

The Fraktur

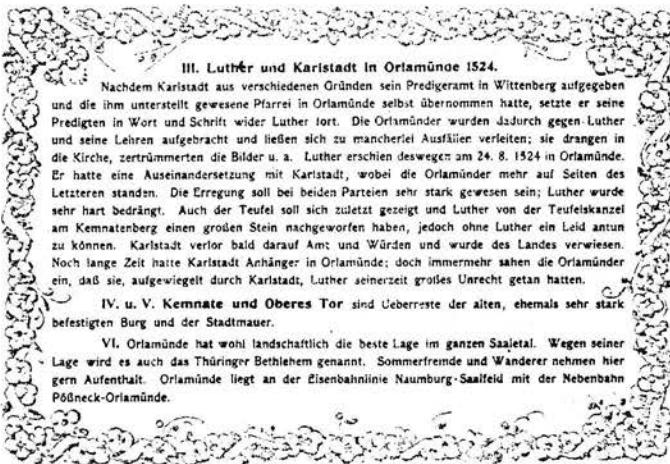
VOL. IV, NR. 8

AUGUST 1991

NOTGELD CURIOSITIES BY HERMANN KRAUSE (CONTINUED FROM JULY 1991)

Missing in many collections are the only triangular notes we know; they were issued by the Casino of Bremen (L-157). An illustration of these unusual items can be seen in the Lindman Serienscheine catalog.

Of uncommon dimension, and also of unconventional function, is the 25-Pfennig value of the Orlamuende set (L-997). The unordinarily long note is folded to serve as a sort of portfolio for housing the six 50-Pfennig values.



Historical events in Orlamuende/Thueringia, are recounted on the cardboard cover in which a set of six 50-Pfennig notes were held. The notes were dated Sept. 2, 1921 (L-997)

Best known among the items made of odd materials are the linen and silk notes of Bielefeld (L-98f-q.). There is no question that these attractive concoctions were made exclusively for collectors.

There are many types and denominations ranging from 25 to 1,000 Mark. Some come with fanciful, embroidered borders. There are also cloth notes made of jute or velvet. These are not part of the Serienscheine but belong to other Notgeld periods.

The Altershilfe (Help for the Aged) set of Breslau (L-177) consists of the four values 1, 2, 5 and 10-Mark. Curiously, the three lower values are printed on paper and the 10-Mark on linen.

Playing cards could also be included with the unusual materials. Gustav Habeck of Stralsund (L-1248) had his Notgeld printed on quartered playing cards. They are very popular with collectors and are difficult to locate.

Dated July 15, 1921,
were 25-Mark silk
notes from Bielefeld.
The colorful notes
haves been seen in
long, continuous
strips.



Mentioned in the June 1991 issue were 99, 199 and 299-Pfennig notes of Wittenburg/Mecklenburg, as the usefulness of the denominations was questioned.

This brief examination of Serienscheine curiosities does by no means represent a complete listing of all of these items, although an attempt has been made to feature the most interesting oddities. All quoted catalog numbers are from the Kai Lindman catalog "Serienscheine," 2nd edition, 1989.

THE ALLENSTEIN-MARIENWERDER PLEBISCITE

Control of the Vistula River was the bone of contention on July 11, 1920, when plebiscites were held in the contiguous areas of Allenstein (Olsztyn) and Marienwerder (Kwidzyn).

Allenstein included 4,715 square miles, populated by 558,000 persons. On the east was Suwalki district, claimed also by Lithuania; Poland was to the south.



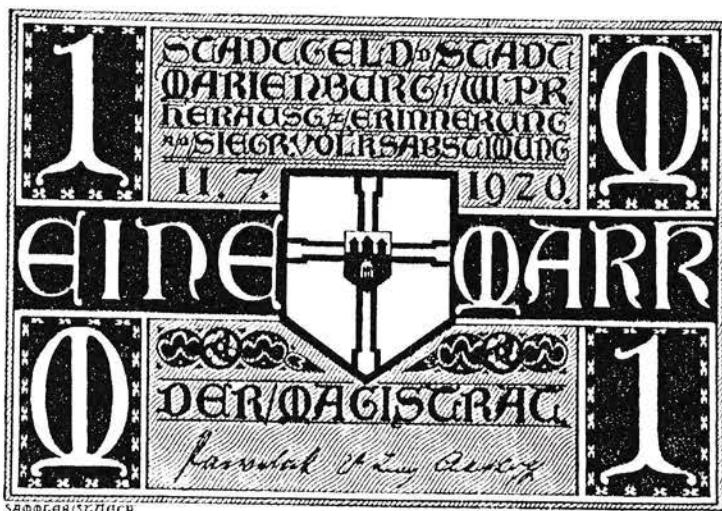
"We are German and remain German," translates the statement surrounding the central eagle of a 50-Pfennig note of Allenstein, and the plebiscite date of July 11, 1920.

On the west was the West Prussian Marienwerder area of some 1,000 square miles, with a population of 160,720. Danzig was to the south, with boundaries formed by the Nogat and Vistula rivers.

