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NUMBERED PORCELAIN, COAL COINS

To many collectors of paper money in general, and paper Notgeld in particular, serial numbers offer a fascination.

There are numbers in combination with letter prefices or suffices; palindromes or RADAR numerals, which read the same from either end; in the case of Notgeld, type differences and size of the numerals; and for my collection, a constant attempt to find the lowest serial numbers.

What about serial numbers on metal Notgeld?

One can look at any metal coin, and after the date and Mintmark, find little to distinguish it from several thousand being struck in the same minute. But add a serial number to the coin, and it becomes unique. And this happened in the case of more metal Notgeld than many persons may realize.

Let's begin with coal Notgeld. Soft coal in Germany is called Braunkohle (lignite). Usually distributed as oval nuggets or briketts (Braunkohlen), it can be compressed and shaped into coin planchets, struck with a die, and have individual numbers etched on the surface after it has been properly baked.

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MONTHLY NOTGELD QUOTE. . .





To honor our fallen ones,
To prevent the lack of small change,
For grief to nobody,
For joy to the collector,
This voucher is worth in the municipality of Tegernsee 20 Pfennig

Tegernsee/Bavaria
20 Pfennig L-1281



A lead pattern made by the L. Christian Lauer firm, Nuernberg, was prepared for the 500-Mark piece to be struck in soft coal for the C. Conradty firm, Roethenbach, 1922. The pattern measures 53 mm, with a thickness of seven mm., and a weight of 112 grams.



Using lead planchets prepared by the L. Christian Lauer firm of Nuernberg, the C. Conradty firm, Roethenback on the Pegnitz, issued a series of 100-, 500- and 1,000-Mark coal pieces.

Numerals one to 2,500 were etched on the 100-Mark pieces; 2,499 were made of the 500-Mark pieces (oops -one must have been dropped!) and 3,500 were made of the 1,000-Mark piece.

Recording known numbers has been pursued over the years. Additions to the following list are welcomed.

Coal pieces of 100-Mark includes those inscribed with numbers 76, 102, 244, 266, 399, 1477, 2049, 2116, 2398.





100 35mm
5mm
500 50mm
5 mm
1000 70mm
5mm

Pattern 42-mm white porcelain piece of Meissen, 1922, depicted the Krieger-Gedachtnis-Kirche, served as a drawing of lots numbered 1 t 60,000. The drawing was held March 31, 1922. Scheuch 801

The 500-Mark pieces include numbers 165, 495, 533, 702, 761, 840, 872, 1088 and 2084.

Among the 500-Mark pieces are inscribed numbers 138, 256, 460. 1776, 1953, 2183, 2788 and 3252.

Three factors are at work to reduce the total number extant of the coal pieces, which are not experienced by ordinary metal Notgeld collectors: collectors of porcelain money seek them; perhaps some were burned in time of dire need; and how many have survived inadvertent dropping?

A porcelain factory in Tirschenreuth/Bavaria issued a series of round undated tokens, including brass five-, 20- and 50-Pfennig values; and in zinc, one- and 10-Pfennig values. Known numbers on the brass 5-Pfennig coin include 819, 993 and 1988. On the value side of the 10-Pfennig piece, numbers 1088, 1436 and 1980 are known to have been struck.



Meissen white porcelain piece, 1923, 42-mm, carries the legend KRIEGERGEDACHTNIS-STAETTE, and depicts the church. Lot numbers 1 to 60,000 were inscribed on the obverse. Scheuch 818







Undated (1924) white porcelain piece, 50-mm, was issued by the Baustein (savings bank) in Meissner Haus. On the obverse is seen a kneeling skier; on the reverse, inscribed lot numbers 1 to 60,000. Scheuch 826

Collectors can find 50-Pfennig zinc coins from the town of Marktbibart/Bavaria, numbered 1 to 100. All are counterfeit! Genuine pieces of this value from Marktbibart were not numbered. Similar numbers, also counterfeit, appear on brass 70-Pfennig coins of Marktbibart.

