The Fraktur

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We are awakened the next morning with the motion of the barge, the thudding of the diesels, as the port of Duisburg is left behind and the journey up the Rhine continued. The odor of bacon and eggs (Schinken und Eier) from the galley helps get one up from the bunk and we look out at the river, to see an occasional floating orange, boxes and other litter.

A score of years ago the Rhine was called the sewer of Germany, and fish were almost extinct. Now we see the occasional fisherman along the bank and the chemical smells are lessened, though there is still cleanup work to be completed.

As we eat our breakfast in the dining area, we can look out windows on either side and watch river traffic, and trains and autos along either bank.



Issued Oct. 1, 1920 was a 30-pfennig note of Duesseldorf, a city issue.

Soon we approach Rheinhausen on the left bank. In 1922 notes of 200, 500 and 1,000 mark were issued, without dates, by the Friedrich-Alfred-Huette of Friedrich Krupp A.G. In 1923 the same firm issued notes from one million to 200 million mark between Sept. 11, 1923, and Oct. 4, 1923.

Those who like to look ahead in a book will scan the Rhine River map and tell us there will be another Rheinhausen off the port bow, (on the right bank), above Speyer. The one near Duisburg often has "Niederrhein" after the town name, to indicate lower Rhine. We know of no notes from Rheinhausen upper Rhein.

The notgeld gamut seems to be covered by soon-to-be encountered Krefeld, or Crefeld, as notes were issued for circulation, collectors, prisoners of war, in material other than paper or metal, the two inflation years of 1922 and 1923, and the post World War II years, undated.

Circulation notes of 50 pfennig were dated April 19, 1917; March 20, 1919 and Sept. 25, 1919. A 25 pfennig note was issued Nov. 6, 1919, and 25 and 50 pfennig notes, April 22, 1920.

For collectors, the series notes were of 25 and 50 pfennig, dated Feb. 24, 1921. The 1922 inflation notes were of 500 mark, dated Sept. 28; and 1,000 mark, Nov. 6, 1922.

The 1923 notes ranged from 500,000 mark to 200 billion (200,000,000,000,000) issued by the town and private firms.

POW notes were dated Sept. 1, 1916, of 2, 5, 10 and 30 mark values.

Firms, banks and the town of Duesseldorf issued much inflation money during 1923, as well as the other types of notgeld. Suburbs of Duesseldorf with issues include D-Gerresheim and D-Oberkassel.

Duesseldorf has a population in excess of 725,000, the capital of the Land (state) of Nordrhein-Westfalen. It gets its name from the Duessel River, a small creek that disappears underground as a sewer about a mile before it reachs the Rhine.

Once but a fishing town on the Duessel, it was first mentioned in 1159 A.D.

Circulation notes of 25 pfennig are dated March 20, 1917; Nov. 1, 1918, and Oct. 15, 1919. On Jan. 10, 1920, a 10 pfennig note was issued.

Private issues appear from A. Basgel, Rudolf Chillingworth, Obstwerk GmbH and Ferdinand Moehlau & Sohn. Suffice it to say pages of Dr. Keller's works on inflation of 1922 and 1923 are devoted to issues from Duesseldorf.

Goldnotgeld was dated Jan. 1, 1924, worth no more than other issues of 1923, a figment of the imagination based on the dollar. The value of the Duesseldorf issue was 5 kommunal mark.

Other issues followed World War II, dated 1947 and 1948. In the suburb of Buederich/Duesseldorf, 1947 and 1948, paper issues included .20 and .50 Reichsmark, and 10, 20 and 50 pfennig.

Metal issues were struck for the Canteen of Rhein Metalwaren und Maschinenfabrik, D-Derendorf, and the glass factory of H. Heye in D-Gerresheim.

Advertising Policy

Beginning with the September issue, we will accept member advertising. One-eighth page will be $10 for one insertion; three for $8 each. Classified advertising will be 10 cents per word for one appearance; 8 cents for three times. Zip codes are free.

