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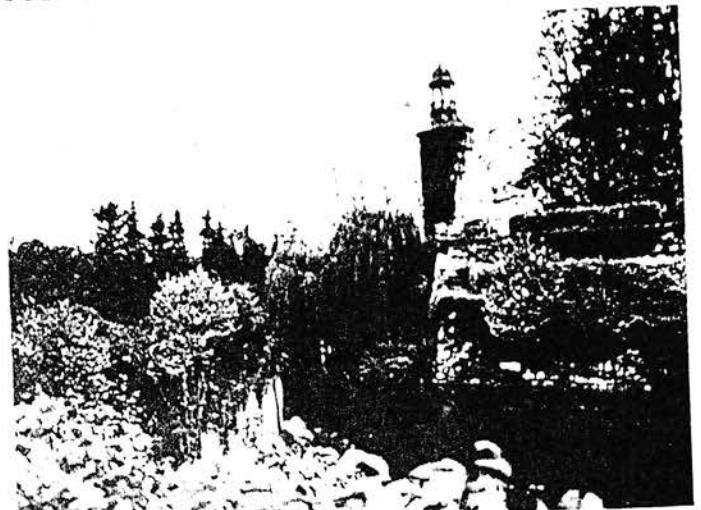
March 1994

## OPPURG CASTLE By Hermann Krause

A then-and-now Notgeld/Photograph of Oppurg Castle reveals little change.

On the 75-Pfennig note dated Aug. 1, 1921, the castle tower appears in a wooded scene. A photo taken in the fall 1992 shows vegetation and the same stream flowing by the tower.

Oppurg lies between Poessneck and Neustadt/Orla. The Lindman Serienscheine catalog number is 995.



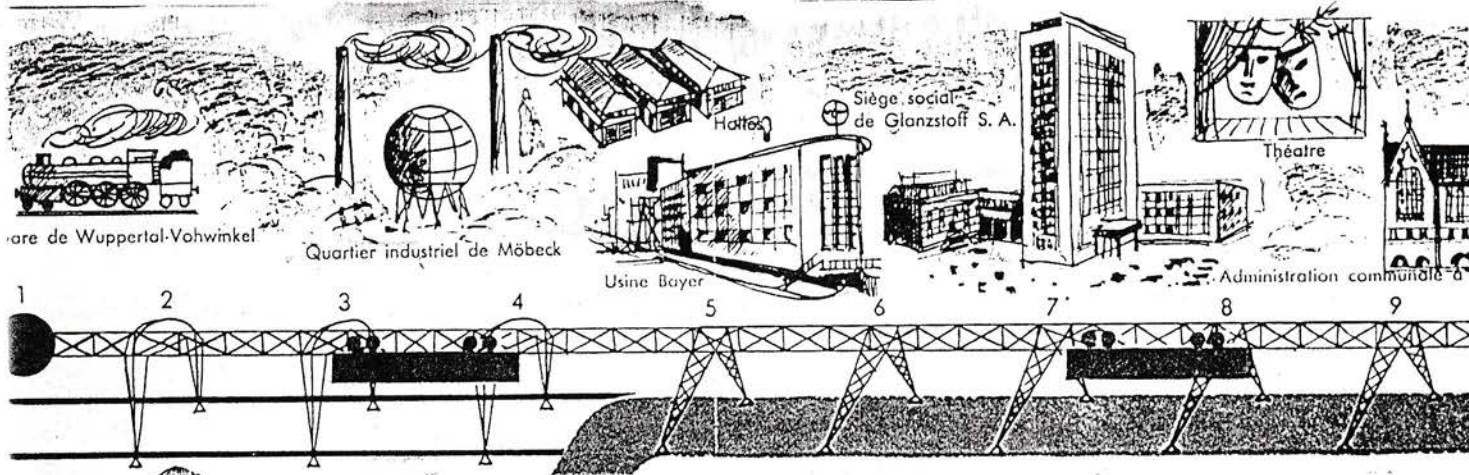
MONTHLY NOTGELD QUOTE. . .



Kranichfeld  
50 Pfennig Feb. 22, 1921  
L-720

This happened through hate  
and jealousy.  
Let's show that from it we  
now are free.





