The Fraktur

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Let's tour Reutergeld country!

Backpack, with notes, writing paper, camera. Check
Passport. Check.
Eurorail pass. Check.
Euro coins and money (money orders in Euro values are now available) Check.

We head out of Berlin on a journey to take us to Reuter country - to Stavenhagen, the home of Fritz Reuter, teacher and translator of Plattdeutsch to a written language, and to include the 70 towns known for *Reutergeld.*

We will try to visit three or four of the towns from time to time, in some kind of logical order. In our May 1989 issue of THE FRAKTUR we cited the five artists and the towns for which they designed the Reutergeld issues, in values of 10-, 25- and 50-Pfennig.

The 70 towns are included in the Land Mecklenburg-Schwerin, bordering the Baltic Sea on the north, including Luebeck, Wismar, Rostock and Stralsund. The southernmost town probably is Neuruppin. East to west distances embracing the 70 towns are about 112 miles; and from Wismar south, it is 45 miles, as the stork flies, to Neuruppin.

After checking the timetable for schedule 100, we learn that we can leave the Hamburg main train station at 9:21 a.m., pass through our first Reutergeld town, Boisenburg on the Elbe River, at 10:21, 20 minutes later pass Hagenow, another Reutergeld town, and arrive at our first destination, Schwerin, at 11:12 a.m.

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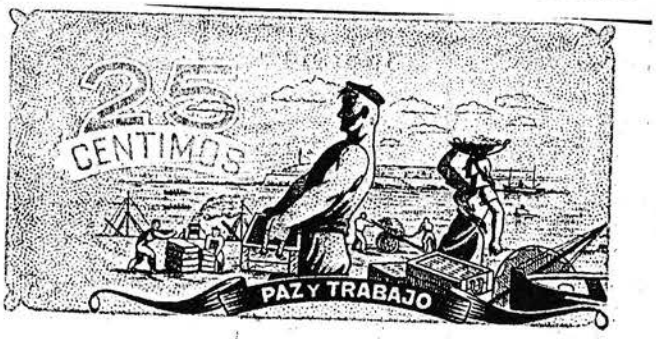
Monthly Notgeld Quote. . .



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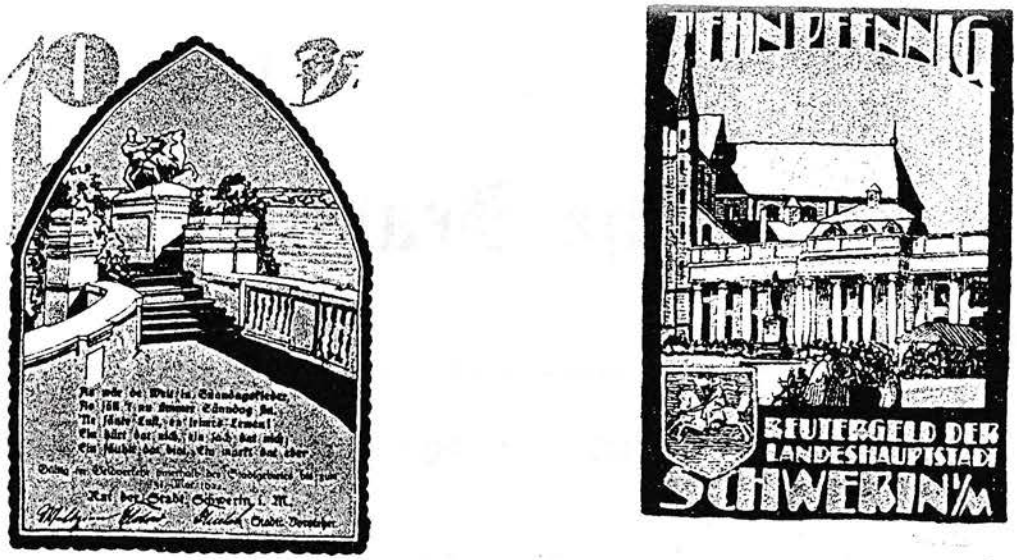


Ten-Pfennig note of Schwerin/Mecklenburg, face and back, undated
L-1184

We are in a land of lakes, windmills and storks. Between the Reutergeld towns of Doemitz, Neuhaus and Boizenburg, is an area some 62 miles long. It forms the southwestern border of the Reutergeld issues, following the Elbe River, the *Elbetal.* It is home to 130 pairs of white storks, seen nesting on chimney tops. It is said that the Elbetal is where storks bring up their children.