Closing date will be the 10th of each month. Since readers of the August issue may not have time to think this through so quickly, we will extend the initial deadline to Aug. 15. (This means received in Iola; not postmark). Please print or type your copy. The editor retains right to edit copy; all copy must pertain to notgeld, emergency money, books or accessories.

THE Notgeld CORNER

A quick review of letters from loyal fans of THE FRAKTUR emphasizes the diversity of interests. We have women, Canadians, those in military service, a PhD, ministers, retired folks, beginners, those who know exactly what they want, and know how hard some items are to find.

And what do they collect? Wood, porcelain, prisoner of war, naval tokens, metal notgeld, special themes, and paper notes and tokens from France, French colonial, Lithuania and German East Africa. Cards with names of members were stretched out on the floor by zip codes, and we found two real hotbeds of collecting activity: Minneapolis and San Antonio. Others are in the Philadelphia and Baltimore areas. We could account for San Antonio as a military center, where Army and Air Force personnel return from overseas assignments, and often retire there, with several active clubs.

The question came to me, "Do these notgeld collectors know each other?" If not, how are they to get together? Or do they want to? I will not publish names and addresses. Perhaps club meetings or coin shows would be an opportunity to hold a mininotgeld meeting.

Another reader suggested the asterisk before uncirculated items on the price list. It is my preference to tone down grades and let pricing rule, but where we can accommodate, we will. For the collector seeking only uncirculated notgeld, experienced persons will tell you you will soon be having unfilled holes in your collection. Rags are riches sometimes. You can try to upgrade after acquiring a note that is not up to your standards, remembering a bird in the hand...

And another query was "When does advertising begin? So with this August issue of THE FRAKTUR, we are including some ground rules and we will try it in the September issue. Please be generous with timeliness, because all input has to be completed before the next issue goes to press.

Also accepted will be commentary from readers, letters to the editor, or relatively short essays on your favorite gripe, notgeld, u.s.w., or etc. We are all going through a learning and development period, so we hope each issue improves.

We have also had those subscribers who heard of us by word of mouth, from other collectors, so let's spread the word.



Ahrensboek 25, 50, 100 pf. Dec. 1920 Keller 4 $2.25*
Alt Gaarz 50 pf. ND, to Feb. 23, 1922 Keller 18 Series Reutergeld .50*
Altenwerder & Finkenwaerder 50 pf. Nov. 1, 1921 Keller 17 series $1
Appen 75 pf. ND (1921) Keller 28b .65*
Aschersleben 25 pf. March 5, 1920 Keller 37a Series .65
Beckum 25 pf., 2 mk. Sept. 1, 1920 Keller 55 Series $3
Bergen/Dumme ND (1921) Keller 64 Series $1.25*
Blumenthal 25, 50, 75 Pf. July 25, 1921 Keller 94 Series $2.75*
Brakel 75 pf., 2 mk. June 1, 1921 Keller 115a I Series $1*
Braunlage 25, 50 pf., ND Keller 118 Series $1.25
Breslau 25 (2) 50 (3) Pf. June 1921 Lutherfest Keller 147a $7*
Bueckeburg 1 mk. (5) Oct. 1-2, 1921 Keller 157 II Series $8*
Buttstaedt 50, 75 pf. ND Keller 170 II Series $6
Camp Bornhofen 50 pf July 1921 Keller 177 Series .60*
Cottbus 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf. Aug. 1921 Keller 198C Series $3.50
Derenburg Dec. 12, 1920 Keller 216 $2.50*
Eisenach 50 pf. (6) 1921 Keller 257 Series $3.75
Fallersleben 10, 25, 50 pf. Oct. 1, 1920 Keller 290 Series $2.50*
Freyburg/Anstrut 50 Pf. (5) plus envelope Sept. 12, 1921 Keller 639 Circ $8* Envelope torn.
Geldern 50 pf., 1 mk. ND (1922) Keller 336 II Series $1.25
Giessen 5, 10, 20 mark Nov. 1, 1918 Keller 168 $8
Glauchau 50 pf. (5) May 1, 1921 Keller 347a Series Buttermilk war. $2.75*
Glogau 10, 25, 50, 75, 1 mk. Dec., 1, 1920 Keller 3498a Series $3*
Godelheim 1 mk. May 10, 1921 Keller 357a II Series $2*
Greiz 25, 50, 75, 90 pf. Sept. 5, 1921 Keller 380b Series $2.50*
Gruenberg/Schl. 25 pf. ND-to Dec. 31, 1921. Keller 396a I Series .75
Hannoverisch-Muenden 10 pf. July 1, 1921 Keller 455 Series $1.25*
Heydekrug/Memel 50 pf. May 28, 1921 Keller 480 Series $5
Hoym 5-10-5 pf. (1 note) ND Keller 498 Series $1`
Ilsenburg 50 pf. Nov. 1, 1920 Keller 506a .60
Jessnitz 10, 25, 50 pf., 1 mk. 1921 Keller 517 Series $3.75
Jueterbog 50 pf. Oct. 1, 1920 Keller 520 Series $1*
Keitum/Sylt 50 pf. April 15, 1920 Keller 536 Series $1.50*
Kellenhusen 25 pf. ND (1921) Keller 539 Series $3
Kiel 50 pf. Sept. 16, 1921 Keller 548a Series .75*
Kitzingen 50 pf. (6) March 1, 1921 Keller 551 $6*

