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STADTILM - Then and Now

By Hermann Krause

It was during our 1991 trip to the Old Country that we passed, on a colorful October day, through the town of Stadtilm, on the Ilm River. Formerly in East Germany, it is now part of the Federal Republic.

When I saw the town hall I remembered at once the Notgeld illustration. We stopped the car and took some pictures. Unfortunately, because of an obstructing building, it was not possible to show the entire view of the "Rathaus" on a single photo.

Alas, my wide-angle lens for the camera was back in Minnesota.

The town hall had been a castle, and before that, a convent. It is very well preserved, entirely unchanged from the illustration of the 1921 Notgeld note. The Stadtilm coat of arms above the main entrance is still there, and looks just as it appears on the Notgeld.

With the sun positioned overhead, our stomachs directed us into the Ratskeller, the basement of the town hall, often a delectable source of good food. The entrance to the dining area carries an inscribed sign, "Krypta."

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MONTHLY NOTGELD QUOTE...



If life transplants me
Far away to a foreign land,
O Strasburg, I remember thee
There in the Uckerland.

Strasburg/Uckermark
50-Pfennig note, 1921,
L-1249

The same sign appears on the Notgeld, showing the crypt, now the dining hall. We settled down to a delicious meal of traditional Thuringian potato dumplings with pork roast.

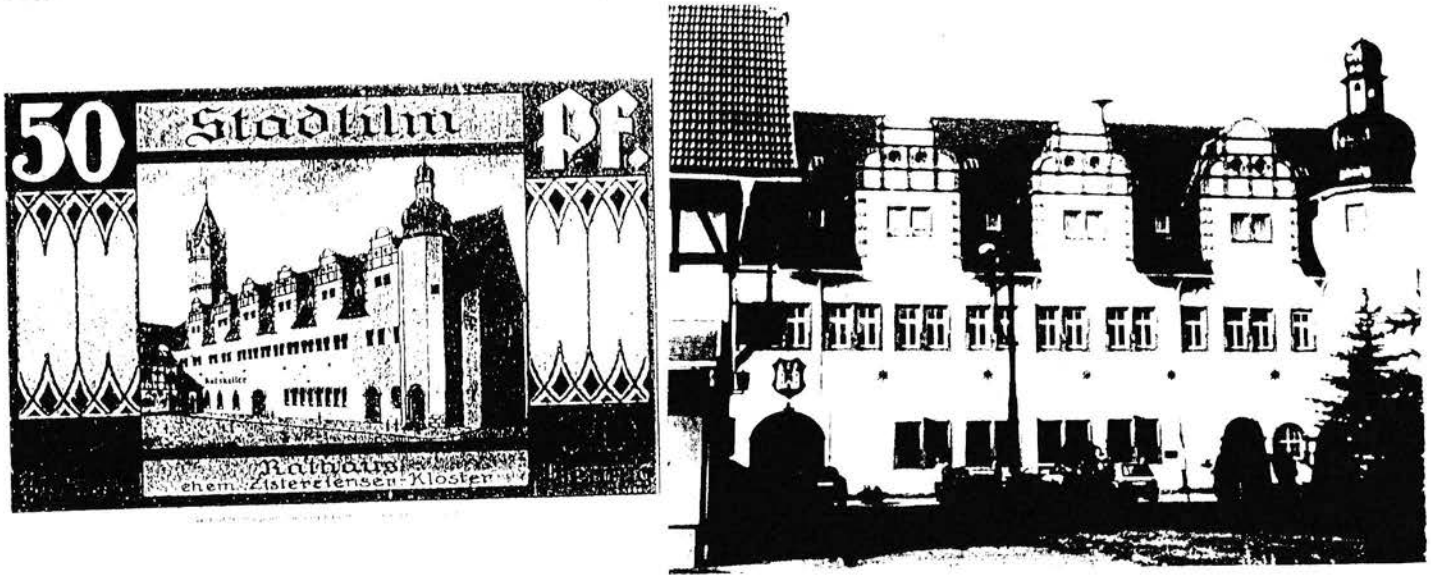
The Ilm River rises northwest of Coburg/Bavaria at about 2,400 feet elevation, passing through Notgeld-issuing towns of Ilmenau, Langewiesen, Stadtilm, Kranichfeld, Tannroda, Bad Berka, Weimar and Bad Sulza, before entering the Saala River between Bad Sulza and Bad Koesen.



