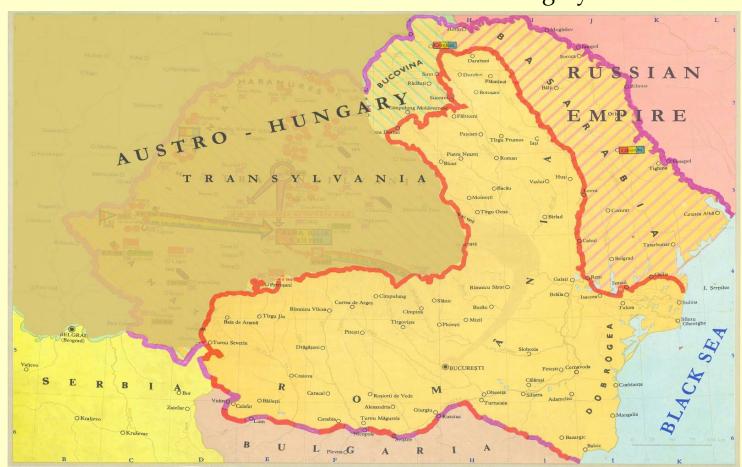
The War before the War – the National Bank of Romania and the Economic War during Romania's Neutrality Years (1914 – 1916)

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Romania at the Beginning of WW I

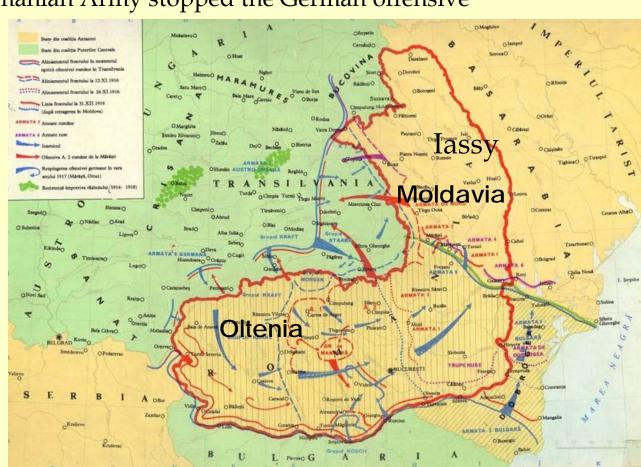
- 2 August 1914 the Crown Counsel convened in Sinaia decided the neutrality of Romania.
- 17 August 1916 Romania signed two secret agreements with the Entente
- 28 August 1916 Romania declared war on Austria-Hungary



1916 – 1918 - the Military Operations on the Romanian Territory

- August 1916 Germany, Turkey and Bulgaria declare war against Romania
- December 1916 authorities left Bucharest and the Royal family, the Parliament, the Government and the National Bank, all moved to Iassy
- Summer 1917 the Romanian Army stopped the German offensive

- March 1918 Romania remained alone on the whole Eastern front
- 7 May 1918 Peace Treaty of Bucharest

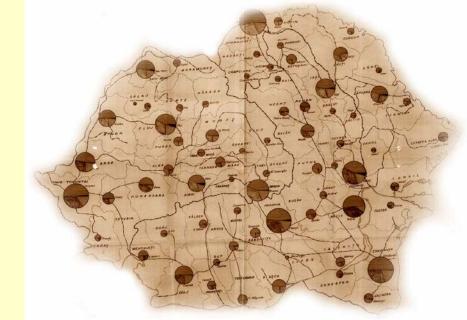


At the End of the War

- 10 November 1918 Romania declared again war against Germany and Austro Hungary
- 8 April 1918 Bessarabia decided the union with Romania
- 28 November 1918 Bucovina decided the union with Romania
- 1 December 1918 Transylvania decided the union with Romania

- 1 December 1918 - King Ferdinand and other Romanian officials returned to

Bucharest



The National Bank of Romania during the Neutrality Years (1914 – 1916)

- The loans granted by NBR to the Romanian Government
- The NBR was involved in organising the 5% National Loan
- The NBR facilitated two external loans for the Romanian Government:
 - 1. December 1914 ten million Italian lira loan granted by the Bank of Italy
 - 2. January 1915 five million pound sterling loan granted by the Bank of England
- The issuing of the NBR small notes



At the entrance of the NB premises in Bucharest – people need 1.2 and 5 lei notes due the storing of small silver and nickel coins ('Gazeta ilustrată', 13 August 1916)

National Bank of Romania between November 1916 – November 1918

The premises of the NBR Branch in Iassy, which became the headquarters of NBR between November 1916 and November 1918





