

REPUBLICA OVERPRINTS 1914

ISSUE.

The new Ceres issue was about to be released and so it was decided to dispose of the existing old stock of surcharged Luis and Carlos Mouchon stamps held in Luanda. A locally printed san-serif "REPUBLICA" was applied in either red or green to the existing stock of stamps. For some issues, there was only a limited stock of sheets available to overprint, with the result that some of these issues are very expensive. For comparison purposes, prices from Gibbons 22 are noted. At the time it was felt that the whole process was a money making exercise at the expense of stamp collectors.

ERRORS

Given the low printing numbers, little printer's waste found its way onto the market, but the usual, doubled, inverted and dislocated examples are to be found.

FANCIFUL ISSUES

It is unclear whether test REPUBLICA overprints of a range of issues were smuggled out of the print workshop, or whether they were created there, but whatever happened, local san-serif REPUBLICA overprints of Luis and Carlos Neto issues began to appear which were not officially issued for postal service. Known examples are as follows:

Luis local REPUBLICA overprints

130/100, 400/5, 400/25

Carlos Neto REPUBLICA overprints

130/15, 130/100, 400/50, 400/200

FORGERIES

The local san-serif "REPUBLICA" overprint has been forged on a number of occasions. The rough and ready rubber hand-stamp version is easily identified, but a good letterpress example is hard to pick. For expensive examples at auction, a certificate of authenticity from the auction house is a wise purchase.

LUIS Surcharges 1902

Perforation 12.5

115/10

115/200

130/50

Perforation 13.5

115/10

CARLOS Neto Surcharges 1902

Perforation. 11.5

115/100 ..RR £350

115/150 ..RR £275

130/75 Two Papers. Chalk-surfaced and Enamel-surfaced.

400/2.5 ex Newspaper.

Perforation. 12.5

115/80 ..Rr £250

115/100 ..Rr £325

115/150 ..Rr. £300

130/75

130/300

400/2.5 ex Newspaper.

Perforation. 13.5

115/100..RRR £1,000

115/150 ..RRR £900

130/75 Not regularly issued

130/300

400/2.5 ex Newspaper.

1915 — Selos de 1902, com sobrecarga «REPUBLICA» (Moeda)