## BARMEN TO VOHWINKEL. . .

## ON THE SCHWEBEBAHN

To aficionados of streetcars and collectors of streetcar tokens, the ultimate is riding famous streetcar lines or collecting the tokens.

In the U.S., for instance, one can ride the old Tulane-St. Charles Streetcar line in New Orleans, or the newer line from San Diego to San Ysidro, Calif.

Perhaps the mecca of these vecturists (collectors of transportation tokens) in Germany is in the Ruhr Valley, some 10 miles east of Duesseldorf. Here, they truly "See Rome, and die," figuratively.

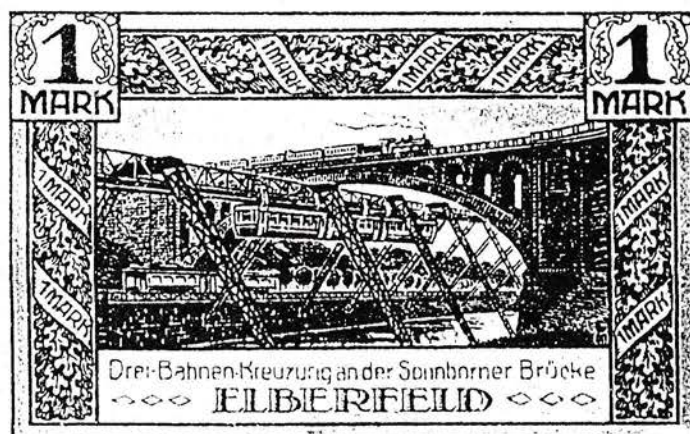
The winding Wupper River flows by Barmen, past Elberfeld to Vohwinkel, east to west, into the Duessel River and thence, to the Rhine River at Duesseldorf.

Eugen Langen, a Cologne engineer, sold an idea to the municipalities along the Wupper River. The plan was to build a supporting superstructure on either side of the river, forming an overhead arch. The work began in 1898 and was completed in 1903. Total weight of the structure was 19,200 tons. Cost of the project was 16 million Mark.

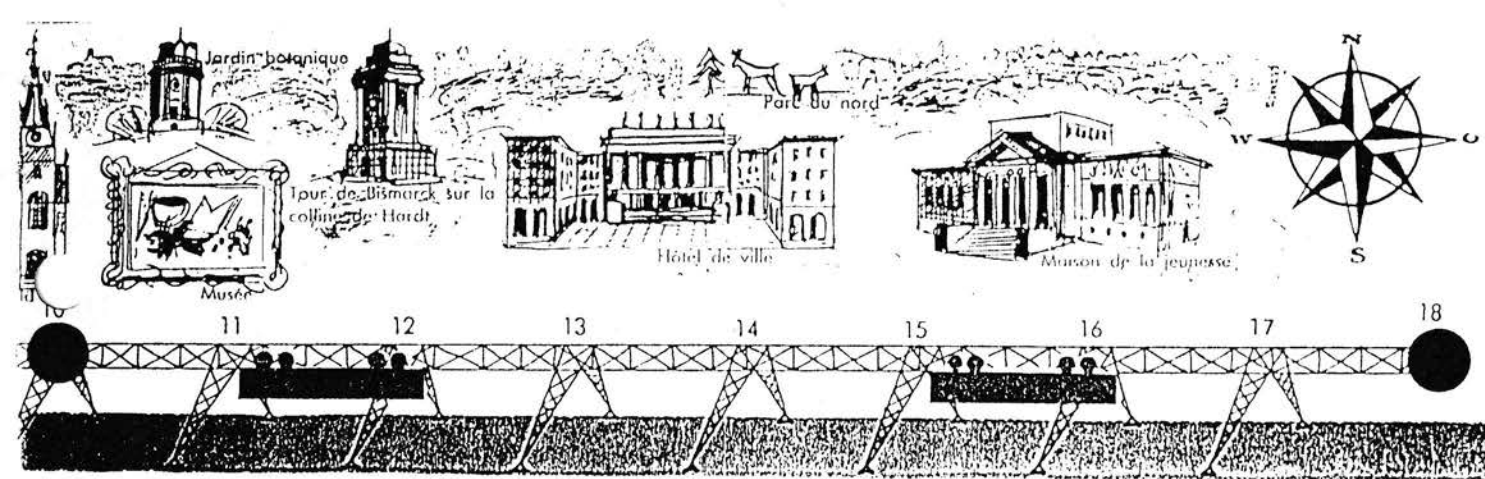
Suspended under the arch is the monorail line, called in German the Schwebebahn. Passengers traverse the 13.3 kilometer (some 8 miles) long line, stopping at 18 stations.

