The Fraktur

THE ALLENSTEIN-MARIENWERDER PLEBISCITE
(Continued from September 1991)

To cite some of the struggles facing the Commission on Polish Affairs, we quote from Wambaugh some problems which came before them.

Dated March 12, 1919, was the first report submitted to the Supreme Council by a territorial commission. While based primarily on ethnographical distribution of the Germans and Poles living in the area adjoining the Vistula River, certain regions offered local problems for consideration. For instance, religious preference, "as, for example, in Mazuria, where a Protestant population exists which is Polish in speech and race."

"Deutsch" peals out of bells on the back of a 50-Pfennig note of Marienburg, L-846.

Following President Wilson's suggestions, it was recommended that Poland receive Poznan, Upper Silesia and all of West Prussia and Danzig. The British representative thought a plebiscite should be held in the entire area.

Hoping to by-pass a plebiscite, the Polish delegation suggested Poland receive the entire area. Should a plebiscite be necessary, the Poles felt "not only must all the German soldiers be removed, but the officials and pastors also, and the commission must be given the administration for 10 years, the Poles to receive perfect freedom of speech and the right to buy land, build houses and settle, and presumably, vote."

The Supreme Council approved the plebiscite.

The Commission also gave Marienwerder to Poland, "on the ground that it controlled not only the Vistla but the Danzig-Dirschau-Mlawa-Warsaw railroad, the whole of which, it said, should be assigned to Poland. It recognized that this involved the annexation to Poland of a certain number of Germans east of the Vistula, but said that even in this region there were considerable areas, notably in a portion of the Kreis Stuhm (Sztum), where the Poles were in a majority.'

Even after the plebiscite was held, questions of enclaves remained. Two villages in Marienwerder's area voted for Poland, part of a group of five villages whose total vote gave Poland a majority of 67 out of 437 votes cast, and the Commission gave the five towns to Poland.

Bread was cooked for Russian soldiers in Allenstein during the night of Aug. 27-28, 1914, shown on the back of a 10-Pfennig note, L-13.

Another consideration here was the wording of Article 197 of the Treaty of Versailles, which promised Poland "the whole section bordering on the Vistula full and complete control, including the east bank as far east of the river as may be necessary for its regulation and improvement."

Here the Poles interpreted the clause to mean the entire river valley, with 20 communes, though only two of them voted for Poland.

When confronted with the dilema, the Interallied Commission referred it to the Conference of Ambassadores. It was decided on Aug. 12, 1920, that Poland would receive the five Marienwerder villages, as the Commission had recommended.

To the north and south of the villages, on the east bank of the Vistula, the frontier was that of the Boundary Delimitation Commission called for in Article 87 of the treaty.

When Hitler eliminated the Polish border on September 1, 1939, the questions, if yet unanswered, became moot. And questions of the status of the Polish border were raised when East Germany returned to form a united Germany. The German government declared there were no plans to tamper with the border existing before 1939.

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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.

Last month we discussed some recent Notgeld auction results in Europe. We will continue with those but this month we come closer to home to examine recent auction results.

T.J. Orlik, P.O. Box 947, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092, writes "I attended the Torex auction in Toronto June 21-22. Lots 709-880 have to be the largest, most comprehensive collection of paper Notgeld that I have seen come up for sale.

"Ian Marshall cataloged this collection and represented several buyers at the auction.

"Apparently this collection belonged to a Dutch collector who had started collecting in 1914. He collected paper Noteld from many places, as seen from the catalog. Correspondence which came with the collection included letters from the Schulman firm in Amsterdam.

"The owner of the collection, or his son, came to Niagara Falls; the son died recently and auctioneer Jeff Hoare, 362 Talbot St., London, Canada N6A 2R6, thought the entire Notgeld portion would bring $100 to $200.

"I cannot help but marvel at anybody that is able to put together a collection of over 7,000 different notes from such a wide variety of issuing countries," Orlik concludes.

To conserve space we will cite the lot number, the estimated value in parentheses and the final hammer price. All prices are in Canadian dollars.

709, 9 volumes of first edition "Das Notgeld" by Dr. Arnold Keller, ($250), $200.

711, 63 different notes of Algeria, ($300), $420.

712, 120 different WWI POW notes of Austria, ($150), $260.

713, 75 different WWI POW notes, Austria-Hungary, ($100), $200.

714, 16 notes, Latvia and one Estonia, Russian period issue, ($100), $150.

Belgium Emergency Money

717, 100 pieces, Aeltre to Bevere, ($200), $400.
718, 66 pieces, Bevern to Buzet, ($125), $150.
719, 101 pieces, Callenelle to Forest, ($200), $360.
720, 99 pieces, Frasne to Hevelee, ($200), $240).
721, 98 pieces, Hollain to Limbourg, ($200), $360.
722, 98 pieces, Ligne to Nieukerken, ($200), $360).
723, 102 pieces, Norderwyck to Sint-Truden, (200), $400.
724, 101 pieces, Sart to Tournai, ($200), $400.
725, 90 pieces, Tournai to Zonhoven, ($180), $400.
726, 130 postcards depicting WWI Belgium emergency notes, ($250), $350. End of Belgium notes.

