

# The Fraktur

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KAISERSLAUTERN  
(Continued)

The Pfaff sewing machine company has factories in the area, making small appliances as well as the world-famous sewing machines. A coin collector friend of ours, when we lived there, worked in the Pfaff mail room.



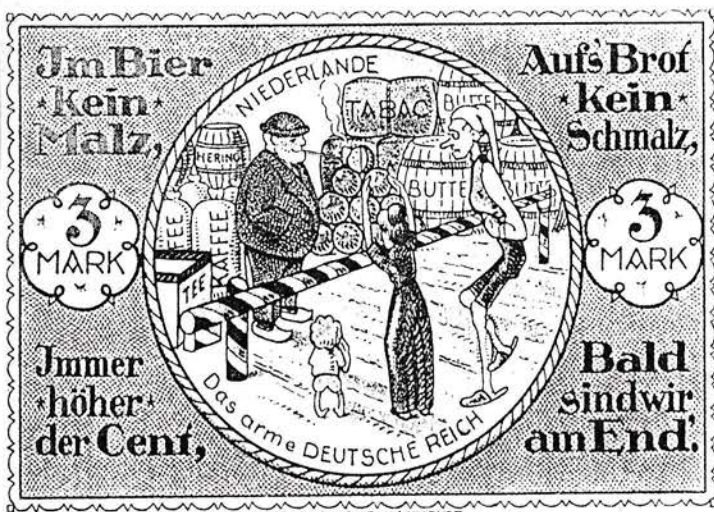
Aluminum encased postage stamp, left, from Pfaff, Kaiserslautern, had a 10-Pfennig stamp; at right is a Kaiserslautern streetcar token, same on each side. Zinc and iron Notgeld was struck in 5, 10 and 50-Pfennig values.

Trains hustle through Kaiserslautern, including a Warsaw to Paris line through the town.

About a dozen miles west of Kaiserslautern, on the Autobahn, lies the border of the Saarland. The Saar, and the adjoining province in France, Lorraine, have been entwined in a tug of war back and forth between France and Germany for centuries. Notgeld issues from the two provinces often show evidence of the battles.

A horizontal line of alternating circles and plus signs. The sequence starts with a circle, followed by a plus sign, and continues in this pattern for the rest of the line.

MONTHLY NOTGELD QUOTE. . .



In the beer no malt,  
For the bread no fat,  
Always higher the cent,  
We are soon at the end.

Gronau  
3 Mark  
No date  
L-461





(T. = Tausend, M = Million)

Firma	50 T.	100 T.	200 T.	300 T.	500 T.	1 M.	2 M.	5 M.	10 M.
Bachmann		x			x	x			
Bayer. Brauerei Schuck-Jaenisch					x	x			
Bender, Baumwollspinnerei		x			x	x		x	
Breyvogel		x	x		x				
Eckel Eisenwerk			x	x	x	x			
Gehlen		x			x	x		x	
Guß- u. Armaturenwerk	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Kammgarnspinnerei		x	x		x	x	x	x	
Hermann Kayser					x				
Kittelberger					x	x		x	
Pfälz. Nähmaschinen- u. Fahrräderfabrik, vorm. Gebr. Kayser		x	x		x	x		x	
Pfaff	x	x			x	x		x	
Gebr. Pfeiffer, Barbarossawerke		x	x		x	x		x	
Rohr						x			
Schlad		x			x	x	x		
Schmalenberger	x	x	x		x				
Thieme		x				x		x	
Tutteur				x					
Zschocke-Werke		x	x		x	x			

Issues of the city of Kaiserslautern are noted on a chart from the city, denomination, date, number of pieces and total Mark value. Printers, all from Kaiserslautern, included Volksbote, Praelz. Freie Presse, J. Rheinberger, Emil Rohl, Philipp Schneider and Thieme'she Druckerein.

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NOTGELD DER STADT KAISERSLAUTERN

**Hundert  
MILLIONEN  
M A R K**

Kaiserslautern, den 20. September 1923  
STADTVERWALTUNG STADTHAUPTKASSE

**Mark  
100  
Millionen**

NRO

16307

WJ  
ZRAT  
FALZ

**100  
Millionen  
Mark**

Notgeld der Stadt Kaiserslautern



Der bösen Weiber von Kaiserslautern  
wurden Kollern um die Halse gehängt

"The bad women of Kaiserslautern" wear stone collars as part of their sentence on the back of a 100 Millionen Mark note, issue-dated Sept. 20, 1923.

A focal point of the U.S. military presence in the area is Ramstein Air Force Base, west of Kaiserslautern, a NATO base. Adjoining one end of the base is an army installation at Miesbach.