But first to Schwerin. This area boasts of no Roman influence. Earliest recorded settlers were Wends, whose first recorded documents include the founding of the town of Schwerin in 1162. Henry the Lion signed the document.

The word Slav is a reference to both a people and a language. Non-Slavic peoples used the term Wends. The Celts referred to the Wends living east of the Elbe in the Baltic Sea area as early as the first Century A.D.

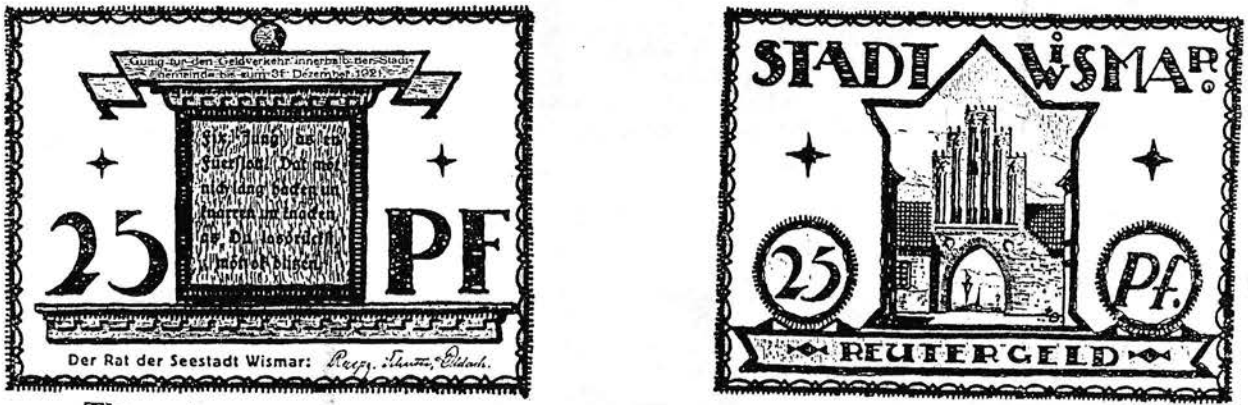
From a city of 42,500 inhabitants in 1913, Schwerin has grown to 126,000, and is the capital of the Land Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The city is located near the southern end of Lake Schwerin, some 13 1/2 miles long, 3 1/2 miles wide, which offers opportunities for fishing, boating and other recreation.

On an island between the Burgsee and the Schwerinersee is a castle begun in 1845 and completed in 1857. On the same site a palace for the princes of Mecklenburg was built in the 12th Century and rebuilt in the 15th Century.

Swedish invaders burned Schwerin in 1616; during World War II the Allies ignored it.

The equestrian statue of Grand Duke Frederick Francis II, dating from 1893, appears to prance at the end of the castle garden, overlooking Lake Schwerin, on the face of the 10-Pfennig piece designed by Georg Schuetz.

Another church is shown on each side of the 25-Pfennig note.



The watertower/gate of Wismar appears on the back of the 25-Pfennig note.
L-1402

On the 50-Pfennig piece of Schwerin, on the face, one has a silhouette view of the spires of Schwerin, as viewed from the lake; on the back, the cathedral is pictured, noted for its brick exterior, built in the Baltic style.,. The top of the cross rises 385 feet above the ground. The building was started in 1327; the copper-sheathed tower was finished in 1891.

We can pick up our train travel at 12:20 p.m. from Schwerin, by-passing Bad Kleinen in 13 minutes, for the moment, and continuing to Wismar on the Baltic, arriving at 12:59.

