

# Germany Inland Postal Rates

July 1, 1923 to December 31, 1923

Inflation - Hyperinflation - Stabilisation

This exhibit chronicles the **14 different postal rate periods** in the 6-month period from July 1, 1923 through the new and stable currency in December 1923. During this 6 months, the basic inland letter rate increased over **3-million fold** from **300 Mk to 100,000,000,000 Mk**. The materials used to demonstrate the postal rate charges are mainly printed matter, local and inland postcards, local and inland letters, registered letters with some express delivery, airmail, insured mail, business papers, legal documents and Cash on Delivery. Packet are excluded. Large items have been kept to a minimum.

The exhibits is arranged chronologically with boxed descriptive text where the mail type is introduced

More detail is provided for the important philatelic aspects:

**The dramatic 20-fold increase in rates 24 August;**

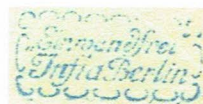
**The "4-Fold" period 26-31 November;**

**The "December-Mail" use of inflation stamps.**

Mail items of **exceptional** importance have a **red border**.

Mail items of **special** importance have a **blue border**.

**Expertised** items have an expert mark on reverse \*



Inflation of postal rates can be traced back to 1916 when some rates were increased but by 1920 the effects of the War were beginning to be felt and rates steadily began to rise from 10 pfennig to 300 Mark at the beginning of July 1923. The period from August 24, 1923 is considered the **hyperinflation** period.

The effects of the 1914-19 War, unstable political situation, ruined economy and high war reparation demands allied with reliance on the printing press for money as the monetary policy were the factors in the inflationary pressures. The occupation of the industrial Ruhr and the German response triggered hyperinflation which spiralled out of control. Postage stamps were printed in huge numbers with increasing denominations with overprinting being extensively used.

The first attempt at monetary stabilisation was made during February - March 1923 but was only temporarily successful. The second stabilisation required emergency legislation and a new currency in December 1923 and had an immediate effect with the currency and postal rates being stabilised.

There was some degree of consideration given by the postal administration to both postal clerks and the general public when the rates were being adjusted to assist understanding. For inland mail, the printed matter rate was the same as local postcard with local letter rate and inland postcard being 2x; inland letter and registration being 5x and express rate being 2x registration. Thought was also given to the postage stamp availability and use.

For example consider the following:

Rate from	Stamp value	Usage
October 1st	2 million Mk	Inland letter
October 10th	2 million Mk	Local Letter, Inland postcard
October 20th	2 million Mk	Local postcard
November 1st	2 million Mk	Printed matter

The inflation and hyperinflation made the postal rates look terrible but in fact the rates were extremely cheap in international terms. From the table above it can be seen that during 11 of the 14 periods, the inland letter rate was less than 1c US and in 5 rate periods the letter rate was less than 1/10th of US cent.

Data as at First Day of the Postal rate				
Rate start	Exchange Mk/US\$1	Inland-Letter Rate Mk	letters/\$1	Cost US cents
1/07/1923	160,000	300	53	1.89
1/08/1923	1,100,000	1000	1100	0.09
24/08/1923	4,700,000	20,000	2350	0.04
1/09/1923	10,300,000	75,000	137	0.68
20/09/1923	182,000,000	250,000	728	0.14
1/10/1923	242,000,000	2,000,000	121	0.83
10/10/1923	2,975,000,000	5,000,000	595	0.17
20/10/1923	12,000,000,000	10,000,000	1200	0.08
1/11/1923	130,000,000,000	100,000,000	1300	0.07
5/11/1923	420,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	420	0.24
12/11/1923	840,000,000,000	10,000,000,000	84	1.19
20/11/1923	4,200,000,000,000	20,000,000,000	210	0.48
26/11/1923	4,200,000,000,000	80,000,000,000	105	0.95
1/12/1923	4,200,000,000,000	100,000,000,000	42	2.38

#### References:

- Hyper-Inflation in Germany 1923 Postal History and List of Rates from 1906-1923. Gerhard Binder 2003
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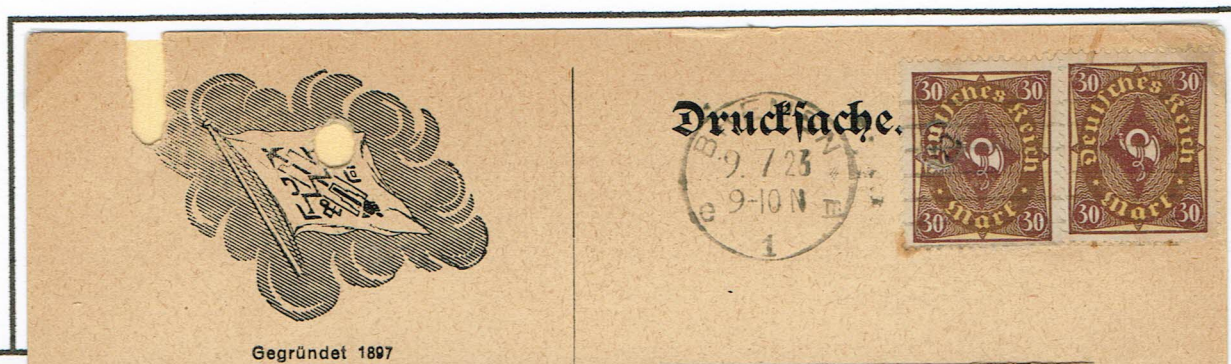


**Printed Matter Postal Stationery** for internal airmail use **20Mk + 25Mk** - Printed matter rate [1/3-23 - 30/6/23] **20Mk**. Airmail Fee for Postcard **25Mk** [Printed matter fee was 50mk] **Berlin-Hamburg** airmail. Berlin Flugpost 30.6.23 3-4pm Last day of Rate. Held at Berlin, new rate introduced Sunday July 1st and forwarded 2.7.23 9-10am - First Day of business

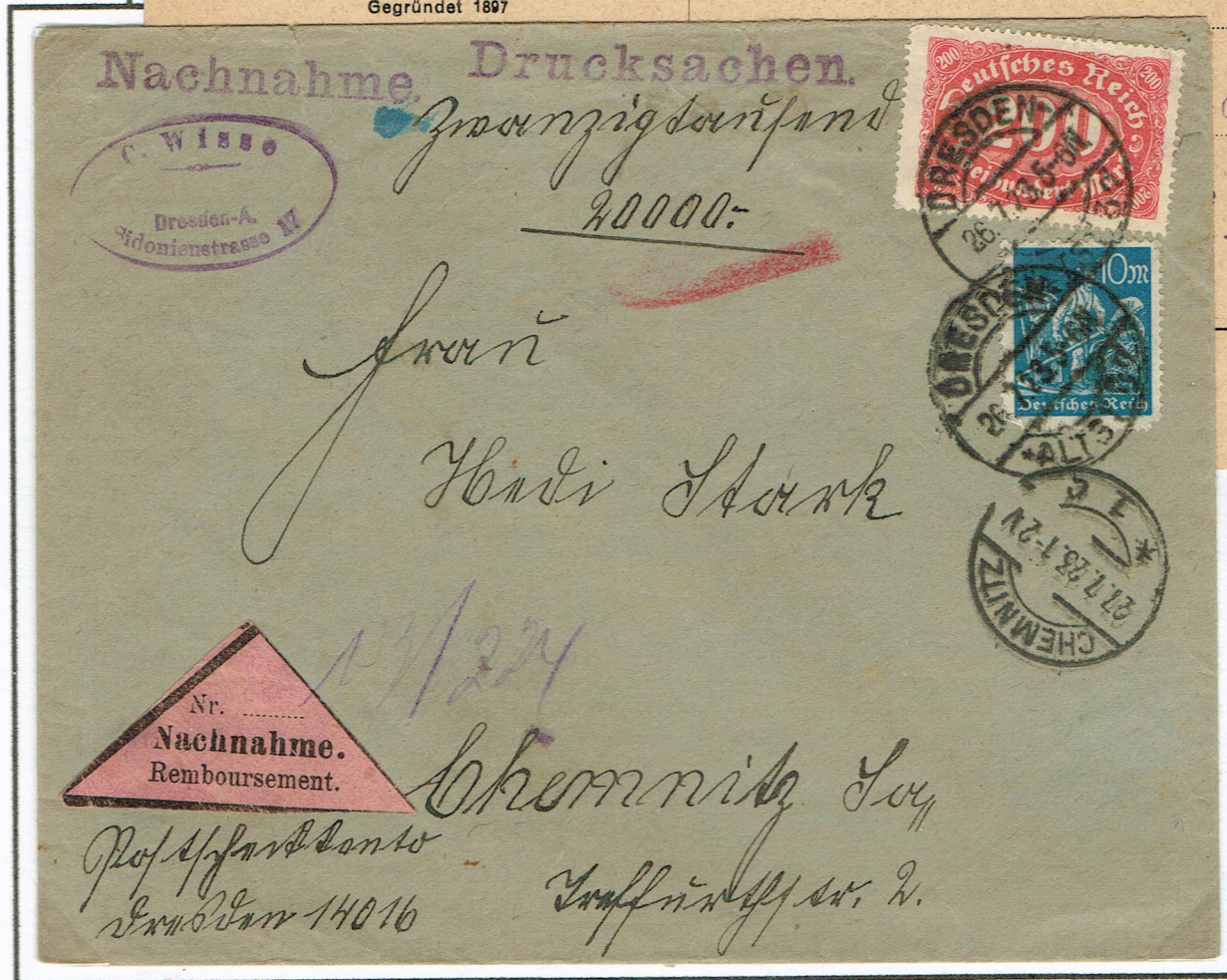
July 1, 1923 - July 31, 1923

Printed Matter to 25gm	60 Mk	Additional services	
Local Postcard	60 Mk	Registration Fee	300 Mk
Inland Postcard	120 Mk	Express Town Fee	400 Mk
Local Letter to 20gm	120 Mk	Cash on Delivery Fee	150 Mk
Inland letter to 20gm	300 Mk	Insurance /10,000 Mk	100 Mk

Printed Matter 60 Mk [postcard] 9.7.23 Bremen local use



Gegründet 1897



COD 20,000 Mk  
Printed Matter  
60 + 150 = 210 Mk

Dresden 26.7.23  
Chemnitz 27.7.23

**COD - Cash on Delivery - Nachnahme** - during the inflation period was a reliable way to collect payments on invoices immediately. All basic types of mail could be sent with this service. The total rate was the normal rate for the piece [including any additional service like express etc.] plus the delivery charge made by the Post Office for collecting the money from the addressee. The money was sent by a postal money transfer order to the bank account of the sender who was also charge a small bank fee. Special triangular labels or special envelopes were used.



July 1 - July 31, 1923

Inland Postcard 120 Mk. Oberreitnau 22 Jul 23 SUNDAY Note indicium 1.50Mk included in postage



Registered Inland Postcard 420 Mk [Postcard 120 Mk + Registration Fee 300 Mk] | Halver 31.7.23 7-8pm  
Last Day of Rate - to Hagen 31.7.23 11-12pm

July 1 - July 31, 1923

Local Letter 120 Mk  
23.7.23 Berlin



Local Letter 23.7.23 140 Mk  
Overfranked 20 Mk



Local Letter  
20 - 100gm  
180Mk  
23.7.23  
Berlin

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Inland Letter [official] 300 Mk. 14 JUL 23 Rottenburg to Stuttgart

Landesgefängnis Rottenburg a. N.

*Im Markt.*



*Lerngegenstand - Schriftauswertung*



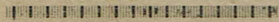
*Stuttgart*

**Ludwig Ganser**

Spezialhaus für Herren-  
und Jünglingsbekleidung

fertig und nach Maß

Eigene Werkstatt



**Bergedorf**

Wentorfer Str. 2-4

Ecke Mohnhof

Fernruf 553



*Fa*

*Dreyer & Gruber*

*Hannover*

*Pinnebergstr. 1.*



Inland Letter 300Mk Bergedorf 31.7.23 5-6pm Last Day of Rate

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**Officials:** Government Departments were required to requisition official postage stamps monthly and were not permitted to write off or return 'old stock' but had to account for every Mark - they had to use all they ordered. The effect of the inflation on postage rates meant that the departments often had to apply multiples of low value stamps to the mail. As hyperinflation worsened, so did the problem for Government Departments!

Inland Letter 100-250gm 450Mk 9 x 50 Mk official stamps 5.7.23 6-7pm Gieben



Landw. Zentralgenossenschaft Regensburg

Postscheckkonto Nürnberg  
Nr. 9174

Filiale Schweinfurt

Telefon Nr. 805, 806  
u. 807

Bank-Abteilung.

Eingang Deutsche Bank  
- 1. AUG. 23 N. 0641 02205  
Beantwortet

titl. Deutsche Bank



Berlin W 8

Inland Letter  
20-100gm  
360Mk.  
Schweinfurt  
31 Jul 23 7-8pm  
To Berlin

Last Day of  
Rate





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Inland Letter 300 Mk. 29.7.23 SUNDAY Darmstadt to Hanover

E. MERCK  DARMSTADT

CHEMISCHE FABRIK  
Wissenschaftliche Abteilung



Herrn

Dr. med. G. A n d r a e,

Nachnahme: *1652* *einhalb hundert fünfzig* Mk. — Pfg.

Absender: Meckl.-Schwer. Landesamt, Ludwigslust i. M.



*Jan*

*Willy Ruth*



frei!

*in Plau: H.*

Cash on Delivery Nachnahme envelope for 1652 Mk. 21.7.23 Ludwigslust to Plau received 22.7.23 [Sunday]

Inland Letter 300Mk + COD delivery charge 150Mk = 450 Mk

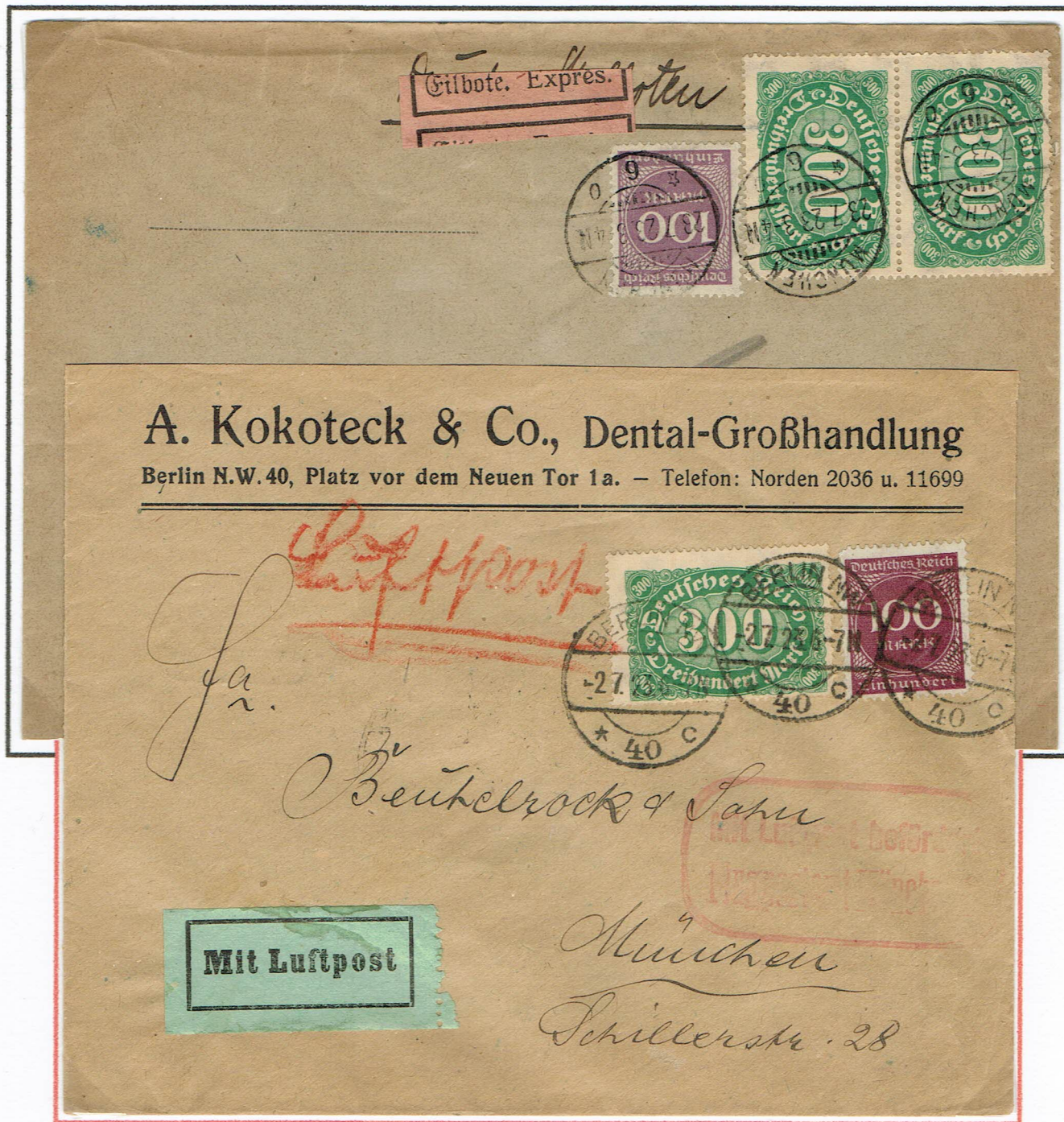
It was a Post Office requirement for COD articles to have the amount of invoice written in both numbers and text to reduce any possibility of error at the receiving Post Office. The Triangular **Nachnahme** label has a space for the article number which was recorded at both sending and receiving offices

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**Express Mail - Eilboten** - was transported by the fastest possible means [apart from airmail] and in the cities was delivered immediately on arrival, although not before 6am, but up to 10pm with night deliveries only if strictly desired. Express mail received transit and arrival postmarks documenting each step on the journey.

**Inland Express Letter 700 Mk.** [300 Mk+ Express Town Fee 400 Mk]

23.7.23 3-4pm Munich to Berlin received 24.7.23 8-9am



**Airmail [commercial] Berlin to Munich** Berlin 2.7.23 6-7pm & Berlin Luftpost 2.7.23 10-11pm  
**Inland Letter 300 Mk;** Airmail letter fee 50 Mk - Franking 400 Mk [overfranked 50 Mk]

Note The **Berlin Post Office NW 40** was not open Sunday July 1 so this is **First Day - July 2, 1923**

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Inland Letter 20-100gm 360 Mk - Oschersleben 25.7.23 to Berlin

Braunschweigische Bank und Kreditanstalt A.-G.  
Oschersleben (Bode.)



*Deutsche Bank*



SWIFT PACKING COMPANY  
HAMBURG

EINSCHREIBEN

Einschreiben

Herrn

*3009*

L. F. Hirsch,



Güstrow i. M.



Inland Letter 20-100gm Registered 360 Mk + 300 Mk = 760 Mk Hamburg 31.7.23 Last day of Rate  
Stamps perforated S P & Co in reverse

Stamps with Perforated Initials - Perfins - many firms perforated the initials on the stock of postage stamps held in the administrative section. This was a security measure against misappropriation by staff.

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**Commercial Samples of No Value - Muster ohne Wert.** These travelled as unsealed printed matter, but were allowed to contain samples of different materials such as cloth, photographs, plans etc. This classification could use the added service of registration, express and COD. **Surviving examples are uncommon** especially with the additional services. The basic rate to 100gm was 180 Mk.

