

CHILE



1834 - 1/2 REAL - OBVERSE

CHILE, REPUBLIC of
SANTIAGO MINT

1/2 REAL 17.5MM .900 FINE 1.7 GRAMS

1833 u/m
1834 u/m

▲OV: Fiery Volcano, • CHILE INDEPENDENCIA •
(Independent Chile) above / **SANTIAGO** (mintmark) below.

▲RV: Ribbon with LIBERTAD incised / ★ (star) /
(column) / DATE, UNION Y FUERZA (Union and Strength) • I •
around.

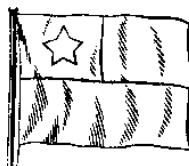
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MINT: **SANTIAGO** = SANTIAGO

ASSAYER: I = unknown

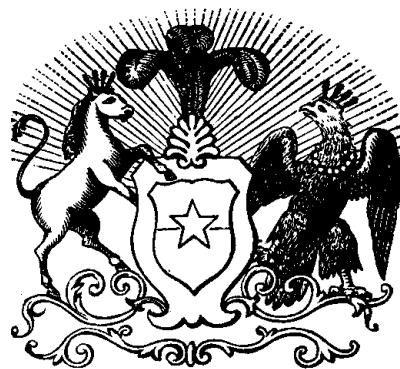
REFERENCE: Y-2, C-83, KM-90

FOOTNOTE: Santiago was founded in 1541 by Pedro de Valdivia, and placed under the protection of the Patron Saint Spain. Lago is a form of Jacobus, and Santiago (Sant-iago) of Spain was St. James the Great, the elder brother of St. John.



1834 - 1/2 REAL - REVERSE

FOOTNOTE: The coinage of Chile was all minted at the National Mint, Santiago. Listings are in chronological order, with the fineness progressively reduced as the country went through periods of debasing their subsidiary coinage to keep it in circulation.



Arms of Chile

FOOTNOTE: In 1831 General Pueto is elected President and a Convention is called to revise the Constitution. *Cyclopedia of Classified Dates*, Funk & Wagnall, N.Y., 1900.

FOOTNOTE: May 22, 1833 - The Constitution is established and continues with good government and general prosperity....*ibid*.

FOOTNOTE: February 20, 1835 - An earthquake does immense damage; not a house left standing in the city of Concepcion. *ibid*.

CHILE, REPUBLIC of
SANTIAGO MINT

½ REAL 17MM .900 FINE 2.0 GRAMS

1838 u/m
1840 u/m
1842 u/m

▲OV: Condor with chain, POR LA RAZON O LA FUERZA (For the Reason or Strength) around facing in / • 10Ds 20Gs below.

▼RV: Arms dividing ½ and R within wreath tied with ribbon below, REPUBLICA DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) around / • DATE • I • J • S (mintmark). below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

ASSAYER: I • J • = unknown

REFERENCE: Y-19, C-96, KM-98.1



SANTIAGO MINTMARK



1856 - UN DECIMO - OBVERSE



1856 - UN DECIMO - REVERSE

CHILE, REPUBLIC of
SANTIAGO MINT

UN DECIMO 18MM .900 FINE 2.5 GRAMS

1852	210,790
1853	i/a
1855	584,630
1856	579,900
1857	1,480,870
1858	540,450
1859	20,001

▲OV: Condor in flight POR LA RAZON O LA FUERZA (For the Reason or Strength) around / • DATE • below.

▼RV: UN / DECIMO within wreath of laurel tied with ribbon below, REPUBLICA DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) • S • (mintmark) / ★ (five point star) below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

REFERENCE: Y-6, KM-124

FOOTNOTE: In 1848 the decimal system was introduced with the silver peso divided into 100 centavos, .900 fine being equal to the French 5 franc piece of the Latin Union. The denomination UN DECIMO means one tenth.

FOOTNOTE: June 30, 1852 - A treaty with France is concluded. This was followed in 1856 with a Treaty with the Argentine Republic and Great Britain, and one with Ecuador and another with Peru. The same year Treaties are made with the United States and with Sardinia (Italy). *Cyclopedia of Classified Dates, Funk & Wagnall, N.Y., 1900.*

FOOTNOTE: September 29, 1864 - War is declared by Chile against Spain. *Cyclopedia of Classified Dates, Funk & Wagnall, N.Y., 1900.*

CHILE, REPUBLIC of SANTIAGO MINT			
UN DECIMO	18MM	.900 FINE	2.3 GRAMS

1860	381,990
1861	235,724
1862	95,371

▲OV: Condor in flight POR LA RAZON O LA FUERZA
(For the Reason or Strength) around / • DATE • below.

