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Dr. Keller Vs. Dr. Neumann, Part 2
by David Block

In the first part of this article (The Fraktur, ***Vol. II, No. 12) it was explained how the animosity between Keller and Neumann arose. In 1922 Dr. Keller decided not to print another line of Neumann's in*** Das Notgeld.

In 1924 Dr. Keller took another pot shot at Neumann:

"Doctor" Neumann. The Viennese "Doctor" Neumann, notorious for his four-year underprivileged children's vacations on Helgoland, whom we have already noticed earlier, is making himself talked about again in Vienna. Now he has been sentenced to a month's arrest for insulting school board member Wilh. Krippner, an emergency money collector (he called him a stupid idiot on an open postcard and thou-ed him) and other criminal acts.

Das Notgeld, 6.12:247-8 (1.Dezember 1924)

In January of the following year Dr. Keller published the following ad:

Oesterr. Notgeldsammlungen (nur erstklassige echte Prachtserien)

250 verschiedene Scheine M 2,-
800 " " " 5,-
1000 " " " 6,-
3000 " " " 30,-
9000 " " "120,-

Alle Scheine kassenfrisch, auch poln., ung. Notgeld, Kriegsgefangenlagergeld, Ledergeld usw. billigst. Alle Sendungen portofrei

Der Erwerbsmarkt

Zeitschrift für das Erwerbsleben
Wien, XVIII, Cottagegasse 1.

Das Notgeld, 7.1:15 (1. Januar 1925)

By February Dr. Keller had noticed the address:

Warning. We have been notified that the "Erwerbsmarkt" in Vienna, which advertised in our last number, is a new establishment of the swindler Dr. Neumann, about whom we have already often warned. We hereby make this public knowledge and hope that no one has been damaged through that advertisement.

Das Notgeld, 7.2:27 (1.Februar 1925)

Dr. Keller printed a response to his warning:

Erwerbsmarkt Wien. In reply to our warning in the last number, the firm certifies that it does not have and has never had any sort of connection with Dr. Neumann.

Das Notgeld, 7.3:55 (1.März 1925)

The Erwerbsmarkt disclaimer did not stop Dr. Keller from further investigations:

"Dr." Neumann. In No. 3, in accordance with the laws concerning the press, we printed a declaration from "Erwerbsmarkt" in Vienna according to which the firm had no connection with Dr. Neumann. To be sure, the handwriting of every communication from Erwerbsmarkt seemed to be precisely that of Dr. N.; we returned the piece of writing involved to Austria for a closer examination. Mr. Max Schmid now gives us the same story:

"On July 4th of this year, at the request of Messers Johs. Grunwald (Germania) and W. Leonhardt in Gelsenkirchen, I ascertained from the Viennese police security office (S.B. 1250/25) that an action for fraud is pending against 'Dr.' Paul Neumann alias 'Der Erwerbsmarkt' or 'Steinhart', as Mr. Leonhardt learned to know him through the membership list of a club of collectors. In charge is Police Inspector Richard Kreis, Room 86, who already knows Mr. Paul Neumann from his various affairs and has himself already had the criminal division of the police in Coblenz informed that he requests all injured parties to specify precisely (file number) the damages which they have suffered by doing business with Paul Neumann or with the 'Erwerbsmarkt' or 'Steinhart', since otherwise they cannot be recorded against him. All three persons have the address Vienna XVIII, Cottagegasse 1 or Genzgasse 70; it is a corner house and therefore has two addresses. Even if Mr. Neumann writes as 'Der Erwerbsmarkt' (in his own handwriting) that the firm has nothing in common with 'Dr. Neumann', yet the three persons are one and the same, and Dr. Neumann himself admitted this to the police, as Dr. Kreis assured me."

Mr. Max Schmid takes full responsibility for these statements of his.

Das Notgeld, 7.5:93 (1. Mai 1925)

A new advertiser appeared in Dr. Keller's November issue:

Oester. Notgeld
Die Serie 2 Pf.

montenegrinisches, rumänisches,
italienisches, Okupationsgeld
billigst, auch ungar. Lagergeld,
Orden, Kriegsandenken,
Medaillen.