Barmen, Elberfeld and Vohwinkel each issued various forms of Notgeld, metal and paper, during the World War I period.

Two railroad trains sandwich the Schwebebahn, as a train passes above on a bridge over the river; another passes along the river. The bridge is located at Sonnborn, near station Nr. 4. The 1 Mark Notgeld is dated Oct. 1, 1920, L-312.







Above, beginning on Page 2, a sketch of the Schwebebahn line, from a French language brochure. At right, a 50-Goldpfennig token good for one ride.



Among Schwebebahn token issues were those reading: WECHSELMARKE 50 GOLDPFENNIGE (above a line and below:) SCHWEBEBAHN STRASSEN B.-E BERGISCHE KLEINB. On the reverse of the octogan-shaped token is a picture and the legend RATHAUS ELBERFELD. 50 Pfennig, aluminum, 24.1 millimeters.

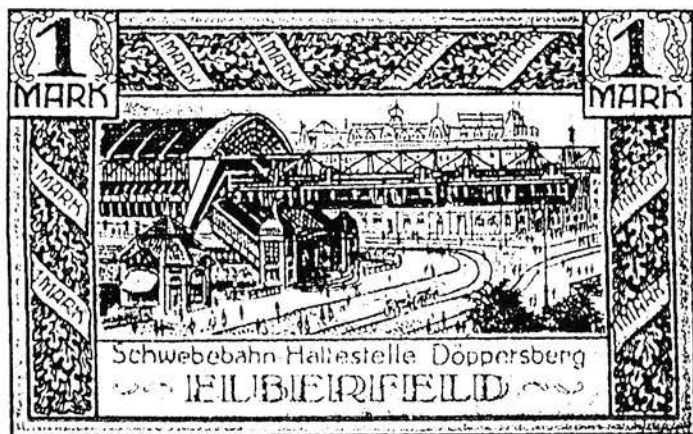
Other reverses include: RITTER VON ELVERFELD, 5 Pfennig, aluminum, 19.2 mm.

SCHWEBEBAHN AM DOEPPERSBERG ELBERFELD 10 Pfennig aluminum 24.1 mm.

SCHLOSS BURG A.D. WUPPER, 100 Pfennig, aluminum, 25.5 mm. All the tokens were made by the L. Christian Lauer firm of Nuernberg.

My companion and I began the monorail journey at Haltstelle (station) 18, in Barmen in 1977. Paper tickets were used, illustrated with this feature. The vehicle stopped at each station, allowing passengers to embark or depart.

It was a sunny day, about 11 a.m. The vehicle was not crowded, and my friend sat on the opposite side from me. At about the third station a German, perhaps in his 30s, came on board and sat down beside me. He had been tippling, and in his stupor, apparently could not comprehend how bad my German replies were to his comments.



One Mark Notgeld piece, Oct. 1, 1920, shows station Nr. 10 at Doeppersberg. L-312.



Good for a one-way ride on the Schwebbahn is a ticket which cost 1.10 Deutschemark in 1977.



Apparently he had some lady friends, and soon pulled some pictures out of his wallet, regaling me with their qualities. My friend was sitting across from us, greatly enjoying the show. I respectfully declined the offer to visit the lady friends of the German, and soon he staggered off at one of the stations.