The army maintains the Landstuhl Medical Center, south of Ramstein. In the eastern portion of Kaiserslautern is the Kleber Kasern, used by the army, and on the eastern edge of town, the army headquarters for the area. Kleber Kasern was called by the Germans "Drei und Zwanzig Kaserne," 23 Kasern, named for a former regiment headquartered there.

Housing for Air Force and Army dependents and civilians is at the Vogelweh housing area, on the western edge of the town.

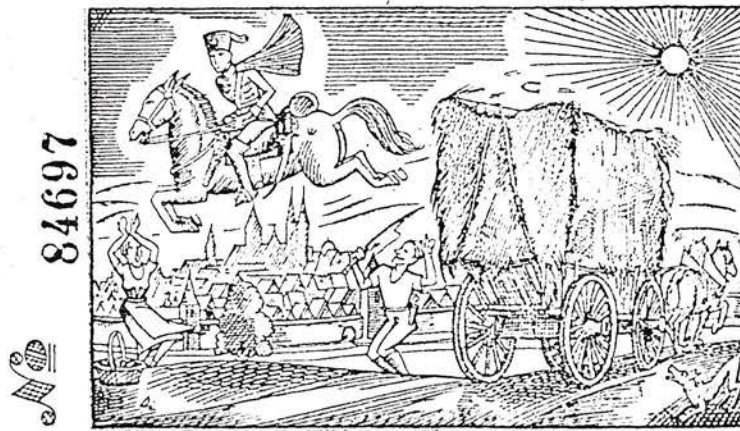
North of town is the Sembach Air Force Base. Further north is the Baumholder Army base, and to the south, Army bases in Pirmasens.

During the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-1871, three values of notes were issue-dated July 31, 1870, by the city of Kaiserslautern. Number issued, and values, included:

40,000 pieces	1 Gulden	40,000 Gulden
20,000 pieces	2 Gulden	40,000 Gulden
4,000 pieces	5 Gulden	20,000 Gulden
Totals 64,000 pieces		100,000 Gulden

The notes were printed by the firm, Michael Borscht, Kaiserslautern.





*5 Billionen Mark*

Occupation of French soldiers in the 1870-1871 Franco-German war is recalled by a mounted French soldier, shown on the back of a 5 Billionen Mark note, Oct. 10, 1923,

World War I issues from Kaiserslautern were first dated Oct. 21, 1918. Included were 5, 10 and 50 Pfennig iron coins. Paper values were of 5, 10 and 20 Mark. Printing was by the Kaiserslautern firm Rheinberger; serial numbers were added by the E. Rohr firm. Total value of the notes dated 1918 was 2,144,000 Mark.

The 1918 notes carried a redemption date of April 1, 1919. On April 24, 1919 an audit revealed that 2,110,350 mark had been redeemed. That would leave 3,650 Mark value among the three 1918 issues for collectors.

Kaiserslautern was spared the issues made solely for collectors. As inflation got under way, the city and 21 firms had issues of one to eight denominations in 1923. Inflation quickly fed on itself; on Aug. 7, 1923, the U.S. dollar would buy 2,083,330 Mark; on Aug. 8, 1923, 3,573,000 Mark; and on Aug. 9, 4,872,150 Mark.

In addition to the inflation notes of 1923 shown on Page 2, there were issues in 1922 from the G.M.Pfaff sewing machine factory and the Zschocke Werke.

Pfaff notes were undated, good until Dec. 15, 1922, in values of 100, 500 and 1,000 Mark. In 1923 these notes were overprinted as follows:

The 1,000 Mark note to 50,000 Mark, with 8 styles of overprints.

The 100 Mark note to 100,000 Mark, in 7 styles of overprints.





Justice is administered to a youth on the edge of the woods as authorities look on, recalling an event from 1514, shown on the back of a 20 Million Mark note, Sept. 10, 1923, and also, a 10 Billionen Mark note, Oct. 10, 1923. What a difference a month makes in money values!



Die Waldbühnengangs soll die Jugendmordern die Strafe des Todes durch den Tod.

The 500 Mark note to 500,000 Mark, in 5 styles of overprints.

And the 100 Mark note to 1 Millionen Mark, in 4 styles of overprints.

From the Zschocke Werle were 500 Mark notes dated Oct. 10, 1922, blank back. In 1923 were overprints in values of 100,000 and 500,000 Mark. Similar overprints were experienced on notes of Gebr. Pfeiffer and Barbarossawerke.

Cited by the Pick-Siemsen work of circulating notes is an undated note from Kaiserslautern issued by Ackermann'sche Loewenapotheke in blue karton paper, with the value to be filled in. Printed were the words "Gut fuer \_\_\_\_\_ Pfg." A single example known has the value "10 Mark" filled in.