The Reutergeld for Wismar was designed by architect Erich Bentrup. His initials appear at lower left on the back of the 10-Pfennig note. Wismar is at the southernmost part of the Baltic Sea.

It is easy to walk the twisting streets and pass the canals found in Wismar: the baroque and Gothic style buildings, left over from the tycoons of the Hanseatic days. The town obtained basic rights in 1167 and received its municipal charter in 1229. The Hanseatic League was joined in 1266. Wismar, with Rostock and Luebeck, were the original three founders of the mutual defense pact which was to fight Baltic pirates. The three grew into the Hanseatic League.

In the Peace of Westphalia, ending the 30-years war in 1648, Wismar was given to Sweden. In 1803 Sweden gave Wismar a 100-year lease to the dukes of Mecklenburg, relinquishing its rights in 1903.

Plattedeutsch sayings by Fritz Reuter appear on the face of each of the three Wismar Reutergeld pieces.

Illustrations appear on the face and back of the 50-Pfennig note of Schwerin, as with the other denominations of the set. The local cathedral appears central on each note. L-1184

Ten-Pfennig notes of Wismar/Mecklenburg show the St. Nicolai church on the back. L-1402

On the back of the 10-Pfennig note depicting the St. Nicolai Church.

On the back of the 25-Pfennig note shown is the 15th century combination watertower and gate. At one time the Mecklinburg dukes had built 35 gates into the wall encircling the town.

On the back of the 50-Pfennig note is a view of Wismar, as would be seen by the visitor approaching the harbor by ship.

We repeat a summary of the *Reutergeld* project mentioned in the May 1989 issue of THE FRAKTUR. Max Reinhold Wust owned a printing plant in Schwerin. He organized the Reutergeld Gesellschaft to produce notes from 70 towns, in similar sizes for notes of 10-, 25- and 50-Pfennig values.

Directing the project, selecting artists and final designs were Professor Dr. Josephin, Schwerin, director of the Landesmuseum; Dr. Reisserscheid, conservator of the same museum; Mayor Weltzin, Schwerin; Director Siegmann, Rostock; and Wust

Selected as artists were Erich Bentrup, Schwerin, an architect; Erich Koenemann, Schwerin, a painter; George Schuetz, Schwerin, engraver; Egon Tschirch, Rostock, a graphic artist; and Richard Zscheked, Schwerin, a painter.

Planned production was 40,000 of each note.

Face and back of the 25-Pfennig note of Schwerin, L-1184

Following is a list of towns for which the artists submitted winning designs. In some cases, their signatures appear on the notes.

BENTRUP
Crivitz
Doberan
Gadebusch
Goldberg
Rehna
Schwaan
Sternberg
Tessin
Teterow
Warin
Wismar

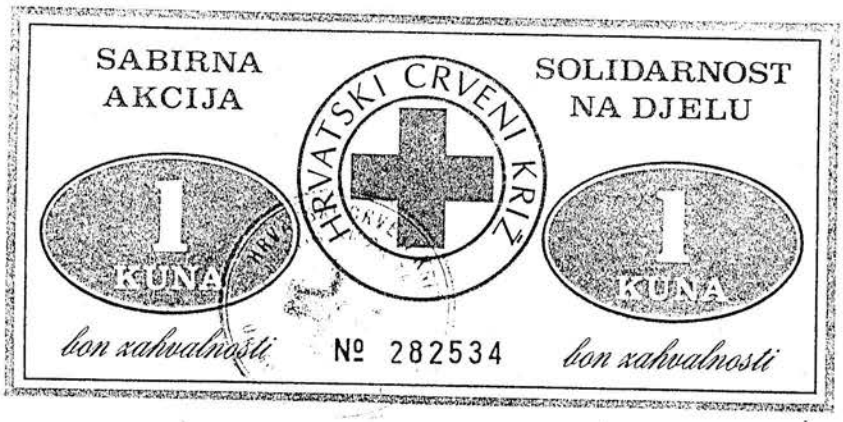
KOENEMANN
Feldberg
Friedland
Fuerstenberg
Bad Kleinen
Mirow
Neubrandenburg
Neustrelitz
Schoenberg
Stargard
Strelitz
Wesenberg
Woldegk