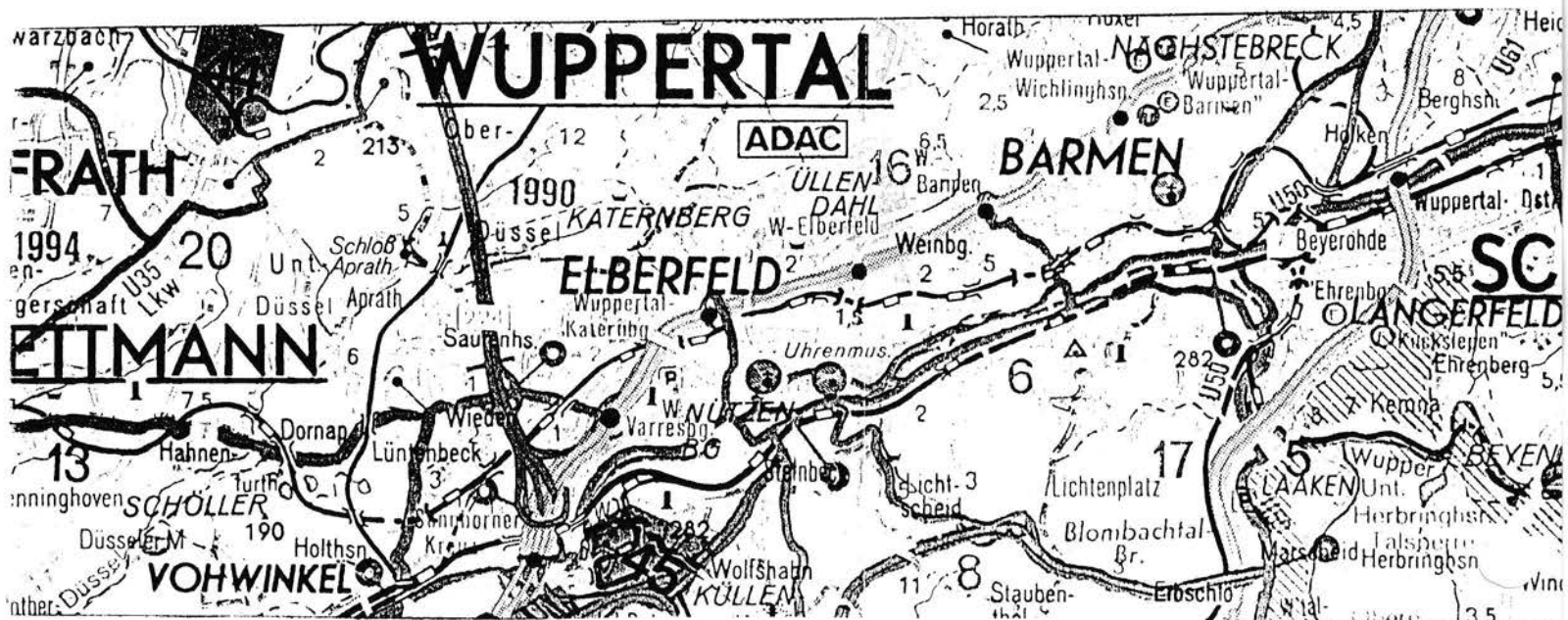
This account has nothing to do with Notgeld or the wonders of the Schwebbahn. However, one does meet interesting persons in the course of one's travels.

In 1920, municipalities along the 13.3 KM stretch of the river were joined into one city, Wuppertal. Today over a half million persons live there, including, I hope, my conversant German friend.

Industries of the city include textiles, rubber, metal work, furniture, rugs, machinery and paper wares.

Stations along the way, from Vohwinkel to Barmen, to follow the illustrated sketch, include:

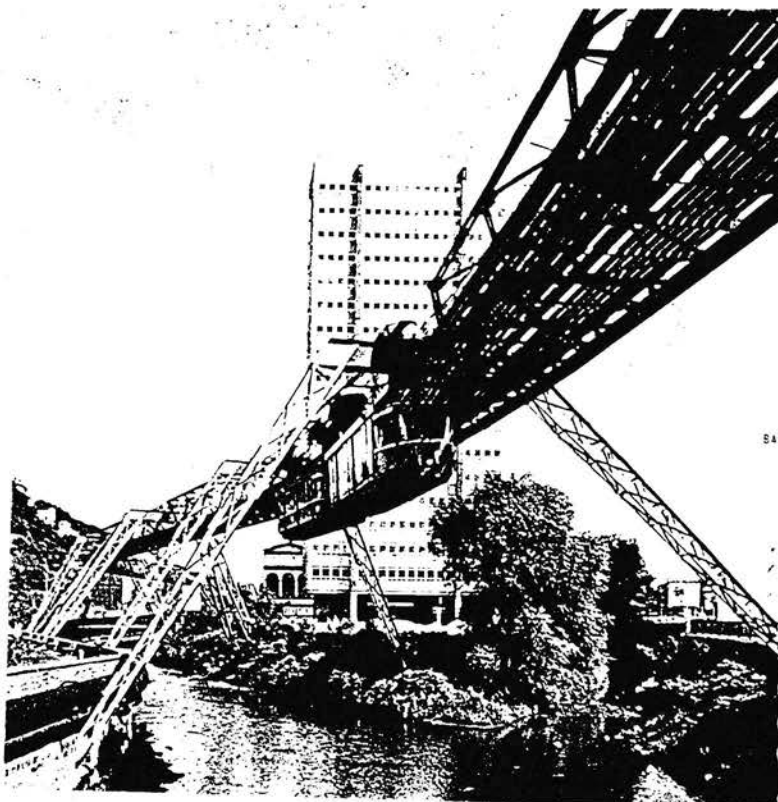
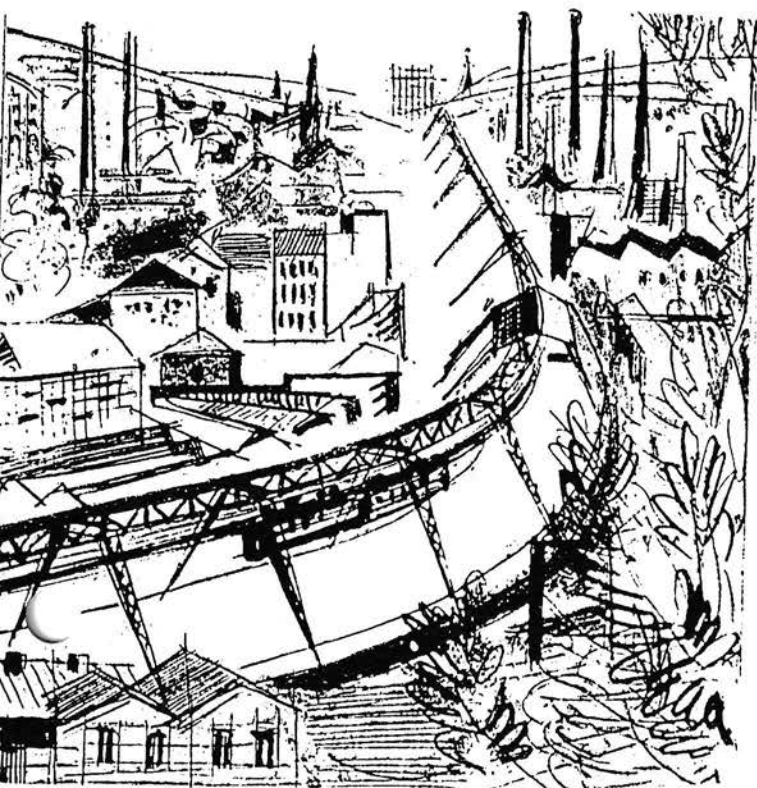
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| 1) Vohwinkel train station | 10) Doeppersberg       |
| 2) Bruch                   | 11) Landgericht        |
| 3) Hammerstsein            | 12) Voelklingerstrasse |
| 4) Sonnborn                | 13) Loher Strasse      |
| 5) Zoo                     | 14) Adlerbruecke       |
| 6) Vorresbeck              | 15) Alter Markt        |
| 7) Westende                | 16) Werther Bruecke    |
| 8) Pestalozzistrasse       | 17) Wupperfeld         |
| 9) Tannenbergsstrasse      | 18) Barmen             |