**Commercial Sample of No Value sent COD for 9430 Mk Berlin to Nurnberg**

**Muster ohne Wert rate 100-250gm 300 Mk + COD delivery fee 150 Mk = 450 Mk**



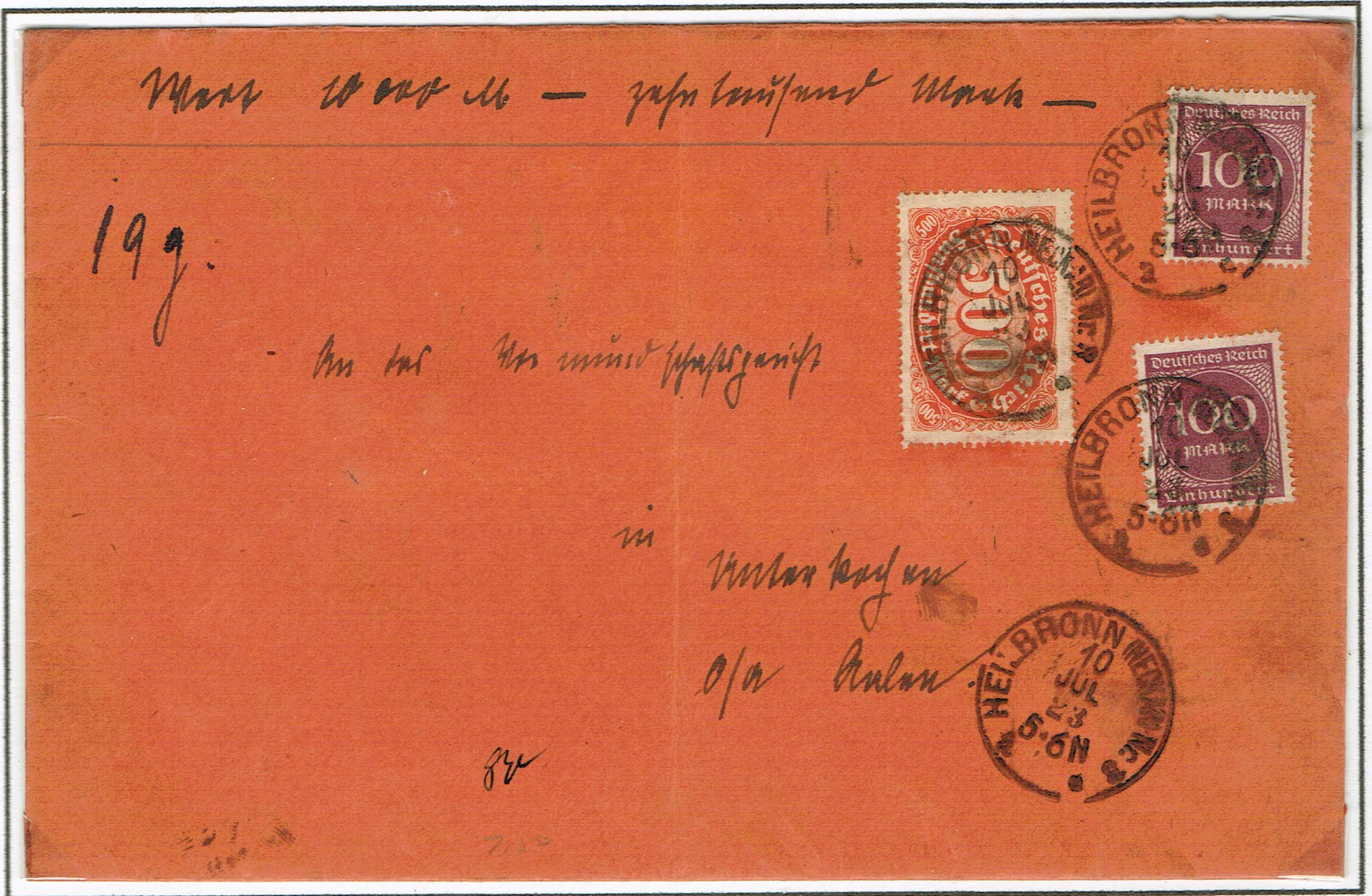
Over-franked Local letter [570 Mk] with imperforate pair of 40 Mk stamps. Berlin 26.7.23



July 1 - 31 July, 1923

**Insured Mail:** the rate for basic insure mail is the sum of 3 parts: the rate for a letter of that weight, a registration fee and an insurance fee [Any express service would be charged extra]. The weight is always noted and the article always wax-sealed. Insured mail was transported separately from the regular mail in a hard box or safe and each step on the journey was documented. No labels were used but the value was required to be written both in words and figures.

**Insured Letter for 10,000 Mk** Heilbronn 10 Jul 23 5-6pm to Unterkochen received 11 Jul 23 7-8am



Franking 500Mk + 2 x 100 Mk = 700 Mk

Postal charts indicate that the costs involved 3 components:

- Weight:** 19gm letter Rate = 300 Mk
- Registration:** 300 Mk [no label applied]
- Insurance:** 100 Mk per 10,000 Mk of value = 100 Mk

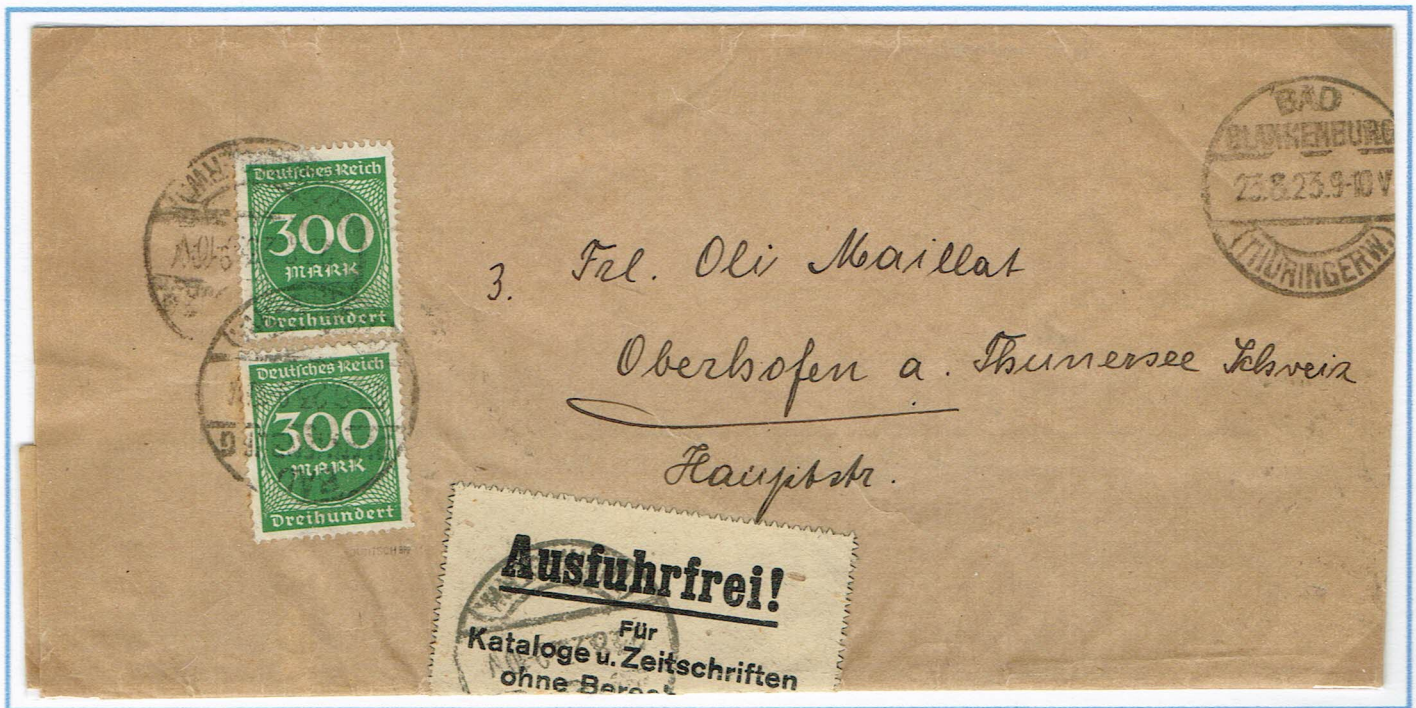
August 1 - August 23, 1923

Printed Matter to 25gm	200 Mk	Additional services	
Local Postcard	200 Mk	Registration Fee	1000 Mk
Inland Postcard	400 Mk	Express Town Fee	2000 Mk
Local Letter to 20gm	400 Mk	Cash on Delivery Fee	500 Mk
Inland letter to 20gm	1000 Mk	Insurance /10,000 Mk	100 Mk

Printed matter [no indication] 1.8.23 8-9am Bad Wildungen Franked 60 Mk. Rate for previous period



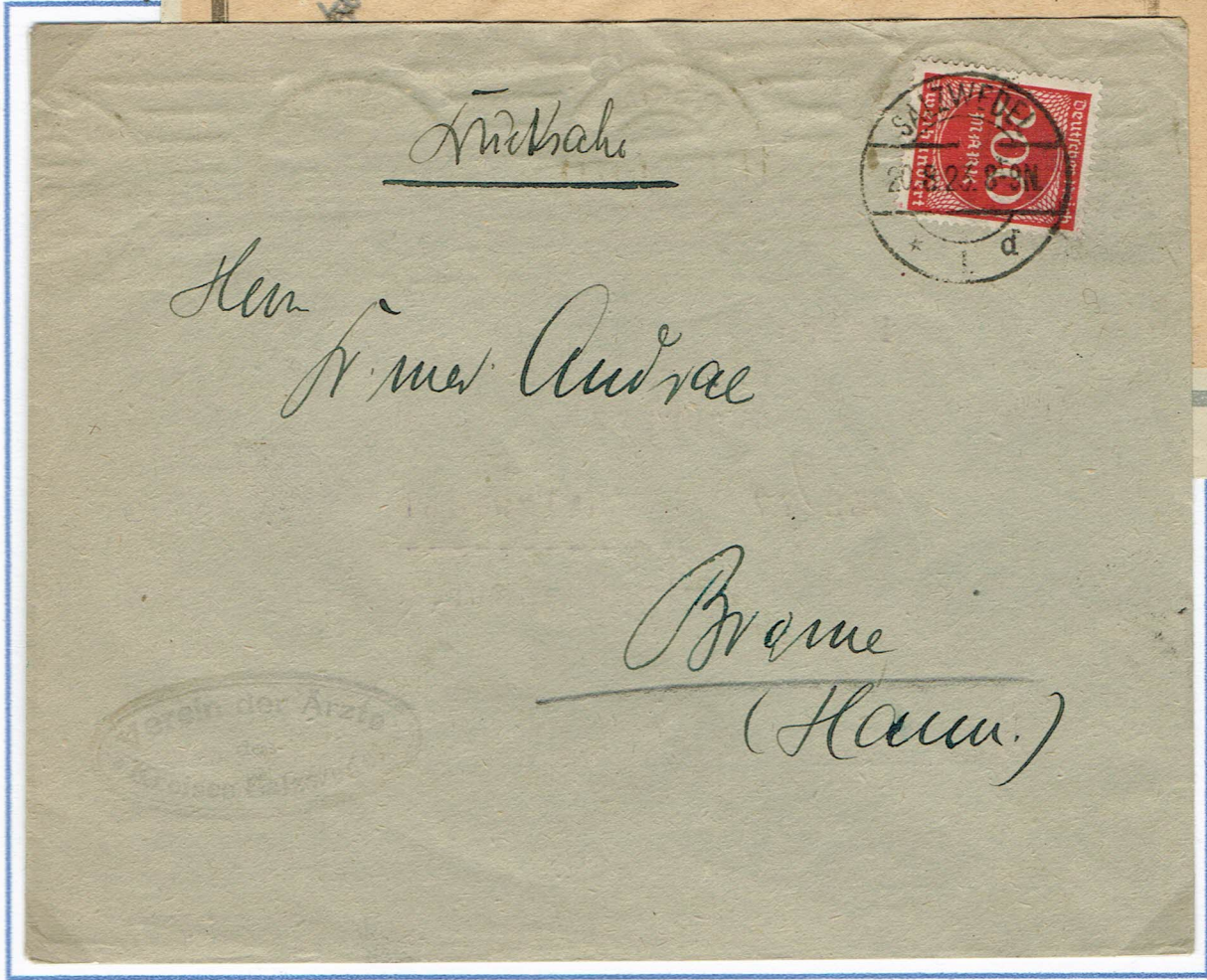
A letter or postcard posted on the last day of a postal rate, franked with the correct rate, would not be charged Postage Due if that mail article was cleared by the first mail clearance on the following morning. The article would have a **First Day** of new rate cancellation



Printed Matter Wrapper 50-100gm 600Mk 23.8.23. Last Day of Rate \*

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Printed Matter to 25gm 200 Mk 8.8.23 Zella-Menlis



Printed matter  
200 Mk  
Salzweidel  
20.8.23

Turned Envelope  
with inside showing  
Berlin machine  
cancellation 15.5.23



Turned envelopes  
are not common  
but are one good  
response to save  
inflationary costs of  
new envelopes

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Local Postcard 200 Mk Cologne 2.8.23 [second day of rate]



Inland Postcard  
 400 Mk.  
 Preetz 1.8.23 7-8pm  
 First Day of Rate  
 Official



Inland Postcard  
 Stornberg 1.8.23 8-9pm  
 First Day of Rate  
 Franking 120M -  
 Rate for previous  
 period  
 No Postage Due despite  
 being dated 8-9pm





**Inland Postcard**  
 400 Mk.  
 20.8.23  
 Extra 400Mk added  
 to 40Mk including  
 Indicum. Post Office  
 added stamps to  
 40Mk for rate 1/3/23  
 - 30/6/23

**Inland Postcard**  
 400 Mk.  
 Frankenstein  
 20 x 20M - 5 on  
 obverse



Jagdgesellschaft Stahlberg

**CARL RABEL**

Gr... ssion  
 WE... LUNG  
 Spezialat

Naheweine eigenes Wachstum und  
 feinste Crescenzweine bis zu den  
 feinsten Edelgewächsen

**BAD MÜNSTER A. ST.**  
 (RHEINLAND)

Geschäftsräume und Kellereien  
 Hauptstrasse 42 (Villa Rabel)

**R** Bad Münster  
 am Stein  
 Nr. 311 889

Postkarte.

Einschreiben

*Herrn Dr. Koppmann*

*Heingruben*  
*bei Dieckwiden*  
*in Pöhl*



**Inland Postcard**  
 Registered

Bad Munster  
 17.8.23

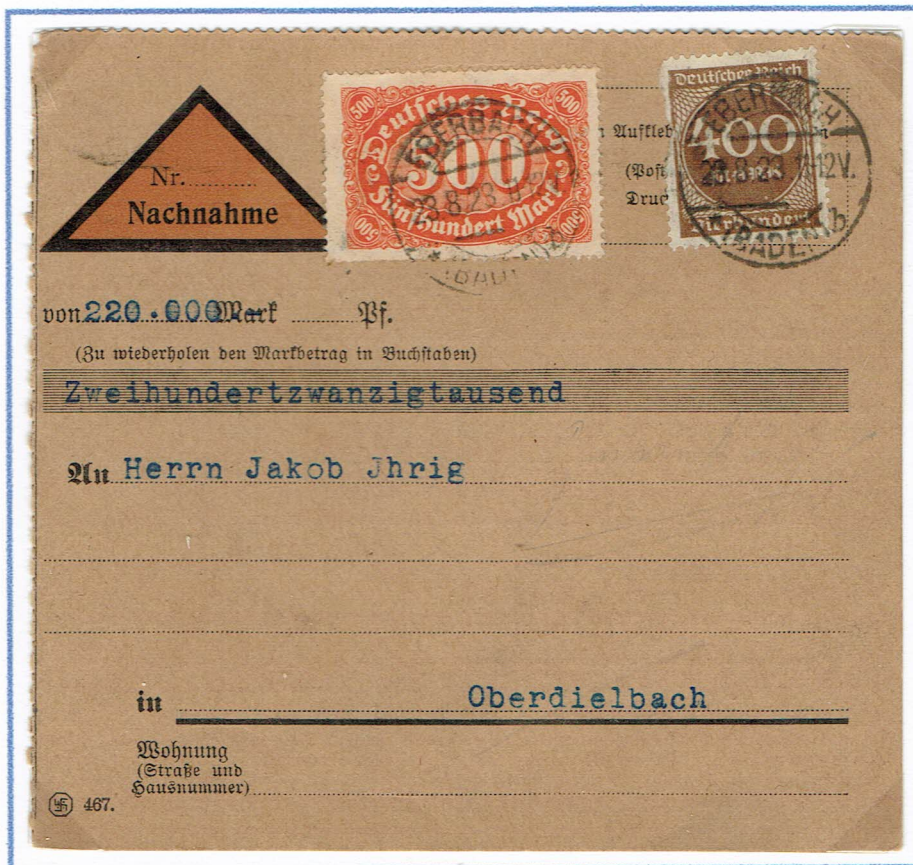
400 + 1000 Mk  
 = 1400 Mk

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Inland Postcard 400 Mk. Northeim 23.8.23 10-11pm Last Day of Rate

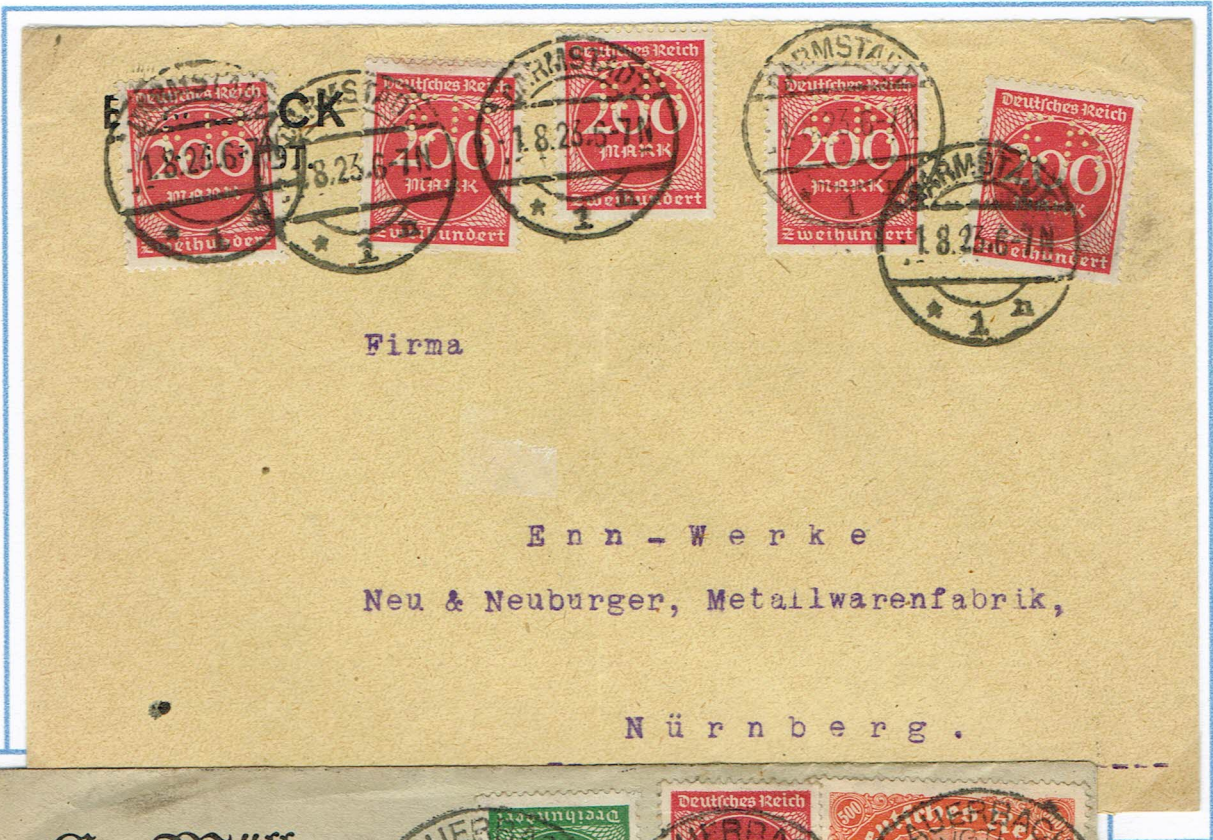


Inland postcard [400 Mk] + COD delivery charge [500Mk] for 220,000 Mk Eberbach 23.8.23 11-12 am Last Day  
COD Nachnahme Postcards were produced for company usage in getting invoices paid.



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Letter 1000 Mk 1.8.23 6-7pm Darmstadt First Day of Rate. "EM" perfin



Letter 1000 Mk 23.8.23 7-8pm Auerbach Last Day of Rate.

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Letter 1000 Mk 23.8.23 8-9pm Stuttgart Last Day of Rate.



