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BADEN-BADEN

Baden-Baden is mecca to the rich and ill.

Located 25 miles northeast of Strasburg, France, and 18 miles southwest of Karlsruhe, it is one of the northernmost bads of the Schwarzwald, the Black Forest. Other bads or spas in the Black Forest include Bad Petersal, Bad Teinach, Bad Liebenzell, Bad Herrenalb, Badenweiler, Wildbad, Karlsbad and Glotterbad.

Last month we suggested that one should take money so as to enjoy the "kurs" of Bad Reichenhall. But in Baden-Baden, money goes twice as fast, to the kurs and to the casino, not necessarily in that order.

The occupying Romans recognized the value of the healing waters during their tenure. During the time of Caracalla, 211-217 A.D., troops garrisoned in Strasburg would go to Aquae Aureliae, site of present-day Baden-Baden, for their R&R. Remains of the Roman baths are yet visible.

The town sprang to life again during the time of its first margrave in 1112 A.D., Hermann II of Zaehringen. The medieval town grew up at the foot of the Schlossberg. In 1245 the Lichtental Cistercian Abbey, the Princes' chapel, was built. The Neues Schloss was built in 1479, and walls surrounded the town by 1507.

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MONTHLY NOTGELD QUOTE. . .

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The Trinkhalle in Baden-Baden forms a backdrop of the sculptured grounds of the area, shown on the back of a 10-Pfennig note of Baden-Baden, dated June 1, 1920, P-S 102b.

As Louis XIV of France sent unhappy troops led by General Melac throughout the Palatinate, Baden-Baden was burned in 1689. Little architecture predates that event. Its next influx of population was of refugees from the French Revolution.

In 1707 Margrave Ludwig Wilhelm of Baden (Tuerkenlouis) died and is buried in the Stiftskirche. The church was built in the Seventh century; burned in 1689, then rebuilt in 1753, later restored by Grand Duke Leopold in 1837. Ludwig appeared on a five-mark German coin dated 1955-G, struck in Karlsruhe.

Baden-Baden became popular again as a watering hole after 1808. Impetus for its popularity came with an edict of King Louis Philippe who banned gambling in all of France.

Successful in managing the Palais Royal in Paris, Jacques Benazet had to look for casinos out of France. He and his son, Edouard, settled in Baden-Baden in 1838 and drew former clients to him. The town reached its zenith under Napoleon III, about 1870.

It was off to the races beginning in 1858 when a track was built at Iffezheim.

One person observed, "It shows what nature can do if she has money." Builders, too, let their imagination run wild in Baden-Baden. To cater to the April through November season, palatial hotels and homes were built, described by some visitors as "styles which defy classification."

Ah yes, the waters. Flowing at 68 degrees Centigrade temperature, 800,000 liters of brine water daily, of a radioactive nature, they are said to offer help for rheumatic and paralytic conditions.

While living in Germany, I had secretaries who would tell of the "cures" they had been on or the ones they planned to go on in perhaps two years.

"Can you know that you will be ill in two years?" I would ask.

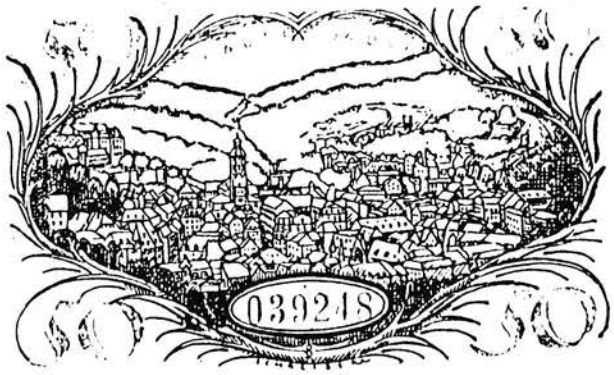
"We just get an OK from our doctors and away we go," was the reply. The location of the Kur was more important than the ailment they were hoping to have by that time.

A common complaint cited by those seeking the Kur was "Zivilisatorische Aufbrauchskrankheiten," civilization exhaustion.

And after a tiring day with the hot baths and masseur, one could sit on the Kurhaus terrace and enjoy a double "Schlagsahne," whipped cream over tea cakes.

At the end of World War II Baden-Baden was headquarters for the French troops' occupation area. Large hotels were requisitioned for the troops. The casino was shuttered. The gambling ban was lifted in 1950 and Baden-Baden again spun to life.





Circulating in Baden-Baden was a 50-Pfennig note issue-dated Sept. 19, 1919, P-S 102a. The back shows a view of the city.