French Emergency Money

Issues of Chambre de Commerce and city issues)

735, 101 pieces, Abbeville to Appily, ($300), $750.
736, 103 pieces, Arches to Bar-le-Duc, ($300), $650.
737, 117 pieces, Basses-Alpes to Bolbec, ($300), $650.
738, 106 pieces, Bollweiler to Cambrai, ($300), $650.
739, 100 pieces, La Capelle to Cornimont, ($300), $650.
740, 106 pieces, Corre to Dourges, ($300), $650.
741, 101 pieces, Driencourt to Ferte-Mace, ($300), $650.
742, 100 pieces, Flers-en-Escrebiex to Hamm, ($300), $750.
743, 100 pieces, Harnes to Lorient, ($300), $650.
744, 100 pieces, Lalaing to Luneville, ($300), $200.
745, 104 pieces, Lure to Micheville, ($300), $280.

746, 100 pieces, Mollau to Nerac, ($300), $320.
747, 104 pieces, Nesle to Perpingnan, ($300), $360.
748, 102 pieces, Plouvain to Roost-Warendin, ($300), $200.
749, 115 pieces, Roubaix to Saint Quentin, ($350), $900.
750, 93 pieces, Saint Sulpice to Tergnier, ($300), $200.
751, 102 pieces, Thann to Vic-Fezensac, ($300). $200.
752, 104 pieces, Vicoigne et Noix to Wimy, ($300), $220.
753, 82 pieces, WWI POW notes, Agen to Caen, ($250), $500.
754, 103 pieces, WWI POW notes, Dieppe to Chateauroux, ($300), $550.
755, 102 pieces, WWI POW notes, Issoudun to Quaide, ($300), $525.
756, 100 pieces, WWI POW notes, Quiberon to St. Etienne du Rauvray, ($300), $525.
757, 100 pieces, WWI POW notes, Regional issues, ($300), $525.
758, 103 pieces, WWI POW notes, Regional issues, ($300), $525.
759, 66 pieces, WWI POW notes, Regional issues, ($300), $340.

German Emergency Money

764, 99 pieces, 1914, Annen to Datteln, ($200), $275.
765, 99 pieces, 1914, Delmenhorst to Gottesberg, ($200), $275.
766, 100 pieces, 1914, Hannover to Lobsens, ($200), $275.
767, 99 pieces, 1914, Loebau to Tannhausen, ($200), $275.
768, 104 pieces, 1914, Riesburg to Vegesack, ($200), $275.
769, 62 pieces, 1914, Vandsburg to Zullihau, ($125), $170.
770, 600 pieces, Seriesscheine, A-L, ($600), $575.
771, 576 pieces, Seriesscheine, L-Z, ($575), $540.
772, 512 pieces in old Notgeld album, (14 1918 Gross-geld; 1922-1923 inflation, 228; Austrian, 170), ($200),$325.
773, 1,100 pieces, Seriesscheine in Notgeld album; ($250), $550.
774, 102 pieces, WWI POW, Adler to Gardalegen, ($200), $600.
775, 101 pieces, WWI POW, Golzern to Niesse, ($200), $600.
776, 93 pieces, WWI POW, Nikolai to Zoleverein, ($200), $550.

Hungary

778, 44 pieces, WWI emergency paper, ($75), $100

Netherlands

These 28 lots of 1914 city issues were listed by issuing towns; most did not make catalog estimates. We cite a few examples for illustration.

812. Coervorden, 5, 10, 25 cents, ($150), $220
821. Krimpen A.D. Ijssel, 10, 20 cents@ 1 gulden, ($150) $160.
822. Krimpen A.D. Ijssel, 25 cents, 1 gulden, private issue, ($100), $130.
825.. Moogouwe, 10, 20, 40 cents, 1 gulden, ($200), $210.
827. Rhenen, 5, 10, 25 cents, 1 gulden, ($200), $210.