Forests and moors dominated the landscape. Included in Allenstein were the Mazurian Lakes, site of Von Hindenburg's entrapment of Russian troops in World War I.

Allenstein had a population of 40,000. In Marienwerder, Kreis towns, each under 15,000, were Marienwerder, Stuhm (Sztum), Rosenberg and Marienburg.

Mark note of Marienburg/West Preussen, bears the plebiscite date, July 11, 1920



German troops were evacuated on Feb. 1, 1920, replaced by Italian and Irish soldiers, plus a few French troops in Marienwerder.

The Allenstein Commission took over administrative duties on Feb. 14, 1920; in Marienwerder, Feb. 17.

The question of outvoters again became a cause for dissension. Germans asked for seven trains daily, for two weeks before the vote, to bring in former residents. The final total of outvoters in Allenstein was 157,074.



Again the propaganda machines worked overtime on either side, chiding voters about the dire consequences if one side or the other had the opportunity to restrict their lives, economy and language. As voting day approached, both sides were cautioned to tone down their propaganda machines.

In both plebiscites, the percentage voting for Germany was high, with loud protests from the Poles.

The three towns of Klein Lobenstein, Klein Nappern and Groschken in Allenstein lay along the Polish border and had voted Polish, totaling 4,786 inhabitants. They were joined to Poland.



Not a plebiscite issue, a 10-Pfennig note of Stuhm was dated Nov. 20, 1920. The area was pro-Polish in plebiscite voting.

Five villages of Marienwerder, lying near the Vistula River, were allotted to Poland.

While Germans found little to criticize in the conduct of the plebiscite, the Poles complained of the outvoters and insufficient troops to maintain order in the area. They later acknowledged it had been a blunder to ask for too large an area, instead of requesting the vote be conducted in highly pro-Polish areas, such as Stuhm.

Koeln-Muelheim to July 1, 1922 50 Pf L-700a \$1.50*
 Koenigsae Oct. 1921 10, 25, 50, 100 Pf L-701 \$2*
 Koenigsberg/Franken Nov. 1918 1 Mark P-S 1127 \$3.25*
 Koenigshuette March 20, 1921 25 Pf L-706 Bilingual \$.60*
 Koesen, Bad July 9, 1918 10 Pf P-S 1138 \$.75
 Koeslin 1921 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-714 \$2*
 Koestritz ND 50 (4) Pf L-715 Set \$2.25*
 Koenigswinter Nov. 1, 1921 50(2) Pf L-709 \$1*
 Koenigswinter July 15, 1921 25(2), 50(2), 75(2) Pf Set
 L-710 \$4*
 Kolberg March 1, 1917 10, 25, 50 Pf Set P-S 1141b \$3
 Kolberg Sept.. 1, 1921 25(2), 50(2), 75(2) Pf, 1 Mark set
 L-716 \$4*
 Konstanz/Baden July 1919 50 Pf P-S 1145b \$1*
 Kranichfeld/Ulm Feb. 22, 1921 25 Pf L-720 \$1*
 Krappitz ND 25 Pf P-S 1152 fold .50
 Kremp Dec. 1920 50, 100 Pf L-721 \$1.25*
 Kreuzburg/Oberschlesien ND 25, 50(2) Pf, 75 Pf, 1 Mark (3)
 L-723b \$3.50*
 Kreuzburg/Oberschlesien ND 1 Mark(3) Set L-723c \$1.75*
 Kropla/Thuer. July 31, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-724 \$1*
 Kronach 1921 25(3), 50(3) Pf L-726 Schiestl \$3.50*
 Kudowa, Bad/Schl. ND 25, 50 Pf L-727 \$1*
 Kunzendorf/Posen March 1, 1922 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-729 \$2*
 Kyritz/Brandenburg July 1, 1920 25 f P-S 1172 \$.65*
 Lage Feb. 1921 25, 50 Pf L-736 \$.75
 Lauenburg/Elbe ND 10 Pf L-753 \$1.25*
 Lauenburg/Elbe July 1, 1921 1 Mark L-753II \$.55*
 Landeck/Schlesien March 11, 1921 25, 50 Pf P-S 1181e \$2.50*
 Landeck/Schlesien Aug. 28, 1920 25 Pf P-S 1181d /\$1*
 Landsberg/Lech July 1918 50 Pf K-1659a \$2
 Landsberg/Lech Jan. 1921 10 Pf L-741 \$1*
 Landsberg/Oberschlesien May 24, 1921 50, 75(2), 100 Pf
 L-742b \$12*
 Langenhorn 1921 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-747 Plebiscite \$4.25*
 Langeness-Nordmarsch Sept. 1, 1921 30 Pf L-746 \$1.25*
 Langensalza 1921 25 Pf L-749 \$1*
 Langewiesen/Thuer. 1921 5, 10 Pf L-751 \$2*
 Lauban/Schlesien Oct. 1920 10, 25 Pf P-S 1199 \$1.50*
 Lauchstedt 1919 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1201 \$1.75*
 Lauchstedt 1921 10, 25 Pf L-752 \$1*
 Lauenburg/Elbe (1919) 10 Pf P-S 1203d \$1.60*
 Lauenberg/Elbe July 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf 1 Mark L-753 \$1.75*
 Lauenstein/Oberfranken June 1921 10, 50 Pf L-754 \$1*
 Laufen/Oberbayern sOct. 10, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 1204 \$2.25*
 Laufen/Tittmoning 1920 50 Pf P-S 1206 Aa \$1.25*
 Laupheim/Wuerttemberg July 5, 1919 P-S 1207 \$2.25*
 Lauscha/S-M Feb. 1920 P-S 1209 \$1.25*
 Leer/Ostfriesland Nov. 6, 1921 75 Pf L-761 \$4
 Lehesten ND 50 Pf; Nov. 11, 1920, 50 Pf P-S 1220 \$2*
 Leherte Jan 1, 1921 5, 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1221 \$2.75*
 Leipzig ND 50 Pf P-S 1224e \$.75
 Leipzig Aug. 27, 1921 50(2) Pf L-763 Notgeld show \$3.25*
 Lemgo May 25, 1921 10, 25, 50(2) Pf L-768 \$2.25*
 Lenzen/Elbe ND 50(3), 75(3) Pf L-771 Set \$3.25*