Inland Letter 1000 Mk Official 23.8.23 5-6pm Schwandorf. Last Day of Rate

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Inland Letter 20-100gm 1200 Mk. Official 12 AUG Hofa to Munich

# Bezirksamt Hof a. S.

Telefon Nr. 190 \* Postscheckkonto Nr. 3416 Nürnberg \* Telefon Nr. 190

An



*An Holzindustrie*

*München*

Post:

**Kgl. priv. Stadt-Apotheke u. Drogenhandlung**  
in Wolgast. — Fernsprecher Nr. 305.  
**J. Borchardt.**



*Berufsgenossenschaft der Holz- u.  
Brennerei- u. Sägewerk-Industrie*



*Charles-Meyerstr. 2*

*Bismarckstr. 12*

*fr*

Inland Letter  
20-100gm  
Registered  
[1200Mk + 1000Mk]

Franking 2200 Mk

Wolgast  
23.8.23 4-5pm  
Last Day of Rate

\*

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**Delivery of Writs / Legal Documents - Zustellungsurkunde** - a service where the rate is the sum of three parts: the appropriate letter rate for weight and distance, the delivery fee equal to the registration fee, and a standard letter rate [local or inland] for the return of the confirmation of delivery. This service was restricted to authorities and officials, no private mail was permitted. Legal documentation from the court of justice were sent this way, the time of delivery was noted and the addressee had to sign a receipt which was sent back to the authorities. All stages of the journey were documented.

**Delivery of Writs or Legal Documents from Witten 12.8.23 8-9pm SUNDAY - to Hamburg**



Franking 3 x 100 Mk = 3000 Mk

Inland Letter rate 1000 Mk +  
Delivery Fee 1000 Mk +  
Inland Letter rate for return receipt 1000 Mk  
Charge = 3000 Mk

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Express Mail to the smaller villages received the same rapid service of immediate delivery but the rural express fee was a lot more expensive - usually 3 times that for town or city delivery

Inland Letter Registered Express Berlin to Baden-Baden  
Berlin 6.8.23 5-6am - Baden-Baden 7.8.23 12-1pm



Franking 2 x 3000 Mk + 2000 Mk = 8000 Mk

Registration label and Express Label + exhortation to hurry handstamp

Inland Letter Rate to 20 gm = 1000 Mk

Registration Fee = 1000 Mk

Express Town Fee = 2000 Mk

Correct Charge should have been 4000 Mk

Incorrectly sent Rural Express Rate of 6000 Mk - a rare Post Office error

August 1 - August 23, 1923

Vorprüfung  
des Hilfsbunds für die  
im Reich  
Freiburg  
Nordkaferne, 1



An die

Reichsstelle für Wertpapiere .

Berlin W. 35

Potsdamerstrasse 122 a-b.



Inland Letter  
23.8.23 9-10pm

Freiburg to Berlin

Last day of Rate

Franking:  
4 x 3000 Mk +  
16 x 500 Mk =

20,000 Mk

Correct rate for  
next rate Period

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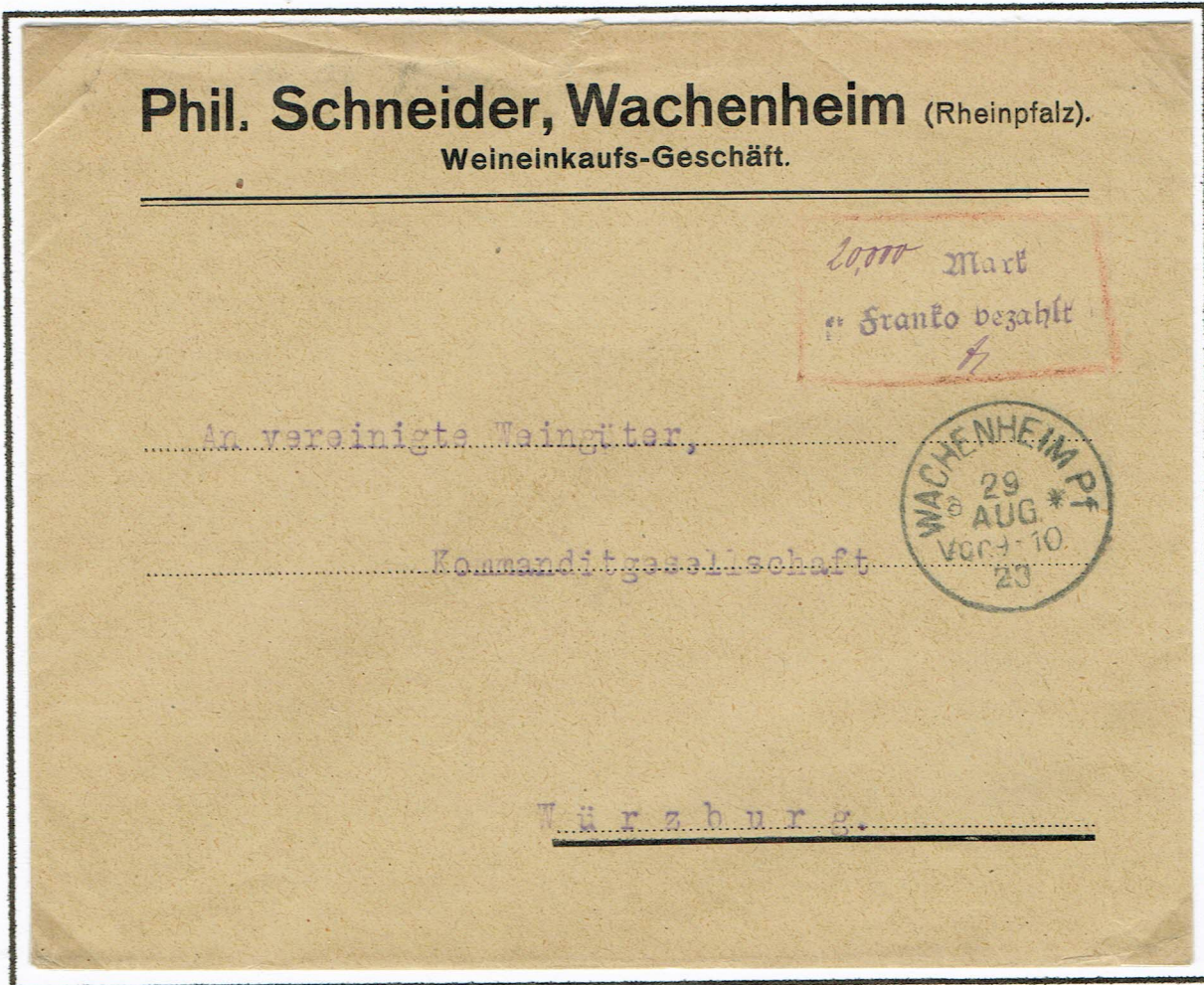


August 24 - August 31, 1923

Printed Matter to 25gm	4000 Mk	Additional services	
Local Postcard	4000 Mk	Registration Fee	20000 Mk
Inland Postcard	8000 Mk	Express Town Fee	40000 Mk
Local Letter to 20gm	8000 Mk	Cash on Delivery Fee	10000 Mk
Inland letter to 20gm	20000 Mk	Insurance /10,000 Mk	100 Mk

On August 24th Postal rates were multiplied by 20 and confusion and chaos ensued. This required immediate action, as it appeared impossible due to logistical and bureaucratic problems and long distances to supply all post offices regularly with postage stamps. Telegraphed instructions were sent to postmasters to "introduce the cash settlement of postage for inland and foreign mail immediately because of the lack of postage stamps."

Letters had to be marked as postage paid and the amount of cash received was to be noted and signed for, but information about the detail was sparse and local postmasters had to improvise. The result is a large variety of types, shapes and sizes although the colour was almost uniformly red. The majority of postmasters had small hand stamps made with the words "Gebühr Bezahlt" which meant **Fee Paid** but often the signature and the amount are missing. These fee paid markings were permitted until December 14, 1923.



Inland Letter 20,000 Mk - 29 Aug 23. Wachenheim to Wurtburg.

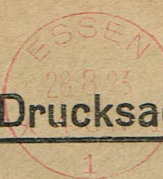
Unusual marking with "Franko bezahlt" and "20,000" mark in hand drawn red box and postmaster initials.

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**Postal Meter Markings:** These were applied at Post Offices not at the firm, and only on a **minimum of 500** mail articles. Not all Post Offices had the facilities. The design was always in red as specified at the World Postal Congress in Madrid in 1921. The design was ideal for managing frankings in the progressive inflationary environment with various modifications - reduced size of zeros, the use of "M" signifying not marks but Millions etc.

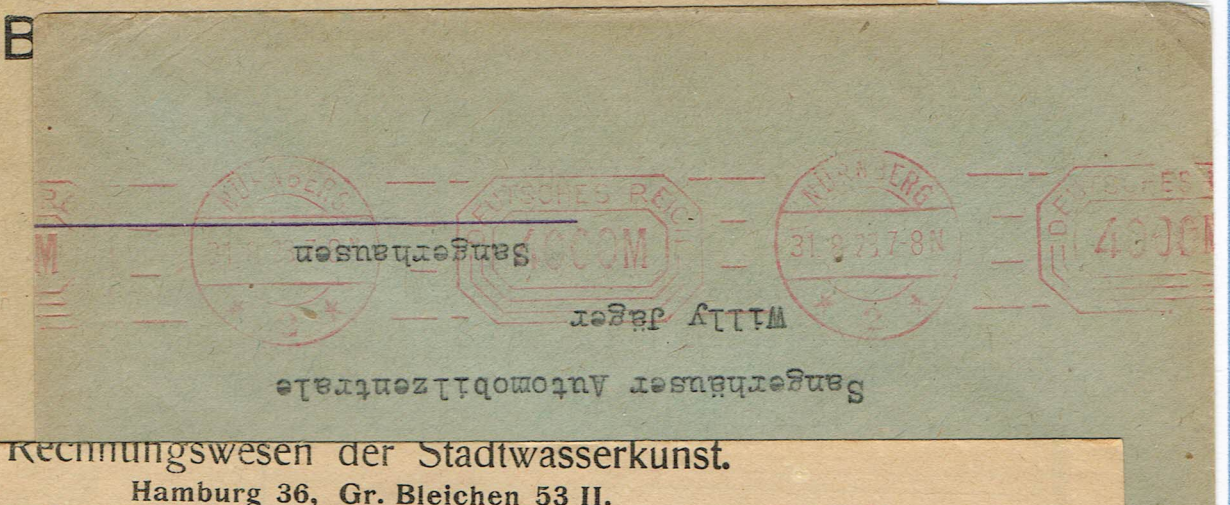
STENGER, HOFFMANN & Co.  
ESSEN-RUHR  
HUYSSENALLEE 50

Eilige Drucksache.



Printed Matter  
4000 Mk.  
28.8.23  
Essen

Printed Matter  
4000 Mk.  
31.8.23  
Nurnberg  
Last Day of Rate



Rechnungswesen der Stadtwasserkunst.  
Hamburg 36, Gr. Bleichen 53 II.



*Nicht befördern,  
wenn Gebühren entstehen.*

Herrn  
*J. A. F. Piercke*

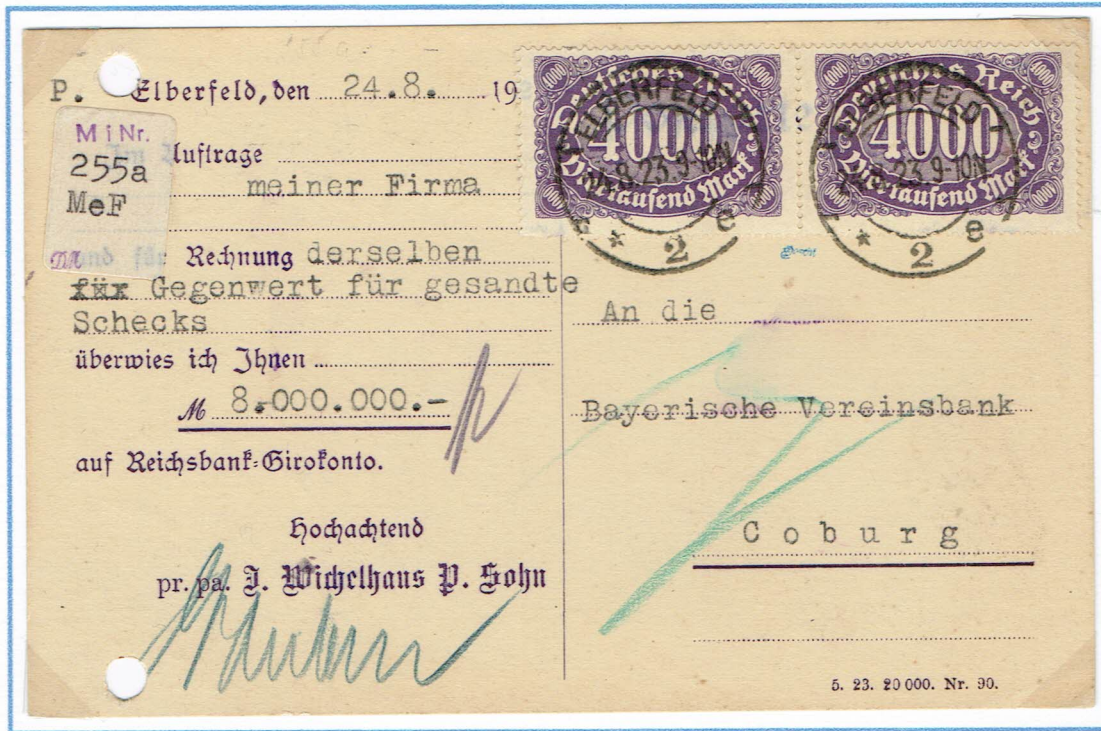
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*Lovvnglyck 11.*

frei!

Printed Matter 50-100gm 8000 Mk 30.8.23 Hamburg

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Inland Postcard 8000 Mk 24.8.23 9-10pm Elberfeld First Day of Rate \*



Inland Postcard 8000 Mk 24.8.23 6-7pm Flensburg First Day of Rate



Inland Postcard 8000 Mk 26.8.23 12-1pm Lindau SUNDAY



Inland Postcard Registered 8000 + 20000Mk. 31.8.23 Edelfingen Last Day of Rate



Inland Postcard 8000 Mk  
Boxed Fee Paid with  
initials no amount  
31.8.23 5-6pm  
Altenburg  
Last Day of Rate



Inland Postcard  
8000 Mk  
31.8.23 6-7pm  
Umenstadt  
Last Day of Rate

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Inland Postcard 8000 Mk

26.8.23 SUNDAY  
 Bad Thuringer

Over franked 2000 Mk

Inland Postcard  
 8000 Mk  
 26.8.23  
 Klais  
 SUNDAY



Inland Postcard 8000Mk. Coburg 28.8.23. 3Mk postal card [with additional stamps to 80Mk] with 8 Thousand / 30pf paying the rate. Stamp issued August 24th 1923



Local Letter 8000 Mk. Berlin 31.8.23 5-6pm. Last Day of Rate \*



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Inland Letter: First Day of Rate 24.8.23 6-7am. Heilbronn. Franking 1000 Mk  
Franked at rate for Previous period, cancelled early first day so no Postage Due



Inland Letter: First Day of Rate 24.8.23 7-8am. Olbernhau. Franking 700 Mk Under- franked for previous rate period - 1000 Mk.[Should have had postage due of 150% of 300Mk - 450 Mk] but accepted without Postage Due



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Inland Letter  
20,000 Mk

24.8.23  
First Day of  
Rate  
Hannover

PAPIERMANUFAKTUR  
 FRITZ BAUMGARTEN  
 HANNOVER



Inland Letter  
20,000 Mk

31.8.23 11-12 pm  
Dresden

Last Day of  
Rate

Last Mail  
Clearance

Franking:  
200 Mk x 10  
3000 Mk x 6

H. 2940-23



September 1 - September 19, 1923

Letter - 3.9.23 Plauen. No stamps PORTO with "113000" Postage Due 150% of 75,000 = 112,500 Mk rounded

Georg Riemer

Generalvertreter  
Plauen i. Vogtl.  
Neundorferstrasse 4  
Fernsprecher 2759

*Wegen Markmangel  
nicht frankiert*

*Firma*

*G. Grossmann  
H. G.*



*113000  
Löhning 1/3*

STACHELHAUS & BUCHLOH  
G. m. b. H.  
MANNHEIM.



*Ernst Fünfgold*

*Freiburg 73/2  
Zähringerstr. 69*

Inland Letter 75,000 Mk. 19.9.23 Mannheim. Last Day of Rate

September 1 - September 19, 1923

Inland Letter  
75,000 Mk  
Meter Mark

1.9.23 9-10pm  
Bremem

First Day of  
Rate

**Conr. Kellner, Bremen**  
Eisen- und Metall-Grosshandlung.



**Gust. Rexhausen**

Inhaber: Gustav Rexhausen jun.  
Glas // Porzellan // Steingut  
Salzwedel.



DUITSCH 877

Firma

Porzellanfabrik

Heinrich & Co.

**Gebr. Sirringhaus : Kamen i.W.**

Hammer Straße 194.

Delikatessen, Lebens- und Genußmittel etc.



*Jern*

*J. F. Marden*

*Grütersloh i. Westf.  
Fleischwarenfabrik*

Inland Letter 75,000Mk  
1.9.23 6-7pm

First day of Rate

First day of 75T/400

Inland Letter 75,000Mk  
1.9.23 5-6pm

First day of Rate  
Overfranked 5T

September 1 - September 19, 1923

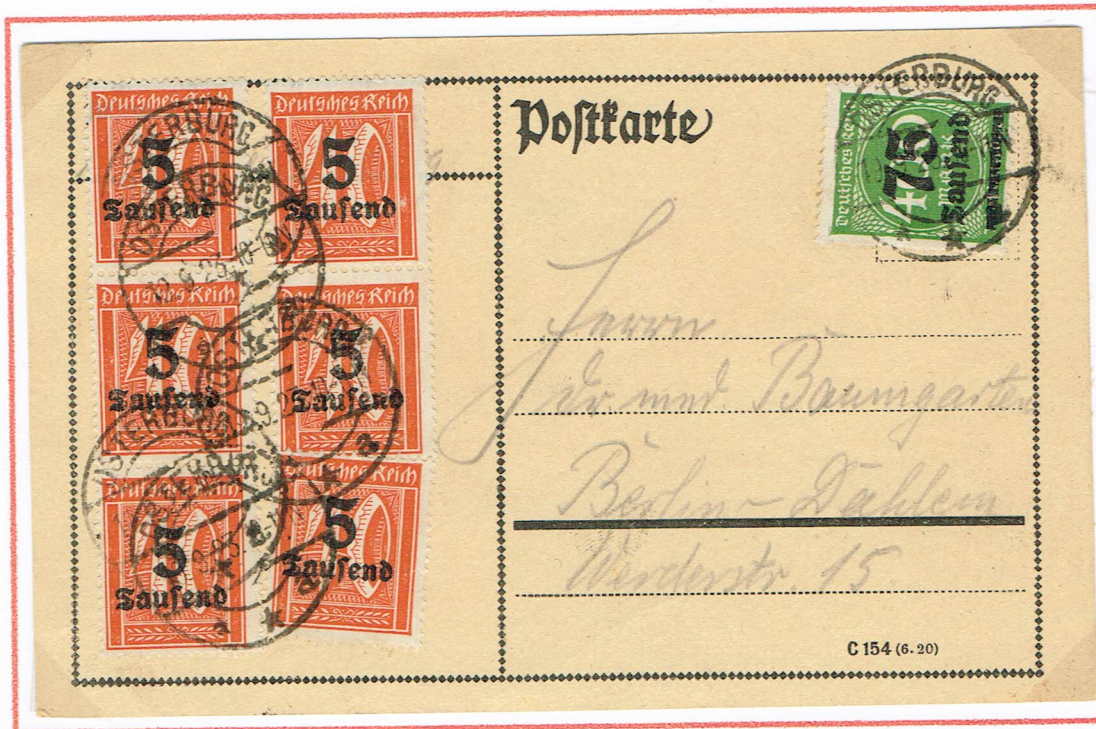
Local Letter 20-100gm 45,000 Mk. Paid in Cash "45000" 19.9.23 9-10pm Cottbus Last Day of Rate



Local Letter 30,000 Mk Berlin 6.9.23

September 1 - September 19, 1923

Inland Postcard written September 18th Osterburg 19.8.23 10-11pm Last Day of Rate but franked 105,000 Mk [extra 5,000] for Next Rate Period 20 - 30 September



Local Letter Aachen 1.9.23 8-9am First Day of Rate but franked for Local Letter previous period [8000Mk].  
No postage due as cleared early on September 1st.