The Krypta appears as the face the five Stadtilm 50-Pfennig notes; on the back of one is the Old Ilm Bridge.

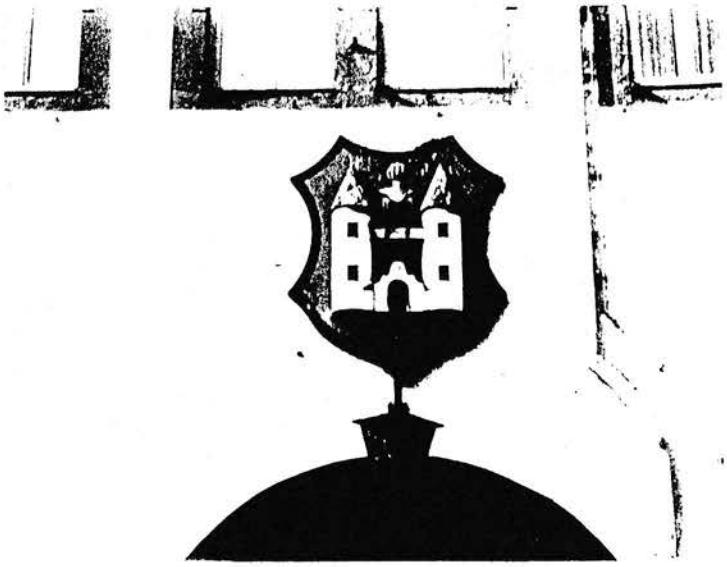


The Ilm River rises southeast of Ilmenau and flows generally northwestward. The maps bordering the page may upset the reader used to a map reading to true north. As it is the Ilm River is shown in its entirety.



The Stadtilm Rathaus, as it appears on a 50-Pfennig note, appears at left. Hermann Krause's camera caught the building as it appeared in October 1991, at right.





The five-Pfennig note of Stadtilm features the Wappen or city coat of arms; a close-up of the arms as they appear over the main entrance to the Rathaus appears at right.

Hermann Krause photo

GERMAN NOTGELD SOURCE

A dealer in the former DDR offers a printed catalog of notgeld and privately issued paper and metal tokens.

Food and drink tokens are known from the 19th century, and proliferated in period of World War I, issued by cities, grocery stores and the various Gasthaueser.

Readers of THE FRAKTUR who are interested in these collectibles are encouraged to write LENOVER, Lebensmittel-karten- und Notgeldversand Neustrelitz, Postfach 107, O-2050 Neustrelitz, Germany.

We have been informed by German sources that the postal codes in the former DDR are being revised, and will carry five-digit designations, as opposed to the four currently used in the former BDR, preceded by the letter D, as D-6000 for Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

MOON OVER MEMMINGEN

The tale is told, sages of the Bavarian town of Memmingen will tell you, of the night when the Burgermeister left his favorite Gasthaus just about Polezei Stunde, the police closing hour.

Our mayor stumbled into the Ach, the river which passes through the town. Suddenly he saw this face beaming at him from the water. It seemed to be teasing him, laughing at him, poking fun at him.

Furious, our friendly politician struck out at his adversary, splashing water on him, reaching for him. He was going to pull him out and give him a threshing. The nerve of him!





Gazing over peaceful Memmingen along the Ahr River is a full moon, grinning, the arms of the city. The 50-Pfennig note is dated Nov. 11, 1918, good until Dec. 1, 1919. The back of the note shows the city Rathaus, the town hall.

But the more he pulled at him and splashed water on the smirking face, the more the face just smiled at him and derided him further. By this time a few of his constituents had gathered for the show and added insult to the affair by their taunts.

Harried, wet and baffled, our man clambered from the clutches of the river, aided by a couple helpful citizens. He looked back in the water, and saw the face still grinning through the ripples in the water.

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GERMAN METAL NOTGELD bought and sold. Sell municipal, private, POW, transportation, encased postage, beer tokens and some French. Also sell related literature. T.J. Orlik, P.O. Box 947, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092.

As he was helped to his home, he looked up in the sky to see another round face grinning at him, a full moon.

The moon became the symbol of the town, the town Wappen or coat of arms.

Paper Notgeld issued in the town of 13,500 persons included undated issues, good to May 1, 1918, in values of five and 10 Pfennig and a half Mark.

Also undated but good to May 1, 1920, were values of 10 Pfennig and a half mark.