Dr. Fritz Werner, Wien I
Universität

Das Notgeld, 7.11:93 (1.November 1925)

It took Dr. Keller a few months to catch on:

Be warned again of the known swindler "Dr" Paul Neumann in Vienna, Cottagegasse 18 or Gentzgasse 70. If he is put out of business under one alias, he swindles notgeld and coins again under a new one. We ourselves fell into his net in that we accepted his advertisement from "Dr. Fritz Werner, Vienna, University". Criminal proceedings for fraud are in process against N., along with others for libel because he wrote libellous letters and cards to various collectors who warned against him.

Das Notgeld, 8.5/6:93 (1.Juni 1926)

Perhaps further activity prompted another warning:

Warning. Be warned again against the swindler "Dr" Paul Neumann, alias Heilwart, Dr. Werner, Wilhelm Lehr or Lese, Hans Kelsen; he writes also as "Wiener Jugenfürsorgeverein Ortsgruppe Währing. The address is usually Kottagegasse 1 or Gentzgasse 70 (a corner house, identical). N. is mentally limited and has a guardian. Unfortunately, in spite of many instances of fraud, up to now he has not been interned in an institution, although now that is impending. Consequently, don't send approvals to unknown people!

Das Notgeld, 8.[7:5] (Oktober 1926)

A couple of years later, when Dr. Keller reported that a well-known notgeld swindler, Hans Becker of Weimar, had been sentenced to three years in prison, he voiced a wish:

It would be desirable that the handiwork of other notgeld swindlers would also be paid for by similar punishment, particularly that olympic chieftain living in Vienna, Dr. N.

Das Notgeld, 11.6:13 (June 1929)

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MOON Notgeld Exhibits

The full Falling Leaf Moon shone on the 27th convention of MOON, the Minnesota Organization of Numismatists, Oct. 13-15, at the time the tides were supposed to be high in the wake of Hugo and prior to the shaky World Series.

Trekking to the Thunderbird Motel in Bloomington, skirting the perennial construction in the area, were four local Notgeld collectors sharing their collections and information.

And joining from Wisconsin, just prior to the day when the Green Bay Packers were to meet Mr. Walker for the second Sunday in succession in Minneapolis, were your editor and wife.

There was an hour of looking through a thick Notgeld album, the rattling of porcelain pieces and a lot of chit-chat.

Two displays were on hand to educate and entertain the visitors: and both showing paper Notgeld. This was indeed a first for a state or regional numismatic event.