Part Obverse

September 1 - September 19, 1923

Postcard 30,000 Mk  
19.9.23 5-6pm  
Blinden  
Last Day of Rate



Postcard 30,000 Mk  
19.9.23 9-10am  
Capnin  
Last Day of Rate

Postcard 30,000 Mk. 19.9.23 3-4 am Unterwossen - Last Day of Rate. 20T + 8 T + 2000 = 30,000 Mk



Postkarte  
 Gebühr bezahlt

Postcard 30,000 Mk  
 - 4.9.23  
 Boxed red "Gebühr Bezahl" = Fee Paid "30.000"

Handwritten German text on the left side of the card, including "Freund" and "Chemnitz".

Postmark: Ostens, Sommer- u. Winterk...  
 4.9.23

Postkarte

Otto Hegewald  
 Chemnitz  
 Barbarossastr. 45  
 Fernsprecher Nr. 8509.

Herrn  
 J. M. Gabler - Saliter  
 Milchwerke

Postmark: Chemnitz, 9.9.23  
 Ober- u. Niederbayr.  
 9 9 23-10N

10000 Mk. stamp featuring a church.

Postcard  
 30,000 Mk  
 9.9.23  
 Chemnitz  
 SUNDAY

Postcard 30,000 Mk.  
 5.9.23 Pfungstadt.

10,000 Mk + Boxed red  
 "Gebühr Bezahl" =  
 Fee Paid "20,000"

Postcard 30,000 Mk. with multiple stamps and a boxed red "Gebühr bezahlt" stamp.

Postmark: Pfungstadt, 6.9.23

Handwritten address: Herr Doktor Lorenzmann, Chemnitz, Ludwigstraße 13

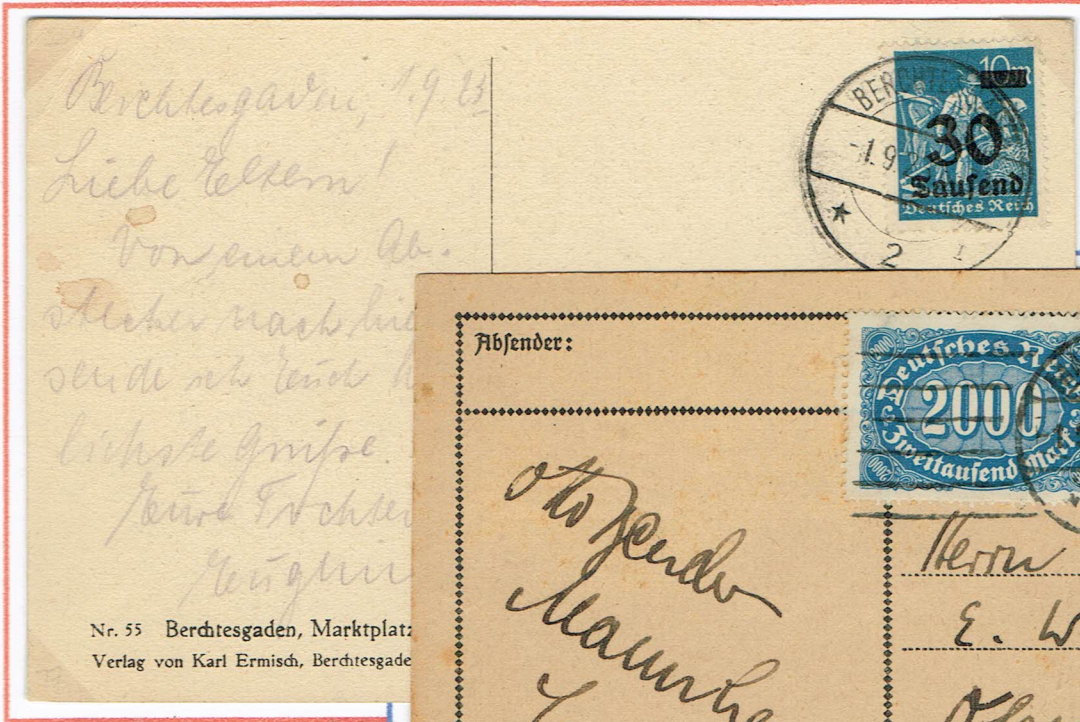
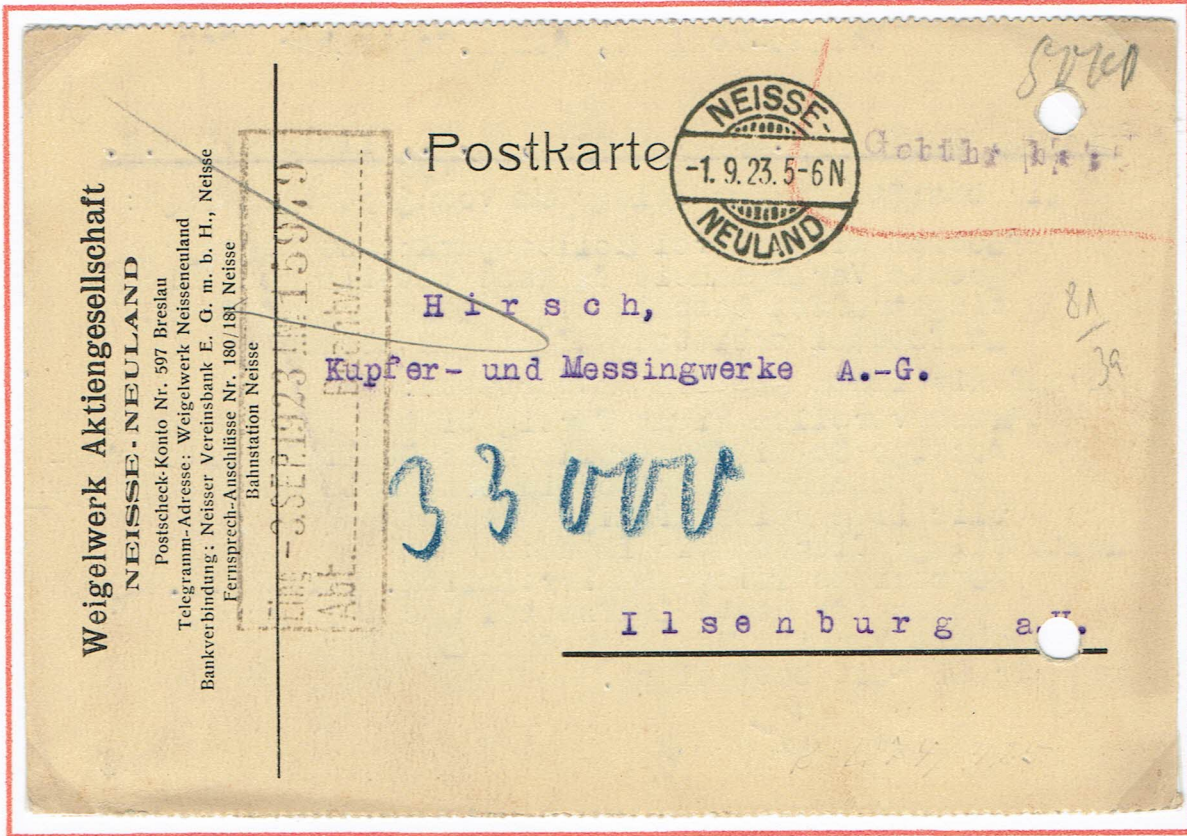
Handwritten number: 663/04

Partial Cash Payment stamp: C 154 (6.20)

Partial Cash Payment was allowed with no restriction given to the percentage stamps or the cash amount. Examples are uncommon. These cash payments were allowed from August 24th to December 14th 1923

September 1 - September 19, 1923

Inland Postcard 1.9.23 First Day of Rate. "8000" paid in cash - local postcard rate 24-31 August 1923  
Correctly charged Postage Due "33000" which is 150% of the 12,000 Mk short paid



Postcard 30,000 Mk  
1.9.23 Berchtesgaden

First day of Rate

First Day usage of  
30 Thousand / 10Mk



Postcard 30,000 Mk  
1.9.23 5-5pm  
Manheim

First Day of Rate

September 1 - September 19, 1923

# JAHRESSCHAU DEUTSCHER ARBEIT DRESDEN

Geschäftsstelle: Verwaltungs-Gebäude im Städtischen Amtsgebäude, Innéstraße 3  
Fernsprechnummern 34524, 34225 und 34226

## POSTKARTE

Herrn

Professor S c h u m a n n

Dresden - Blasewitz.

Nr. 60. 5000. VIII. 22.



Local Postcard  
15,000 Mk

Dresden  
1.9.23 4-5pm

First Day of Rate

Abfender



Herrn Bornemann  
Berlin - Parkow

Parkow - Nr. 62.

Local Postcard  
15,000 Mk

Berlin 2.9.23

SUNDAY

Abfender:



Herrn Waringhaus  
Post 302  
Wiefelshausen  
Adalbertstr. 4

Portopflichtige  
7000  
Dienstsaachen



C 154 a (4. 23)

Local Postcard  
Franked 8000 Mk  
[rate 24-31/8/23]

PORTO

"7000" postage due  
[exact deficit]

Should be 150% of  
deficiency - 10500Mk



September 1 - September 19, 1923

Printed Matter to 25gm	15,000 Mk	Additional services	
Local Postcard	15,000 Mk	Registration Fee	75,000 Mk
Inland Postcard	30,000 Mk	Express Town Fee	150,000 Mk
Local Letter to 20gm	30,000 Mk	Cash on Delivery Fee	37,000 Mk
Inland letter to 20gm	75,000 Mk	Insurance /100,000 Mk	2,000 Mk

Printed matter 15,000 Gebühr bezahlt oval Frankfurt 1.9.23 8-9pm First Day of Rate



Printed Matter  
 15,000 Mk  
 "15 000"  
 Paid in Cash  
 Weimar 19.9.23 6-7pm  
 Last Day of Rate

August 24 - August 31, 1923

Inland Letter 20-100gm 25,000 Mk. 24.8.23 9-10pm Frankfurt First Day of Rate  
20 Thousand / 200Mk issues 24th August 1923 - First day usage.

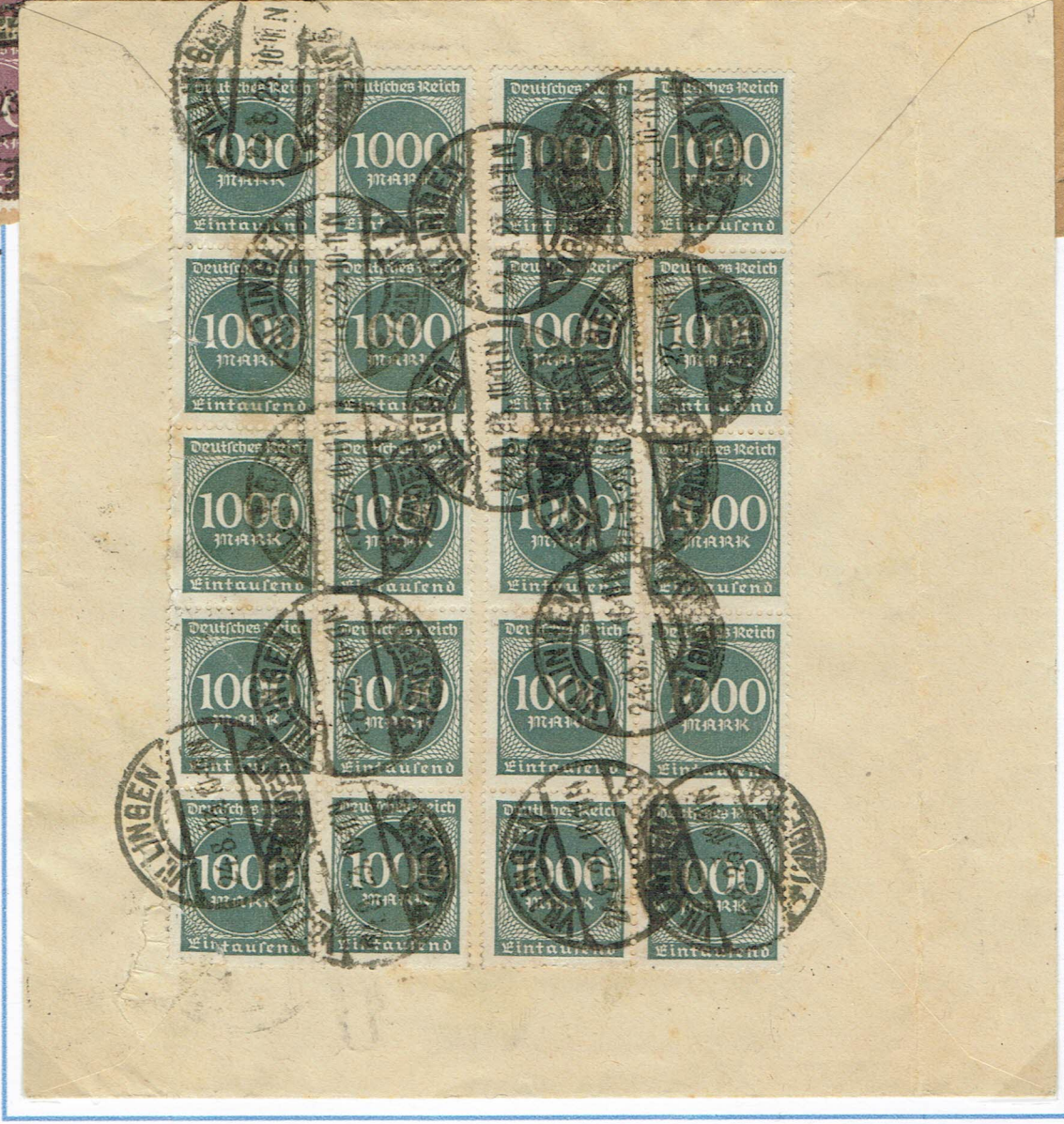


Inland Letter 20-100gm 25,000 Mk. 31 AUG 23 10-11am Last Day of Rate. Regensburg Official with 50 x 500Mk

August 24 - August 31, 1923



Letter 20-100gm  
 25,000 Mk  
 Berlin 30.8.23



Letter 20-100gm  
 25,000 Mk  
 24.8.23 Villingen

First Day of Rate  
 25 x 1000 Mk  
 [5 x 1000 on front]

August 24 - August 31, 1923



Registered Letter 40,000 Mk [20,000 + 20,000] Essen 24.8.23 6-7pm First Day of Rate \*

Registered Letter 40,000 Mk [20,000 + 20,000] Linden 31.8.23 6-7pm Last Day of Rate \*



Wilhelm Kühne Nachfolger

Inhaber: Hermann Kühne

Hautschlerei — Mühlfabrik

Halberstadt

H. d. Mütze 20. — Fernsprecher 647.



Durcheilbetenzubestellen

Bote Bezahlt.

Herrn Paul Wunsch,



Magdeburg.



Olvenstedterstr. 65.b.





24-31 August 1923

Sender: Gerichtsschreiberei & des Amtsgerichts in Guben.

94 420 23



*Handwritten signature/initials*

*dem Oberstaatsanwalt gegen Alfred Hebitz*

in

*Rieserungen*

*bei Will Lushaven  
Lraunmühlstraße 23*

*Bitte ein Verzeichnis der  
Anlieferungsstellen  
Bereinzeln anzugeben*

**Sending Legal Documents or Writs  
Zustellungsurkunde**

Guben 25.8.23

Franking 128 x 500  
Mk official = 64,000  
Mk

**Charges:**  
Letter to 100gm 25,000  
Delivery Fee 20,000  
Return Receipt 20,000  
Total = 65,000 Mk

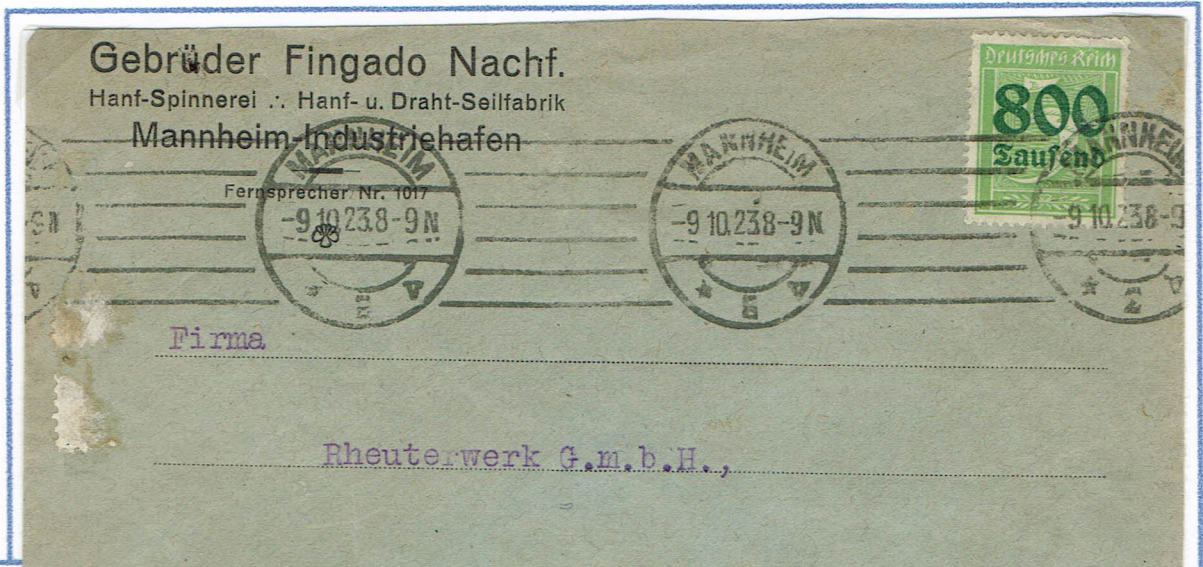
Under-franked by 1000  
Mk an easy error in a  
mass franking.

Demonstrates the  
problem faced by the  
Government  
Departments having to  
use up stock of stamps  
in the face of escalating  
postage



October 1 - October 9, 1923

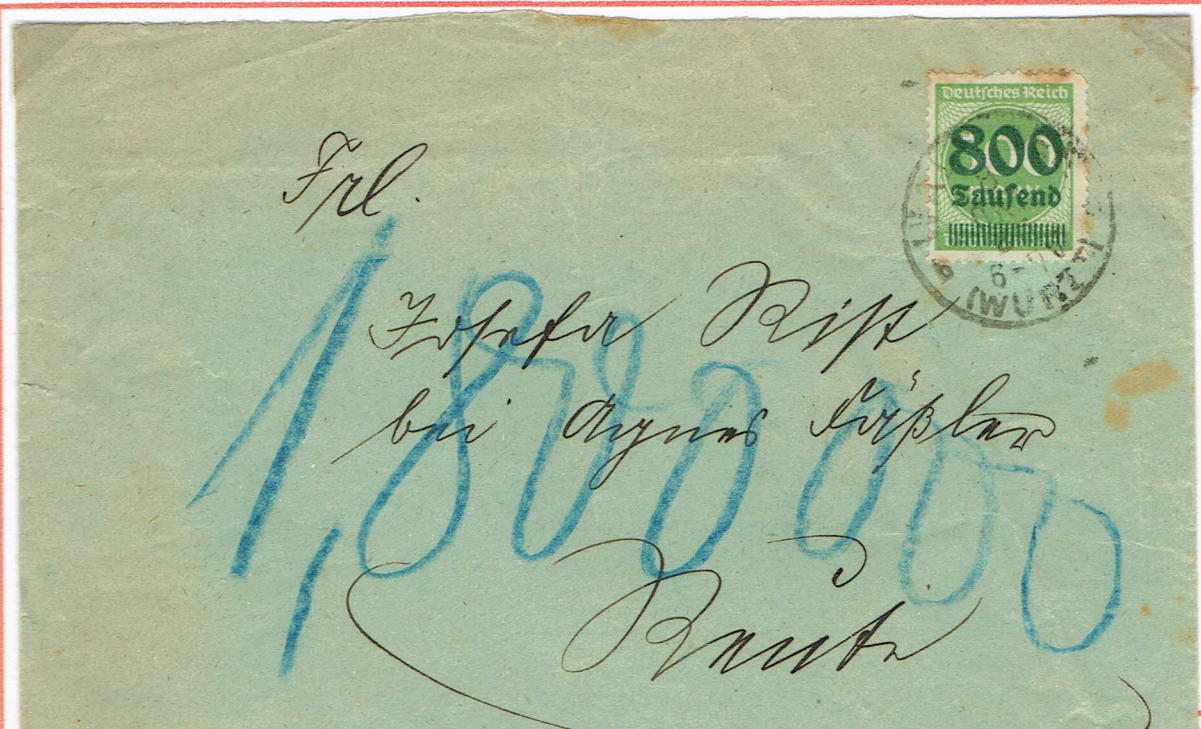
Local Letter 800,000 Mk. Mannheim 9.10.23.8-9pm Last Day of Rate



Local Letter 800,000 Mk. Berlin 1.10.23 9-10pm First Day of Rate



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Inland Letter  
franked at Local  
Rate 800,000 Mk  
with "1,800,000"  
Postage Due

Postage due is  
150% of deficit  
[1,200,000 Mk] =  
1,800,000 Mk.