Koenigswinter 25, 50 pf. July 15, 1921 Keller 577 Series $2.25*
Kranichfeld 10, 25 50 pf. Feb. 22, 1921 Keller 586 Series $3*
Landsberg/Lech 50 pf. Jan. 1921 Keller 604 Series $1.25*
Lauenstein 25 pf. June 1921 Keller 617 Series $.65
Lenzen ND (1922) Keller 631 Series $.65
Leutenberg 25 pf 1921 Keller 635 Series $.65*
Lilienthal 75 pf. March 15, 1921 Keller 639 Series $1.25
Lippspringe, Bad 25, 50, 75 pf. May 28, 1921 Keller 642 Series $2*
Marienburg 10 mark Nov. 13, 1918 Keller 321F $3
Memmingen 50 pf. Nov. 1, 1918 Keller 1363 Circ $1.25*
Muehlhausen 5, 10 mark Oct. 31, 1918 Keller 342 $4
Muelsen-St. Jakob 50 pf. (8) Sept. 2, 1921 Keller 725 Series $4*
Nesselwang 20, 25, 50 pf.; 5, 20 mark Nov. 1918 Keller $7.50
Neustadt/Holstein 25, 50, 75 pf. July 31, 1921 Keller 767 Series $1.75*
Nied/Main half mark ND Keller 1904 paper Food token $2.50
Oberammergau 75 pf. July 1, 1921 Keller 797 $.45
Oelde 1, 2 mark Dec. 20, 1920 Keller 810a Series $1.50
Oppurg 25, 50 pf. Aug. 1, 1921 Keller 824 Series $1
Passau 5, 10 mark Oct. 1918 Keller 38d.I Series $3 Poessneck 25, 50, 75 pf. ND Keller 866a Series $1.50
Pyrmont 25 pf. Feb. 2, 1921 Keller 883 Series $1.50*
Rathenow 5, 10 pf. May 1, 1917 Keller 2131 Circ $.50*
Regensburg 25 pf. 1918 Keller 2146 Circ*
Rosenheim 5, 25 pf. Feb. 16, 1921 Keller $1.75*
St. Magnus 75 pf. Nov. 9, 1921 Keller 955b $1*
Schlossvippach 25 pf. Oct. 1, 1921 Keller 971 Series $.50
Schuettorf 50 pf. Nov. 1, 1921 Keller 989 Series $.75

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When reading publications written in German, those more familiar with Engish find some strange figures and lettering.

English is usually written without diacritical marks of any kind, including accent marks, tildes, cedillas; or change of sound marks, called umlauts in German.

