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## NEWS OF THE MONTH

Although merely the change of one letter in a surcharge, undoubtedly the most important event in philately, that we have to record this month, is the issue of the first King Edward stamps. They come from the latest addition to the British Empire, the Transvaal, where the surcharge V.R.I. upon the South African Republic stamps has been changed to E. R. I. An event of prime importance to commercial philately, but of really minor philatelic interest, is the issue of the handsome set to commemorate and advertise the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo N.Y. This set will undoubtedly make new collectors, by the attention it will receive from the press and from persons who have never given stamps a thought. We illustrate the new stamps from Turkey this month, but the set for Italy is still in preparation and it is now reported that some of the series will bear the portrait of the Queen consort. A ½d stamp to commemorate the inauguration of the Australian parliament by the Duke of Cornwall is said to be decided upon, but a doubt has arisen whether a uniform set for the whole of Australia can be issued before five years, as the constitution provides that for that length of time separate accounts are to be kept of the revenue of each Australian state. As the first parliament is now in session legislation on this matter will not be much longer deferred.

### ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ABYSSINIA.—(*Demonetization of stamps removed.*) It is stated by *Le Collectionneur de T. P.* that complete unused sets of Abyssinian postage and unpaid letter stamps are being sold much below face value, indicating that the stamps have been withdrawn from postal service, and demonetized. Further particulars, from official sources, are promised by our Parisian contemporary.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*Reported 8c. value.*)—It is reported that a new value of 8 centavos has been found necessary and will shortly appear. (*15c. envelope.*) The 12c. envelope has been withdrawn and replaced by one of 15c. of the same type blue on pale greenish yellow paper.

AUSTRALIA.—(*Commemorative ½d stamp.*) The first stamp of the New Commonwealth is said to be decided upon. It is a ½d commemorative of the visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York similar to the current ½d New South Wales with a full face portrait of the Duke.

BOLIVIA.—(*New set in prospective.*) Our French contemporaries announce the forthcoming appearance of the following new stamps:—

- 2c green, portrait of Camacho
- 5c red, " Campero
- 10c blue, " Ballivian
- 20c violet, " Santa Cruz
- 2b brown, Arms of the Republic

BOSNIA.—(*6 h. letter card.*) It is announced by *Smith's Monthly Circular* that the 6 h. letter card is now printed on buff card instead of bluish green.

BULGARIA.—(*Provisional 10st.*) The 50s. green has been surcharged 10s. in black.



CHILE.—(*1c. revenue postally used.*) A 1c red, revenue stamp, of the same type as the new 5c, has recently been permitted to do postal duty.

COLOMBIA REPUBLIC.—(*Provisional stamps for Tumaco.*) Owing to communication, at the Tumaco post office, having been cut off from the rest of the country by the revolution, the supply of stamps became exhausted. Temporary type