the Hetman on December 14, 1918, the U. N. Republic was restored under a new leadership of the Directorium.

The years of struggle to retain independence came to an end following military defeat and a typhus epidemic, compelling the U.N.R. Govt. and army to retreat to the West, and into exile. The country then fell under a communist regime ruled from Moscow.

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The history of the Ukrainian people started in the sixth century (Kievan Rus' - ninth century). Today there are 49 - 51 million Ukrainians in the world. Their land in eastern Europe comprises 364.9 thousand square miles.

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Abbreviations:

- Karb. (or Krb.) = Karbovanets, the first monetary unit in Ukraine, 1918, = 2 Hryvnya, 200 Shah (1 ruble). Equal to 17.424 "Dolya" (parts) or 0.766656 grams of fine gold.
1 Dolya = 0.044 grams.
- Hrv. (or Hr.) = second monetary unit in Ukraine, 1918 - 20, = $\frac{1}{2}$ Karb., 100 Shah. Had 8.712 "Dolya" of gold.
Shah = Shah (1/100 of a Hr., 1/200 of a Karb.)
- Frac. = Fractional (postage) currency, 1918.
Bill = Bill of the State Treasury, 1918 and 1919.
Note = State Credit Note, 1918.
Prom. = 3.6% State promissory note, 1918.
- Illegal = illegal print made from the original emission dies.
Inva. = counterfeit bills illegally printed by enemies and invalidated by the Govt. of Ukraine by punching out the signature of the State Treasury Director.
- cf. = counterfeit bills mm. = millimeter
obv. = obverse (face, head) rev. = reverse (back) of the bill
 of the bill R, RR, RRR = rarities
S., ser. = series ST. = State Treasury
STD = State Treasury Director tr. = treasurer
Wm. = watermark

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Information in the Catalog is given in this order: current number (with lettered subtypes for variations), face value and name of the note, circulation date and city, measurements in millimeters (first figure for height, next for length), watermark and designer, further remarks.

TRIDENT
(Tryzub)
from the coin of
Volodymyr the Great
(979-1015)
ruler of the
Kievan Realm



Coat of Arms
of
UKRAINE
reaffirmed
on March 22,
1918.

A. UKRAINIAN NATIONAL REPUBLIC,
proclaimed 1-22,1918 in Kyiv. President: Michael Hrushevskyj. Govt., called "General Secretariate" (V. Vynnychenko, chairman), later Council of Peoples Ministers (Vsevolod Holubovych, premier) issued 3 State Treasury Bills with facsimile signature of: 1/ State Treasury Director Michael Kryvetskyj and treasurer V. Voynyliv on first 100 Karb. note, - and 2/ (Khariton)Lebid-Yurchyk on next two bills.

1. 100 KARBOVANETS. Note, January 5,1918 in Kyiv,104x168, without Wm. Yuriy Narbut. Series "АД 185". Printed 55000 notes with inverted reverse. RRR with normal way of currency printing. Illegal, cf., inva.
- 1 100 Karb.,ser. АД 185 (inverted reverse)
1a same - normal way of printing of the rev. RRR
1b " illegal, cf.
1c " punched out notes (inva. in July 1918)
2. 50 KARB. Bill, April 6,1918 in Kyiv, 75x132, without Wm. Alexander Krasowskyj. Ser. AK (high 3, the other 4 mm.) with Roman numerals I or II printed in Kyiv, and later ser. "AO" in Odessa up to "AO 209" and illegal from "AO 210" on. Inva. by cutting out the signature. - 2 various spelling of 2 words on obv.
- 2 50 Karb.."з кредитовими білетами", Ser. AK (3 ml.)1.
2a " " " " " " AK 3 " 11.
2b " " " " " " " AK 4 " 1.
2c " " " " " " " AK 4 " 11.
(2cc) same obv. as in 2c, but without rev. printing
2d 50 Krb.."з кредитовими білетами",No S.and no number
2e " " "з кредитовим білетом".No ser.and no number
Printed in ODESSA in 1918:
- 2f 50 Karb. S. AO up to 209 inclusive - "кредитовими білетами"
2g same S. AO from 210 on, illegal printing by the Russian Army under Gen. A. Denikin - "кредитовими білетами"
2h same Inva.bills by cutting out the signature
3. 25 KARB. Bill, April,1918 in Kyiv, 73 x 130, without Wm. Alexander Krasowskyj. - No series or numbers. 2 diff. spellings of 2 words on obv. Cf., inva.
- 3 25 Karb. - "...з кредитовим білетом"
3a same, "...з кредитовим билетом"
3b " cf.
3c " Inva.(two holes)

