

## 7.1. Temesvár (Serbian Occupation) Overprint

Temesvár is a large city situated beyond the south-eastern border of modern Hungary in the old region known as Bánat. Formerly under Ottoman rule, it was, from 1716, Hungarian. Its secession to Romania under Trianon was fiercely disputed as ethnic Romanians at that time numbered only about 10% of the population. In 1884, it was the second city in the world after New York to install electric street lighting.

In 1919/20 the Bánat region was occupied by Serbian forces and the postal service came under their control.



1919 cover franked with 20f King Karol with dark blue 50f Serb overprint, tied by Temesvár cds with Budapest receiving mark, Sep 13 1919. Double ring circular Romanian censor cachet.