Inland Letter Rate 1.10.23 3-4 PM First day of Rate Posted too late for acceptance with Franking 250,000 Mk for previous rate period.

Postage Due 150% deficiency [1.75Million] = 2,625.000 "2625T" Postage Due

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**Inland Letter 2,000,000 Mk**

**1.10.23 12-1pm First Day of Rate**

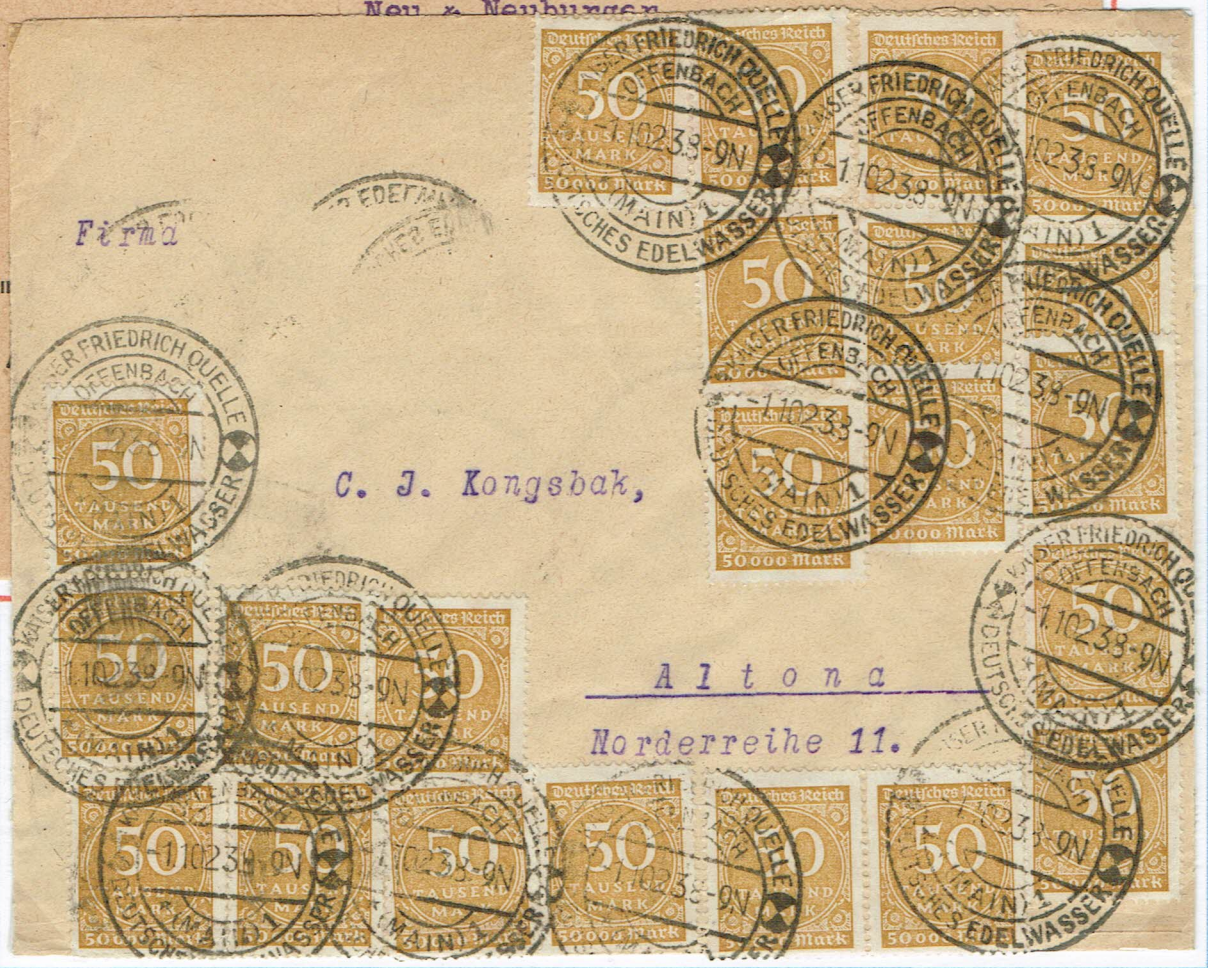
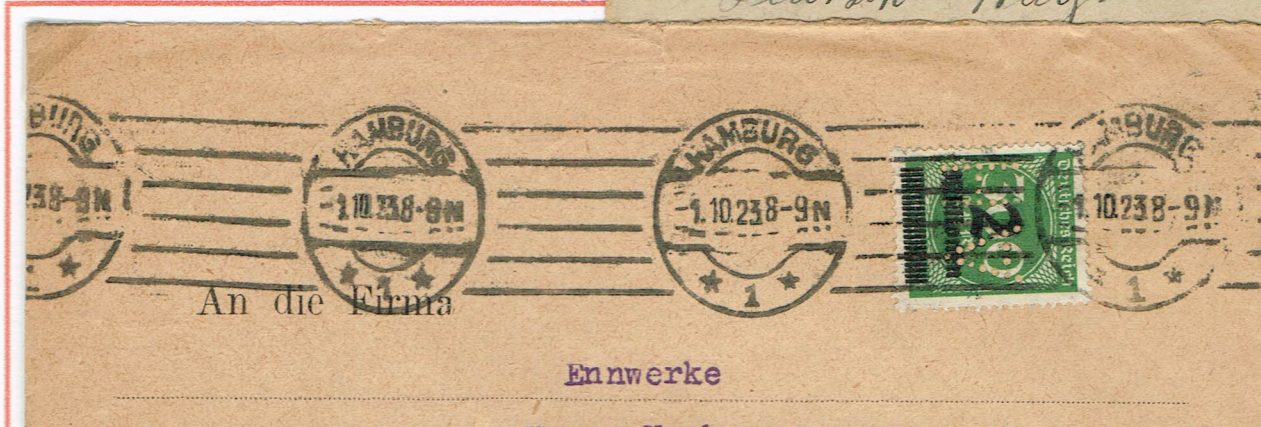
8 x 250 Thousand / 500Mk

Private mail 1/50th of Business mail

**1.10.23 8-9pm First Day of Rate**

2 Million / 300 Mk First day of use

OPD overprint. Perfin "A H"



**Inland Letter Rate 2,000,000 Mk 1.10.23 8-9pm First Day of Rate - Franking 40 x 50 thousand Mk**

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Inland Letter Rate  
2 million

Lemathe-Unna  
Railway Post  
9 OC 23

Last Day of Rate



Inland Letter Rate 2,000,000 Mk Thanndorf 9.10.23 8-9 AM Last Day of Rate - Franking both sides 36 stamps  
 $800T/400T \times 2 + 75T/1000T \times 4 + 15T/40m \times 6 + 1000Mk \times 3 + 400Mk + 300Mk \times 22 = 2,000,000 \text{ Mk}$

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Inland Letter  
 9.10.23 7-8PM  
 with  
 2,050,000 Mk  
 [26 x 75,000 Mk +  
 100,000 Mk]  
 Overfranked  
 50,000 Mk

Last Day of Rate

Posting mail last  
 clearance on the  
 last day of the rate  
 made economic  
 sense



Inland Registered Letter 4,000,000 Mk. Berlin 4.10.23. 2 million / 200Mk issued October 1st

October 1 - October 9, 1923

An die

Allgemeine Versicherungs-Gesellschaft  
für See-, Fluß- und Landtransport in Dresden

BERLIN W.9

Königin-Augusta-Straße 10-11.

Inland Letter  
20-100gm  
2,800,000 Mk  
Gera 1.10.23

First Day of Rate

Registered Inland  
Letter 20-100gm  
4,800,000 Mk  
9.11.23 5-6pm

Last Day of Rate

Official Franking:  
100T x 33 +  
250T x 6  
39 stamps

st.)

Tungendorf 2/19.

-44-

Einschreiben

Neumünster.  
No. 537

An

Herrn Notar W. H a m k e n s

in

H o h e n w e s t e d



October 1 - October 9, 1923

Inland Letter 20-100gm 2,800,000 Mk. Zittau 7.10.23 SUNDAY

Vereinigung  
von Banken und Bankiers  
in Ostsachsen

Zittau, Bautzner Straße 20-22



Vertraulich.

----- Bankverein  
Bischofswerda Akt.-Ges.  
Zweigstelle Oberneukirch

Oberneukirch

An die

Allgemeine Ortskrankenkasse



frei



Burglengenfeld.

Inland Letter 20-100gm 2,800,000 Mk. 9.10.23 5-6pm Last Day of Rate

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Nachnahme - Cash on Delivery Inland letter for 18,224,000 Mk Munich 3.10.23

Charges: Letter 20-100gm 2.8 million Mk + COD fee 1 million = 3.8 million Mk

Franking: 10 x 4000 Mk + 12 x 30 thousand/10Mk + 100 thousand / 400 Mk + 2 x 250 thousand/500Mk + 800 thousand /1000Mk + 2 million/200T = 3.8 million Mk



Notariat München IX. (Justizrat Oskar Schmidt, Notar, Kaufingerstraße 15/1.)

Postcheckkonto 7087 München

An

Handwritten recipient name: Herrn. Paul Reichard



Handwritten details: 18 224 000 = Achtzehn Millionen zwei hundert vier und zwanzigttausend Mark. Lüpfy & Gyp in München Nr. 16 638

Handwritten address: Egerstr. 84 by Fegerussee

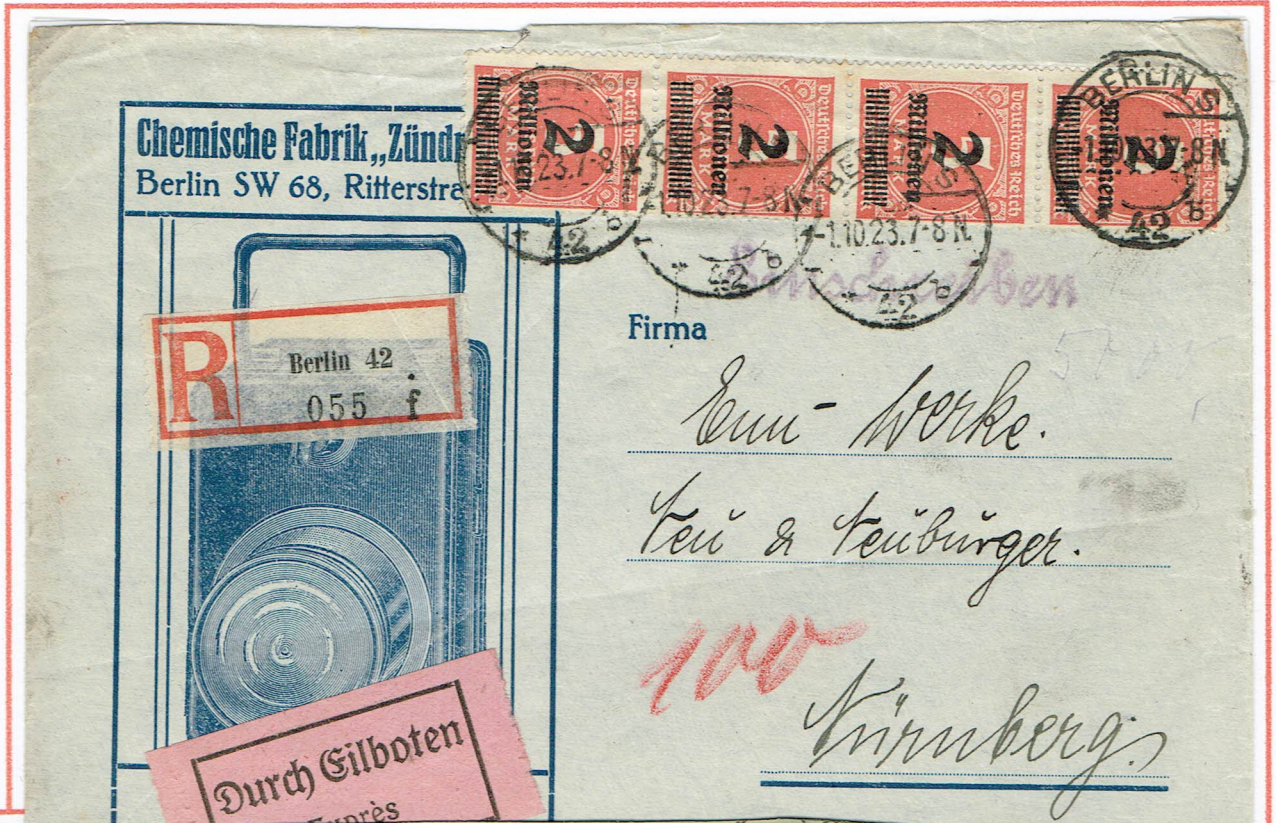
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Registered  
Express Inland  
Letter  
Berlin 1.10.23

First Day of Rate.

Letter 2M+Reg 2M  
+ Express 4M =  
8 Million

First day of use of  
2 Million / 5  
thousand  
[Second Berlin  
Overprint series]



Insured Letter for 1,200,000 Mk. Nürnberg 1.10.23 First Day of Rate First day usage 2 million/5 thousand Mk  
Franking 4,900,000Mk Letter [20-100gm] 2.8 million Mk; Registration 2 million Mk  
Insurance at 2% = 24,000Mk but paid 100,000Mk. [minimum amount]

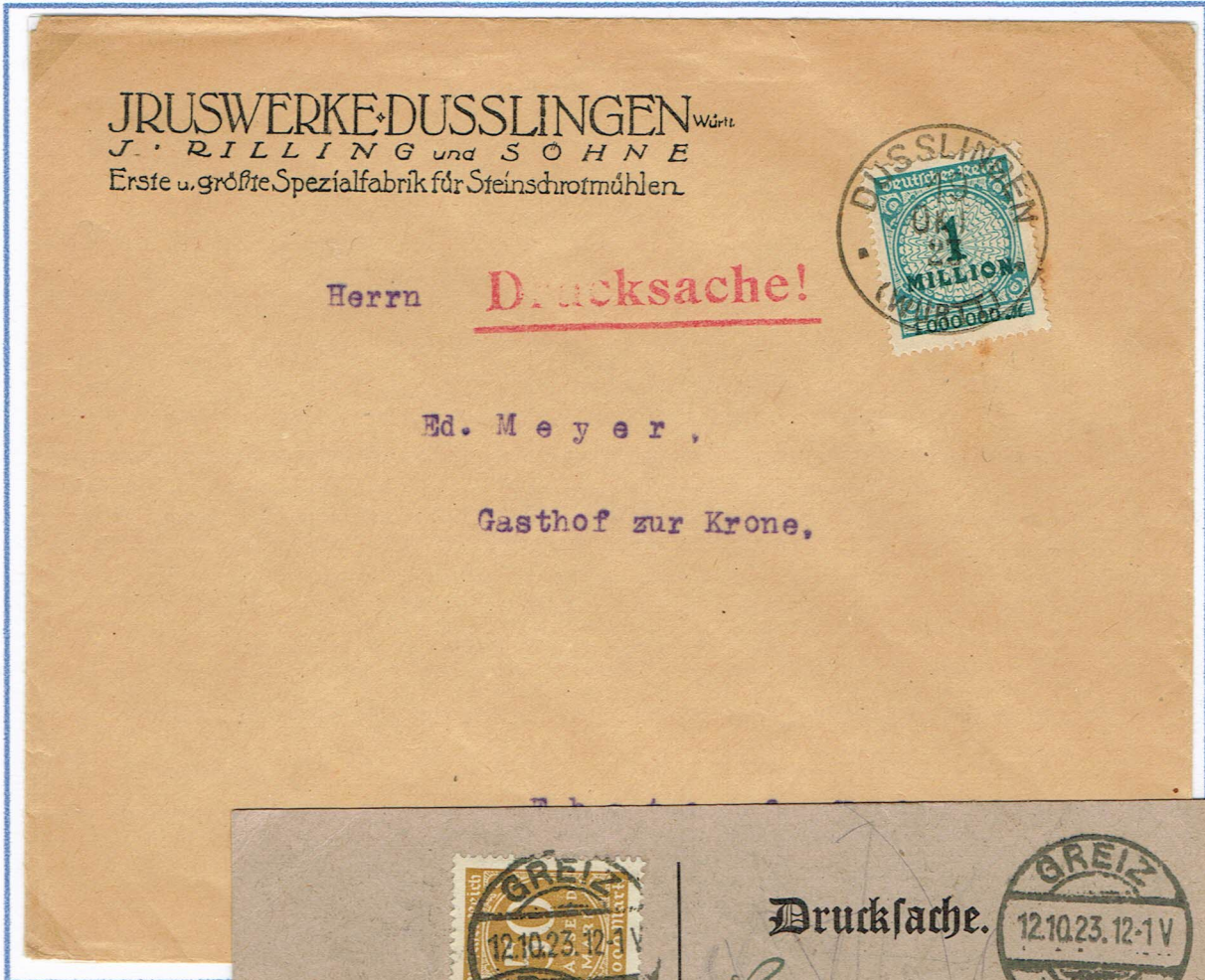


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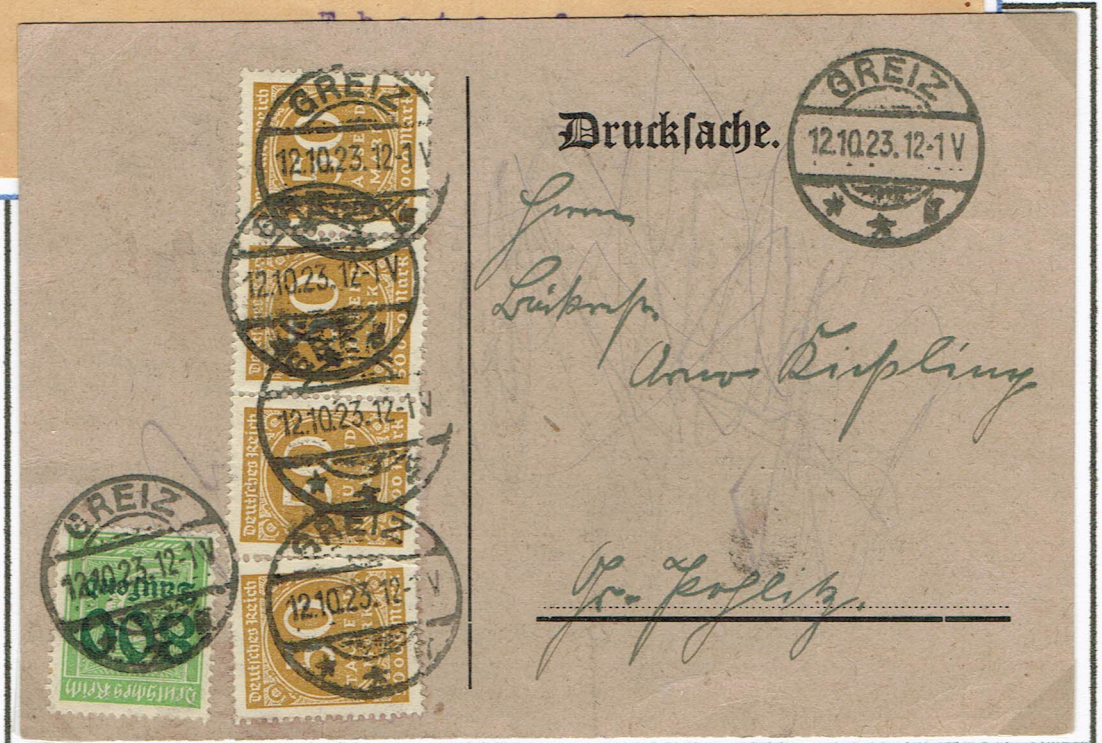
Million of Marks

Printed Matter to 25gm	1m	Additional services	
Local Postcard	1m	Registration Fee	5m
Inland Postcard	2m	Express Town Fee	10m
Local Letter to 20gm	2m	Cash on Delivery Fee	2.5m
Inland letter to 20gm	5m	Insurance	2%

Printed matter - envelope 1,000,000 Mk - Dusslingen 19 OCT 23 to Hannover. Last Day of Rate



Printed Matter  
[postcard]  
1 million Mk.  
12.10.23



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Local Postcard 1 million Mk. Cologne 19.10.23 7-8pm Last Day of Rate

**Deutsche Barackenbau-Gesellschaft**  
mit beschränkter Haftung  
Postfach 170 Köln a. Rhein Fernruf A 1547

Größte u. älteste Spezialfabrik transportabler Holzhäuser und Baracken

Eingetrag. Warenzeichen g. Nr. 228762

Ständiger Li... staatlicher und städtisch... der Großindustrie des I...