The NBR headquarters in Bucharest during the German foreclosure

The NBR Archive during WWI and in the Period thereafter

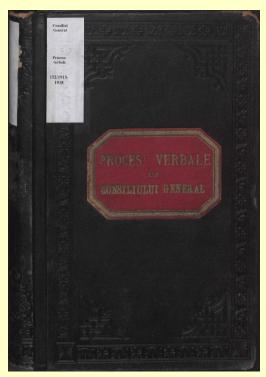
- November 1916 the current archive was relocated to Iassy
- August 1917 the NBR Archive deposited in Iassy was sent to Moscow and it was confiscated in January 1918
- June 1935 a part of the NBR Archive returned from Moscow, but in a very poor state of preservation
- 1937 1939 first appraisal of NBR Archive
- 1944 entire NBR archive was moved to the south western area of Romania and to south of Transylvania
- 1945 the Archive returned to Bucharest
- 1950 1958 second appraisal
- Since 1997 an extensive process of modernisation

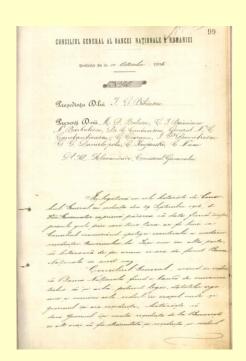


The Boards of NB Romania Fonds

21 files comprise original documents:

- the minutes of the NBR Boards between 1914 and 1916 (Bucharest), between 1916 and 1918 (Iassy)



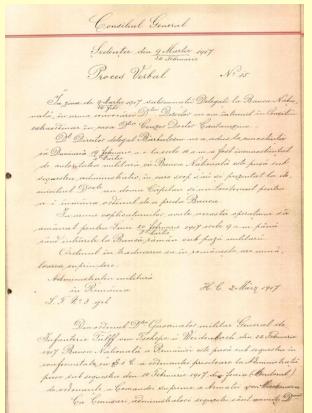




The register of the minutes of the NBR General Board (file no 152/1915) and the Minutes of the General Board meeting on 11/24 October 1916, deciding to move the headquarters of the bank to Iassy

The Boards of NB Romania fonds

- One file comprises the minutes of the meetings delegation which remained in Bucharest between 1916 - 1918

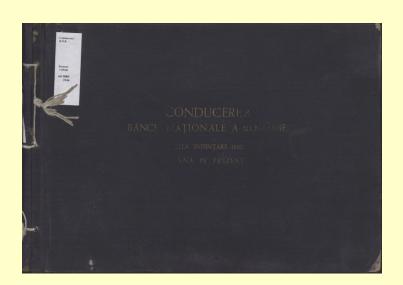


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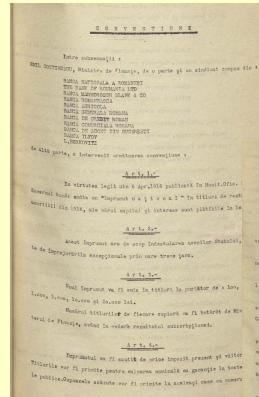
The minutes of the 9 March 1917 meeting of the NBR delegation which remained in Bucharest. The members of the delegation discussed about the Decree passed by the German authorities deciding on the foreclosure of the NBR headquarters (The Boards of NBR fonds, file no 156/1916)

The Boards of NB Romania Fonds

- 6 files originated after 1918, but refer to events in the period 1914 - 1918



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Members of NBR Board 1914-1918 (Boards of NBR Fonds, file no 64/1880) Convention between the Minister of Finance and NBR, on behalf of the banking syndicate, concerning the issuing of the 5% National Loan, 1916 (Boards of NBR Fonds, file no 5% 1888). 56 din 1016 PROSPROT

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Secretariat Fonds

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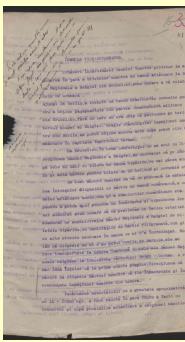
- Correspondence
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- Statements
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- Meeting protocols

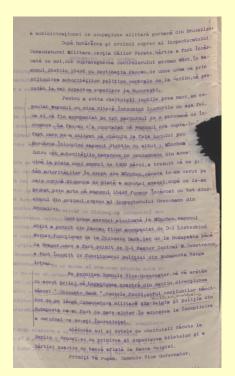
The Secretariat fonds files on shelves in the NBR Archive storage

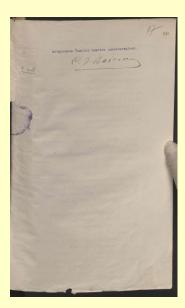
Secretariat Fonds – issues regarding the NBR History during WWI

- Changes brought about by WWI to the operations of he bank
- The printing of NBR banknotes in Belgium