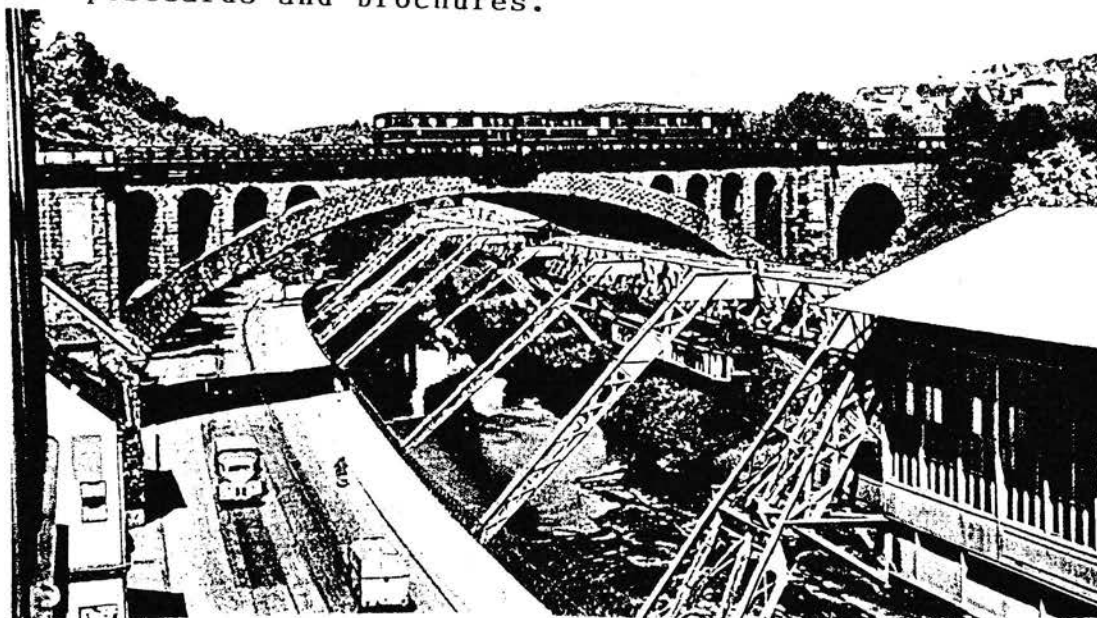




Dated Dec. 10, 1919, were 50-Pfennig notes of Elberfeld, bearing 25 letters of the alphabet, with J omitted. P-S 540e.



Sketches of scenes along the Wuppertal Schwebebahn were taken from postcards and brochures.



March 1994

From THE FRAKTUR mailbag...

"I enjoyed the feature about Lahnstein and Koblenz (THE FRAKTUR, February 1994). I stayed in the youth hostel in Ehrenbreitstein and had the best view of the Deutsche Eck (as on page 4). I even have a reproduction of a WWI era photo of six German officers standing, looking at the Deutsches Eck from pretty much the same position at Ehrenbreitstein."

And another: "The picture from Ehrenbreitstein fortress brought back memories."

And another...

"Wow. You not only made my day, you made my year. Thanks for the Reutergeld. This completed the 210-note collection from the 70 issuing cities. When I was first 'taken' with the artwork on these notes, I just had to have them. When I learned there were 210 notes issued, I didn't think I'd ever get them all. (This was about 10 years ago.)"

For readers interested in Prisoner of War information, from a collectible and historical viewpoint, try: Ex-POW Bulletin, Sue Langseth, editor, 700 West Wabash, Olathe, Kansas 66061.

Scarce Notgeld books are often sought by collectors. We cite some offered in a mail bid closing March 5, 1994, offered by The Money Tree, 1260 Smith Court, Rocky River, Ohio 44116:

Lot 142, J. Schulman, Amsterdam, Catalogue LXX, March 1918, La Guerre Europeenne 1914-1917.

Lot 517, Hugo Schell, "Martin Luther und Die Reformation auf Muenzen und Medaillen," 1983.

Lot 518, Karl Scheuch, "Medaillen aus Porzellan."

Lot 519, Scheuch, "Muenzen aus Porzellan und Ton."

Lot 520, Scheuch, "Spenden-Medaillen aus Porzellan und Ton."

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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.

