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LAHNSTEIN (Ober- and Nieder-)

A Notgeld artist in America?

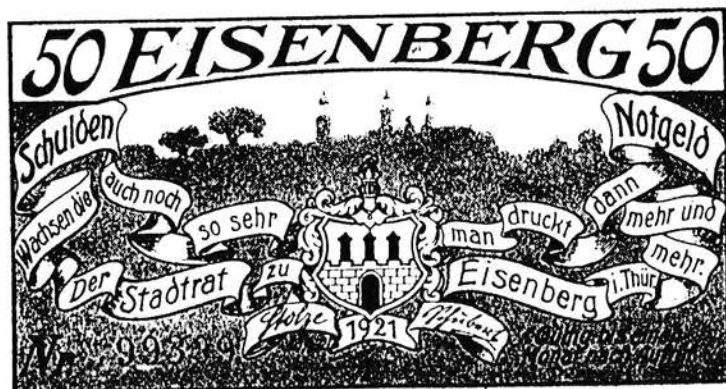
Yes, Virginia, she was alive and well in Chicago for many years.

We trek back in time to the area of the Deutsche Eck, the area where rivers from the east and west flow into the Rhine River within seven kilometers of one another, roughly forming a cross, the German corner.

The Moselle River flows from the interior of France, becoming the Luxembourg-German border from Apach to Oberbillig as the Mosel, and cutting down steep mountain sides to enter the Rhine at Coblenz, called by the Romans Confluentes, the confluence. Some of the most treasured wine of Germany is made from the grapes grown along those steep mountain slopes.

Up the Rhine from Coblenz comes the Lahn River into the Rhine. Oddly enough, the Lahn quelle, the source, is about even with Bonn, east of Siegen on the Stiegleburg. Also, the sources of the Sieg and Eider rivers are found on the same mountain.

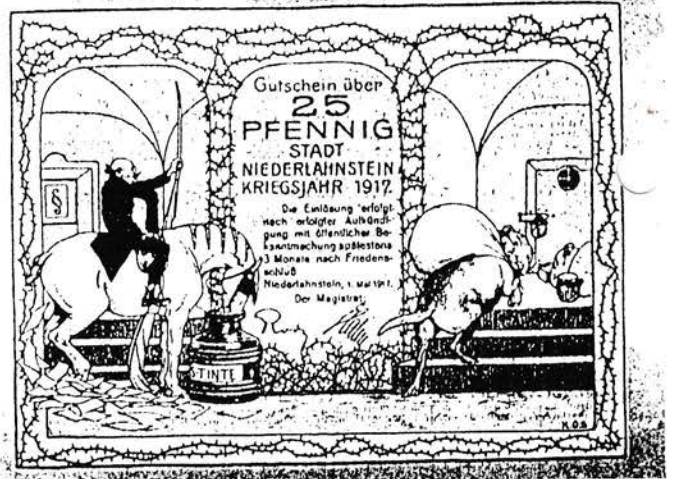
MONTHLY NOTGELD QUOTE. . .



If debts are growing evermore  
Notgeld is printed more and more.

Eisenberg  
1917 50 Pfennig  
Pick-Siemsen 537b

KOS appears in the lower left corner of the 25-Pfennig note of Niederlahnstein, 1917, designed by Kaethe Olshausen-Schoenberger, who lived in the Chicago area for 20 years.  
P-S 1905



The Lahn flows eastward, turning to flow southward at Marburg, and continues westerly past Giessen, Wetzlar, Solms, Braunfels, Weilburg, Limburg, Diez and Bad Ems, to flow into the Rhine at Lahnstein. Until recent years, Oberlahnstein was on the south side of the Lahn at the Rhine; on the north side was Niederlahnstein. Since June 7, 1969, it has been a single community.

Issue-dated May 1, 1917, were 25- and 50-Pfennig notes, Pick-Siemsen 1905. On the face of the 25-Pfennig note, in the lower right corner, are the initials K.O.S., Kaethe Olshausen-Schoenberger. The internationally known artist later moved to Chicago with her son, Dr. Joern J. Olshausen.

Much satire appears on the KOS note. The white horse drinks from an ink bottle, which represents the German Reich bureaucracy. In German, a white horse is a "Schimmel." In the illustration the white horse becomes an "Amtsschimmel," literally the "White Bureau Horse."

The term "Amtsschimmel" is one of derision, a slang term symbolic of bureaucracy, or a red tape mentality.