B. UKRAINIAN STATE. Monarchy proclaimed 4-29,1918 in Kyiw. Hetman Paul Skoropadskyj. Council of Ministers (Fedir Ly-zohub, Serge Herbel - premiers) issued 5 fractional currency stamps in Shah, 4 promissory notes and 6 notes in Hryvnya, and 1 bill in Karb. Co-signers of the prom.notes were STD. Lebid-Yurchyk and bookkeeper Kovalenko; and of the 6 notes Director of the Govt. Bank Volodymyr Ihnatovych with the treasurer M. Taranov. The last bill was signed by STD Khariton Lebid-Yurchyk.

FRACTIONAL (postage) CURRENCY in SHAH was authorized for emission in 5 value in the sum of sixty million Karb. on 4-18,1918 and printed in Kyiw and Odessa on cardboard by postage stamp dies and in their colors. On rev. in a frame of 1 or 2 lines, Trident and inscription in Ukrainian (all in black ink): "Khodyt nariivni z dzvinkoyu monetoyu" = CIRCULATES IN LIEU OF COINS. Yellowish, ungummed paper without Wm., perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, 30 x 24 mm. in size. Subtypes: on whiter paper, or perforated $10\frac{1}{2}$, or imperforated, or without inscription on rev. are R. - Cf. of 50 Shah, and 40 Sh.

4.	10 SHAH	Des. by Anthony Sereda.	Framing of rev. of 2 l.
5.	20 SHAH	" " "	" " "
6.	30 SHAH	" Yuriy Narbut.	" " "
7.	40 SHAH	" " "	" " 1 line
8.	50 SHAH	" " "	" " "

3.6% STATE PROMISSORY NOTES in HRYVNIA were authorized for emission 3-13,1918 in 4 values, 20 ser., for 4 yrs. duration in the sum of 1 bil. Hr. That limit was redoubled 5-12,1918. Face value payable in full by the ST. after 4 yrs., but not later than Jan. 2, 1933. Printed in Berlin by the Govt. Printing Office on paper with Rm. "ornament", with 8 coupons bearing 3.6% interest payable each 6 months till Jan. 2, 1922. Size 150 x 294 mm. Series I - XX, designed by Yuriy Narbut. In circulation since August of 1918.

9. 50 HRYVNIA, Prom. with 8 coupons bearing interest of 90 Shah each, receivable at these dates:

coupon No. 1	for 90 Shah	due after	7-1, 1918
" " 2	" " "	" " "	1-2, 1919
" " 3	" " "	" " "	7-1, 1919
" " 4	" " "	" " "	1-2, 1920
" " 5	" " "	" " "	7-1, 1920
" " 6	" " "	" " "	1-2, 1921
" " 7	" " "	" " "	7-1, 1921
" " 8	" " "	" " "	1-2, 1922

10. 100 HRYVNIA, Prom. with 8 coupons (nos. 1 - 8) bearing interest of 1 Hr. 80 Shah due at dates listed above

11. 200 HRYVNIA, Prom. with 8 coupons (nos. 1 - 8) bearing interest of 3 Hr. 60 Shah each due at dates previously listed.
12. 1000 HRYVNIA, Prom. with 8 coupons (nos. 1 - 8) bearing interest of 18 Hr. each due at the dates listed above.

State Credit Notes.