Fallersleben Oct. 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf K-290; L-344 $2.50*
Finsterwalde July 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf K-292; L-346 $1.75*
Frankenhausen/Kyffhaeuser June 19, 1921 50 (6) Pf set K-299; L-357 $4*
Frankfurt/Oder (1922) 10, 25, 50, 100 Pf K-302; L-361 $2.25*
Fraustadt ND (1917) 25 Pf K-847f $1.25*
Freiberg/Saxony to Dec. 31, 1918 50 Pf $2.50*
Freiberg/Saxony 1921 (am Streittag) 50 (5), 75 (4) Pf K-304b
Freiburg/Breisgau March 30, 1920 50 Pf K-636d*
Freiburg/Schlesien June 15, 1919 25 Pf K-637b $1.25*
Freiburg/Schlesien September 1921 25 (2) Pf clocks K-307 I; L-367 I $2.25*
Freiburg/Unstrut May 15, 1920 10, 50 Pf K-639 $1*
Freiburg/Unstrut Sept. 12, 1921 50 (4) Pf plus envelope K-639; L-373 $7.50*
Freienohl/Sauerland ND 50, 75 Pf, 1, 3 Mark K-308a; L-368 $8*
Freienwalde/Pommern 1921 50 Pf K-309; L-369 $.60*
Friedburg/Hessen March 1, 1920 25 Pf K-643c $1.25
Friedrichshafen Nov. 1, 1918 5, 50 Mark K-149 $9
Friedrichroda/Thuer. ND 10 (2), 30 (4), 50 (2) Pf K-314a; L-376a $12*
Friedrichroda/Thuer. Nov. 24-25, 1921 50 PF K-314b; L-376b $1.75*
Friedrichstadt Aug. 27-28, 1921 50, 75 Pf L-378 $1*
Friesack Nov. 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf K-317 L-379 $1.50*
Frohse/Elbe May 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-380 $1.25*
Frontenhausen Sept. 1921 50 (6) Pf K-299c; L-357 $3.50*
Frose/Anhalt ND 10 Pf (double 5) L-381a $.50
Frose/Anhalt March 15, 1921 50 (4) Pf K-319a; L-381 $3.25
Frose/Anhalt June 27, 1921 25, 50 3), 75 Pf K-319b; L-381b $12.50
Frose/Anhalt ND 75 Pf K-319; L-381c $.50*
Fruecht/Ems Oct 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf "Verliert" K-320; L-382b $1.50*
Fruecht/Ems SOct. 1921 75 Pf "Gilt" K-320; L-382a $1*
Fuerstenau/Hannover Dec. 6, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark K-321; L-383 $2.25*
Fuerstenberg/Mecklenberg Aug. 1, 1921 10, 25, 50, 75 (2) Pf, 1 Mark (2) K-322c; L-385I $4*
Fuerstenwalde/Spree 1921 20 (3), 25 (3), 50 (3) Pf K-323; L-386 $9
Fulda Oct. 17, 1918 5 Mark K-153b $2
Goldnap/Ostpreussen to Dec. 31, 1921 25, 50, 75, 100 Pf K-361 L-430 $3.25*
Goslar June 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf (coin on back of 50 Pf) L-434 $1.75*
Gotha/Thuer. to Dec. 31, 1921 50 (2) Pf K-367a; L-436 $1
Gothmund-Luebeck to Dec. 31, 1921 75 Pf K-367 $.60
Graefenthal 1921 50 Pf K-373a; L-442a Sun rays above control Nr. $10*
Gransee/Mark ND 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1.25, 1.75 Mark K-375 L-444

$3.50*
Greiffenberg/Schlesien April 19, 1920 10, 25, 30, 50, 60 Pf 1, 3, 5 Mark Set $5*
Groemitz May 12, 1921 50 Pf K-383; L-452 $1.25*
Greiz Sept. 5, 1921 25, 50, 75, 90 Pf K-380 L-449 $2.50*
Gross-Flottbeck Aug. 1, 1921 20, 30, 75 Pf 1 Mark L-460 $2*
Grosskamsdorf April 15, 1921 50 Pf K-391; L-461 $.50*
Gross-Nordende Sept. 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark K-392. L-462 $4.50*
Gruenberg/Schl ND (1922) Stadtbank 25, 50 Pf, 1, 1.50 Mark K-397; L-467 $2.50*
Gruenberg/Schl to Dec. 31, 1921 50 (3), 75 Pf Rose moon K-397; L-466aI $3*
Gruenberg/Schl to Dec. 31, 1921 75 (3) Pf K-397; L-466b $1.50*
Gruenberg/Schl to June 30, 1922 50, 75 Pf L-466e $1.50*
Gruenberg/Schl to Dec. 31, 1921 1 Mark (3) L-466c $1.50*
Guhrau 1922 75 Pf, 1, 2 Mark K-402; L-473 I $1.50*
Grundhof/Angeln April 1, 1921 75 Pf Plebiscite K-399b; L-470b $.50*
Guestrow Feb. 1, 1922 50 Pf K-401b; L-472bI $1.10*
Guhrau/Schl ND 2 Mark K-402 Konto D $.50*
Hachenburg June 1, 1921 10 (2), 25 (2), 50 (3) Pf L-475 $7*
Hainholz ND 50, 75 PF K-407; L-479 $3.25*
Halberstadt/Harz Nov. 2, 1920 10, 25 Pf K-408; L-481a $1*
Halle/Saale ND 10, 20 Pf L-485 $1*
Halle/ Saale May 1, 1917 50 Pf P-S 857a $1.25
Halle/Saale May 1, 1920 50 Pf. P-S 857e $.50*
Halle/Saale Nov. 13, 1921 50 (6) Pf set Notgeld show L-483 $#6.75*
Hamburg July 1, 1921 75 Pf, 1 Mark Hamburger Warte L-507 $1*
Hamburg Nov. 4, 1921 75 (3) Pf Deutsch-Hanseatischer Kolonial Gedenktag K-419bI; L-498bI $3*
Hamburg Aug. 12-24, 1921 50 Pf, 1 Mark K-432; L-513b $1
Hamburg Nov. 4, 1921
Hamburg-St. Pauli ND Alte Diele 25 Pf L-491 $1.25*
Hamburger Hallig to Sept. 30, 1921 50 PF, 1 Mark K-445, L-535 II $5.50*
Hameln/Weser June 1, 1918 50 Pf Pied Piper $1*
Hameln/Weser July 1, 1918 25, 50 Pf Pied Piper K-924 $2.50
Hameln/Weser June 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark K-446a; L-537a Septuplets $3.75*
Hameln/Weser Sept. 1, 1921 50 (5) Pf K-446bI; L-537bI $5.75*
Hannoverisches-Muenden ND 75 Pf, 1, 1.25 Mark L-546 $1.75*
Hannoverisches-Muenden July 1, 1921 25 Pf $.50*
Haseluenne Oct. 1, 1921 1 Mark K-460d; L-551 I $4*
Helmbrechts ND (1922) 100 Mark K-266 $3
Helmstedt Dec. 24, 1921 1, 2 Mark Red Cross K-1277; L-565 $4*
Hemingen to Jan. 31, 1922 50 Pf K-474c; L-567 VI $4.25