Dated Nov. 1, 1918, to Dec. 1, 1919, was a 50-Pfennig note, appearing with the control number in a variety of types and sizes. Values five, 10 and 20-Mark were dated Oct. 25, 1918.

Die Großgeldscheine Bayerns und der Pfalz Von Dr. Arnold Keller.

Memmingen, Stadt, 25. Okt. 1918 (5 M. 1. Dez. 1919, 5, 10, 20 Mk. Vorderseite: Druck bei 5 dunkelgrün, 10 schwarzblau, 20 dunkelbraun, mit einer Faksimile-Unterschrift, Guillocheunterdruck mit Stadtwappen bei 5 braun, 10 blaugrau, 20 olivgrün. Guillochegrund graugrün, hell gelbbraun, dunkel gelbbraun. Nummer bei 5, 10 schwarz, 20 rot. Rückseite: Bei 5, 10 im Hochrechteck Bild eines Stadttores bei Nacht. Tor von einer Laterne scharf beleuchtet, Sternhimmel. Seitlich Wertziffern in Ährenkränzen. Druck: 5 dunkelgrün, 10 schwarzblau, Grund wie Vorderseite. 20 Mk. Rückseite: In Breitoval Gesamtbild der Stadt, im Hintergrund die Alpenkette, oben Stadtwappen und der „Memminger Mau" (Mond). Seitlich: Wertangaben. Druck: braun, Grund wie auf Vorderseite. Papier weiß Druck: Gebrüder Parcus, München. Größe bei 5, 10: 128:80, 20: 136:91 mm.

In the July 15, 1921, issue of "Das Notgeld" Dr. Arnold Keller described Grossgeld issues of Bavaria, including Memmingen. In their Bavarian dialect, the German word for moon, Mond, comes out "Mau."

Classified Advertising

SWAP GERMAN NOTGELD? Send SASE for my 100 offers or propose your own, Serienscheine and Kleingeld regular issues, 1916-1922, according by Lindman and Pick/Siemsen. Ross, Box 15101, Asheville, N.C. 28813

The search for the Tausches, envelopes holding Notgeld sets, continues by Hermann Krause. He plans a book on the subject, to be printed later this year by Kai Lindman.

Krause reports he is grateful for response from readers of THE FRAKTUR, and encourages them to continue looking for and reporting on new finds.

He comments, "It's not only a matter of finding new ones but more so, discovering varieties of old ones. Some rather common covers are known to exist with up to seven or eight minor or major varieties (paper color, text, style of lettering, etc.) and deserve cataloging.

"Especially sought is information on Tausches used by Altenburg, Frankenhausen and Luettenborg."

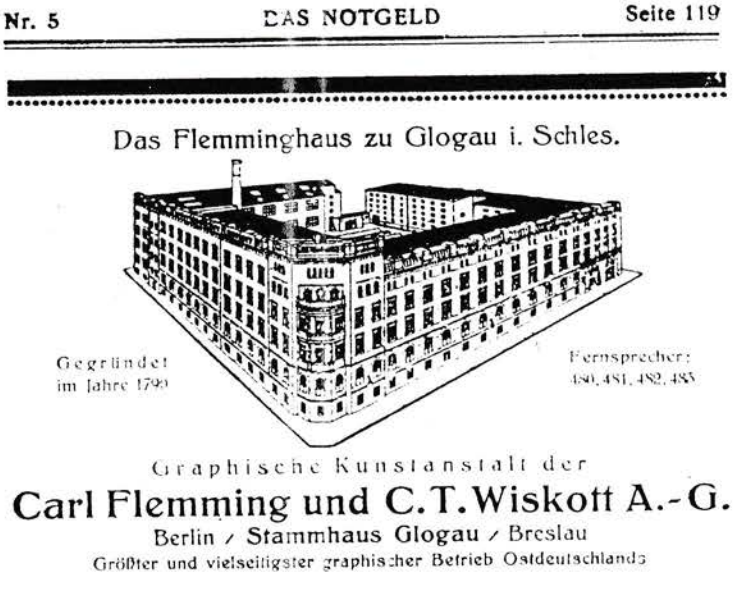
The address of Krause is RR 1, Box 506, Minneiska, Minn. 55910.

Playmoney resembling coins and paper money of the United States is frowned upon by the U.S. Treasury and the Secret Service. Spielgeld is popular in German stores, small bags of white metal pieces resembling German coins, in reduced size.