Passing through the town is the Oos River, which forms in the hills south of town on the Baden Hoehe. Just northwest of Baden-Baden is the town of Oos, an unofficial gateway to the Black Forest.

Southeast of town is the village of Buehl, which includes the Affental. This brings to mind the red wine grown in the area, bottled with the likeness of an ape (affe) embossed on the outside of the bottle.

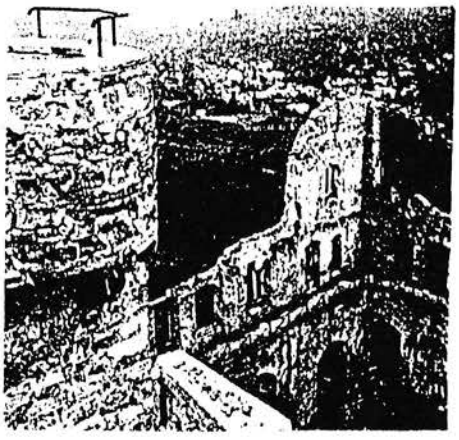
The gold and silver coins characteristic of Baden-Baden were changed by World War I alchemists into zinc and aluminum tokens. Undated pfennig pieces were struck for J. Krieg. Reading "Kriegs Consum Baden-Baden" were 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30-and 50-Pfennig aluminum pieces, struck by the Nuernberg firm L. Christian Lauer.



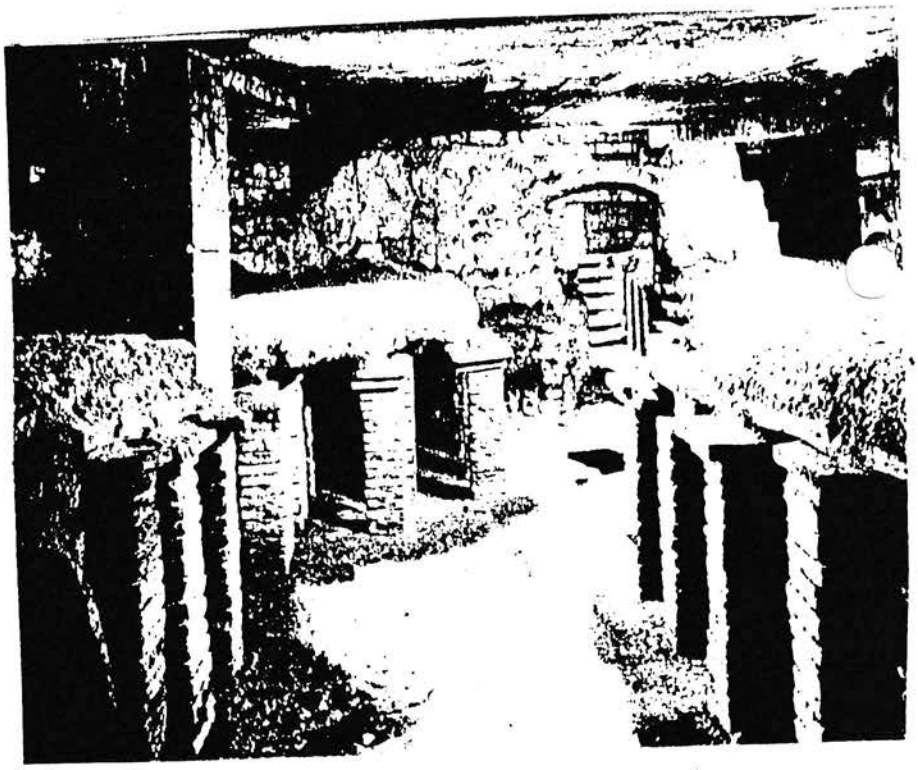
Ten-Pfennig aluminum pieces were struck by the L. Chr. Lauer firm in Nuernberg for Kriegs Consum, Baden-Baden.

RESTAURANT "KROKODIL B.-BADEN" was the legend inscribed on 20-Pfennig undated zinc pieces.

From Stadt Baden-Baden in 1919 were 10 Pfennig zinc pieces, an issue of 200,000 struck by B.H. Mayer firm of



Once boasting 100 rooms was the castle on the Yoeherm overlooking Baden-Baden, in ruins since the 17th Century, now a point for a trek by visitors to the spa.



Some 1,800 years after they were built by the Romans, ruins of their baths can still be viewed by visitors.

Pforzheim. Reading "St W BB" (for Staedt. Werke Baden-Baden) were undated square tokens struck in brass and zinc, without a value shown.