13. 2 HRYVNIA, Note, 10-17, 1918 in Kyiv, 70 x 108, watermark "crosses". Wasyl Krychevskyj.
 13a Series A and B, yellowish-bluish color
 13b " W, greenish-blue color
14. 10 HRYVNIA, Note, 10-17, 1918 in Kyiv, 90x139, watermark "crosses". Yuriy Narbut. Series A, B.
15. 100 HRYVNIA, Note, 10-17, 1918 in Kyiv, 115x175, watermark "crosses". Yuriy Narbut. S. A - blue.
 15a Series B - greyish-violet RRR
 (15) Print-proof with large (25 x 125) oblique, red overprint "3PA3OK" (= Sample). No ser.; rev. blank.
16. 500 HRYVNIA, Note, 10-17-1918 in Kyiv, 125x185, watermark "crosses". Yuriy Narbut. Series A.
17. 1000 HRYVNIA, Note, October 1918 in Kyiv, 125x196, Wm. "crosses". Ivan Mozalevskyj. Series A.
18. 2000 HRYVNIA, Note, October 1918 in Kyiv, 134x204, Wm. "crosses". Ivan Mozalevskyj. Series A.
19. 1000 KARBOVANETS, Bill, 11-13, 1918 in Kyiv, 120 x 190, watermarked. Hryhir Zolotov. Two-lettered S. with six digits. Wm. "waves".

C. UKRAINIAN NATIONAL REPUBLIC, restored 12-14, 1918 in Kyiv. Simon Petliura - chairman of the Directorium, Chief of State and Commander-in-Chief ("Head Otaman"). Borys Martos, premier and minister of finances in 1919. Under their leadership the govt. continued the printing of previous notes and bills, and issued 4 new bills in Karb. and 1 "exchange bill" in Hr. All of them signed by Lebid-Yurchyk, STD.

1000 KARB. In the summer of 1919 the printing of that bill was continued in the city of Kamianets Podilskyj on different papers. Diverse color intensity on that bill and all others of that year.

- 19a Wm. "starlets"
 19b Wm. "zigzags"
 19c Wm. "waves". Colors from purple to dark brown
 19d without watermarks

20. 5 HRYVNYA, so called "Exchange bill" was printed in the city of Stanyslaviv during March of 1919, 58 x 98, Wm. "mushrooms". Print montage. Series "C. A. 1"

- 20a faulty print: letter "P" omitted in the name of valuta (5 Г И Б Е Н Б) on the reverse RRR
(20) print error: both sides with obv. printing

21. 250 KARB., Bill, summer, 1919, in Kamianets Podilskyj, 96 x 148, Wm. "starlets". Borys Romanovskij.

22. 10 KARB., Bill, summer, 1919, in Kamianets Pod., 84x140, Wm. "mushrooms". Hryhir Zolotov.

22a Illegal print (thinner paper, more reddish nuance).

23. 25 KARB., another (second) emission, summer, 1919 in Kamianets Podilskyj, 84 x 140. Designer Antin Prychodko. Wm. "starlets". Series with 2 letters and numbers.

- 23a bills without series letters and numbers
23b illegal print

24. 100 KARBOVANETS, another (second) emission, summer, 1919 in Kamianets Podilskyj, 90 x 178. Wm. "starlets" (series AB). Paper and color nuances.

- 24 Wm. "starlets", Ser. AB: yellowish paper, greenish screen, black ink added on inscriptions.
24a Wm. "mushrooms" slanted right, paper and screen dark beige, inscriptions in black ink, S. AB.
24b Wm. "mushrooms" slanted left, Ser. TB, bright beige paper, pale screen.

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ORIGINATED, UNFINISHED EMISSIONS of UKRAINIAN BANK-NOTES.

The Directorium of the U.N.R. had an agreement with the Govt. Printing Office in Vienna regarding the printing of two notes from the drawings of Yuriy Narbut, in 1920. Specimen known (unique). Both notes were signed by the Government Bank Director Kost Klepachivskij and tr. Michael Yazvinskyj.

25. 50 HRYVNYA, Note, 1920 (sample proofs), 58 x 117 mm. Wm. "crosses". Likeness of Hetman Petro Doroshenko (1627 - 98). Blue and green.

26. 1000 HRYVNYA, Note, sample proofs in 1920 with watermark "Trident". Likeness of Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytskyj (1595 - 1657). Brown and ultramarine.

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