

Lockdales' Auction #210 Report: Coins & Collectables (paper collectables, coins, weapons, medals & militaria): 21-23 January 2022

Total prices realised: £409,500 (including premium)

Our first sale of 2022 produced some outstanding results. Day 1 was devoted to 'paper collectables' – stamps, postcards, and cigarette/trade cards. Beginning with the stamps these again proved to be some of the most popular categories, with dealers eager for stock, and collectors keen for material to sort through. Several 'one country' and British Commonwealth collections made over a thousand pounds above estimate. The Cigarette & Trade Cards began with a special section; the first part of a private collection of Liebig and other cards. Among the Liebig we saw prices up to £700 hammer for individual sets. £3000 hammer was reached for a complete set of Will's National Costume - a very rare and early issue.

Day 2 proceeded through the Exonumia, Weapons, and the first day of Militaria. Amongst the weapons the highest price realised was £4400 hammer for a German WWII Government Officials Diplomatic Dagger by Alcoso Solingen. A late 18th Century flintlock dueling pistol by H. Nock made £2400.

The third day of the auction was held across two salerooms in tandem – the Coins and the Militaria. The Militaria included many sleepers such as a Hong Kong silver napkin ring engraved with the names of ships served aboard by Richard Orlando Beaconsfield Bridgeman, who won a DSO 18.8.1915, and took part in destroying the German cruiser Konigsberg. This small silver item estimated at £120 to £140, sold for £750 hammer.

The Coin Room saw strong demand throughout, with coins being premium portable assets in these times. The standout above all was a previously unidentified Chinese silver 'sycee' ingot of 2 Taels weight. Entered at a very conservative reserve this leapt up to £2600 online!

We look forward to the Fine Sale and the Banknote Sale in February, and our next auction of Coins, Militaria & Paper Collectables will take place 18-20 March. This sale is shaping up nicely and the closing date is 4th February so get in contact soon to include your items.



Lot 540, Will's National Costume, rare complete set of 25 cigarette-cards sold for £3000 hammer.