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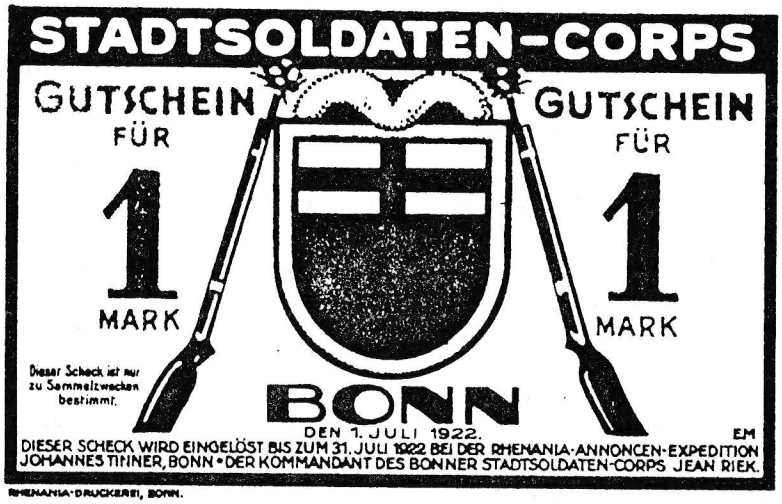
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After a night on the town in Cologne, our barge diesels begin vibrating shortly after dawn and kilometer marker sign 687 fades behind us as we combat the downflow of the Rhine River.

Ten kilometers up river we pass Porz, on the right bank, where in 1923 check-type emergency notes were issued of the city of Heumar. Also, private notes were issued in that year. From Porz-Urbach, a mirror firm issued notes in August and October, 1923.

We quickly notice that the flat areas the Rhine has passed through thus far has given way to hilly countryside. At marker 655 our barge pauses to offload crates at Bonn, the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Since 1969, the left-bank town has been called Bonn-Godesberg, when Bad Godesberg was incorporated into Bonn. The population of 282,000 has expanded southward.



Six-note set of the Stadtsoldaten-Corps, Bonn, issued for collectors, included four 50-pfennig notes, and one and two mark issues. Issue date was July 1, 1922, printed by the Rhenania Druckerei, Bonn.

The basalt hill overlooking the Rhine at Bad Godesberg was host to a shrine, even in the days of Roman occupation. Earlier Germanic tribes had called it "Wodansberg," in middle German Guodanesberg.

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Lindman's Catalog of "Serienscheine"

By HERMANN KRAUSE

There's no argument about it, but collecting without a catalog is not really collecting; it's merely accumulating.

Dr. Arnold Keller, dean of all Notgeld collectors, authored a dozen catalogs of German Notgeld from the "classic" 1914 issues to the 1923 inflation notes and the 1924 "Goldmark" issues. Best known, most popular and easiest to obtain of all Notgeld are the so-called "Serienscheine" (series notes) of 1920-1922. Quite often these colorful pictorials are solely responsible for attracting new devotees to the hobby.

The latest edition of Dr. Keller's original "Serienscheine" catalog appeared in 1956. The small printing of just a few hundred hectograph copies was sufficient for the handful of collectors at that time, but the rapidly growing ranks of collectors during the following decades, as well as the discovery of hitherto unknown notes, created the need for another catalog.

It was in 1975 that a new catalog was finally published; the old Dr. Keller original had been completely revised by the Notgeld experts Albert Pick and Carl Siemsen. This Pick-Siemsen catalog, as it was commonly called, has been out of print also for several years while at the same time, many new collectors entered the hobby.

This was the situation when early this year, and without fanfare, Kai Lindman's new Serienscheine catalog appeared. Although building on the foundations of Keller and Pick-Siemsen, this third generation work stands on its own in concept and execution. It is by far the best catalog on the subject.

The author lists of each basic note all known varieties (of serial numbers, paper types, etc.) and devised a remarkable coordination system of sub-numbers, leaving room for future additions. Series Notgeld was issued nearly 70 years ago but still today unlisted notes are discovered. A considerable number of such notes are cataloged for the first time; the Pick-Siemsen catalog had 1365 entries of issuing authorities, while the new Lindman counts 1427.

The Pick-Siemsen catalog featured two rather impracticable appendices of "secondary" issues (facetious notes, contribution receipts, swindle issues, etc.). Lindman worked all of these items into the main body of the catalog and the collector no longer needs to search in three different listings.

Lindman also features two appendices, but of a more practical nature: first, a conversion table of Pick-Siemsen and Lindman catalog numbers, and second, an illustrated listing of all watermarks as they are found on series Notgeld. In addition to these 54 watermark images the book is adorned with nearly 90 illustrations of rare and very rare notes.