SCHUETZ
Boltenhagen
Dargun
Gnoien
Grabow
Guestrow
Krakow
Ludwigslust
Malchin
Malchow
Neuhaus
Neukalen
Neukloster
Parchim
Plau
Penzlin
Ribnitz
Roebel
Schwerin
Stavenhagen
Waren
Warnemuende
Zarrentin

TSCHIRCH
Alt-Gaarz
Arendsee
Brunshaupten
Buetzow
Graal
Heiligendamm
Kroeplin
Laage
Muertiz
Neubukow
Nienhagen
Rostock
Wustrow

ZSCHEKED
Boizenburg
Bruel
Dassow
Doemitz
Grevesmuehlen
Hagenow
Kluetz
Luebtheen
Luebz
Marlow
Suelze
Wittenburg

Wismar as seen from Lake Schwerin appears on the back of the 50-Pfennig note. L-1402



From a reader in Croatia we show a receipt for a donation to a Red Cross Solidarity Fund. A kuna *bon*, illustrated, was given for every kuna donated. This was primarily an effort of Croatian school children.

We list the lots of Bielefeld auction material which appeared in the April issue of THE FRAKTUR, and prices realized.

16a, $25 17c $26 19a $25 20a $42 23a $35

26a $35 26b $45 28a $70 29 $100

We received bids from nine readers; five bidders were successful. Total of the minimum bids: $290; total realized, $403.

Let's do this again later in the summer! Some new material is already at hand.

Notgeld from Rieder/Ostharz, L-1091, has found a relative in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, a neighbor named Riederer. Close enough, anyway. We will entertain remarks from readers of THE FRAKTUR who associate names of friends with town names or similar Notgeld connections.. So far, we have mentioned persons named Sommerfeld, Riederer and Hundertmark. Surely you have a friend who might like to see your notes, learn from where they were issued -- who knows, a Notgeld collector may be born!

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Vechtae/Oldenburg March 15, 1922 25 (2), 50 (2) Pf L-1324 Mehl 1358.1 $2.50*
Vegesack/Bremen May 13, 1921 50 (2) Pf L-1325a Mehl 1391.1 $1.25*
Vegesack/Bremen Dec. 1, 1921 25 Pf L-1325b I Mehl 1359.1 KN 3 mm $6*
Verden/Aller Dec. 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-1328 Mehl 1360.1 $1.50*
Vilsbiburg/Bayern ND - to Dec. 31, 1920 P-S 2545 $1.50*
Vinsebeck/Hoexter May 15, 1921 1 Mark L-1328 Mehl 1362.1 $2.50*
Vlotho/Weser April 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-1332 Mehl 1364.1 Cigar smoker $2*
Volkstedt S.R. Sept. 1, 1921 25 Pf L-1334 I Mehl 1369.1 $.65*
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Wald Aug. 5, 1923 5,000,000 Mark K-5381.b Red serial number $3.50
Waldenburg/Schlesien ND 10 Pf P-S 2552d $1.25*
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Waldenburg/Schlesien November 1921 20, 50, 75 Pf L-1336q Mehl 1371.20 $2*
Walsrode ND 1 Mark L-1337 Mehl 1372.1 $1.25*
Waltershausen July 1, 1921 5, 10, 20, 50 Pf L-1339 Mehl 1374.1 $8*
Wandsbek January 1921 25, 50 Pf P-S 2560e $3*
Wangeroog ND 50 Pf, 2 Mark L-1340 Mehl 1375 $5*
Waren ND 25 Pf L-1342 Mehl 1377.1 Reutergeld $.75*
Warin/Mecklenburg ND 25 (2), 50 (3), 75 (3) Pf L-1343a Mehl 1378.1 $5*
Warin/Mecklenburg ND 10, 50 Pf L-1343b Mehl 1378.2 Reutergeld $1.50
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Wartha/Silesia July 5, 1921 50 (5) Pf L-1346a Mehl 1381.1 $3.25*
Wasserburg/Inn Oct. 15, 1920 50 Pf P-S 2569 $2*
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Wasungen Oct. 1, 1921 50, 75 Pf L-1349 Mehl 1384.1 $1.25*
Wattenscheid ND 50 Pf 1, 2, 3 Mark L-1350 Mehl 1385.1 $5
Weddersleben 1921 75 Pf L-1351a Dorf Mehl 13861.1 $1.25*
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Weida/Thuer. Nov. 25, 1918 5, 10 Mark Geiger 540 $6
Weida/Thuer. ND 50 Pf L-1355a Mehl 1391.1 $1.25*
Weida/Thuer. Sept. 30, 1921 5, 10, 25, 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf; 1 Mark L-1355b Mehl 1390.1 $5*
Weiden/O Bayern Sept. 11, 1918 50 Pf P-S 2583 $1.25*
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Weimar 1917 50 Pf P-S 2586d $2.50*
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Weimar Aug. 1, 1921 75 (3) Pf L-1362c Mehl 1398.3 $2*
Weissenfels/Saale 1921 25, 50 (6) Pf L-1367 Mehl 1403.1 $4.50*
Weissensee/Thuer. 10, 50 Pf Aug. 1, 1921 L-1368 Mehl 1404.1 $1.25*
Wenningstedt Aug. 15, 1921 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-1369 Mehl 1405.1 $8*
Wernigerode March 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-1370 Mehl 1406.1 Map, rr line $2*
Wernigerode Dec. 20, 1920 25, 50 Pf L-1371a Mehl 1407.1 $1.25*