▼RV: UN / DECIMO within wreath of laurel tied with
ribbon below REPUBLICA DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) • S •
(mintmark) / ★ (five point star) below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

REFERENCE: Y-6a, KM-124a

FOOTNOTE: Chile a territory of the southern division of the western hemisphere, bound on the west by the Pacific Ocean, and on the east by the Andes, which divides it from the United Provinces of Buenos Ayres, being about 1,350 miles in length, from north to south. ..On the 12th of February, 1819, the Chilians formally renounced all obligation to Spanish authority, and declared themselves independent. The population, according to a census taken in 1812, amounted to about 1,230,000, exclusive of some scattered tribes of Indians. Santiago, or St. Jago de Chile, is the chief city, to which Valparaiso, distant 90 miles west, is its seaport. The Chilians are gay and hospitable, and are highly fond of bull fights, music, and dancing.. They sleep from noon till sunset, after which the shops and streets are lighted up, and all the public places are thronged till midnight. *New Universal Gazetteer, Phila., 1839.*



1864 - UN DECIMO - OBVERSE



1864 - UN DECIMO - REVERSE

CHILE, REPUBLIC of SANTIAGO MINT			
UN DECIMO	18MM	.900 FINE	2.3 GRAMS

1864	96,073
1865	222,380
1866	95,617

▲OV: Condor over shield of Arms POR LA RAZON O
LA FUERZA (For the Reason or Strength) around / ★ DATE ★
(five point stars) below.

▼RV: UN / DECIMO within laurel REPUBLICA DE CHILE
(Republic of Chile) S (mintmark) below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

REFERENCE: Y-15, KM-136.1

FOOTNOTE: Santiago de Chile, capital of the Republic of Chile stands at the western base of the Andes, 1800 feet above sea-level, and 90 miles east south east of Valparaiso. It was founded in 1541 by Pedro de Valdivia, but it has only recently acquired importance. Its climate is delightful; the plain on which it stands is extensive, and fertile in vines, figs, melons, and other fruits, and the scenery, looking towards the range of the Andes, is of the grandest description. The valley or plain...is sprinkled with tasteful villas and well cultivated farms. The city is arranged in squares...The mint, a portion of which serves as one of the President's Palaces, and as offices for the ministers is the handsomest of public buildings. Gold, silver and lead are exported, and the imports are chiefly manufactured goods, wines, and spirits. The chief trade is with Valparaiso by the Valparaiso and Santiago Railway, opened in 1863. Population in 1875 was 148,264. *Library of Universal Knowledge, N.Y. 1880.*



1871 - UN DECIMO - OBVERSE

CHILE, REPUBLIC of SANTIAGO MINT			
UN DECIMO	18MM	.900 FINE	2.3 GRAMS
1867	19,604		
1868	206,827		
1869	245,284		
1870	191,657		
1871	90,580		
1872	287,601		
1873	304,572		
1874	270,698		
1875	50,340		
1876	100,310		
1877	95,513		
1878	512,416		
1880	242,723		

▲OV: Condor over shield of Arms POR LA RAZON O LA FUERZA (For the Reason or Strength) around / ★ DATE ★ (five point stars) below.

▼RV: UN / DECIMO within wreath of laurel tied with ribbon below REPUBLICA DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) / S (mintmark) below to right.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

DESIGNER: (obv) = James Barton Longacre and Anthony C. Paquet

TYPE: .900 fine

REFERENCE: Y-15a, KM-136.2



1871 - UN DECIMO - REVERSE

FOOTNOTE: CHILI originally belonged to the Incas of Peru, from whom it was wrested by the Spaniards under Pizarro and Almagro in 1535. From this period Chili continued as a colony of Spain till 1810, when a revolution commenced, which terminated in 1817 in the independence of Chili. Several internal commotions have since occurred; but the country had been free from these compared with other South American states. A war begun with Spain in 1865 led to the blockade of the coast by the Spanish fleet, and the bombardment of Valparaiso in 1866. In 1879 a war broke out with Bolivia and Peru, in reference to the rights of Chili in the mineral district of Atacama. This war was virtually finished in 1881, and the victorious Chileans gained a large accession of territory from both Bolivia and Peru. In 1891 an insurrection, headed by influential members of Congress, caused by dissatisfaction with President Balmaceda's administration, was successful, and resulted in his overthrow. *Cabinet Cyclopaedia, 1895.*



FOOTNOTE: The merchants and other principal inhabitants reside in the houses built along the base of the cliffs in Valparaiso, and along the streets of the Almendral. But the poorer people live chiefly in the Quebradas, or ravines. This class of society has been the least affected by the changes in the political state of the country... They were chiefly brickmakers, day-laborers, and washerwomen... The ranchos, as well as the houses in the town, are built of large flat bricks dried in the sun; and thatched with broad palm leaves, the ends of which, by overhanging the walls, afford shade from the scorching sun, as well as shelter from the rain. Each cottage is divided into two rooms; one for the beds, and the other as a dining room; a portion of the mud floor in this apartment is always raised seven or eight inches above the level of the other parts, and being covered with mats, serves as a couch for the siesta sleepers after dinner... *New Universal Gazetteer, Phila., 1839.*