*Uncirculated
K-Keller catalogs; L-Lindman catalog; P-S Pick-Siemsen
THE FRAKTUR, P.O. Box 334, Iola, Wis. 54945

Map Time!

Just about the best tool for appreciating a Notgeld collection, after the books and magnifying glasses, are maps or atlases to tell you where the places are.

Let's look at some available helps from Germany.

From El Paso to Orange, Texas, it is some 830 miles. This would be 1385 kilometers, approximately. Can you imagine a map 27 feet wide to detail this area? That would be the width of a map at a scale of 1 centimeter per 2 kilometers.

Available are maps of Germany and other parts of Europe which offer a scale of one centimeter on a map covering two kilometers; listed as 1:200,000. To confuse apples with oranges, one inch would cover five kilometers.

And even better than that, obtainable are maps 1:100,000 where an inch would cover 2.5 kilometers. Maps of cities offer even more detail.

Such maps show an inn on a forest walking path; train stations, rail lines, rivers and highways.

We can order for readers individual maps of a particular area of the country, say Munich or Kiel. At the 1:100,000 scale, 37 maps are required to cover all of West Germany; for West Germany at 1:200,000, 26 maps are required.

You can request maps of East or West Germany, Austria, Denmark or most other European countries. Also offered are bound yearbooks showing Germany and Europe, with maps to various scales, hotels and sightseeing spots and an index listing towns and map references. Even Autobahns under construction or proposed are indicated.

For a person planning a trip to Europe these would be ideal books for setting your itinerary.

We have ordered a small number of these maps, to be available to readers close to the prices asked in Europe, postpaid. In some cases there will be delays while new supplies are ordered. The initial shipment has been ordered.

Our New Year's resolution is going to be emphasis on place names. We plan regularly to offer The Toponomy Corner. Toponomy is the study of place names, a division of geography.

We will try to locate, if readers are unable, to find Notgeld-issuing places. If of general interest, we might even mention it in The Toponomy Corner. This is serious business. "A Guide and Checklist of World Notgeld 1914-1947" lists 14 towns named NEUSTADT. Finding Neustadt just isn't enough.

Please don't flood us with every town in your collection. But we will even try to help an occasional nonnotgeld town in case you are following genealogical interests, travel plans or other inquisitive pursuits.

May 1938

Regular meeting at the home of Mr. Howard, in New York, April 13. This meeting was an open one and the climax of a month's publicity campaign. Every worthwhile newspaper in New York City was contacted and the hobby or feature writer was given the salient points about the I.E.M.C. in a paper prepared by the club's new secretary, Mr. Berliner. The meeting was the largest ever held by the club and there was present over 25 persons.