**Firma**  
Max Frantzky,

COLOGNE  
19.10.23  
7-8 N  
1

Deutsches Reich  
250 Tausend  
Deutsches Reich  
250 Tausend  
Deutsches Reich  
250 Tausend  
Deutsches Reich  
250 Tausend

Inland Postcard rate  
2,000,000 Mk  
18 OKT 23  
Stamps issued 10/10/23

Postkarte

3000  
2500  
500 Tausend  
500 Tausend

Frau E. D. Rieberma  
per ad Herrn Beuss  
Osterholz-Scharnheden  
bei Bremen

Goritz  
12.10.23  
2

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*Handwritten notes:*  
Kudwig burg + Archib.  
In L. benachteiligt  
per Auto nach...

Inland Postcard rate  
2,000,000 Mk

Paid in Cash  
"2" = 2 million Mk  
Goritz 12.10.23

**Gebühr bezahlt**

GÖRLITZ  
12.10.23.5-6N  
2

Frau  
Lotta Rieberma  
Kudwig Burg  
L. Nr. 51.

*Handwritten notes:*  
Für Angehörige  
Bismarckstraße 20  
Kudwig Burg  
L. Nr. 51

7239

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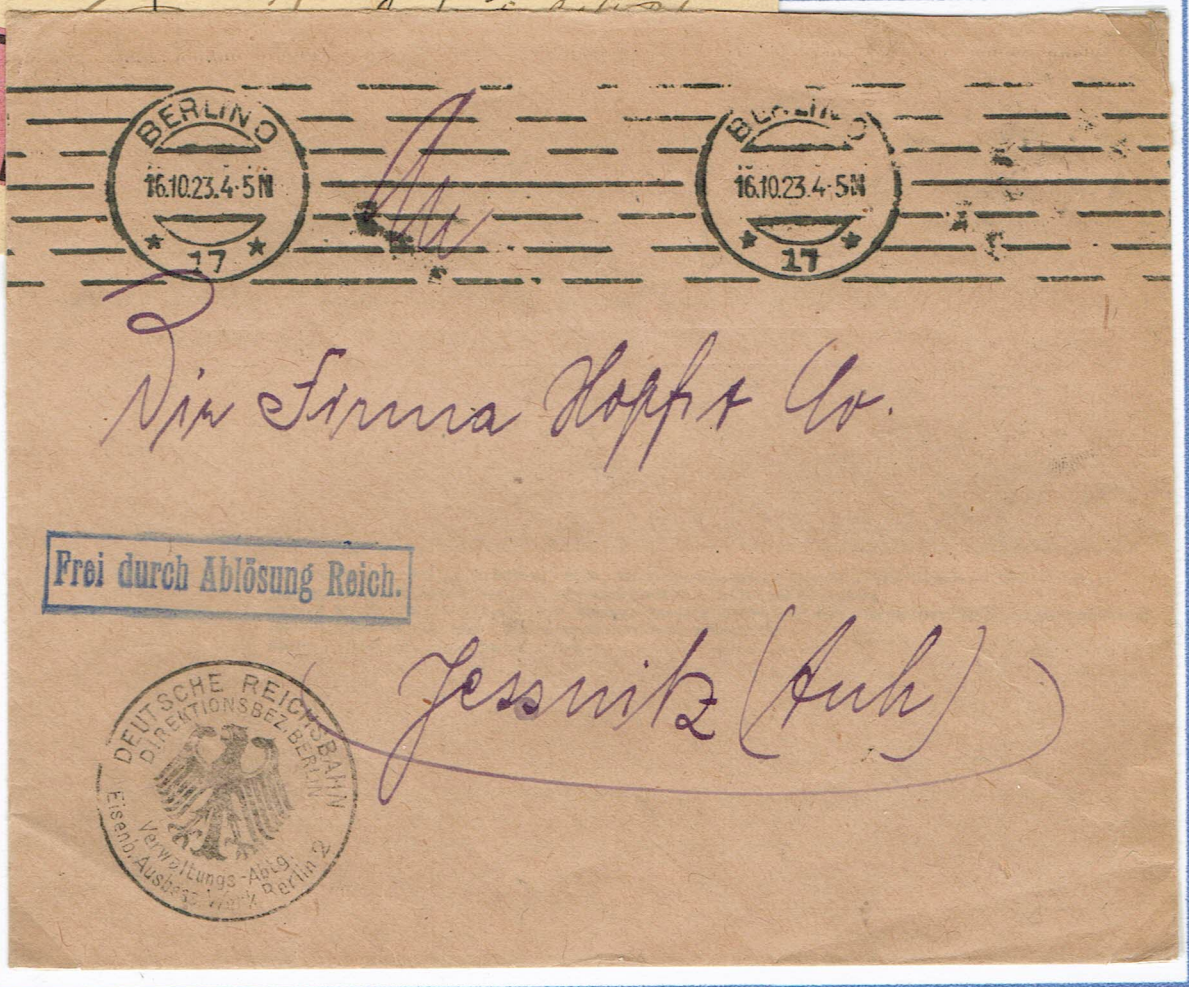
Inland Postcard 2 million Mk  
19.10.23 Last Day of Rate

Express Inland Postcard  
12 OCT 23.

Franking 12 Million - Inland  
postcard 2 million + Town  
Express fee of 10 million.



Durch Eilboten.  
Expres.



The low value stamps  
were often affixed by  
Post Office and sold  
on a blank postcard.  
July 1923 rate.

Free Official Business Inland Letter "Frei durch Ablösung Reich" Berlin 16.10.23.  
Cachet from "Deutsches Reichsbahn, Berlin"

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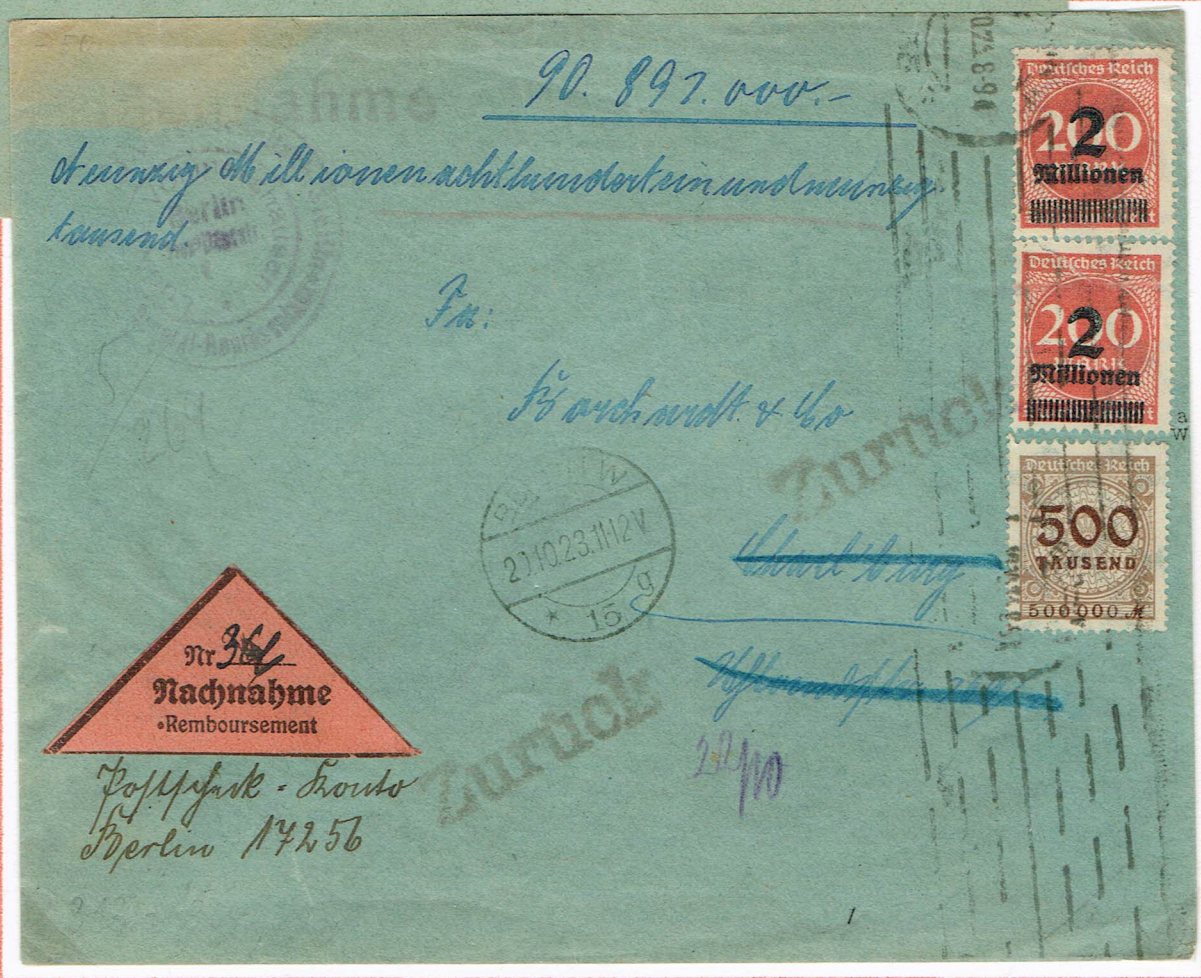
PAUL TAMM  
LEIPZIG.



Local Letter  
2 million Mk  
Leipzig  
10.10.23 1-2pm

First Day of Rate

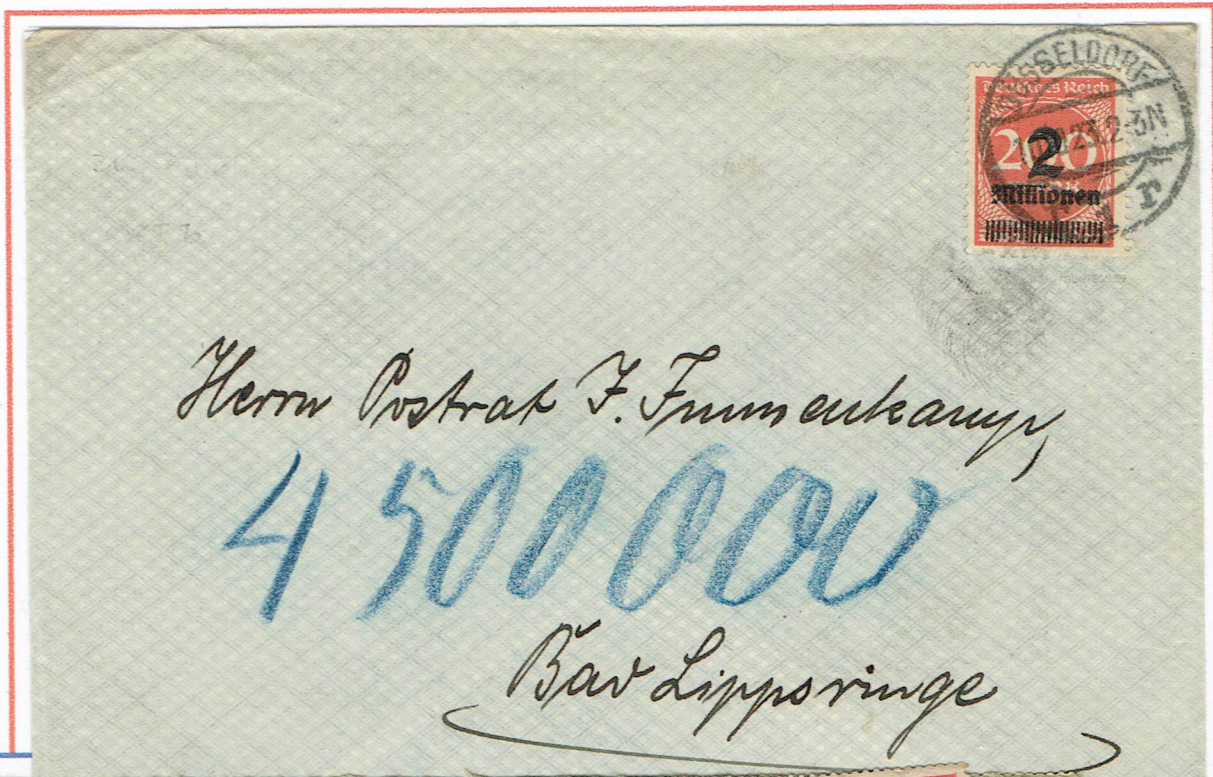
**Kammgarnspinnerei Stöhr & Co.**  
Act.-Ges.



Local Letter 2 million Mk + Nachnahme 2.5 million Mk - COD - 90,897,000 Mks. \*  
Berlin 19.10.23 Last Day of Rate. Not delivered ZURÜCK = returned Berlin 20.10.23

October 10 - October 19, 1923

Inland Letter Rate 5 million Mk. Dusseldorf 10.10.23 2-3 PM First Day of Rate  
Franked 2 million, letter rate previous period. Mailed too late on 10th for acceptance at old rate and charged  
Postage Due at 150% of deficiency. 3 million short paid = 4,500,000 Postage Due \*



Inland letter rate  
5,000,000 Mk.  
Hoechst  
10.10.23 10-11 AM

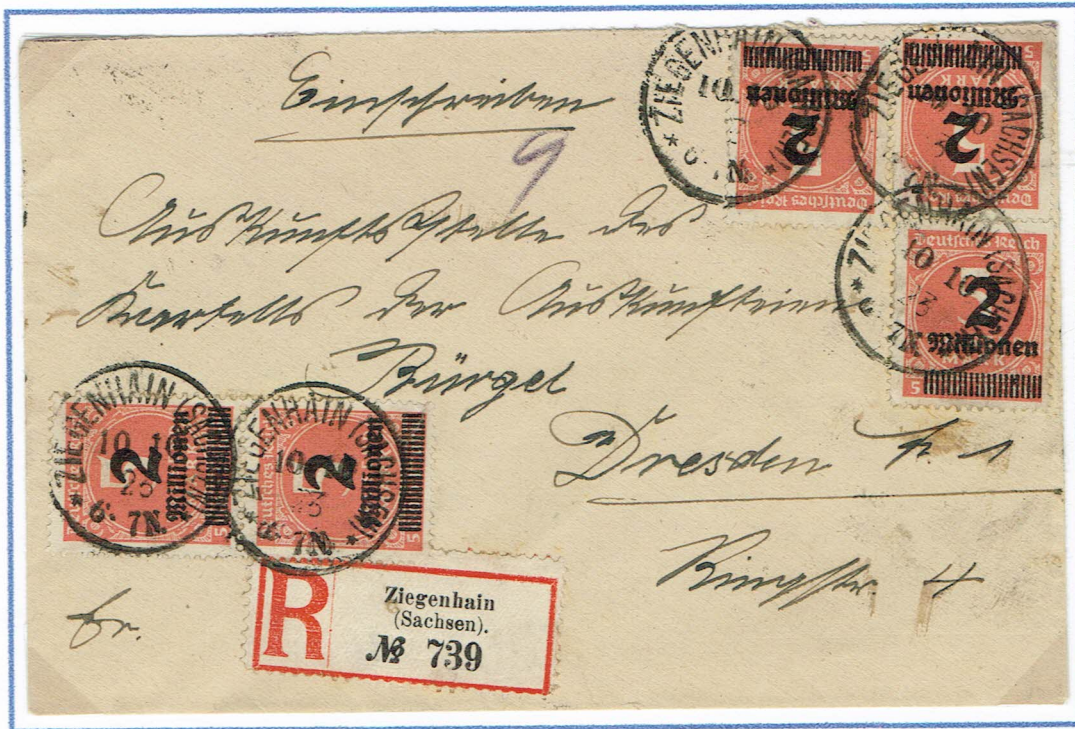
First Day of  
Period.

Franking 40 [36  
back 4 front] 125  
thousand overprint  
on 100 Mk.

Perfin "M L B" -  
Meister Lucius &  
Bruning.