1885 - UN DECIMO - OBVERSE

CHILE, REPUBLIC of SANTIAGO MINT			
UN DECIMO	18MM	.500 FINE	2.5 GRAMS
1879	1,267,664		
1880	704,848		
1881	2,185,830		
1882	232,709		
1883	177,636		
1884	319,074		
1885	115,875		
1887	1,514,231		
1892	994,389		
1893	515,535		
1894	825,608		

▲OV: Condor over shield of Arms POR LA RAZON O LA FUERZA (For the Reason or Strength) around / ★ DATE ★ (five point stars) below.

▼RV: UN / DECIMO within wreath of laurel tied with ribbon below REPUBLICA DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) .0.5. S (mintmark) around.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

DESIGNER: (obv) = James Barton Longacre and Anthony C. Paquet

REFERENCE: Y-15b, KM-136.3

TYPE: .500 fine

POPULATION: Chile - 1894 - 3,165,300



1885 - UN DECIMO - REVERSE

FOOTNOTE: In Chile, a nominal bimetallism, which before 1873 over valued gold. As a result this led to a suspension of specie payments in 1878. In the 1890's it attempted to adopt the gold standard. The subsidiary coinage was reduced in 1879 from the 15.5 to 1 ratio to 0.500 fineness to make the coinage safe from the melting pot. The year 1880 un decimo was struck in both standards; a mintage of 242,723 in .900 fine and a larger mintage of 704,848 marked 0.5 for .500 fineness. *Silver Money, D.Leavens, Bloomington, Ind. 1939.*

CHILE, REPUBLIC of SANTIAGO MINT			
UN DECIMO	18MM	.500 FINE	2.0 GRAMS
1891	263,676		

▲OV: Condor over shield of Arms POR LA RAZON O LA FUERZA (For the Reason or Strength) around / ★ 1891 ★ (five point stars) below.

▼RV: UN / DECIMO within wreath of laurel tied with ribbon below REPUBLICA DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) / .0.5. S (mintmark) around.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

DESIGNER: (obv) = James Barton Longacre and Anthony C. Paquet

TYPE: weight 2.0 grams

REFERENCE: Y-15c, KM-136.3a

FOOTNOTE: Chili (Peruvian), land of snow. *Compendium of Universal Knowledge, Phila., 1891.*



1896 - 10 CENTAVOS - OBVERSE

CHILE, REPUBLIC of
SANTIAGO MINT

10 CENTAVOS 17MM .835 FINE 2.0 GRAMS

1896 2,560,964

▲OV: Condor perched upon a crag, REPUBLICA DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) around.

▼RV: S (mintmark) / DIEZ (Ten) / CENTAVOS / 1896 within wreath of laurel with hammer and sickle, below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

DESIGNER: M.Louis Oscar Roty

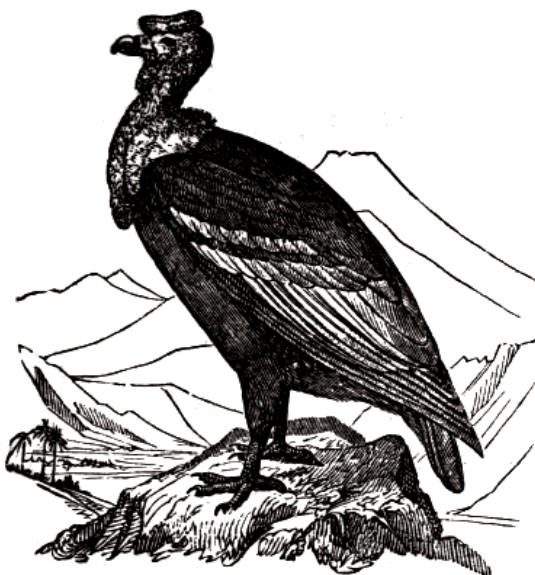
TYPE: .835 fine

REFERENCE: Y-31, KM-156.1

POPULATION: Chile - 1895 - 2,712,145 with capital Santiago with 213,000 inhabitants.



1896 - 10 CENTAVOS - REVERSE



Condor

FOOTNOTE: February the government orders the towns in territory claimed by Bolivia to be garrisoned, and the coast blockaded. March 1, 1879 Bolivia declares war against Chile; it has Peru as an ally. April 5, 1879 - Chile declares war. The cause of the war; disputes respecting a strip of coast territory, very rich in guano and nitrate of soda. It was originally supposed to be barren and worthless. January 25, 1882 - A treaty of peace is made with Bolivia, who surrenders her coast territory, and breaks her alliance with Peru. *Cyclopedia of Classified Dates*, Funk & Wagnall, N.Y., 1900.