The bureaucrat riding the horse is wielding his oversized quill pen. The horse is drinking ink. On the bottle is written S-Tinte. Tinte is ink, but not just any ink, known by implication to the German that it is "Deutsche Reichs Tinte," German empire federal ink.

Completing the thought is the hamster, sneaking away with the bag of goodies he is hoarding. Hoarding often becomes a factor of shortages, inflation, riots and civil unrest. Hoarding was illegal, but often practiced by city folks seeking scarce food items from farmer friends.

The German slang word for hoarder is Hamster; those who hoard are said to go "Hamstern."

In a fine background printing is found a repetitive legend: NOTGELD DER STADT NIEDERLAHNSTEIN. But just above the bureaucrat on the horse is the changed legend: RICHTIG VERTEILEN MACHET VIEW SORGEN (Proper rationing causes much headache.) Rhyming with this legend is another over the hamster, HAETT ICH DIE BEUTE NUR ERST GEBORGEN (If I only had that loot stowed away safely).



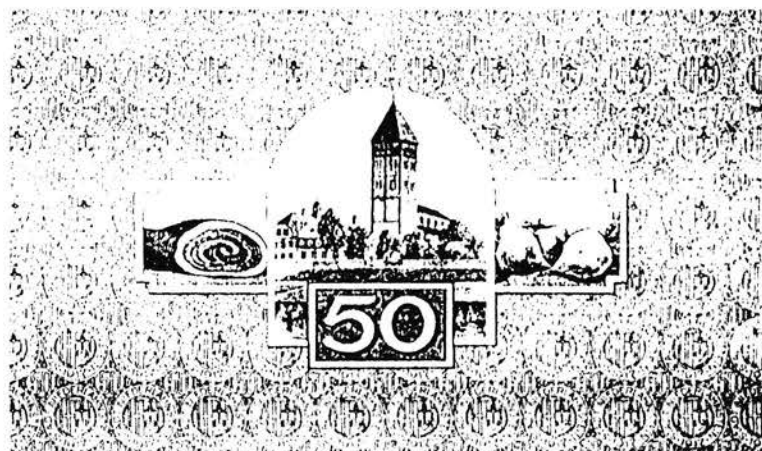
Two varieties of the 25-Pfennig note are shown, the upper one with the serial number facing the edge; the lower with the number facing away.



The entire picture is framed in a barbed wire design. Mayor "Rody" and "Hahn," his deputy, signed the notes in 1917. On the back of the 25-Pfennig note, a farmer and a soldier join hands, with a smoking factory in the background.

On the 50-Pfennig note, a river steamer is seen crossing the Rhine river. On the back is seen the Church of St. John, a ham and a turnip. Each note is dated May 1, 1917.

Two varieties of the 25-Pfennig note are known, each issued on paper bearing an S-S watermark. Whether a genuine need arose for more of the 1917 notes, or for a collector demand is not known. The serial numbers on the back of the original notes face the edge of the note; on the reprint, the numbers face away. Known serial numbers of the original numbers range from 000418 through 033115; on the reprints, from 102332 through 120931.



The companion note to the 25-Pfennig note is a 50-Pfennig issue, 1917, showing a river steamer and a ham and turnips. The church of St. John in Niederlahnstein appears in the center of the back design.





Gazing at Coblenz, Germany, from the fortress at Ehrenbreitstein is a pair of visitors. Coming toward them is the Mosel River, joining the Rhine River, which is flowing northward to their right. A park, the "Deutsche Eck," is located on the triangular piece of land where the rivers join.

While Frau Olshausen-Schoenberger was living in Munich, the mayor of Niederlahnstein wrote to her and asked that she design the 25-Pfennig note. When she acceded, he asked what her fee would be. "No fee," she replied, "just a basket of food." So her fee was a generous basket of cheese, wine and sausages.

She was known early in her career as a caricaturist. At the age of 15 she published "Reiterinnen and Radlerinnen," Lady horseback riders and cyclists.

When Dr. Olshausen wrote Lahnstein Oberburgermeister Rolf Well, the mayor replied "Files of the Notgeld issue of 1917 no longer exist. He added that examples of the notes are in the city archives but that the city fathers did not know the name of the artist.

The mayor did find a copy of the notice from the municipal treasury which decreed that in September 1919, the 50-Pfennig notes would no longer be considered legal tender.

Dr. Olshausen added that his mother was born Kaethe Schoenberger in Moedling, Austria, June 11, 1881. She married Dr. Franz Olshausen, a German career diplomat and African explorer. She took the name Kaethe Olshausen-Schoenberger. The pair also traveled in South America. A voyage up the Amazon River to Iquitos, Peru, was recalled in illustrated books by the artist/author, including "Im Spiegel der Tierwelt," in the mirror of the animal world.