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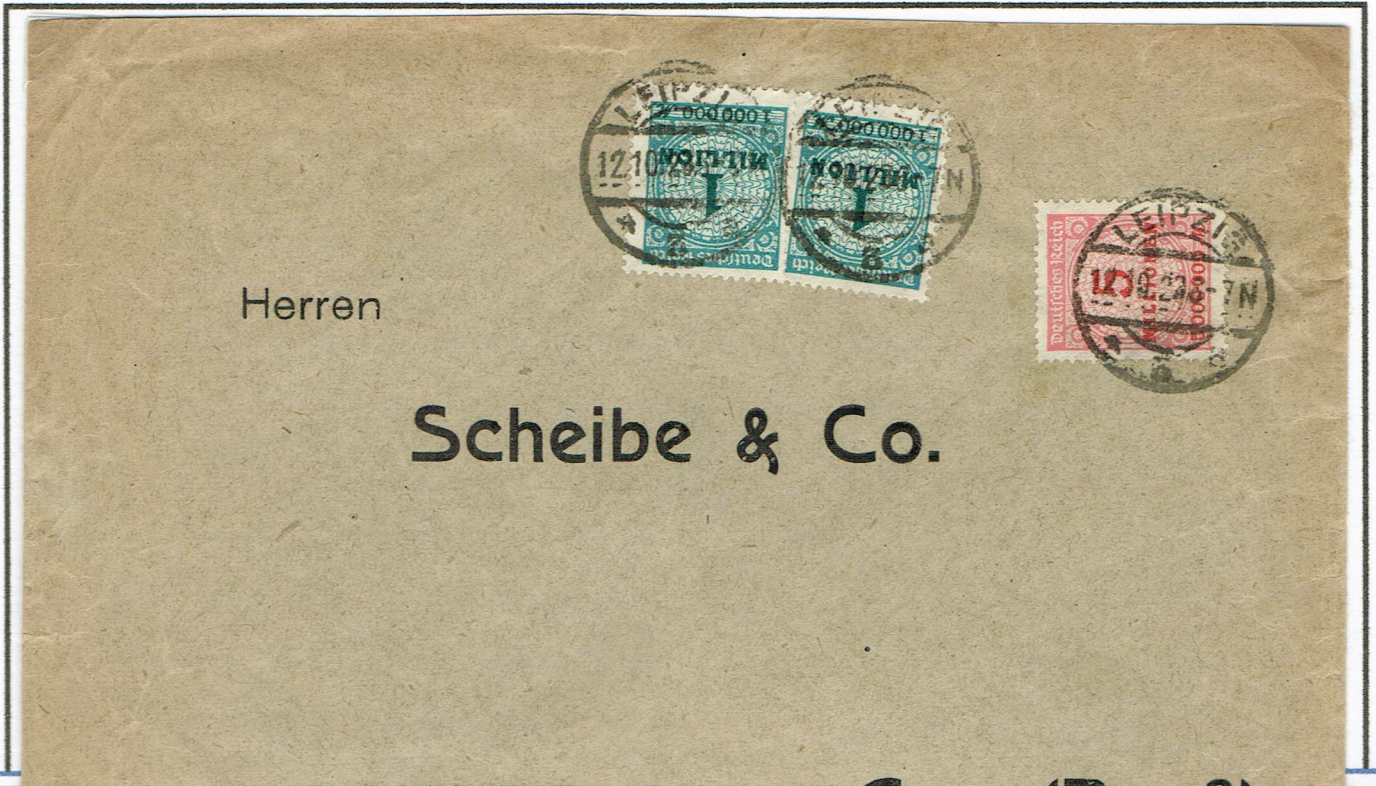
Registered Inland Letter Rate 10,000,000 Mk. Ziegenhain 10.10.23 7PM to Dresden. First Day of Rate



Inland letter rate 5,000,000 Mk. Oederan 19.10.23 7-8 PM to Chemnitz. Last day of Rate

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Inland Letter Rate 20-100gm 7 million Leipzig 12.10.23. Stamps issued 10th October



Inland Letter Rate 100-250gm 8,000,000 Mk. Eckenenhagen 19.10.23. Last Day of Rate

October 10 - October 19, 1923

Local Delivery of Writ or Legal Papers - Zustellungsurkunde Hannover 10.10.23 7-8pm First Day of Rate  
Local Letter 2 million + Delivery Fee 5 million + return receipt local letter 2 million = 9 million  
Franking 36 x 250 thousand / 500 Mk



Obverse reduced - note "tractor" cancellation



October 20 - October 31, 1923

Million of Marks

Printed Matter to 25gm	2m	Additional services	
Local Postcard	2m	Registration Fee	10m
Inland Postcard	4m	Express Town Fee	20m
Local Letter to 20gm	4m	Cash on Delivery Fee	5m
Inland letter to 20gm	10m	Insurance	2%

Printed Matter 2 million Mk 20.10.23 6-7am First Day of Rate

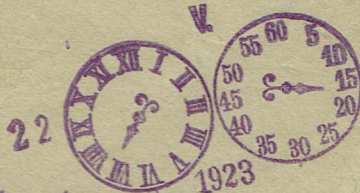
Geschäftsstelle „Saar-Verein“

Berlin SW 11, Königgräzer Straße 94

An die

Commerz- und Bank

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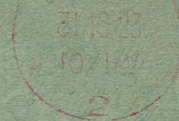


Printed Matter  
2000000 Meter

Leipzig 31.10.23  
Last Day of Rate

Firma

Drucksache



J. C o h n ,

*Drucksache*

*M  
familia*

*Robert Picheken*

*Goslar 1. März*

*Kroppweg 3e 19*



e n .

s e n .

Printed Matter  
2 million mark  
31.10.23  
Last Day of  
Rate

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Postcard Rate  
4,000,000 Mk

Fahrnau 20.10.23

First Day of Rate



Postcard  
4,000,000 Mk  
Hildesheim  
21.10.23  
SUNDAY



Inland Postcard 4 million Mk. Berlin 31.10.23 5-6pm Last Day of Rate.

October 20 - October 31, 1923

**Wilhelm Nickel**

vorm. W. Lüders

**Agenturen**

Stendal, Ostwall 13

Fernsprecher Nr. 696

Postscheckkonto Berlin Nr. 96113

**Postkarte**

Firma

Hickstein - Werke

Aktiengesellschaft



Postcard Rate  
4,000,000 Mk

\*

Stendal 21.10.23

SUNDAY



Postcard 4,000,000 Mk

Clausthal 27.10.23

On 3m postcard with  
37Mk added by Post Office  
for March-June 1923 inland  
postcard rate



*von G. Zimischkommandant  
ganz nach Befehl meiner  
Kommandantur mirine Kauf  
zu folgen, freigeit die ich  
gibt mir zu bestermeinung  
Mit Glück auf!  
hinaus.*

*Herrn  
Oberstleutnant Karm.  
Landswehr.  
O. S. 1. 3.*

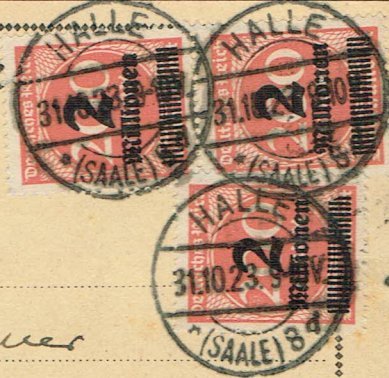
Abfender **Friedrich Obst**  
beid. Bücherrevisor  
Halle a. S.

**Postkarte**

31.10.23

*Sehr geehrter Herr Felgues  
Morgen wird die III. Rate  
der Landabgabe fällig.  
Sie haben 76,5 Goldm.  
zu zahlen. Die Goldm.  
für Steuern betrug  
gestern 15 Mark für den  
Papierwert. -  
In Frakturzeiten was  
lassen die Rate, das  
für 50 Mark in dieser*

*Herrn  
Hr. Felgues  
Mühle Euelitz  
bei Schkeuditz*



Inland Postcard  
4 million Mk  
Overfranked 2 million  
Halle 31.10.23 9-10am  
Last Day of Rate.

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# DARMSTÄDTER UND NATIONALBANK

Nimm ein  
Poststück

Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien  
ABTEILUNG BEHRENSTRASSE 1025.8-971  
BERLIN W 8



Local Letter  
4,000,000 Mk  
Berlin  
31.10.23 8-9pm  
Last Day of  
Rate

Local Letter  
4 million Mk  
Berlin 25.10.23

*Handwritten scribble*

20. Okt. 1923

*Herrn*

*Architekt Hr. Rinkmann*



ZUCKERFABRIK STUTTGART IN CANNSTATT A. N. (WÜRTT.)

An das

Wttbg. Ernährungsministerium



309 A  
90

Stuttgart.

Local Letter 4 million Mk. Stuttgart 20.10.23 First Day of Rate

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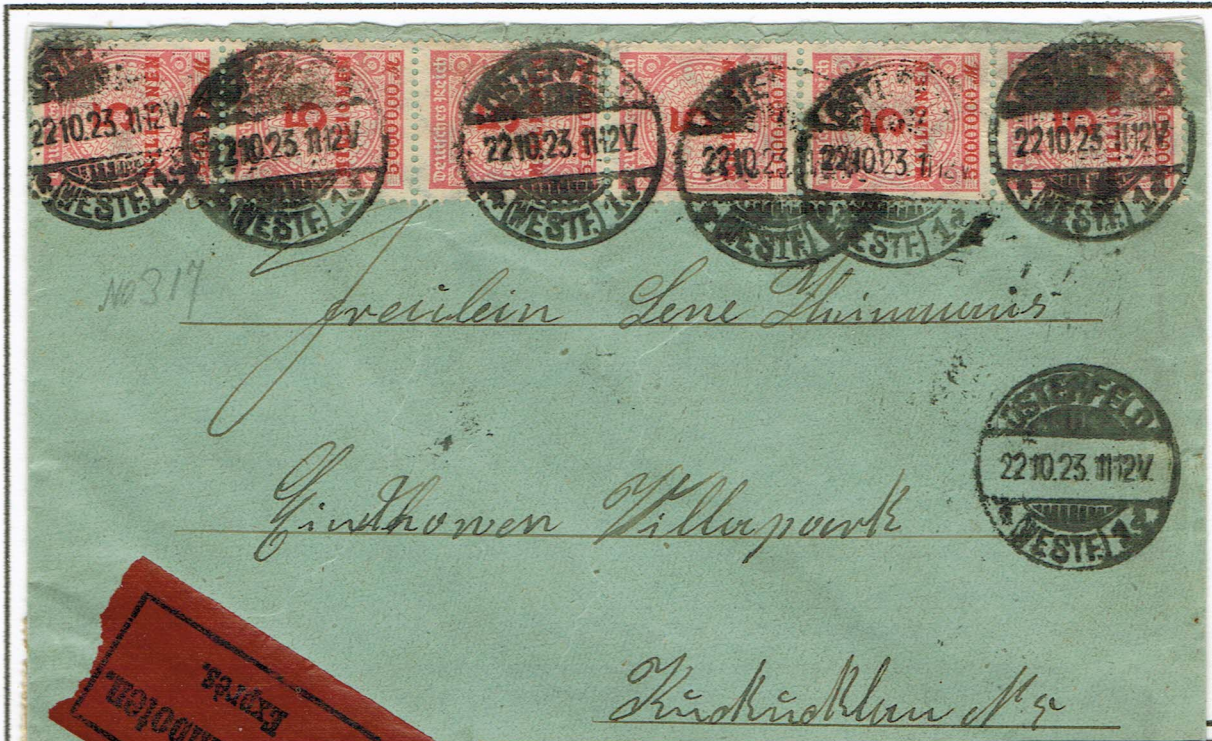
Inland Letter 10,000,000 Mk. Neisse 20.10.23 5-6pm First Day of Rate.

Franking 2 million + 10 x 800 thousand / 30pf Official stamp issued 1920. Use of Official overprints for standard mail was a rare local emergency measure.



Letter Rate 10,000,000 Mk Landsaut 31.10.23 7-8am Last Day of Rate





Inland Letter  
Express  
30 million Mk.  
Oserfeld 22.10.23.

Letter rate 10  
million + Express  
Fee 20 million.



Inland Letter [40gr] Insured 6,000,000,000 Mk. Berlin 27.10.23  
Letter 20-100gm 14 million + Registration Fee 10 million + Insurance fee 2% [120 million] = 144 million Mk

November 1 - November 4, 1923

Million of Marks

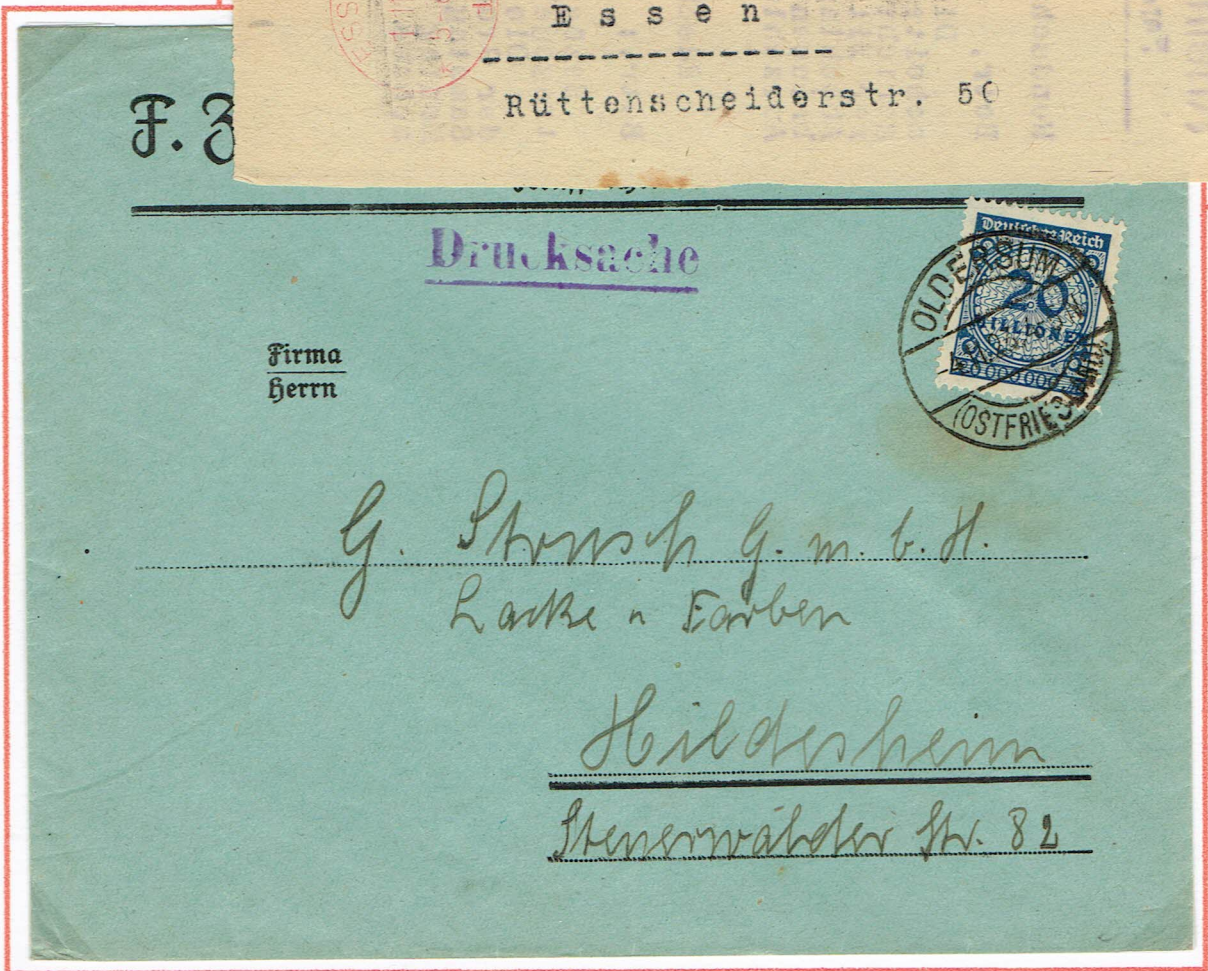
Printed Matter to 25gm	20m	Additional services	
Local Postcard	20m	Registration Fee	*50m
Inland Postcard	40m	Express Town Fee	100m
Local Letter to 20gm	40m	Cash on Delivery Fee	25m
Inland letter to 20gm	100m	Insurance	2%

\* Registration fee was usually equal to Inland Letter rate. The 50m rate in this period is an aberration. Express fee remained twice the Registration fee

First Day of Rate, November 1st, was a Public Holiday - All Saints Day.

Printed Matter  
20 million Mk  
[Meter]  
Essen  
1.11.23 5-6pm

First Day of  
Rate



Printed Matter 20 million. 4.11.23 4-5pm Oldersum Last Day of Rate SUNDAY

November 1 - November 4, 1923



Inland Postcard 40 million. Berlin 1.11.23 7-8pm. First day of Rate. First day usage 20 million stamp



Inland Postcard 40,000,000 Mk 4.11.23 9-10am Haynau  
Last Day of Rate SUNDAY Use of military Feldpost card as economic measure



November 1 - November 4, 1923

Inland Letter 100 million Mk 1.11.23.6-7pm. Berlin First Day of Rate. All Saints Day -  
Main Post Office hours very restricted. Many offices closed



Local Letter 40 million Mk Magdeburg 1.11.23 9-10am First Day of Rate



November 1 - November 4, 1923

Registered  
Letter  
150,000,000 Mk.  
[Letter 100  
million +  
Registration 50  
million]

3.11.23  
Braunschweig

**Karl Pfankuch & Co.**

Briefmarkenhandlung

**Braunschweig**

Bertramstraße 66 • Fernsprecher Nr. 3694.



*Gross  
Friedr. Wilh. Lagge*



Registered Letter 20-100gm - Eberswalde 4.11.23 3-4 pm to Berlin. Last day of Period SUNDAY

Franking: 6 x 5 million [4 on back] + 2 x 10 million + 4 x 20 million [2 on back] + 2 x 50 million = 240,000,000 Mk.

Letter rate 140 million + Registration 50 million

Sender has made an error - Registration fee usually equalled Inland Letter rate [100 million] overfranked 50 million!

November 5 - November 11, 1923

Milliarden of Marks [10<sup>9</sup>] [1,000,000,000]

Printed Matter to 25gm	0.2M	Additional services	
Local Postcard	0.2M	Registration Fee	1M
Inland Postcard	0.5M	Express Town Fee	2M
Local Letter to 20gm	0.5M	Cash on Delivery Fee	0.5M
Inland letter to 20gm	1M	Insurance	.02M/1M

Printed Matter 200,000,000 Mk. 6.11.23 Dresden to Chemnitz Envelope



Printed matter to 25gm 200,000,000 Mk 11 NOV 23 11-12 am Stuttgart Last Day of Rate SUNDAY





Local Letter  
500,000,000 Mk  
7.11.23  
Sornewitz

Franking: 5 x 100  
million



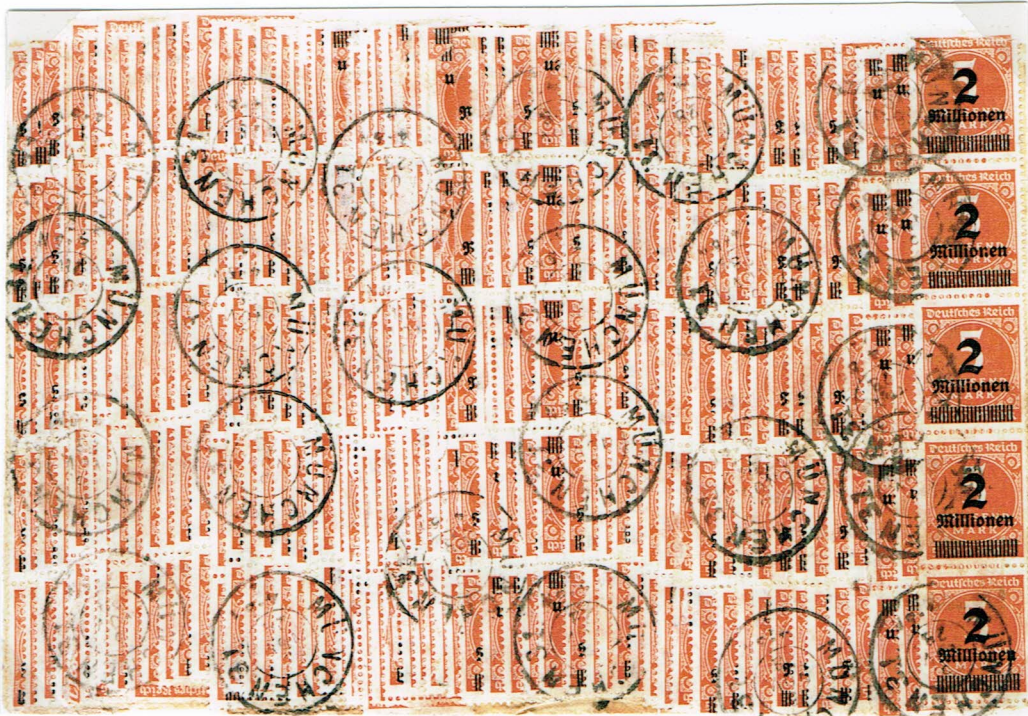
Local Letter 500,000,000 Mk. 10.11.23 Zwickau Franking 11 x 30 million + 17 x 10 million \*

November 5 - November 11, 1923

Letter 1,000,000,000 Mk. 11.11.23 Burg to Berlin. Last Day of Rate SUNDAY.  
Franking: 4 x 200 million + 40 x 5 million [36 on back]



Letter  
1,000,000,000 Mk  
6.11.23 Munich to  
Regensburg  
5 x 200 million



Local Letter 20-100gm 600,000,000 Mk. 5.11.23 Munich First Day of Rate  
Mass Franking 60 strips of 5 of 2 million overprint







**Commerz- und Privat-Bank**  
Aktiengesellschaft  
Filiale Limbach-Oberfrohna  
Limbach Sa.

Letter 20-100gm  
1,400,000,000 Mk  
5.11.23  
Limbach to Berlin  
\*  
First Day of Rate  
  
Franking:  
2 x 10 million  
40 x 20 million  
6 x 30 million  
4 x 100 million

Limbach  
Sa.