Struck in aluminum in 100 Pfennig values were pieces issued by WURSTLEREI J. FUHRMANN BADEN-BADEN.

Circulating paper Notgeld was dated Sept. 19, 1919, 50 Pfennig, and June 1, 1920, 10 Pfennig, issued by the city of Baden-Baden.

Dated 1914 were handwritten notes from the Hofapotheke of Dr. Roessler, 11 days of August and four days of September. They ranged in value from two to 10 Mark; even pieces valued at 14.60 and 17.15 Mark were issued.

On Aug. 6, 1923, the Rheinische Creditbank Filiale Baden-Baden issued 100,000 and 500,000 Mark notes. From Aug. 7 to Oct. 20, the city issued notes ranging in value from 100,000 to 50 Milliarden Mark.

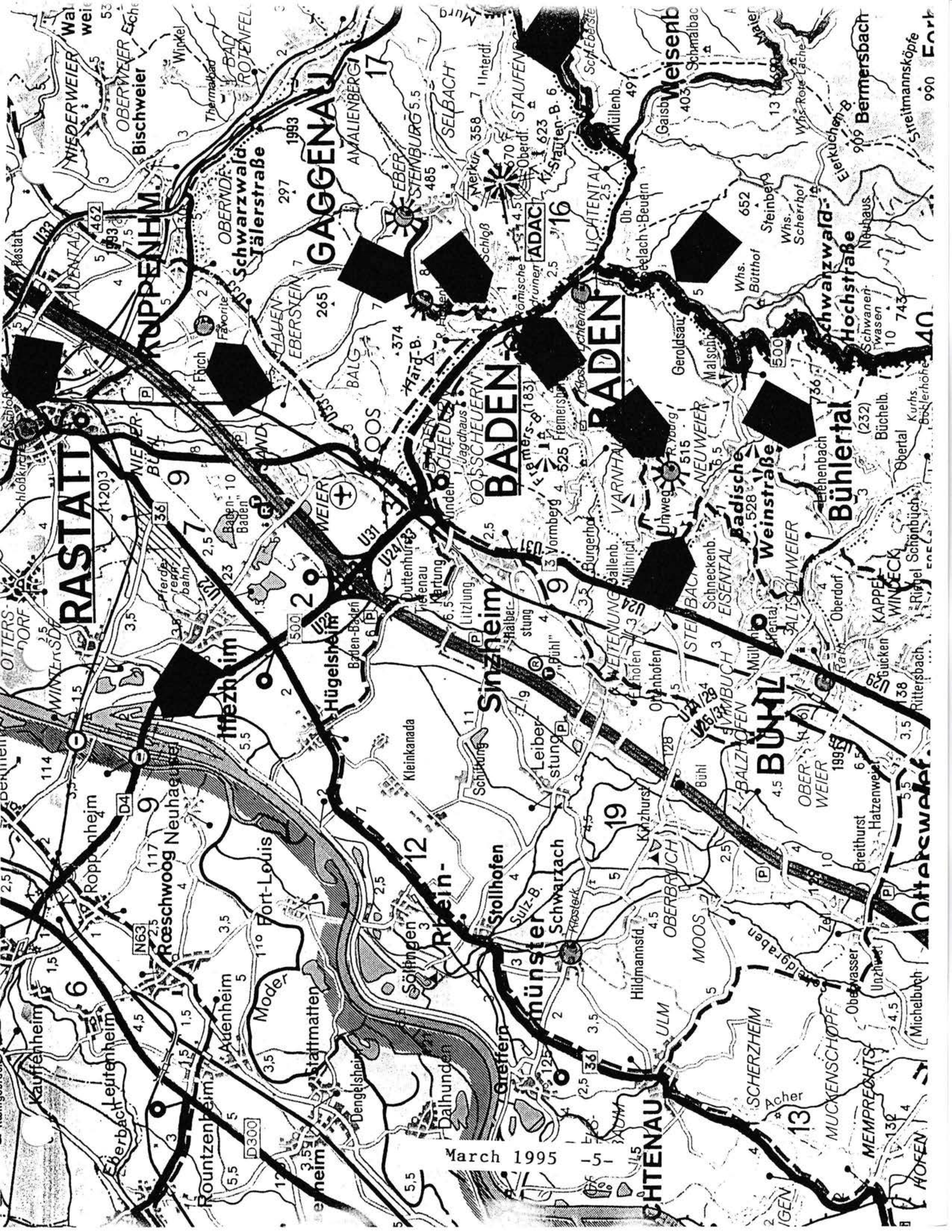
In recent years Baden-Baden incorporated the township of Steinbach, a wine producer, bringing the population to about 41,000. And the Suedwestfunk, the Southwestern Radio and Television Corp., broadcasts came from there.