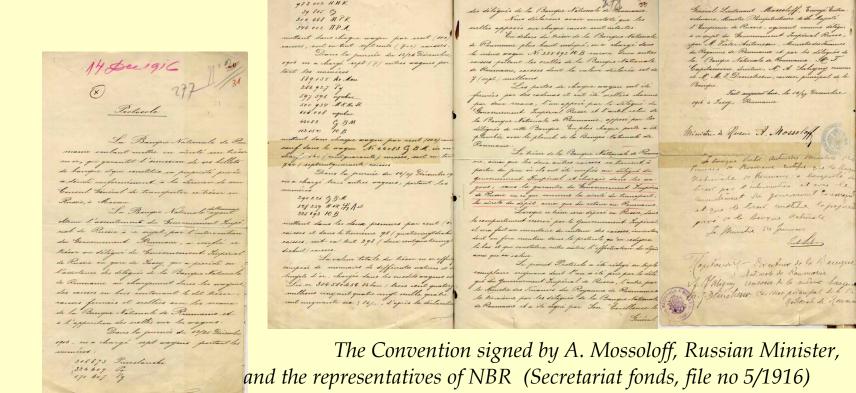


File no 1/1913 – 1930, Secretariat Fonds and The Report written by C.I. Băicoianu about the bringing of NBR banknotes from Brussels to Bucharest C.I. Băicoianu, member of the NBR Board, entrusted with bringing to Romania the banknotes printed in Belgium



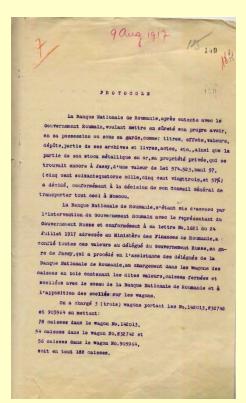
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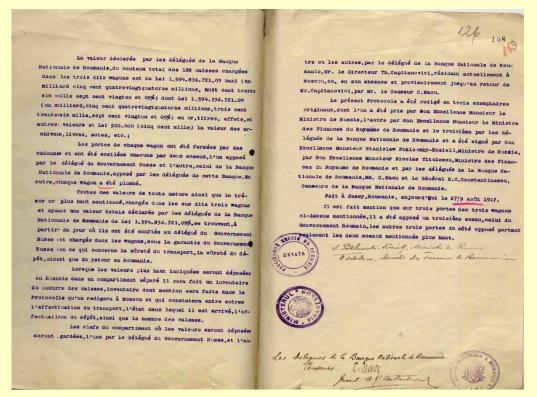
- The consequences for the NBR of Romania's involvement in the war
- The relocation of the NBR treasure in Iassy and then in Moscow
 - 1st stage 16 December 1916 the metal reserve amounting to 314,580,456.84 lei was transported to the State Bank of Moscow



Secretariat Fonds – issues regarding the NBR History during WWI

2nd stage - August 1917 - the metal reserve deposited in Iassy (574,523.57 lei gold)
 was moved to Moscow

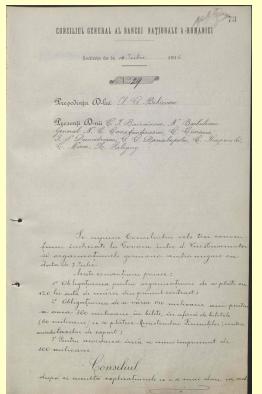


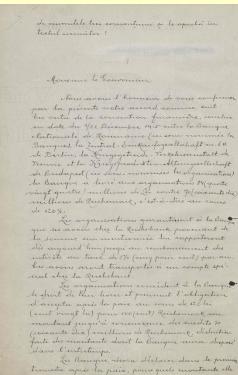


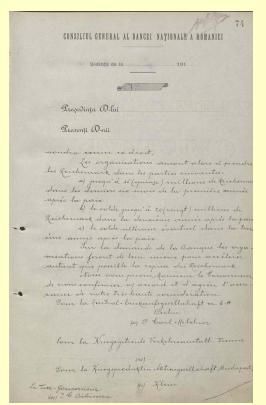
The convention signed by S. Poklewski Koniatov, the Russian ambassador in Romania, N. Titulescu, the Romanian Finance Minister, and C. Nacu, the representative of NBR (Secretariat fonds, file no 5/1916)

The war before the war - the Economic War for the Purchase of Romanian Cereals

- December 1915 the agreement with the German, Austrian and Hungarian Consortium for the selling of 50,000 train wagons of cereals
- February 1916 the agreement with the English Government 80,000 train wagons of cereals
- March 1916 a new agreement with the German, Austrian and Hungarian Consortium 100,000 train wagons of cereals







The minute of the 14 July 1916 of the NBR Board about the conventions signed by NBR with the German and Austrian and Hungarian Consortium (Boards of NBR Fonds, file no 152/1915-1918)

The war before the war - the Economic War for the Purchase of Romanian Cereals

The result of cereals trading: the NBR metal reserve went up:

February 1914 - 151,744,438 lei gold

December 1916 - 493,744,438 lei gold

| Gold (in lei) | | | | | | | | |
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