Kai Lindman has produced a catalog titled "Kindergeld," "Children's Money," illustrating and describing paper play money produced in Austria and Germany by a variety of firms.

Some are issued by banks, shown in the 36-page book; another shows the Pied Piper of Hameln, and familiar to the American reader, a 50 value note with "Mars" in each corner and in the center, "Milky Way."

THE FRAKTUR BOOKSTORE could supply on request, for about $11.


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Das Flemminghaus zu Glogau i. Schles.

Gegründet im Jahre 1790

Fernsprecher: 480, 481, 482, 483

Graphische Kunstanstalt der

Carl Flemming und C.T. Wiskott A.-G.

Berlin / Stammhaus Glogau / Breslau

Größter und vielseitigster graphischer Betrieb Ostdeutschlands

Many collectors of paper Notgeld have notes in their collections which were printed by Flemming and Wiskott, Glogau. In the May 1, 1921 issue of "Das Notgeld," Year 3, number 5, an advertisement by Carl Flemming und C.T. Wiskott A.-G. illustrated the home factory in Glogau. Other offices were in Berlin and Breslau. The firm was founded in 1790.

Tarnowitz ND 15 Pf Alfred Adolph L-1279 $3.25*
Thesdorf ND 25 (2), 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf Red Serial Nr. L-1289IV $35*
Treuenbrietzen July 1921 50 (6) Pf L-1306 $4*
Vegesack Dec. 1, 1921 25 Pf L-1325b I Cont. Nr. 3mm $6*
Voehrenbach Aug. 14, 1923 100,000 Mark K-5348 $3*
Waldbroel 1921 25 Pf L-1335 $1.25
Waltershausen July 1, 1921 5 Pf L-1339 $1.75*
Wanfried Hesse/Nassau ND 50 Pf P-S 2561 $2.50*
Wasserburg/Inn Oct. 15, 1920 50 Pf P-S 2569 $1.50*
Wedel June 10, 1921 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark Set L-1352 $4*
Weissenfels/Saale 1921 50 (6) Pf L-1367 $4*
Weissensee/Thuer. Aug. 1, 1921 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-1368 $3.25*
Wenningstedt/Sylt Aug. 15, 1921 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-1369 $7*
Wesel 1919 25, 50 Pf P-S 2608c $1

Wesel 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 2608d $1.75*
Wesel 1921 25 Pf 2608e $1.25*
Wesel 1921 50 (3), 75 (3) Pf Set L-1373 $10
Wesenberg July 1, 1921 50 Pf, 1 Mark $2.25*
Wesselburen/Dithmarschen ND 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-1375 $2.50*
Westerburg Oct. 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 2610E $1.75*
Westerburg Dec. 1, 1920 10, 25 Pf L-1376a $1.25*
Westerburg Dec. 1, 1920 50 (3) Pf L-1376b $2.25*
Westerland/Sylt 1921 1 Mark L-1381b II $2.50*
Westerland/Sylt July 1921 L-1382 I $3
Westerland/Sylt July 1921 L-1382 II $3*
Wettin/Saale ND 50 Pf L-1384a I w/control Nr. $9*
Wettin/Saale March 15, 1921 25 Pf L-1384b $9*
Wetzlar/Lahn May 1, 1920 25 Pf P-S 2617c Goethe, Charlotte $2*
Wetzlar/Lahn Sept. 14, 1920 50 Pf P-S 2617f $1.25*
Wildeshausen/Oldenburg Dec. 1, 1921 25, B, 25, C, 50, C Pf L-1389b $3.50*
Wildeshausen/Oldenburg Dec. 1, 1921 50, B, 50, D Pf, 1 Mark, D, L-1389b $4*
Wilhelmsburg Sept. 1921 50 (4) Pf L-1184 $2.25
Wilhelmshaven-Ruestringen 50 Pf L-1394 II $5*
Wilster July 13, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 2635cII Windmill $1.25*
Wimpfen/N Aug. 11, 1923 20,000, 100,000 Mark P-S 5642 $6
Winsen/Luhe ND 25 Pf L-1397 $.55
Winterberg ND 1 Mark L-1398 $.75*
Winzeldorf ND 25, 50, 75 Pf L-1399 $6*
Wismar Nov. 1, 1921 50 Pf Keglerverband L-1400 $2.50*
Wittduen/Amrun ND 2 Mark L-1403 Control Nr. 207 poor $1
Wittenberg Dec. 10, 1920 50 (8) Pf Back Decret, no print firm, red ser. nr. L-1405a I $35*
Wittenberg Dec. 10, 1920 50 (3) Pf L-1405a II $5*
Wittenberg ND 1, 2, 5, 10 Mark L-1405b $5.50
Wittenberge ND 50 (6) Pf L-1406 $4*
Wittenburg/Mecklenburg Jan. 20, 1922 99, 199 Pf L-1407b $1.25*
Wittgensdorf July 1, 1921 25 (2), 50 (2) Pf Set L-1408 $5*