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We have received the 78th Public and Mail Bid Auction Sale catalog of Frank and Laurese Katen, Part three, World-Wide Periodicals, with a sale date of March 24-25, 1995.

We have heard from readers who garnered books on emergency money topics from previous sales; we suggest close perusal of the catalogs, which come from many nations and publishers. As the Katens say, it is a bibliography in itself.

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We have received information from Rudolf Richter, cataloguer of Austrian emergency money. His publications include "Das oesterreichische Notgeld 1917 bis 1922," 1986, and "Das oesterreichische Notgeld Sonderserien 1919-1922," 1989, both out of print, and a 1993 work, "Notgeld Oesterreich, Deutsch-Oesterreich und Nachfolgestaaten mit Nebengebieten ab 1918."

Herr Richter advises our readers of his printing schedule, which is first explained in English on these pages:

October 1995: Emergency currency 1914-1918
early 1996: POW WWI, WWII
later in 1996: 1917-1921 emergency money, the common ones
and planned: emergency currency 1848-1869 (and earlier)

He explains the purpose of his current book on Austrian-Hungarian emergency money. "As the Empire broke up there were new problems with new countries, both political and economic. This is the first work where these problems were explained in detail, with many previously unreported note issues illustrated." The book is available from THE FRAKTUR for $32.50.

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We don't like to harp on a theme too long. We would like a consensus of readers who would like to see more of the "Bad" topics explored, or have us skip around to other subjects.

With the multitude of issuing towns and many topical areas, none of us will live long enough to exhaust the subject. Topics you would like to see explored could also be considered. Your input counts!

Boizenburg ND 25, 50 Pf L-126 Reutergeld $1.50*
Boltenhagen ND 10, 50 Pf L-129 Reutergeld $1.50*
Buetzow ND 25, 50 Pf L-197 Reutergeld $2.25*
Calbe/Saale April 23, 1917 50 (4) Pf L-205b $3*
Calbe/Saale ND (1919) 50 Pf P-S 360 $2.25*
Camp BornhofenJuly 1921 50 Pf L-211 $.60*
Canth/Silesien ND 25, 50 Pf L-212 $1.25*
Carlshafen ND 75 Pf L-214 $1.75*
Cassel Aug. 20, 1923 100,000 Mark K-718a $3*
Cassel Aug. 20, 1923 1 Million Mark K-718e $3
Caub ND (1920) P-S 371 $.60
Celle ND 25, 50, 75, 100 Pf L-218b (3 w/o print firm) $8*
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Chemnitz ND 1, 50 Pf POW Campbell 2810, 2815 folds $5
Chemnitz Nov. 16, 1918 20 Mark K-72 $3
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Chemnitz Aug. 24, 1923 5 Millionen Mark K-740 $3
Cleve Nov. 12, 1918 50 Pf P-S 396 $.50
Cleve 1921 75 (2) Pf L-223 $18*
Coblenz Nov. 13, 1918 25 Mark K-75 $3
Coblenz Jan. 1, 1919 50 Pf P-S 398d $.60
Coblenz March 1, 1920 P-S 398f $.60
Coblenz May 1, 1921 25, 50 (3) Pf L-225 $2.50*
Coblenz May 2, 1923 10,000 Mark K-865a $3
Coblenz July 1, 1923 50,000 Mark K-865b $2.75
Coblenz Sept. 10, 1923 50 Millionen Mark K-865n Separatist $2.75
Coburg 1919 50 Pf P-S 404e Heinz Schiestl $.60
Cochem Nov. 19, 1918 1, 5 Mark K-76 stamp cancelled $3.50
Cochem Nov. 19, 1918 50 Pf P-S 405 $1
Cochem April 191921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-229 $1.75*
Cochem-Simmern-Zell Aug. 10, 1923 500,000 Mark K-875 $2.50
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Coethen/Anhalt Aug. 25, 1923 50 Millionen Mark K-882 $3
Corbach/Waldeck Feb. 1, 1922 50 (6) Pf Sportverein L-232 $18*
Cottbus ND 50 f P-S 412f $1
Cottbus Nov. 20, 1918 5, 10, 20 Mark K-78 $8.50
Cottbus August 1921 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf L-235 $10*
Cranenburg Feb. 1, 1921 1 Mark (3 doubles) L-236 $9*
Crefeld Feb. 24, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-238 II $1.25*
Crefeld Nov. 6, 1922 1,000 Mark K-112b $3.25
Crivitz ND 50 Pf L-239 Reutergeld $.75*
Cuetrin/Oder Feb. 1, 1921 50 Pf L-240 Reutergeld $.75*
Cuxhaven October 1919 50 Pf P-S 425 $1
Dahlenburg Sept. 15, 1921 25 Pf L-244 $.50
Dalhausen Nov. 5, 1921 50 Pf L-246 $1.25*
Dargun ND 10 Pf L-249 Reutergeld $4.75*
Darmstadt Aug. 22, 1923 2, 5 Millionen Mark K-956a $6
Darmstadt Sept. 1, 1923 10, 50 Millionen Mark K-956c $6
Dassow/M ND 10 Pf L-251b $.60*
Datteln Oct. 17, 1918 20 Mark K-86 stamp cancelled $3
Derenburg/Harz Dec. 20, 1920 25 Pf L-254 $.60
Detmold August 1920 50 (10) Pf L-259 $6.50*
Diepholz Sept. 1, 1920 10 Pf L-264a Janecke $.65*
Diepholz Sept. 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf L-264b Schroeder $1.75*
Diepholz Aug. 15, 1921 50, 75 (2) Pf L-264c $1.75*
Diepholz Sept. 15, 1921 75 (2) Pf L-264d $1.25*