Mrs. Olshausen lived in the United States for over 20 years. She died in Graz, Austria, in 1968.

Other Notgeld issues of Oberlahnstein include one and two-Pfennig notes marked LAHNBRUECKE (Lahn Bridge), small oval or round cardboard.

Issued Dec. 12, 1922, were 20-Mark notes. From July 27, 1923, were values 25,000 and 100,000 Mark. Dated Aug. 15, 1923, were values 100,000, 500,000, one and five million Mark. Dated September 1923 were 10 million Mark notes, and Sept. 9, 1923, 100 and 200 million Mark values.

From Oberlahnstein were inflation notes dated Aug. 4, 1923, 500,000 Mark; August 1923, one and five million Mark; and September 1923, 20, 50 and 100 Million Mark.

## AUSTRIA

RICHTER, Rudolf Notgeld Oesterreich 1993 German 136 pp \$32.50

## DENMARK

SIEGS seddelkatalog Slesvig 1970 Danish 86 pp \$10

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1975 German 80 pp #49, "Die Muenze" \$10

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56 pp \$20

FILLMANN, Hans & Kai Lindman LPG-Geld 1991 German 62 pp \$20

LINDMAN, Kai Die Ersatzzahlungsmittel der Strafvollzug-  
seinrichtungen der DDR 1992 German 26 pp \$8

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MEYER, Hans & Hartmut Schoenawa, Das Papiernotgeld der  
Provinz Sachsen und Anhalt 1988 German 192 pp \$18

NOSKE, Reinhard Das Not- und Ersatzgeld aus Breslau 1991  
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Trier-Land und Saarburg 1987 German 22 pp, 11 plates  
\$8.50

ZIESENHENNE, Horst Geschichte der Bayreuther Notgeldscheine  
1985 German 30 pp \$7.50

EMERGENCY MONEY SOCIETY Emergency Coins of Germany 1914-1923  
1970 English 200 pp \$7.50

KISCH, Guido War Prisoner Money and Medals (The Numismatist,  
1963) English 24 pp \$2.50

## POLAND

LANG, Michael Polnisches Notgeld des Zweiten Weltkrieges  
1989 German 56 pp \$12

SIKORSKI, Bogumil, in 4 volumes, in Polish, English

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Notes of Wagrowca, Damaslawka 1914-1919 1992 36 pp \$11.50

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# THE NOTGELD PRICELIST

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## Austria

Ration card, Landes Oberoesterreich, Nov. 26 - Dec. 23, 1916  
 1 1/4 Kilogram of sugar, in 10 1/8 kg parcels \$4\*  
 Ration card, Landes Oberoesterreich, April 17 - June 11, 1917  
 1/8 kilogram coffee beans or 1/4 kg mixed coffee \$4\*  
 Helpfau-Uttendorf 00 ND to Dec. 31, 1920 10, 20 Heller on  
 back, bread, flour ration ticket 0136 Meyerbeck \$4  
 Hinterbruehl NO 5, 75 Heller on back, fuel ration N138 II  
 Meyerbeck half of profits to assist POWs \$2.50\*  
 Wechling NO 30 Heller N390 Meyerbeck fat ration on back \$3\*  
 Wien June 6, 1920 50 Heller Landes Jugenamt W24c Meyerbeck \$2  
 Windischgarsten 00 ND to Sept. 1, 1920 10, 20, 50 Heller  
 bread ration tickets, Burgermeister Lechner 0498  
 Meyerbeck \$9\*