Over many German A, O and U letters are two dots, indicating a change in pronouncation. We do the same thing by changing spelling: foot, feet; goose, geese. Many typewriters and typesetting equipment used for English cannot accommodate these extra marks, so we spell them out: bäcker, baecker (baker); börse, boerse (purse); and brücke, bruecke, (bridge).

Also in German is found the double S written ß, called the ess-tsett. We simply write ss. The Germans do the same quite often: I recall living on Berlinerstrasse in Wiesbaden, and at the end of one block on the street sign it was spelled Berlinerstraß, and the next, Berlinerstrasse, the latter a newer sign.

On French notes we will see accent marks. In both French and Portuguese is found the c cedilla, with the little hook coming off the bottom of the c, with an s sound (Curaçao). In Spanish is found the n with a wave over it, ñ, called a tilde; this has a y sound, as in canyon, in Spanish, cañon.

In addition to these sign changes, in German some letter forms have changed over the years, though with some remnants remaining; town spellings reflect such changes sometimes, but these will have to the be subject of future essays.

Notgeld Bibliography

It is pointless to list notgeld books difficult to obtain. Even so, we are listing many books now out of print, which perhaps can be found with a bit of effort.

Paper notgeld books have been produced which were based on dates and types; others are known on geographical patterns. Some dealers code pricelists by a catalog number; without the catalog one is left dangling. It would be even more difficult for the dealer and customer to be faced with several catalog numbers.

Germany

Dr. Arnold L. Keller

Das Papiergeld der deutschen Kolonien, 4th ed, 1967
Das deutsche Notgeld 1914, 1976
Das Notgeld der Gefangenenlager 1914-1918 (POW), 1976
Das deutsche Notgeld, Kleingeldschein 1916-1922, 1979 (notes in circulation)
Das deutsche Notgeld, Serienscheine 1916-1922, 1975
Das deutsche Notgeld, Grossgeldscheine 1918-1921
Das Notgeld der deutschen Inflation 1922, 1975
Das Notgeld der deutschen Inflation 1923 (2 Vol.) 1975
Das wertbestaendige Notgeld 1923/1924 (commodity values)
Das Notgeld der deutschen Waehrungsreform 1947/1948, 1977
Das Notgeld besonderer Art (material beside metal, paper)
Albert Pick and Carl Siemsen, 1977
Das Notgeld der Konzentrations- und D.P.-Lager, 1976
Das Notgeld des II. Weltkrieges (Emergency Money of World War II), 1979

Verlag Proeh

Heft 1-7 Das deutsche Notgeld 1915-1923 Jansen (Metal)
Band
2 Rheinprovinz und Provinz Westfalen, Jansen (Metal)
3 Pfalz, Hessen mit Hessen-Nassau, Lothringen u. Elsass Jansen (Metal)
4 Baden, Hohenzollern, Wuerttemberg, Jansen (Metal)
5 Bayern, Jansen (Metal)
6 Thueringen, Sachsen, Jansen (Metal)
7 Norddeutschland, Jansen (Metal)
8 Ostdeutschland, Schlesien, Jansen (Metal)
9 Private Notmuenzen Gesasmtdeutschland, Meyer
10 Strassenbahngeld (streetcar tokens) Jansen, Ramjoie
15 Das Bielefelder Stoffgeld, Grasser, Pick
16 Das Berliner Notgeld 1914-1924, Peisker
20 Muenzen aus Porzellan, Steinzeug und Ton, Franke
21 Deutsches Papiernotgeld, Rheinprovinz, Meyer
22 Deutsches Papiernotgeld, Westfalen, Meyer
23 Deutsches Papiernotgeld, Hessen, Pfalz, Elsass, Meyer
24 Das Papiernotgeld von Baden 1914-1924. Meyer
25 Das Papiernotgeld von Wuerttemberg 1914-1924, Meyer
26 Das Papiernotgeld von Basyern 1914-1924, Meyer
27 Das Papiernotgeld von Schlesien 1914-1924, Meyer
28 Das Papiernotgeld von Schleswig-Holstein und Hamburg 1914-1923, Lund

