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[Joseph Fischer's Rediscovery of Waldseemüller's Universalis Cosmographia] Die atleste Landkarte mit dem Namen Amerika

Stock#: 67232
Map Maker: New-Yorker Staats-Zeitung
Date: 1902
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Poor
Size: 16 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fascinating ephemeral document from the history of the history of cartography; a contemporary German-language newspaper account of Professor Joseph Fischer's rediscovery of the famous Waldseemüller *Universalis Cosmographia* (and several other great maps) in Schloss Wolfegg in Germany.

The discovery of Waldseemüller's wall map of the world had been prophesied by some in the history of cartography community for years, but it was not until Fischer made a stop at the Wolfegg Castle to look for maps in 1902 that the map was found. It was a watershed moment in the history of cartography and significantly influenced the study of early world maps thereafter.

The Waldseemüller map along with the Carta Marina and Durer celestial map that accompanied it are all now in the Library of Congress.

This newspaper sheet was in the collection of Edward Luther Stevenson, the eminent map historian and colleague of Professor Fischer.

Detailed Condition:

Paper browned and friable with some losses at the edges. One sheet printed front and back (only the front is illustrated here) with a horizontal split down the middle. Please be aware that the document is not easily handled outside of its mylar sleeve.