## Denmark

Apenrade (Aabenraa) 1920 50 Pf \$3.50\*  
 Auenbuehl ND 1 Mark L-50 III \$2\*  
 Augustenburg/Alsen (Augustenborg) April 8, 1920 50 Pf, 1 Mark  
 L-52a \$3.50\*  
 Augustenburg/Alsen (Augustenborg) Oct. 15, 1921 50 Ore, 1  
 Krone L-52b \$3.50\*  
 Broager (Broacker) 1919 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-180a \$4\*  
 Broager (Broacker) Feb. 20, 1920 1 Mark L-180b tears \$1.25  
 Brunde-Rothenkrug April 1920 1 Mark L-185 \$1.50\*  
 Christiansfeld (Kristiansfelt) March 1920 L-221 \$2.50\*  
 Daler April 10, 1920 25, 50 Pf L-245 \$2.50\*  
 Duenth (Dynt) 1919 50 Pf L-285 \$2.50\*  
 Dybboel (Dueppel) April 18, 1920 25 Ore L-286 \$3.25\*  
 Graasten (Gravenstein) Feb. 1920 50 Pf L-452 \$12.50\*  
 Gramby March 1920 1 Mark L-450 \$1.50\*  
 Hoyer April 10, 1920 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-615 \$5.25\*  
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 Luegumkloster Feb. 10, 1920 50 Pf L-817b \$3.25\*  
 Moegeltondern 1920 50 Pf L-868 \$2\*  
 Roedding Feb. 10, 1920 50 Pf \$4\*  
 Tondern Feb. 10, 1920 25 Pf L-1296 \$2\*  
 Vojens (Woyens) ND 50 Pf L-1417 \$2\*

## German

Knivsberg March 14, 1920 50 Pf Plebiscite, private issue  
 L-691 \$15\*  
 Laage ND 25 Pf Reutergeld L-733a \$.65\*  
 Laage ND 50, 75 Pf L-733b \$1.50\*  
 Landkirchen/Fehmarn ND 1/2, 1 Mark L-740 \$1.50\*  
 Langenschwalbach, Bad (Schwalbach) Dec. 1, 1920 50 Pf, 1 Mark  
 P-S 1195 \$3.25  
 Lauchstedt, Bad 1919 10, 50 Pf P-S 1201c \$1.50\*  
 Lauchstedt, Bad 1921 25 Pf P-S 1201d \$.75\*  
 Lauenburg/Elbe ND 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-753 I \$1.75\*  
 Lauenburg/Elbe July 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-753 II \$1.75\*  
 Lehesten/Thuer. Nov. 11, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 1220d \$2\*  
 Lehesten/Thuer. June 1921 50 (2) Pf L-762 \$2.50\*  
 Lehrte/Hannover Jan. 1, 1921 5, 10, 25, 50 Pf. P-S 1221 \$3\*  
 Leipzig, Land ND to Dec. 31, 1918 10 Pf P-S 1235 \$.75  
 Leobschuetz/Oberschlesien ND to Dec. 31, 1921 5 Pf P-S 1137e  
 \$1.25\*

Lesum ND 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-774 \$2\*  
 Lewin/Glatz Schlesien July 23, 1920 10 Pf P-S 1239b \$3\*  
 Lewin/Glatz Schlesien July 31, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 1239g  
 \$2.25\*  
 Lichtenstein-Callenberg April 1, 1921 50 (5) Pf L-777 \$3\*  
 Liebenstein ND 10, 25, 50 Pf L-778 \$1.75\*  
 Liebenwerda ND 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1247 \$3.25  
 Liebenwerda Oct. 1, 1921 50 (6) Pf L-779 \$11\*  
 Liebenwerda Sept. 16, 1922 100, 500 Mark K-367 \$6.50  
 Lieberose/Brandenburg Oct. 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1249c  
 \$4\*  
 Liegnitz/Schlesien ND (1921) 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1252i \$2.25\*  
 Liegnitz/Schlesien Jan. 7, 1922 Gaswerk P-S 1253c \$3  
 Lilienthal Jan. 2, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-780b I \$4\*  
 Lilienthal Jan. 2, 1921 50 Pf Red A L-780b II \$1.25\*  
 Lilienthal Jan. 15, 1921 25, 50 Pf Red B L-780c \$2.50\*  
 Lilienthal Feb. 1, 1921 25 Pf Red C L-780d \$1.25\*  
 Lilienthal March 1, 1921 25 Pf Red D L-780e \$1.25\*  
 Lilienthal March 15, 1921 25, 50 Pf Red E; 75 Pf Blue E  
 L-780f \$1.75\*  
 Lilienthal March 31, 1921 25, 50 Pf Red F L-780g \$2.50\*  
 Lilienthal April 15, 1921 25, 50 Pf Red G L-780h \$2.50\*  
 Lilienthal May 15, 1921 25, 50 Pf Blue H; 75 Pf Red H L-780i  
 \$1.75\*  
 Limburg/Lahn Nov. 1, 1918 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1263 \$1.50  
 Lindau/Bayern ND to Oct. 1, 1919 10, 25 Pf P-S 1264 \$5  
 Lindau/Bayern ND to Oct. 1, 1919 25 Pf revalued to 25 Mark  
 to Nov. 30, 1918 K-295 \$5.50  
 Lindau/Bayern ND to Oct. 1, 1919 25 Pf double piece revalued  
 to 25 Mark to Nov. 30, 1918 K-295 \$8  
 Lindau/Bayern ND to Oct. 1, 1919 50 Pf revalued 5 Mark punch  
 cancelled K-295 \$5.50  
 Lindau/Bayern ND to Oct. 1, 1919 revalued to 5 Mark double  
 piece K-295 \$8  
 Lindau/Bayern ND to Oct. 1, 1919 revalued to 5 Mark double  
 piece punch cancelled K-295 \$8  
 Lindau und Weiler Oct. 10, 1918 5, 20 Mark K-296 \$2.25  
 Lingen/Hannover ND 10 Pf P-S 1268 \$.65\*  
 Lingen/Hannover April 1, 1921 25 Pf L-781a I \$2.50\*  
 Lingen/Hannover April 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-781a III \$1.25\*  
 Lingen/Hannover Sept. 1, 1921 75 Pf L-781b \$.75\*  
 Lingen/Hannover Jan. 1, 1922 2 Mark L-781c \$1.25  
 Linz/Rhein July 1, 1917 10, 50 Pf P-S 1271 \$2  
 Linz/Rhein April 1, 1919 to Oct. 1, 1921 50 Pf P-S 1271n \$.40  
 Linz/Rhein April 1, 1919 to Oct. 1, 1923 50 Pf P-S 1271o  
 \$.75\*  
 Linz/Rhein July 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf L-782 \$2.50\*  
 Lippe/Detmold Nov. 13, 1918 50 Pf P-S 1275 \$1.50\*  
 Lippspringe, Bad May 28, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-783 \$1.75\*  
 Lippstadt/Westfalen Dec. 16, 1919 25, 50 Pf P-S 1276 \$2  
 List/Sylt July 21, 1921 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-784 \$5\*  
 Lobeda 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-786 \$1.75\*  
 Lobenstein Sept. 15, 1919 10, 25, 50 P-S 1280b \$2.25\*