Zinc counterfeit 50-Pfennig coins were issued for Lank/Rheinprovinz, no date, numbered between 101 and 200. A genuine zinc 10-Pfennig coin of Lank is numbered 871.

The largest quantity of numbered Notgeld coins come from Lauter/Sachsen, undated brass and zinc 50-Pfennig pieces. In brass among known numbers were 127, 323, 454, 608, 695, 720, 735, 868, 903, 999.





White porcelain lots, 42-mm, were used to raise funds to construct the Rathaus in Penig. The obverse reads RATHAUS-LOTTERIE PENIG and lot numbers inscribed; the reverse depicts the Rathaus (city hall). Scheuch 843

Zinc numbers include 1091, 1188, 1708, 2037, 2112, 2266, 2442, 2452, 2492, 2578, 2662, 2667, 3260, 3271, 3340, 3500 and 3843. Numbers on more than 600 of the zinc 50-pieces can be cited. Unnumbered brass and zinc pieces were also issued.

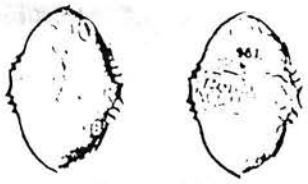
While this exercise seems to be interesting, it paled with the knowledge that a large hoard of numbered coins of Lauter were in possession of a New York state professional numismatist.

A useful purpose was served by numbered porcelain pieces of Meissen, as 60,000 consecutive lottery numbers were inscribed on the "lots." The red pieces are dated 1922, depicting the Krieger-Gedachtnis-Kirch, 42 millimeters in diameter. The drawing was held March 31, 1922. Known numbers include 19826 and 36629, Scheuch 801.





Dated 1924 were 44-mm white porcelain pieces issued to raise funds for the Gunsten/Thuer. public library. The obverse had inscribed lot numbers and the legend PORZELLANLOTTERIE 1924 Z. GUNST. THUER. VOLKSBUECHEREI. The firm Heinrich & Co., Selb, made the pieces. Scheuch 875



A kneeling woman appears on the obverse of a white oval porcelain piece marking the 500-year of Selb, 46 by 32 mm, issued in 1926. On the reverse are lot numbers inscribed, also made by Heinrich & Co., Selb. Scheuch 876

Again in 1923, red porcelain lottery pieces depicted the same church, 60,000 baked, with known numbers 52328 and 59059, Scheuch 818.

From Meissen in 1923, undated 42 mm. porcelain pieces were made for a lottery to support a public library, numbered 1 to 60,000. Scheuch 821.

A lottery to support the Meissner Haus was held with 5o mm. porcelain pieces, known number 334, Scheuch 826.

To support the building of a city hall, Rathaus, in Penig, in 1922 lottery pieces were used, 42 mm, Scheuch 843.

From the Porzellanfabrik Fraureuth bei Werdau/Thueringia, there was a "Porzellanlotterie 1924" held, with 44 mm pieces issued to raise money for the public library of Gunsten. Scheuch 875.

Porzellanfabrik Heinrich & Co., Selb, in 1926 made oval porcelain lottery pieces, 46 by 32 mm, which marked a fair celebrating 500 years of the city. Scheuch 876.

Made by the Heinrich firm in 1928 were 36 mm. porcelain lottery pieces marking "Das Deutsche Porzellan," a fair held in Wiesbaden. Scheuch 877.

Numbered coins and tokens, including porcelain, fall into another collectible area, since they also are sought by collectors of countermarks.

Scheuch references are to the 1966 work of Karl Scheuch, "Spenden-Medaillen aus Porzellan und Ton," one of a set of six books on German porcelain issues.

From time to time, porcelain coins are offered by William P. Houston, Boecklin Strasse 2, D-60596 Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

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NUMBERS ON PAPER NOTGELD

The collector of German emergency paper money does not have the chance to discern differences with a single note in front of him. There are three series of catalogs available which do often describe variations of notes.

The collector needing a note usually takes what he finds in whatever condition it is in. But when another is offered, usually the first impulse is to upgrade condition. With duplicate notes comes the opportunity to compare some of these varieties.