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# THE NOTGELD PRICE LIST

March 1994

Germany  
 Leipzig ND to Dec. 31, 1918 50 Pf P-S 1224bII \$2  
 Leipzig ND to Dec. 31, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1224e \$.75\*  
 Lichtenhorst ND 25 (3), 50 (2), 1 Mark (2) Spurious POW set  
 L-776 \$12.50\*  
 Ludwigslust ND 10 Pf Reutergeld L-796 \$.75\*  
 Luebbecke/Westfalen May 14, 1920 5, 10 Pf, 1/2 Mark P-S 1299  
 \$10  
 Luebbecke/Westfalen Dec. 8, 1920 25 (2), 50 (3) Pf L-797a  
 \$6  
 Luebbecke/Westfalen Jly 1921 1 Mark L-797b \$.65\*  
 Luebtheen/M ND 10, 25, 50 Pf Reutergeld L-812 \$2.25\*  
 Luebz/M ND 10, 25, 50 Pf Reutergeld L-813 \$2.25\*  
 Luechow/Hannover ND 50 Pf P-S 1306 \$1.75\*  
 Luechtringen May 1, 1921 1 Mark L-814II \$.65  
 Luechtringen May 1, 1921 1 Mark L-814III \$1.75\*  
 Luetjenburg ND 50 (4) Pf Buttermilk War L-820 \$3\*  
 Luetjenburg March 2, 1921 25, 50, 100 Pf L-821 \$1.75\*  
 Lueneburg ND (1920) 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1309b \$2.25\*  
 Lueneburg 1921 50 (3) Pf L-818 \$4\*  
 Luenen/Lippe April 4, 1921 50 Pf L-819 \$1.25\*  
 Lunden/Dithmarsch May 19, 1921 50, 100 Pf L-823 \$2.50\*  
 Lutter/Barenberg May 1, 1917 10, 50 Pf P-S 1315 \$4\*  
 Lutzhoeft/Angeln July 1, 1920 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-826 \$1.50\*  
 Lyck/Ostpreussen Oct. 1, 1920 5, 10, 25, 50 Pf L-827 \$5\*  
 Magdeburg Oct. 1, 1918 50 Pf P-S 1318b \$.75  
 Magdeburg April 1, 1920 10, 25 Pf P-S 1318d \$1.75  
 Magdeburg 1921 50 (4) Pf Karl Tuch artist L-832 \$2.50\*  
 Magdeburg-Suedost ND 5, 10 Pf P-S 1320b \$2\*  
 Mainbernheim/Bayern Dec. 1920 25 (3), 50 Pf L-835 \$6\*  
 Mainz Jan. 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-836a \$1.25\*  
 Mainz April 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-836b \$1.75  
 Malchin ND 10, 25, 50 Pf Reutergeld L-838 \$2.25\*  
 Malchow ND 10, 25, 50 Pf Reutergeld L-839 \$2.25\*  
 Malchow/M ND 25, 75 Pf, (75 Pf typed STADTKASSE) 1 Mark  
 Schecks L-839b \$7.25  
 Malente-Gremsmuehlen Nov. 20, 1920 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-840a  
 \$1.75\*  
 Malente-Gremsmuehlen June 1, 1921 50 (4) Pf L-840b \$2.50\*  
 Mallnitz July 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-841 \$1.75\*  
 Manebach Dec. 1921 20 Pf L-842 \$9\*  
 Manebach Dec. 1921 50 (5) Pf L-842 \$6\*  
 Mannheim Oct. 1, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1327 \$.75  
 Mansfelder-Sseekreis Dec. 14, 1920 10, 25 Pf P-S 1329 \$2.50  
 Marienberg/S April 1, 1917 25 Pf P-S 1331 folds \$.50  
 Marienburg/Westpreussen ND 10, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-846a \$4.50\*  
 Marienburg/Westpreussen ND 50 (3) Pf L-846c \$5.50  
 Marienwerder ND 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1336b \$2\*  
 Markneukirchen ND 25, 50 Pf P-S 1343 b \$2.50\*  
 Marlow ND 10, 25, 50 Pf Reutergeld L-848 \$2.25\*  
 Massow/Pommern Oct. 1, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 1348 \$2.25  
 Mayen June 1919 25, 50 Pf P-S 1350 \$2.50\*  
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 Mayen-Andernach Jan. 1, 1919 25 Pf P-S 1349b \$.75  
 Mecklenburg-Schwerin ND 25, 50 P-S 1351 \$2\*  
 Medebach Sept. 2, 1921 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-851 \$1.75\*  
 Meiningen May 10, 1920 25 Pf P-S 1356c \$1.25\*  
 Meiningen May 15, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1356d \$.60\*