Noerenberg/Pommerania May 11, 1920 10 Pf P-S 1924f $.50*
Noerenberg/Pommerania 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-952g $1.75*
Oberammergau July 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-965b $1.75 (available in red, black control Nrs., various sizes)
Oberammergau July 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-965c $1.75 (control Nrs. in various sizes; Passion Play, as above)
Oberglogau/Oberschlesien July 1, 1921 50, 75 Pf L-967I $1.25*
Obersalzbrunn 1921 50 (nrs. 2, 5) Pf L-973 $1
Oberlind/S.M. 1920 50 Pf P-S 1966 $1*
Oberlind/S.M. 1921 50 (1, 3) Pf L-972 $2*
Obersalzbrunn/Silesien 1921 50 (5) Pf Set L-973 $3.50*
Oelde/Westfalen 2 Mark, Dec. 7, 1920; 5 Mark, July 1, 1920 $2*
Oels/Schlesien ND 25, 50, 75, 100; 10 Pf, March 1, 1921 $4.50 Signatures Krause, Liebig
Oeynhausen, Bad ND 50 Pf L-982 $2*
Offenburg/Baden Oct. 22, 1918 5, 20 Mark K-370 $7
Ohrdruf September 1, 1921 50 (6) Pf L-984c set $3.25*
Oldenburg/Holstein April 1, 1921 25, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-987b $4.25*
Oldenburg/Holstein to Jan. 1, 1922 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-987c $3
Oldenburg/Oldenburg 1921 50 (5) Pf L-988 Leader dogs $5*
Oldenburg/Oldenburg 1921 50 (6) Pf L-989 $4*
Oldisleben Aug. 5, 1921 50 (10) Pf L-994 $7*
Oppurg Aug. 1, 1921 25, 50 (2) Pf L-995 $1.50*
Oranienbaum/Anhalt ND 25 (2) Pf L-996 $1*
Orsoy May 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-998 $2*
Osnabrueck May 1, 1917 25 Pf P-S 1998 $.40
Osnabrueck July 1921 5, 10, 25, 50 (6), 75 Pf, 1, 5 Mark L-1004 $12*
Osnabrueck Sept. 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1998d $1.75*
Osterfeld/Westfalen Dec. 15, 1921 50 (2), 75 Pf; 1, 1.50 Mark L-1005a $3.50*
Osterfeld/Westfalen Dec. 15, 1921 25 (3). 50 (3), 75 (3), 100 Pf L-1005b $6.50*
Osterode/Harz ND 10, 50 Pf L-1008 $5.25*
Ottendorf Sept. 14, 1921 25, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-1010 $5
Otterndorf/Elbe May 1920 50 Pf L-1011a ship; otter $1*
Paderborn March 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 2014 $2.50*
Paderborn Nov. 10, 1921 50, 75 Pf; 1, 2 Mark L-1015a $2.50*
Paderborn Nov. 10, 1921 50, 75 Pf; 2 Mark L-1015c $1.50*
Paderborn Nov. 10, 1921 50 Pf L-1015d $.50*
Paderborn Nov. 10, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf; 1, 2 Mark L-1015e $2.50*
Paderborn Nov. 10, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf; 1, 2 Mark L-1015g $3*

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

Books listed may be on hand for immediate delivery; others may need to be ordered from U.S. or European sources. Delivery should be completed by Christmas. Pay only on delivery.

Metal Notgeld

Edlund, O.P., German War Tokens "Notgeld;" Woodburn supplement; originally in "The Numismatist" $15

Frenzel, Max "Die Notmuenzen 1916-1924 der Deutscher Staedte, Kreis und Laender $75

Hasselmann, W. "Die Privaten Notmuenzen von 1916-1922 $53

Kisch, Guido, "War Prisoner Money and Medals" $2.50

Lamb, Robert A. "Catalogue of German War Tokens" $15

Slabaugh, Arlie R. "Encased Postage Stamps, U.S. and Foreign" $5

Slabaugh, Arlie R. "Christmas Tokens & Medals" $2.50

Upton, Richard "Emergency Coins of Germany" EMS $7.50

Paper Notgeld, Austria and Germany

Dettelbacher, W. Meister Heinz Schiestl $25

Fengler, Heinz, Bibliographie $3.50

Lang, M."Polnischen Notgeld des Zweiten Weltkrieges" $12

Lindman, Kai Notgeld von Niedersachsen, Braunschweig

Lindman, Das Bremer Notgeld $19

Lindman, Bedarfsnotgeld verwendeten Serienscheine $14

Lindman, Serienscheine $42.50

Lindman, Zu Werbezwecken verdwendete Banknotes des Deutschen Reiches $7

Mehl, Mecklenbug und Vorpommern $6

Mehl, Ostpreussen, Westpreussen und Posen $9

Meyer, Hans Individual books on German States: Bayern; Schlesien; Rheinprovinz; Koenigreiches Sachsen. Avg. $12

Meyerbeck, G. Das Oesterreichische Notgeld 1917-22 $22

Meyerbeck, G. Oesterreichische Sonderserien 1919-22 $24

Noske, Reinhard Das Not- und Ersatzgeld aus Breslau $18

Schoenawa 1, Brandenburg und Berlin; 2 Niedersachsen und Bremen; 3, Provinz Sachsen und Anhalt; 4, Mecklenburg und Pommern; 5 Westfalen und Lippe; 6, Hessen und Pfalz; 7, Ost- und Westpreussen, Posen. Average $15-$18 each.

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Toy and Schwan, World War II Allied Military Currency" 1974 $10

Wingender, "Das Notgeld der ehemalien Kreise Trier-Land und Saarburg" $8.50

Ziesenhenne, Geschichte der Bayreuther Notgeldscheine

Ziesenhenne, Notgeldscheine 1916-1923 Oberfranken $25 $25

Maps

Maps can be supplied of former East and West Germany, sectionals, scale of 1:200,000 and 100,000; Also Austria, major cities. Prepare now for 1992 travel - or arm-chair travel!