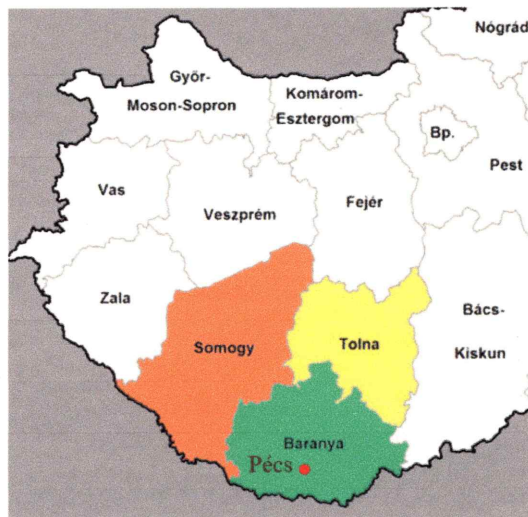


4.1. Baranya Overprints

On 15th November 1919, Serbian troops invaded an area which included the beautiful, historic, Hungarian city of Pécs, the capital of Baranya county. The Serbs occupied this area until 20th August 1920. The overprinting of stamps took place chiefly to provide funds for the postal service but was complicated by two factors:

1. The collapse of the Károlyi Republic and its replacement by a Bolshevik regime.
2. Hyperinflation due to collapse of the Hungarian currency.

Two main overprintings took place: type I in May 1919; type II in December 1919.



Registered cover to Véménd with type I (quick) overprints on 80f, 40f, 6f stamps, and type I (pedal) on 25f stamp showing typical squeezing of the ink.* Registration 100f, distance letter 50f, total paid 150f, correctly franked, tied by Pécs double-ring cancel, 14th May 1919.

* Brainard, CE (2006). Catalog of Hungarian Occupation Issues 1918-21.