Diepholz Sept. 28, 1921 75 (2) Pf L-264e $1.25*
Diez/Lahn December 1920 25 Pf P-S 462f $1*
Dippoldiswalde Nov. 21, 1918 5, 20 Mark K-96 $3
Ditfurth July 1, 1921 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf L-266a $3
Ditfurth July 1, 1921 50 (5) Pf L-266b $6.50
Doebeln Nov. 8, 1918 5, 20 Mark K-98 Punch cancelled $6
Doebeln Sept. 1, 1921 50 (8) Pf $5
Doemitz/M ND 25 Pf Reutergeld L-269b $.75*
Dornburg/Saale 1921 25 (2), 50 (4) Pf L-272 $4*
Dortmund Sept. 24, 1923 500 Millionen Mark K-1061k $3
Dortmund Oct. 10, 1922 25(4), 50 (4) Mark K-131d $25*
Dramburg Aug. 6, 1920 10, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-276 $4*
Dresden June 2, 1911 100 Mark S-952b $3
Dresden Oct. 15, 1918 5 Mark K-191a $3.75
Dresden Nov. 1, 1918 5, 10, 20 Mark K-101 $10
Dresden March 12, 1923 5,000 Mark K-134b $10
Dresden Aug. 11, 1923 20 Millionen Mark K-1109 $2.75
Dresden Aug. 18, 1923 1 Million Mark K-1106e $3.25*
Dresden Sept. 12, 1923 10 Millionen Mark K-1072e $3.25
Dresden-Neustadt Aug. 14, 1923 1 Million Mark K-1121a $3
Dresden-Neustadt Aug. 25, 1923 5 Millionen Mark K-1121 $2.50
Dresden-Neustadt Sept. 30, 1921 25, 50 Pf P-S 507e $1.25*
Driburg, Bad/W September 1921 25, 50 Pf, 1, 2, 5 Mark L-280 $6.50*
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Duesseldorf Stadt Feb. 1, 1923 5,000 Mark blue K-145c $2.50
Duesseldorf Stadt Feb. 1, 1923 5.000 Mark brown K-145d $2.50
Duesseldorf Landesbank Feb. 1, 1923 5,000 Mark K-509c $4
Duesseldorf Landesbank Feb. 1, 1923 10,000 Mark K-509c $3
Duesseldorf Stadt July 15, 1923 100,000, 500,000 Mark K-1150 $6
Duesseldorf Stadt July 15, 1923 500,000 Mark K-1150e $2.75
Duesseldorf Stadt Aug. 1, 1923 500,000 Mark, 5 Millionen Mark K-1150g $5
Duesseldorf Landesbank Aug. 1, 1923 500,000, K-1166c $2.50
Duesseldorf Phoenix Aug. 1, 1923 500,000, 1 Million Mark K-1170m $6
Duesseldorf Stadt Aug. 15, 1923 500,000, 1 Million Mark K-1150 $5
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Duesseldorf Landesbank 10 Millionen Mark K-1166l $2.75
Duesseldorf Landkreis Sept. 14, 1923 500 Millionen Mark K-1178e $3
Duesseldorf Landesbank Sept. 15, 1923 Half, 1 Milliarde Mark K-1166m $6
Duesseldorf Stadt Sept. 15, 1923 50 Millionen Mark K-1166m $3

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