Meiningen June 11, 1921 50 Pf white background L-853a \$.60\*  
 Meiningen June 11, 1921 50 (3) color backgd L-853a \$1.75\*  
 Meiningen June 21, 1921 75 (4) Pf L-853b \$2.50\*  
 Meiningen July 21, 1921 20 Pf L-853c \$.60\*  
 Meiningen July 31, 1921 30 Pf L-853d \$.60\*  
 Melle Feb. 23, 1917 10 Pf P-S 1359a \$2.25  
 Melle Feb. 24, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1359e \$.75  
 Melle Nov. 15, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1359f \$4  
 Melle November 1921 10, 25, 50 (2) Pf L-855 \$7.50  
 Mellrichstadt ND (1921) 25 f P-S 1361d \$1.25\*  
 Memel/Ostpreussen Feb. 22, 1922 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 100 Mark  
     L-857 \$55  
 Memmingen Nov. 1, 1918 50 Pf P-S 1363c Moon face \$1.50\*  
 Meppen May 31, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-859 \$1.75\*  
 Merseburg June 1, 1919 10 Pf P-S 1365c \$.60  
 Merseburg May 1, 1920 10 Pf P-S 1365e \$.75  
 Merseburg ND 1, 2 Pf Badische Anilin- & Soda Fabrik P-S 1366  
     \$2.25\*  
 Merseburg May 1, 1921 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 (6) Pf L-860 \$6.50\*  
 Meura/Thuer. May 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-862 \$1.75\*  
 Miesbach Dec. 29, 1920 50 Pf L-864a \$1.25\*  
 Miesbach April 6, 1921 25 Pf L-864b \$1.25\*  
 Mindelheim/Bayern April 1920 5, 10, 50 Pf P-S 1382e \$3.50\*  
 Minden/Westfalen July 17, 1917 5, 10 Pf P-S 1383a \$2  
 Mirow/M Reutergeld 10, 25, 50 Pf L-865 \$2.25\*  
 Mittelwalde ND (1920) 25, 50 Pf P-S 1384 \$2.50\*  
 Moelln/Lueneburg ND 50 Pf Till Eulenspiegel P-S 1406 \$1.25\*  
 Moelln/Lueneburg ND 25, 50, 100 Pf Til Eulenspiegel L-870  
     \$5.50\*

#### Prisoner of War - Concentration Camp Notes

##### Austria

Aschach/Donau 10 Heller, 1 Krone C. 1313, 1316 \$10\*  
 Bergdirektion Eisenerz 10, 50 Heller; 1, 5, 10,, 20 Kronen  
     C. 1523-1524; 1528-1521 \$40\*  
 Hajmasker May 15, 1916 10, 20, 50 Heller C. 1372-1374 \$20\*  
 Kleinmuenchen July 1, 1915 1, 2, 5 Heller C. 1395-1397 \$17.50\*  
 Sigmundsherberg 10, 20, 50 Heller C. 1449-1451 \$35\*  
 Steyr, Ennsleite 50 Heller C. 1568 \$35\*

##### Czechoslovakia

Theresienstadt (Terezin) Jan. 1, 1943 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50,  
 100 Krone C. 4111-4117 \$45\*

##### Germany

Bautzen/Sachsen 1 Mark C. 2697 \$4  
 Chennitz 1, 50 Pf C. 2810 folds \$5  
 Frankfurt/M Jan. 1, 1917 5, 50 Pf, 1 Mark 13th Armee Korps  
     C. 2955, 2957, 2958 fold \$6  
 Frankfurt/M Jan. 1, 1917 5, 50 Pf 13th Armee Korps C. 2955,  
     2955, \$7\*

##### Poland

Litzmannstadt Lodz) May 15, 1940 50 Pf, 1 Mark C. 4201,  
     4202, \$40

##### \*Uncirculated

K-Keller catalogs; L-Lindman Seriescheine; P-S Pick-Siemsen  
 C-Lance K. Campbell, "Prisoner of War and Concentration Camp  
 Money of the 20th Century," 2nd edition, 1993

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