Exhibits were varied, and included a fine series of Hungarian bank notes collected by an employee of the Hungarian Government during the brief period of Bela Kun's authority.

Mr. Bloom exhibited some old watches and match boxes.

Mr. Zerbe exhibited his recent acquisition of a United States Treasury draft of the Civil War period which got into private hands through unexplained circumstances.

Mr. Howard showed some items from his magnificent collection of emergency metallic money. Included were sales tax items, the American souvenir "wooden nickel" series, etc.

No regular business was conducted, but prospective members were shown the possibilities and advantages of club membership if they were seriously interested in pursuing their hobbies.

July 1938

The regular meeting was held at the home of the president, F.M. Howard, on the second Wednesday of the month as usual.

Mr. Howard showed his collection of Russian emergency paper money. This was a very choice selection, including many rarities in this little-collected series.

Mr. Howard also displayed a collection of U.S. bank holiday money which a member wished to sell.

Mr. Berliner showed his recently acquired complete collection of the United States commemorative half dollars, all housed in one album.

The members present voted to suspend the July and August meetings, but to keep in touch with one another by mail. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in September at Mr. Howard's home.

Classified Advertising

German metal Notgeld (Notmuenzen) bought and sold. Municipal, private, POW, beer, transportation, naval, military, Consum Verein, gas and electricity tokens. Also interested in other continental European tokens. Buying and selling books on Notmuenzen and Notgeld also. Free list available. T.J. Orlik, Box 947, Lewiston,N.Y. 14092 USA.

The NOTGELD Corner

Editorial wanderings for the beginning of 1990...

Reader response to Kai Lindman's remarks about topical collecting (THE FRAKTUR, November 1989) brings other suggestions for topical collecting, including wine, wit and music, horology (clocks and time measurement), native dress, wild and domesticated animals and fowl, edelweiss,etc.

Readers with knowledge of the town of Edkun, near Koenigsburg, could greatly help one of our readers.

A reader in the U.S. is working closely with an Austrian collector on types and varieties of Austrian Notgeld; each is planning a book, in different formats. Detailed information would be appreciated from specialists in this field.

The index was omitted this time; if there is genuine demand and sufficient response, we can do this, to include major topics since June 1988.

Remember, dues paid after January 1990 are $7.50 in the U.S.

We seem to have three centers of member concentration. These include zip codes 325, 326, 329, 331, 333, 334 and 335; 553, 554 and 559; and 600, 601, 604 and 606.

If persons in these areas would like to get together, perhaps one should try to contact others willing to meet. We will try to coordinate things from Iola. Coin shows in these areas might be one central place to meet.

Austrian Notgeld book

Some 26,718 different Austrian paper Notgeld, emergency issues from the 1919-1922 period, are listed by Gottfried Meyerbeck in a 1989 volume released recently in Austria.

Written in German and titled "Das oesterreichische Notgeld Sonderserien 1919-1922," (Special Series Austrian Notgeld 1919-1922), there are 156 pages in the soft cover edition. The book retails for $22 postpaid in the United States, available from Hans and Beate Rauch, P.O. Box 2830, Los Angeles, Calif. 90078-2830.

The common denominations of the special series notes were values of 10, 20 and 50 Heller; however, in other cases, values include 25, 40, 60, 80 and 90 Heller and into Krone values.

All Austrian towns issuing the special series notes are listed by Meyerbeck alphabetically, with the province listed next to the name.

The main text of the book lists towns by provinces, followed by denominations, series, color variations and other distinguishing data.

From Kaernten, capital Klagenfurt, are 22 towns listed; Niederoesterreich, capital Vienna, 52; Oberoestereich, capital Linz, 209 towns; Salzburg, capital Salzburg, 10 towns; Steiermark, capital Graz, 12 towns; and Tirol, capital Innsbruck, 10 towns. In all, 315 towns are listed.

A few notes are illustrated on the outside covers, but none inside the book. Estimated prices are given for notes in Austrian Schilling values; in September 1989 the Austrian Schilling traded for .072 in U.S. dollars.