The final remark has to be a disappointing one: the catalog is not readily available at this time. The author writes that the work was originally more a labor of love than a business venture and therefore the initial printing was a rather small one; it sold out almost immediately.

A new and revised printing is in preparation and will be available, it is hoped, by the end of the year. Interested collectors are advised to contact their specialized Notgeld dealer in this country and inquire about availability.

Bonn
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A castle visible from our barge as we approached the city was built in 1210 by Dietrich I von Hengebach, who became Archbishop of Cologne. In 1577 Gebhardt Truchsess von Waldburg sought election as archbishop of Cologne against Ernst von Bayern, who represented the Wittelsbach family.

Wilhelm II gave the castle to the city of Godesberg, with the understanding that the ruins would be maintained.

For mystery buffs, we would suggest you turn to John Le Carre's "A Small Town in Germany." He comments, "Those who have walked beside the Rhine and heard the drumbeat of the barges as they march upriver to Cologne, who have spent a year or two at the foot of Chamberlain's mountain and caught the nursery chime of religious bells along the waterfront, will understand the sounds I have written of." Of course, more properly, he should have spoken of the barges moving down river to Cologne.

But throughout the book he gives details of the city which could be most appreciated by those who spent time there. Also, in coming days, as the barge continues upstream, we will encounter more areas mentioned by Le Carre, as we see Beuel, Koenigswinter and the Drachenfels.

Bonn was a rich source of notgeld, including coins, municipal and private issues; municipal and private paper issues, gas tokens, food tokens, encased postage stamps and even porcelain issues. An active coin club meets there; I visited the club one Sunday morning, and still correspond with a friend made at the time.

NOTGELD GLOSSARY
(German-English)

A

Achteckig	Octagonal
Adler	Eagle
Album	Album
Allierte Militaerbehoerde	Allied Military Payment currency
Amtliche Ausgabe	Official issue
Andenken	Souvenir
Auktion	Auction
Ausgabe	Issue, release, edition
Auflage	Edition
Auslaendisch	Foreign
Austellen	Display, exhibit
Austellung Show,	exhibition
Authentisch	Authentic

B

Banknote	Banknote, note
Behelfsgeld	Emergency money
Bildnis	Portrait
Billion, Billionen	Trillion (1,000,000,000,000)
Blau	Blue
Boerse	Bourse
Brief	Letter (written communication)
Briefmarke(n)	Postage stamp(s)
Bruder, Brueder	Brother, Brothers
Buchdruck	Letterpress (printing)
Buchstabe	Letter (of alphabet)

C

D

Datum	Date
D.P. Lager (Displaced Persons)	Internment camp
Doppelportraet	Conjoined Heads
Doppelstueck; Duplikat	Duplicate
Druck	Impression, printed
Druckfehler	Printing error
Druckfirma	Printing firm
Druckplatte	Printing plate
Dunkel	Dark (color)

E

Ecke	Corner
Eingezogen	Recalled
Einloesen, Eingeloest	Redeem, Redeemed
Einloesungsdatum	Redemption date
Einseitig	Uniface
Entwerfender, Kuenstler	Designer
Entwurf	Design
Erhalten	Preservation
Erhaltungszustand	Condition
Essai	Essay, trial, pattern

Jessen/Halle 10 Pfennig ND Pick-Siemsen 1045 $1.50*
Juelich/Rheinland 25 Pf. Dec. 31, 1919 Pick-Siemsen 1047C $1*
Juist/Hannover 10, 25, 50 Pf. Pick-Siemsen 1049 $10*
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Karlsruhe/Baden 50 Pf. April 22, 1920 Pick-Siemsen 1067 $.50*
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Kronach 25 Pf. 1921 Keller 592 Series $.65*
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Liegnitz/Schlesien 1 Pf. Gaswerk Jan. 7, 1922 P-S 1253 $1*
Limburg/Lahn 10 Pf. Nov. 1, 1918 P-S 1263b $1.50*
Lindenberg/Allgaeu 50 Pf. Aug. 1, 1917 P-S 1266a $1.25*
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Loewen/Schlesien 10, 50 Pf. May 21, 1920 P-S 1292 $2.75*
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Lutter 50 Pf. May 1, 1917 P-S 1315a $1.50*
Mayen/Rheinland 25, 50 Pf. June 1919 Keller 1350 $1*
Miesbach/Bayern Pf. April 6, 1921 Keller 708b Series $.75*
Bad Nauheim 50 Pf. June 1, 1917 Keller 1843 $.50*
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