Wesel 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 2608d $5
Wesel 1921 25 Pf P-S 2608e $.65*
Wesel 1921 50 (3), 75 (3) Pf1 L-1373 Mehl 1409.1 $8.25*
Wesenberg/Mecklenburg-Schwerin July 1, 1921 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-1374a Mehl 1410.1 $3.75*
Wesenberg /Mecklenburg-Schwerin ND 10, 50 Pf L-1374b Mehl 1410.2 Reutergeld $1.50*
Wesselburen/Dithmarschen ND 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-1375 Mehl 1411.1 $4*
Westerburg /Hessen-Nassau 1920 10, 25 Pf L-1376a Mehl 1412.1 $1.25*
Westerburg/Hessen-Nassau Dec. 1, 1920 50 (3) Pf L-1376b Mehl 1412.2 $2*
Westerland/Sylt 1920 50 Pf P-S l2612g $2.25*
Westerland/Sylt 1921 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-1381b Mehl 1418.2 Lighthouse $8*
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Wetter/Ruhr Aug. 27, 1923 500,000 Mark K-1923-5586b Topp 906/1 $10*
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Wiesbaden Sept. 1919 25, 50 P-S 2625 $1
Wildeshausen/Oldenburg ND 25 (B), 25 (C), 50 (C) Pf L-1389b $3.50*
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Wimpfen/N Aug. 11, 1923 100,000 Mark K1923-5642 $2.25
Winsen/Luhe 10, 25, 50 Pf L-1397 Mehl 1434.1 $2*
Winterberg.Westerwald ND 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-1398 Mehl 1435.1 $1.25*
Winzeldorf ND 25 (2) 50 (2) 75 Pf L-1399 III Mehl 1436.1 $32.50*
Wismar Oct. 9-17, 1921 50 (2) Pf L-1400 Mehl 1437.1 bowlers $5*/
Witten/Westfalen August 1920 1, 3 Pf P-S 2643d $3.25*
Wittenberg Dec. 10, 1920 50 (3) Pf L-1405a I Decret; Mehl 1443 Luther $6*
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Wittenberg/Mecklenburg Jan. 20, 1922 99, 199, 299 Pf L-1407b Mehl 1445.2 $2*
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