Leobschuetz ND 5(map) 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf L-772 \$4.50*
Lewin/Glatz July 31, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 1239g \$2
Lichtenfels Feb. 23, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1240c Schiestl \$2*
Lichtenhorst ND 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-776 (Dealer issue) \$4*
Lichtenstein-Callnberg April 1, 1921 50(5) Pf L-777 \$2.75
Liebenstein, Bad ND 10, 25, 50 Pf L-778 \$1.75*
Liebenwerda Oct. 1, 1921 50 (3) Pf L-779 \$4*
Liebenwerda Sept. 16, 1922 100 Mark K-367 Ausgabe B \$5
Liebenwerda Sept. 16, 1922 500 Mark K-367e \$5
Liegnitz ND 10, 50 Pf K-1252h \$1.50*
Liegnitz Jan. 7, 1922 50 Pf K-1253c Gaswerk \$3
Lilienthal Feb. 1, 1921 50 (2) Pf L-780e \$1
Lilienthal March 15, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-780f ship \$2.25*
Lilienthal March 31, 1921 25 SPF L-780g \$1.00*
Lindenberg/Allgaeu Aug. 1, 1917 10, 50 PFS P-S 1266a*
Lingen 10 Pf, ND; 25, 50 April 1, 1921 L-781a \$2.25*
Lingen Sept. 1, 1921 75 Pf L-781b \$1*
Lingen Jan. 1, 1922 2 Mark L-781c Musical score \$1.25*
Linz/Rhein 1917 10, 50 Pf P-S 1271 1, m \$1.25
Linz/Rhein April 1, 1919 50 Pf L-1271n \$1*
Linz/Rhein July 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf L-782 \$2.50*
Lippspringe, Bad May 28, 1921 L-783 Set \$2*
Lippstadt/W Dec. 16, 1919 P-S 1276a \$1
Lobeda 1921 10, 50 Pf L-786 Designer G. Koestschau \$1*
Lobenstein/Thuer. March 15, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-787a Set \$2*
Loessnitz/Erzgeb. to June 30, 1921 10, 20 Pf P-S 1291c \$15
Lorch/Rhein June 15, 1921 25, 50(2) Pf L-793 US, French flags
\$1.50*
Ludwigsluest March 1, 1922 75 Pf L-796b \$1.25*
Luebbecke/Westfalen May 14, 1920 10 Pf P-S 1299a \$1.25*
Luebbecke/Westfalen Dec. 8, 1920 25 Pf, 2 Mark L-797a \$2.25*
Luebeck July 1, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1301d \$1.50*
Luebeck to Dec. 31, 1921 75 Pf L-801 \$1.25*
Luebeck Sept. 1-11, 1921 50 (5) Pf L-805 \$3*
Luebeck Oct. 15, 1921 50 Pf L-806 \$1.25*
Luebeck April 1, 1921 20 (5) Pf L-809a Karton \$2.50*
Luebeck May 1, 1921 50 (5) Pf L-809b \$3*
Lueben ND P-S 1304 1 Pf Karton \$1.75*
Luechtringen May 1, 1921 1 Mark L-814III \$1.50*
Luegde Feb. 16, 1921 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-816 \$2*
Lueneburg ND (1920) 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1309b \$2.25*
Luenen/Lippe April 12, 1921 50 Pf L-819 \$1.25*
Luetjenburg March 2, 1921 25 Pf L-821 \$.50*
Luetjenburg to Nov. 1, 1921 50 Pf (#3, 4) L-820 \$1.50*
Lutter/Barenberg to Oct. 1, 1919 10, 50 Pf P-S 1315 \$3*
Lyck Oct. 1, 1920 5, 10 Pf L-827 Pf \$2.25*

* Uncirculated

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

THE FRAKTUR P.O. Box 334, Iola, Wis. 54945