Lobenstein March 15, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-787a \$1.75\*  
 Loebau/Sachsen ND to Dec. 31, 1918 10, 50 Pf P-S 1282 \$2\*  
 Loebau/Sachsen 1918 to Dec. 31, 1919 10 Pf P-S 1283 \$.75  
 Loebejuen Feb. 25, 1921 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-790 \$1.75\*  
 Loerrach/Baden ND 50 Pf L-791 \$1.25\*  
 Loessnitz/Erzgebirge ND 10, 20 Pf P-S 1291 \$2  
 Loetzen/Masuren Ostpreussen Nov. 1, 1920 10, 50 Pf L-792  
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 Loewen/Schlesien June 13, 1919 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1292 \$3.50\*  
 Lorch/Rheingau June 15, 1921 25, 50 (2) Pf L-793b \$3.50\*  
 Lorch/Rheingau Aug. 20, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf L-793a \$1.75\*  
 Lucka/Thuer. Sept. 21, 1921 25, 100, 200 )Pf L-794 \$9\*  
 Luckenwalde Dec. 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-795 \$2\*  
 Ludwigslust March 1-Sept. 1, 1922 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark  
 L-796b \$5\*  
 Ludwigshafen/Rhein Aug. 31, 1923 20 Millionen Mark K-3328c  
 \$3.75  
 Ludwigshafen/Rhein Sept. 18, 1923 100 Millionen Mark K-3328e  
 \$3.75  
 Luebeck ND 50 (4), 75 (2) Pf L-801 \$3.50\*  
 Luebeck ND 50 Pf L-802 \$3\*  
 Luebeck Sept. 1-11, 1921 50 (A,C,D,E) Pf L-805 \$2.75\*  
 Luebeck Oct. 15, 1921 50 (2) Pf L-806 \$2.75\*  
 Luebeck ND 25 Pf L-808b Schabbelhaus \$4\*  
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 Lutter/Barenberg Dec. 30, 1920 L-825 \$1.75\*

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K-Keller catalogs; L-Lindman Seriescheine; P-S Pick-Siemsen  
 M-Meyerbeck, "Das oesterreichische Notgeld 1917 bis 1922"

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 It is from Berlin, L-83a.

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printed later, now scarce:

S.W. Africa	75 Pf	Waterberg	U	55-
E. Africa	75 "	Die Boma	U	55-
Marianas	75 "	Island	U	55-
New Guinea	75 "	House	U	55-
Samoa	50 "	Harbor	U	55-