1901 - 10 CENTAVOS - OBVERSE

CHILE, REPUBLIC of
SANTIAGO MINT

10 CENTAVOS 17MM .500 FINE 2.0 GRAMS

1899	2,013,143
1900	103,966
1901	i/a
1904	778,718
1906	138,936
1907	3,151,279

△OV: Condor perched upon a crag, 0.5. left of rock, REPUBLIC DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) around.

▽RV: S (mintmark) / DIEZ (ten) / CENTAVOS / DATE within laurel wreath with hammer and sickle below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: S = SANTIAGO

TYPE: .500 fine

REFERENCE: Y-31a, KM-156.2

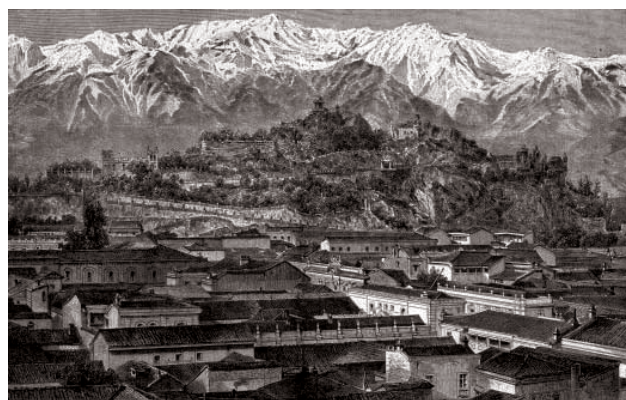
POPULATION: Chile - 1900 - 3,128,095 with Santiago the capital with 291,725 inhabitants.

FOOTNOTE: The issue of 1907 has no stop after the fineness 0.5

FOOTNOTE: Chile is one of the most enterprising countries of South America, and has a large proportion of European inhabitants. The principle export is cubic niter along with copper ore, silver, guano and wheat. Cubic niter, or nitrate of soda, is a valuable mineral largely used in the arts and as a fertilizer. It is obtained from Atacama desert. The value of the annual export is at least \$40,000,000.



1901 - 10 CENTAVOS - REVERSE



Santiago, Chile at turn of century



Market day in Chile



**1920 - 10 CENTAVOS - OBVERSE
SANTIAGO MINT**

CHILE, REPUBLIC of
SANTIAGO MINT

10 CENTAVOS 17MM .700 FINE 1.5 GRAMS

1908	4,149,380
1909	2,963,770
1913	1,269,367
1919	882,770
1920	2,109,077

▲OV: Condor perched upon a crag, REPUBLIC DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) around.

▼RV: **S** (mintmark) / DIEZ (ten) / CENTAVOS / DATE within laurel wreath with hammer and sickle below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: **S** = SANTIAGO

TYPE: No fineness shown

REFERENCE: Y-31b, KM-156.2a

POPULATION: Chile - 1908 - 3,302,204 with capital Santiago with 332,724 inhabitants.

FOOTNOTE: The gold Peso equal to 100 centavos, is worth U.S. 36.5 cents, and the paper peso averaged about 20 cents in 1908 and 23.1 cents in 1909. *New International Year Book, 1910.*

FOOTNOTE: According to the act of 1895, the coinage of Chile is as follows; Gold coins are 20, 10, 5 peso pieces, called respectively *Condor, Doblón, and Escudo*. Silver coins are the *peso*, 7.20 fine, and the fifth, tenth, and twentieth of a peso. A forced paper currency is in general use, the paper peso varying considerably in relative value. In 1914 1,377,571 silver coins were struck. *Statesman's Year-book, London 1916.*



**1920 - 10 CENTAVOS - REVERSE
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**1916 - 10 CENTAVOS - OBVERSE
SANTIAGO MINT**

CHILE, REPUBLIC of
SANTIAGO MINT

10 CENTAVOS 17MM .450 FINE 1.5 GRAMS

1915	1,619,995
1916	2,854,898
1917	735,726
1918	included above

▲OV: Condor perched upon a crag, REPUBLIC DE CHILE (Republic of Chile) around, 0.45 to left.

▼RV: **S** (mintmark) / DIEZ (ten) / CENTAVOS / DATE within laurel wreath with hammer and sickle below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: **S** = SANTIAGO

TYPE: .450 fineness

REFERENCE: Y-84, KM-156.3



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**1916 - 10 CENTAVOS - REVERSE
REDUCED SILVER .450**



Harbour Valparaiso, Chile 1902