Let's begin with the control or serial number (KZ in German catalogs). It can be in different colors; two or three heights, usually described in catalogs in millimeters; and different type styles. Visual examination, and a millimeter scale, are the best determinants.

At the bottom of many notes is the name of the printer. When examining notes for varieties, one may have the printer, another may not. The name may not always appear in the same location, and different printers may be used.

And now we come to the series numbers. These more likely will appear on the Serienscheine, the notes made for collectors, offered at premiums to collectors in the 1920-1921 period, and usually with limited or no redemption provided.

A cardinal rule in dealing with numbers is to seek the lowest ones, assuming condition equal. You will even find number 000 000, though I have been told in some series many notes were so numbered. perhaps by the same town.

Konto, Series or Reihe are among the terms often found on these notes. Perhaps Konto A represented 1,000 or 10,000 notes. Then we print Konto B, and Konto C, etc. So if you have Konto A and find a similar note, but Konto B, you want to keep it also.

Due to different printers, times, etc., quality of paper and color may vary from one printing series to the next. And as these continued to be printed, numbers as high as 300,000 may be found, when perhaps a note in your collection is under 1,000.

American notgeld collectors can also play that popular paper money game called radar numbers, more properly palindromes. Such numbers or words read the same from front to back, such as 1234321, or 2468642 or "Madam, I'm Adam". I do not believe it is the taste of Germans to engage in this, since it is an incidental portion of a note.

Of more usefulness, and quite desirable, are matching numbers, often found in the sets or series notes. Perhaps there are six 50 pfennig notes which, in a certain order, tell a story. Each of these may contain the same serial number. Sets of notes are desirable and the matching numbers are sought.

Available books on Notgeld may seem scarce to readers in the United States; actually, several are printed each year. Many have appeared in lists of THE FRAKTUR BOOKSHOP from time to time.

Our favorite Notgeld book is one which explores all emergency money issued in a single town, from 1914 to 1923, or even including 1945-1946, metal and paper, giving in-depth details not ordinarily found in most catalogs.

We sketchily list books we have seen reviewed in recent months:

Victor Gadoury and Roland Elie
Monnaies de necessites francaises 1789-1990.
Monaco, 1990, 688 pages, 330 Francs plus postage
More than 9,000 metal pieces are listed and many illustrated, including French Colonial issues.
Verlag Victor Gadoury, 38, Boulevard des Moulins,
MC-98000 Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco

Romain Probst
Catalogue Illustre du Papier-Monnaie Luxembourgeois
Band (Volume) II, 2nd edition 1994, 104 pages 20 Deutsche Mark plus postage

The volume deals mainly with note issues of Luxembourg, but includes emergency issues of World War I.

Klaus Karau
Das Giengener Papier-Notgeld
Giengen/Brenz, 1993, 28 Deutsche Mark plus postage
The work includes privately issued notes of Giengen as well as city issues.
May be ordered from Rudolf Dambacher, Muehlstrasse 40,
D--89537 Giengen, Germany

Irislav Dolenec
Hrvatska Numizmatika od pocetaka do danas
Zagreb 1993 192 pages 120 Deutsche Mark.
Includes 1919 issues of Karlovac, Osijek, Split and Zagreb; also 1920-1930 issue of Rijeka (Fiume).
Available from Zlatko Tudjina, Halfinger Strasse 3, D-81825 Muenchen, Germany

Jiri Vandas
Cenik Ceskoslovenskych Papirovych Platidel 1919-1992 a Ceska a Slovenska Papirova Platidla od R. 1993.
1st issue, 1993; 32 pages, not illustrated. Notes are keyed to the Pick Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, values given in three stages of condition.

Andreas Adler
Die Muenz- und Geldgeschichte von Meuselwitz/Thuer.
Issued by the Meuselwitzer Heimat-, Umwelt- und Naturschutzvereins e V. 1994 52 Pages, 50 Photos 8 Deutsche Mark plus postage

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