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At the end of the first six months of 1914, great numbers of specialist journals were appearing in the world of stamp lovers and collectors, as in everything else. They grew continually in size, as one can easily see from the increasing thickness of bound volumes in the bookcase. New publications kept on appearing, and there really was life in the field of philatelic magazines. Then came the Great War and all life seemed to be extinguished all at once. Even in England, the homeland of philatelic literature, which might not have had so many journals as America but still put out an endless stream of specialist journals and books, the journals either ceased to appear or came to a pause. This sudden change ought to have been much more obvious in Germany and Austria but such was not the case. Only a few minor papers ceased to appear during the first year, most never to reappear. There were eight of these as follows: *Mitteilungen der Firma Paul Kohl*; which really was a pity, *Philatelistischen Neuheiten-Berichte* from **H. H. Duncker**; *Württembergische Briefmarkenzeitung* from **Paul Kempf**; *Berichte des Vereins Leipziger Briefmarkenbörse*; *Mitteilungen des Oberelsässischen Philatelisten-Clubs*, Mülhausen; *Internationale Zeitung für Philatelie und Sammelwesen*, Hamburg; *Deutsche Stempel-Zeitung* from **Paul Ohrt**; and *Blaue Blatt* from **Cornel Herzog**; which concentrated more on picture-postcards. Of these, the *Deutsche Stempel-Zeitung* reappeared in the year 1918 and *Berichte des Vereins Leipziger Briefmarkenbörse* announced its reappearance. All other magazines managed to keep going, even though most of them had breaks in publication, or had to issue several numbers in one.

In the year 1915 *Freyse's Philatelistische Mitteilungen* went under: 1916 saw the cessation of **Reith & Co's Philatelistische Monatsblätter** and also, unfortunately, the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenzblatt* which started up again however, in the year 1918. The *Mitteilungen des Berliner Vereines für Privatpostwertzeichenkunde* and *Der Briefmarkensammler*, Bremen, ceased to appear in 1917. In the year 1918 *Freyse's Mitteilungen* put out a few issues again, but on the other hand *Vereinsnachrichten der Tauschverbindung Münchener Briefmarkensammler* ceased to exist in 1919, and *Sammler-Woche* was adopted as the Society organ.

New titles that appeared during the War were however: 1914 *Bremer Briefmarken-Zeitung*, **Heinrich Lunow**, of which however only one issue is known: 1915 the *Mitteilungen des deutschösterreichischen Philatelisten-Vereines*, now the *Mitteilungen des Verbandes deutscher Briefmarkensammler*, Essen. *Mitteilungen des Münchener Briefmarken-Clubs*; the *Mitteilungen der Marken-und Ganzsachenhaus G.m.b.H*; the *Neue Briefmarkenkunde* (Neutral correspondence), Berlin-Lichterfelde; the *Sächsische Postwertzeichen-Offertenblatt*, now the *Sächsische Briefmarken-Zeitung*, **Alfred Kurth**; the *Philatelistische Presse-Correspondenz*, **Artur Wülbern**; and the *Deutschösterr.-ungar. Briefmarken-Offertenblatt*, Berlin-Nowawes.

Some of these however ceased again, as will be seen from the list below.

In 1918, *Sammler-Woche* came into being: it is now the most important German periodical, the light of the World, also *Philatelistische Mitteilungen* from **Karl Hennig**. At the same time a *Philatelic Number* appeared amongst the reports of officials of the A.E.G. and B.E.W., Berlin in 1916.

Last year (1919) the following ceased:-

*Interessanten Philatelistischen Mitteilungen*, **Willi Sonteg**  
*Leipziger Briefmarken-Anzeiger*, **Franz Junghaus**  
*Philatelistischen Mitteilungen und Gelegenheitsangebote*, **Artur Schumann**  
*Rundschau für Briefmarkensammler und-Händler*, **Koch & Bitriol**  
*Internationale Sammler-Welt*, **F. C. Wagler**  
*Philatelistische Welt*, **Gustav Scheffler**  
*Verbandsblatt*, **Koch & Bitriol**  
*Der Sammler*, **Peter Rucks**

Of the number of independent journals, the *Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung* was withdrawn in 1918 and passed into the ownership of dealers and was finally amalgamated with the *Leipziger Briefmarken-Anzeiger*.

In Austria, the *Philatelisten-Zeitung Bruna* had a break in publication from 1914 to 1917. **Friedl's Illustriertes Briefmarken-Offertenblatt** and *Der Universal-Anzeiger*, both of Vienna, ceased in the year 1915. The latter reappeared in 1919 in an enlarged format. New titles appearing in 1917 on the other hand were:-

*Briefmarken Anzeiger*, **Gustav Walter**, Vienna  
*Briefmarkensammler*, **M. Stiegler**, Vienna  
*Der Markenfreund*, **K. Kleophas**, Teplitz  
*Oesterreichisch-Ungarische Briefmarken-Offertenblatt*, **M. Lott**

However, the last two did not survive the year of their appearance. The *Philatelistischen Mitteilungen*, **Jos. Baumgarten**, Vienna, came out in 1914, *Wiener Briefmarken-Offertenblatt*, **Friedrich Schiller**, Vienna, and *Der Briefmarkenbote*, Bisamberg, in 1918.

In the year 1919 *Die Postmarke* appeared as a continuation of the earlier *Mitteilungen des O.T.V.* There were also:-

*Deutschösterr. Briefmarken-Zeitung*, **Karl Buchmeisser**

*Universum Briefmarken-Journal*, **Friedrich Schiller**

All three came out in Vienna. *Mitteilungen der Briefmarkentauschvereinigung Riesengebirge*, Parschnitz, also appeared but ceased the same year, and *Sammler-Woche* became the Society organ. The

*Internationale Tausch-Adressen-Liste* appeared in Innsbruck

*Brünner Briefmarken-Zeitung*, **Max Trill**, in Brünner. He did it for fun and began to number it with the 6<sup>th</sup> year.

*Sammler-Warte*, **Ernst Sedlak**

*Weltpost-Echo*, **Max Leitenberger**

We see that Austria was very enterprising, even though the quality of some of the new journals was unsatisfactory.

Two new journals appeared in Hungary:- in 1917 *Neue Ungarische Briefmarken-Zeitung*, **Moritz Goldfinger**, Budapest, and in 1918 *Die Donau-Post* from **Dr. V. Weinert**, Pozsony, which rapidly found favour.

In Switzerland *Schweizerischen Philatelistischen Nachrichten*, **Ernst Zumstein**, and *Philatelistischen Nachrichten*, **Gustav Schmidt**, ceased their existence in 1914. New arrivals in 1915 were *Schweizer Briefmarken-Offertenblatt* from **Aldred Kürth**, which was continued as *Sächsischen Postwerthzeichen-Offertenblatt*, the *Berner Briefmarken-Zeitung* and the *Philatelistischen Mitteilungen*, **Eduard Locher**. This latter published a German and a French number alternatively. In 1916 came *Wegweiser für Markensammler*, **Eugen Szekula**, in 1917 a few numbers appeared of **Paul Altheer's** *Der Sammler*. In 1918, *Schweizer Briefmarken-Sammler*, **Bela Szekula**, ceased.

I would not like to claim that any listing of the Swiss German-language magazines is complete, and in the interests of statistics I ask you to be kind enough to tell me of missing titles or issues. (Address: Tegernsee, Bavaria). The following is a list of journals that appeared in the year 1914 to 1919.

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