29 Das Papiernotgeld von Mecklenburg und Vorpommern 1914-1923 Mehl
30 Das Papiernotgeld von Posen, West- und Ostpreussen, Mehl
33 Das Papiernotgeld des nachmaligen Landes Thueringen 1914-1923, Meyer
38 Katalog des Notgeldes der Deutschen Reichsbahn und der Deutschen Reichspost, Rixen

Hartmut Schoenawa, Hans Meyer

Das Papiergeld der Mark Brandenburg und Berlin, 1982, 1985
Das Papiernotgeld von Niedersachsen und Bremen, 1983, 1984, 1987
Das Papiernotgeld der Provinz Sachsen und Anhalt, 1984
Das Papiernotgeld von Mecklenburg and Pommern, 1985
Das Papiernotgeld von Westfalen und Lippe, 1986

Other

Muenzen aus Porzellan und Ton, Scheuch, 1971
Die Notmuenzen der deutschen Staedte, Gemeinden, Kreise, Laender, etc. Funck, 1973
Deutsche Notmuenzen und sonstige Geldersatzmarken 1873-1932
A Guide and Checklists of World Notgeld 1914-1947, Coffing, listing places issuing emergency money in 58 countries, 23 pages of bibliography, from Krause Publications, Iola, Wis., $17.95 postpaid.

Austria

Katalog des oesterreichischens Notgeldes 1916-1921, Jaksch, Pick, 1977
Das oesterreichische Notgeld 1917 bis 1922, Meyerbeck, 1986
Nouzova Papirova Platidla Rakouska 1918-1921, Capek (5 vol., in Czech language)

Czechoslovakia

Papirove Penize na uzemi Ceskoslovenska 1762-1975, Sem
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France

Billets de necessite Francais, Bons communaux 1914-1917, Bourg and Hanot, 1976
Billets de necessite Francais, Chambres de Commerce, 1914-1924, Bourg and Hanot, 1986
Monnaies de Necessite Emissions locates Francaises 1870-1872; 1914-1915; 1918-1924; 1940. Habrekorn, 1976

Portugal

Catalogo Geral de Ceduilas de Portugal, Almeida, 1980 (Low Value Emergency Paper Money of Portugal)
Das Notgeld Portugals 1917-1922. Siemsen, 1973

Russia

Catalogue des Monnaies emises sur le Territoire de la Russie 1914-1925, Denis, 1927

Notgeld glossary (Continued)

designer	Entswerfender, Kuenstler
die	Praegestempel
discolored	Verfaerbt
display	Austellen
duplicate	Doppelstueck; Duplikat
eagle	Adler
edge lettering	Randbeschriftung
edition	Ausgabe, Auflage
emergency money	Notgeld; Behelfsgeld Monnaies de Necessite
emergency token	Notmuenzen
encased postage stamp	Brief
error	Fehler
essay, trial, pattern	Muster, Probe, Essai
exchange	Tausch (to trade) Wechsel (to change money)
exhibit, exhibition	Austellen, Austellung
expiration date	Vorfalltag
extremely fine	Verzueglich
factory	Fabrik, Huette
face	Vorderseite
face value	Nennwert
fair	Messe
fake	Falsch
fine (condition)	Schoen
firm	Firma
flag	Fahne
foreign	Auslaendisch
forged	gefaelscht
good to...	gueltig; ungültig (not good)
Gothic type	Fraktur
green	Gruen
head	Kopf
impaired	mangelhaft
impression, printed	Druck
inflation money	Inflatsiongeld
intalgio	Gravur
intalgio printing	Stichtiefdruck
internment camp	D.P. Lager (Displaced Persons)
journal	Zeitschrift
"Large money"	Grossgeld (1 mark and more)
left	Links
legend	Legende
letter	Buchstabe (of alphabet) Brief (written communication)
letterpress (printing)	Buchdruck
light (color)	Hell
list	Liste
magazine	Zeitschrift
Metal	Metall
million	Million
mint mark	Muenzzeichen
mint master	Muenzmeister
mismatched	Fehldruck