Wittlich Sept. 15, 1919 25, 50 Pf P-S 2646b $1.25*
Wittlich April 1921 25 Pf P-S 2646e I $.60*
Bad Woerishofen 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf Set L-1411 $4*
Woerlitz ND 25 (2), 50 (2) Pf L-1412 $4.50*
Wohlau 50 Pf, Aug. 17, 1920; 25 Pf, April 1, 1921 $2*
Wohlau April 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-1413 $2.75
Wolfenbuettel Nov. 1918 50 Pf cutting error; back, part of S of Stadt missing K-526 $2*
Wolfenbuettel Nov. 1918 1, 5 Mark K-526 $5
Wriezen Aug. 20, 1919 25, 50 PF P-S 2664 $2.75*
Wuenschendorf/Elster Sept. 20, 1921 50 (2) Pf L-1419 $1.25*
Wuerzburg Dec. 8, 1918 5 Mark K-534 $1.75*
Wunsiedel Nov. 11, 1918 25, 50 Pf P-S 2670 $2.75*
Wunstorf Nov. 15, 1920 5, 50 Pf L-1407a $2.50
Wunstorf ND 5, 10, 25 Pf L-1420b $1.75*
Wyk/Foehr ND 50 Pf L-1423 $4.50*
Wyk/Foehr June 1920 1 Mark L-1424a $3.50*
Wyk/Foehr 1920 5 Mark L-1424b I $5*
Xanten Oct. 1, 1921 50 (6) Pf Set L-1426b III Schiestl $35*
Zeitz ND 50 (2) Pf, F, G P-S 2680e $1.50*
Zerbst/Anhalt July 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 (6), 100 Pf Set L-1431b $12*
Zeulenroda Jan. 1, 1920 1, 5, 10, 50 Pf P-S 2704e $2.25*
Zeulenroda Nov. 1, 1921 25 (5), 50 (5), 75 (5) Pf Set L-1432 $10*
Zeulenroda Dec. 31, 1921 50 (5), 75 (5) Pf L-1432 Set $8*
Ziegenrueck (Kreis) July 30, 1921 50 (2) Pf L-1433 $1.25*
Ziegenrueck (Stadt) Sept. 1, 1921 25 Pf L-1434 $.60*
Zobten/Berge OIct. 25, 1919 10, 25 Pf P-S 2713*
Zoerbig ND 25 Pf L-1437 $.60*
Zuelz/Oberschlesien March 21, 1921 L-1439 $1*
Zweibruecken/Pfalz 50 Pf, Feb. 20, 1917; 25 Pf, Oct. 1, 1918 P-S 2728 $3*
Zwenkau ND-to Dec. 31, 1918 10 Pf, half Mark P-S 2730 $1.50*
Zwickau Nov. 11, 1918 5 Mark punch cancelled K-544 $4
Zwickau Sept. 15, 1922 500 Mark K-661 $4

REUTERGELD

See THE FRAKTUR, May 1989. Sets of 10, 25, 50-Pfennig are offered at $2.25 each.

Crivits	Laage	Neubukow	Schwaan
Friedland	Ludwigslust	Neuhaus	Schoenberg
Gadebusch	Luebtheen	Neukalen	Schwerin
Goldberg	Malchin	Neukloster	Stargard
Grevesmuehlen	Malchow	Neustrelitz	Stavenhagen
Kleinen, Bad	Marlow	Nienhagen	Sternberg
Kluetz	Mirow	Rehna	Strelitz
Krakow	Mueritz	Roebel	Suelze
Kroepelin	Neubrandenburg	Rostock	Tessin

(Ask for others!)

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K-Keller catalogs; L-Lindman catalog; P-S Pick-Siemsen