November 5 - November 11, 1923

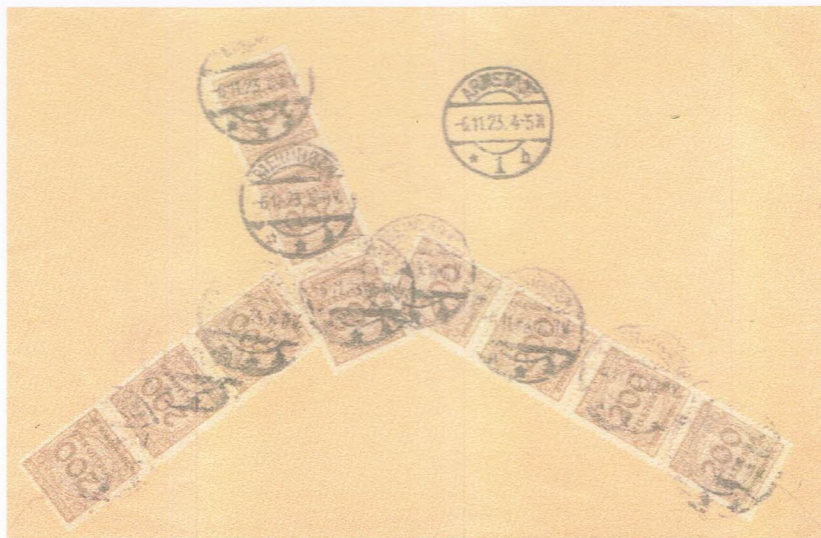
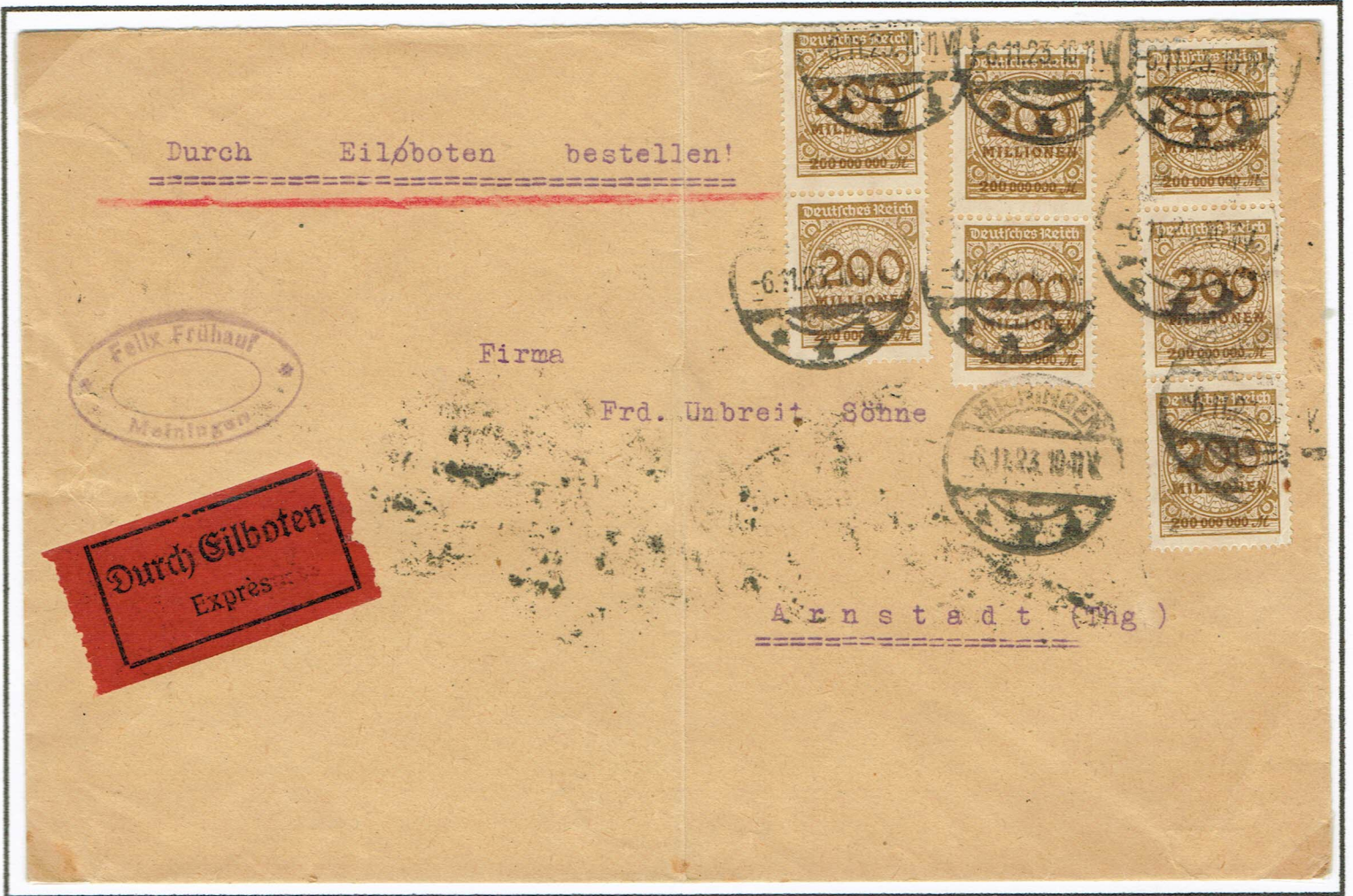
Registered [Express deleted] Letter Insured 600 Milliarden Mk. Possendorf 5.11.23 First Day of Rate  
Franking: 200m + 14 x 100m + 43 x 20m + 2 x 10m = 2.3M [2,300,000,000 Mk]

Postage Charges: Letter 1M + Registration 1M + Insurance 0.3M [charged 1/2% instead of 2%



November 5 - November 11, 1923

Express Letter 20-40gm 3,400,000,000 Mk. 6.11.23 Meiningen to Arnstadt  
Letter 20-40gm 1,400,000,000 Mk Express Fee 2,000,000,000 Mk



Obverse Reduced

November 12 - November 19, 1923

Milliarden of Marks [10<sup>9</sup>] [1.000.000,000]

Printed Matter to 25gm	2M	Additional services	
Local Postcard	2M	Registration Fee	10M
Inland Postcard	5M	Express Town Fee	20M
Local Letter to 20gm	5M	Cash on Delivery Fee	5M
Inland letter to 20gm	10M	Insurance	.02M/1M



Berliner Chemische Gesellschaft  
m. b. H.

BERLIN W. 35  
Am Karlsbad 11.

Drucksache.



Printed Matter  
2,000,000,000  
Mk

Berlin  
12.11.23 10pm

First Day of  
Rate



Drucksache!

Herrn

Karl Fr. Klingelberg

Pfeiffer-Konrad

Bismarckstr.



Printed Matter  
2,000,000,000 Mk

19 NOV 23

Last Day of Rate

Local Postcard  
2,000,000,000 Mk

Berlin 13.11.23  
10 x 100 Million  
+ 1M on back

Inland Postcard  
5,000,000,000 Mk

Dresden 13.11.23 to  
Magdeburg



Inland Postcard  
5,000,000,000 Mk

Ziesar 19.11.23  
Last Day of Rate

*Absender*  
*Werner Lorenz*  
*Dresden - G*  
*Lindstraße*

*K. Pastorini Nachf.*  
*Inh. Johannes Roth*  
Buch- und Papierhandlung  
Buchbinderei  
Bildereinrahmung  
*Ziesar, Bez. Magdeburg*

Postkarte

*Verlag*  
*Gg. Westermann*  
*Braunschweig.*

5,000,000,000 Mk  
Rouletted variety  
issued 12/11/23

November 12 - November 19, 1923

Local Letter Rate 5,000,000,000. Cassel 13.11.23



H. SCHI

Inland Letter Rate  
10,000,000,000 Mk

Neufahrt 12.11.23

First Day of Rate

Franking 20 x 500  
Million

Fernsprecher 32813

DRESDEN-A. 16

Wächterstr. 2

Herrn

Paul Tautenhahn,

Chemnitz.



Inland Letter Rate  
10,000,000,000 Mk

Dresden to  
Chemnitz

12.11.23 7-8PM

First Day of Rate

Letter Rate  
Leipzig 18.11.23  
SUNDAY



Herrn

Fa.

Faun-Werke, A.-G.,



Nürnberg/Wächterstr. 2

Rausch's  
Weingrosshandels A.-G.  
Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien  
Dresden-N.  
Schillerstrasse 18 und 3

Letter Rate  
10,000,000,000 Mk

Dresden 19.11.23

Last Day of Rate  
Period

H. & C. Tietz Nachf., Coburg.

Einschreiben

**R** Coburg 1  
Nr. 53



*Herrn Adler & Ullmann*



266 L

*Nürnberg.  
Celtisstraße 9.*

Registered Letter  
20,000,000,000 Mk

\*

Letter 10 Billion  
+ 10 Billion  
Registration

Coburg 17.11.23 to  
Nurnberg rec 18th

Einschreiben

*Herrn*

*Albert Löhnel*

*(Briefmarken - Versand)*



Registered Letter  
20-100 gm

Letter 14 Milliarden  
Registration 14M

24,000,000,000 Mk

Cuis to  
Charlottenberg  
19.11.23 6-7 PM

Last Day of Rate

*Ab. J. G. Tietz Nachf. Coburg*

**R** Gülls  
(Kr. Coblenz)  
Nr 743

*Charlottenburg  
Viebahnstr. 29  
Kleinsiedlung*



November 12 - November 19, 1923

**Durch Gilboten**  
Expres

Durch Gilboten zu bestellen!

Nicht vor 8 Uhr früh.



An das

Girokontor der Reichshauptbank

322  
3214

frei

in

Bote bezahlt.

Express Letter  
Last Day of  
Period

Coblinz 19.11.23  
2-3PM  
to Berlin 21.1.23

30,000,000,000 Mk

Letter 10 M  
Express 20 M

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DEUTSCHE BANK FILIALE WÜRZBURG



*Per Gilboten*

Gilbote. Expres.

Deutsche Bank

**R** Würzburg 2  
Nr. 651

**Berlin W 8**

322 E. 13. 11. 1923

DUNTSCH 87

\*

Registered Express Letter Würzburg 12 NOV 23 5-6PM to Berlin 13.11.23 11-12 AM - First Day of Rate  
Franking 8 x 5 Milliarden First day of use - 40,000,000,000. Letter 10 M; Registration 10 M; Express Fee 20 M.

November 12 - November 19, 1923

54 gm Inland Letter Insured for 393,750,000,000 Mk. Berlin 19.11.23 1-2pm Last Day of Rate

Franking:  $10M + 20M + 2M = 32M$  [32,000,000,000 Mk]

Inscribed "Durch Eilboten" = Express Delivery but this charge not included in franking [2 M - 2,000,000,000 Mk]

Charges: Letter 20-100gm 14 M [14,000,000,000 Mk] + Registration fee 1 N [1,000,000,000 Mk] + Insurance charge at 0.02M / 1 M on 393.75 M = 7.875 M [7,875,000,000 Mk] rounded to 8 M = 32 M

Inliegend Mark: Dreihundertdreißigundneunzigmilliardensiebenhundert--  
fünfzigmillionen)

*A. G.*  
*Wiedemann*  
M a r k: 393.750.000.000.--

D u r c h E i l b o t e n !

Firma

G e b r . W i e d e m a n n

*A 731*  
W a n g e n i m A l l g ä u

The Insurance fees were not always increased at the same time as postal charges. For the 4 rate periods 5 - 11 November; 12 - 19 November; 20 - 25 November and 26 - 31 November, the Insurance fee remained at 0.02 M per 1 M of insurance

November 12 - November 19, 1923

Letter 20-100gm Insured for 50,000,000,000 Mk 13.11.23 Hamburg to Berlin

Franking : 25,000,000,000 Mk made up of three components:

Weight - Letter 37gm - 14,000,000,000 Mk

Registration 1,000,000,000 [no label]

Insurance charge: 0.02 BMk / Billion Mk = 10,000,000,000 Mk

"37g" weight "129" "18" registry numbers. Value underlined in Red. Envelope with 5 wax seals



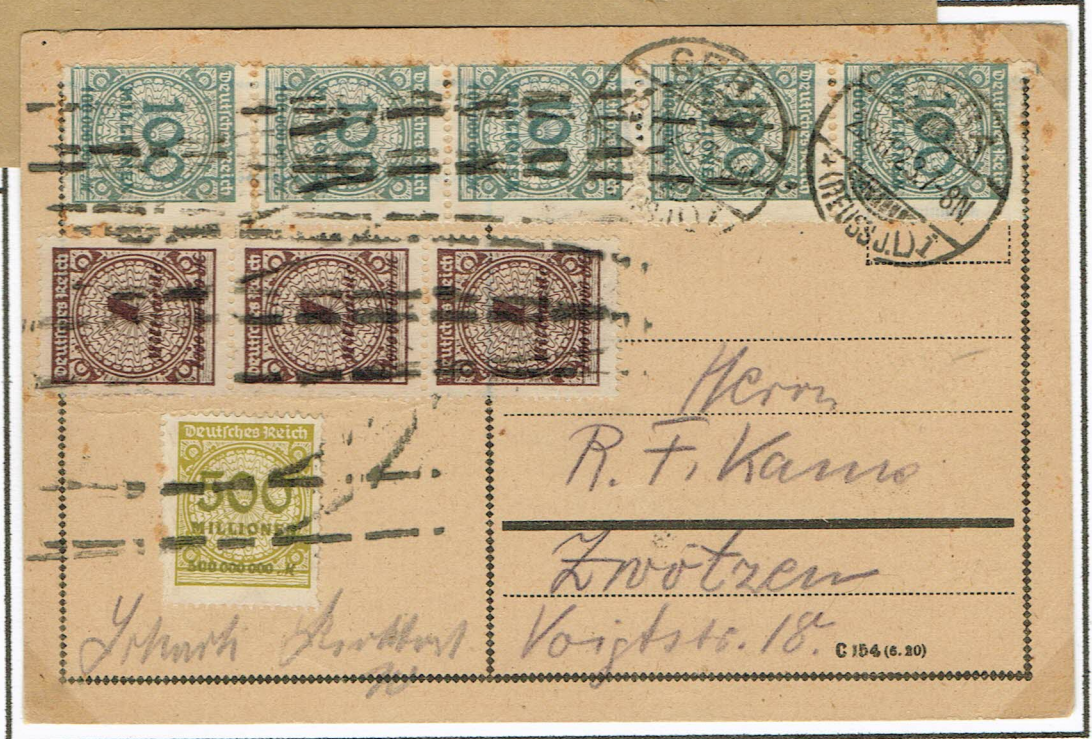
Cost of sending was 50% of Insured Value

November 20 - November 25, 1923

Milliarden of Marks [10<sup>9</sup>] [1.000.000,000]

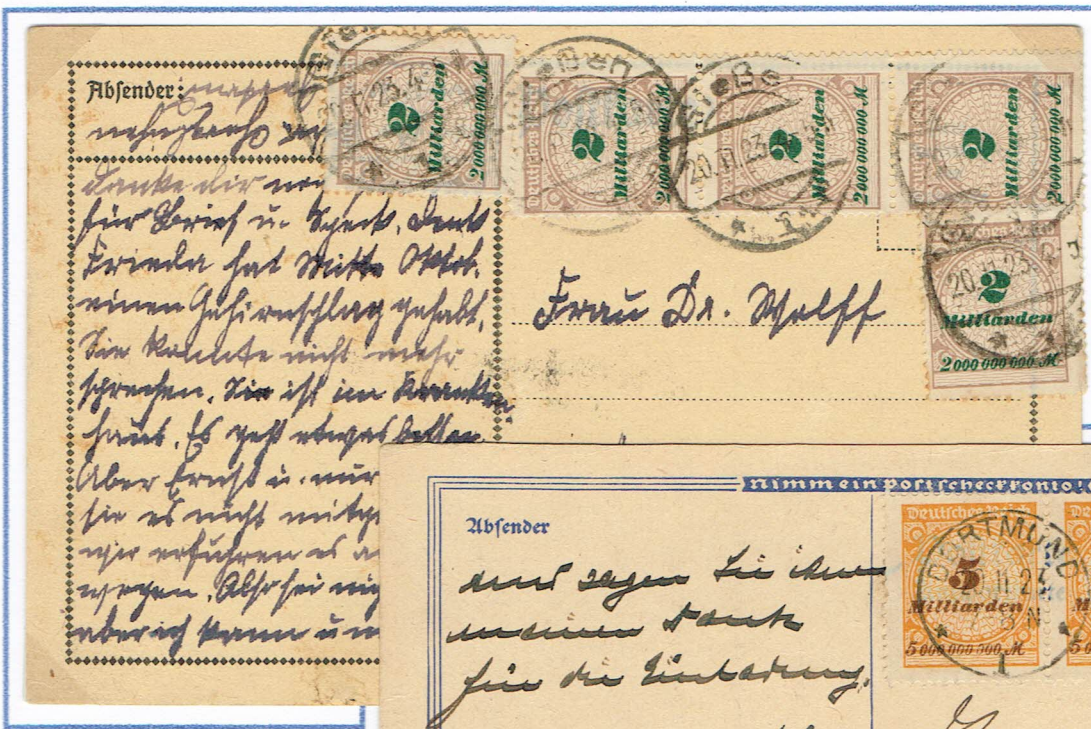
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Local Postcard	4M	Registration Fee	20M
Inland Postcard	10M	Express Town Fee	40M
Local Letter to 20gm	10M	Cash on Delivery Fee	10M
Inland letter to 20gm	20M	Insurance	.02M/1M

Printed Matter Rate 4 Billion marks. Red boxed Postage paid marking. 21.11.23



Local Postcard  
4,000,000,000 Mk  
Gerba 23.11.23

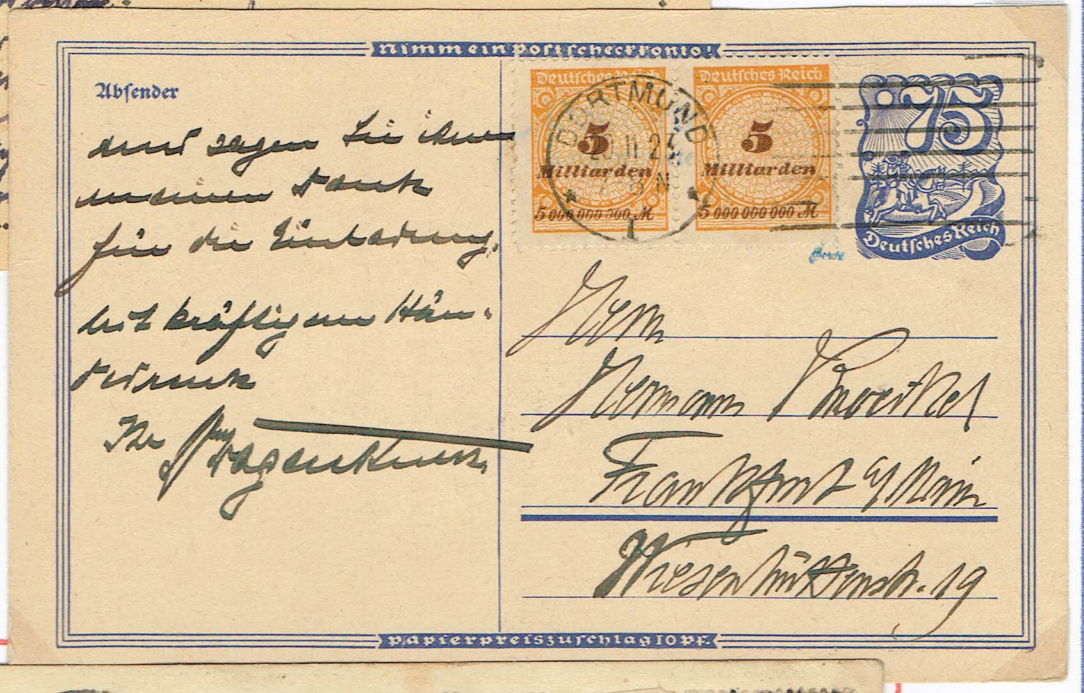
November 20 - November 25, 1923



Inland Postcard  
10,000,000,000 Mk  
Giessen

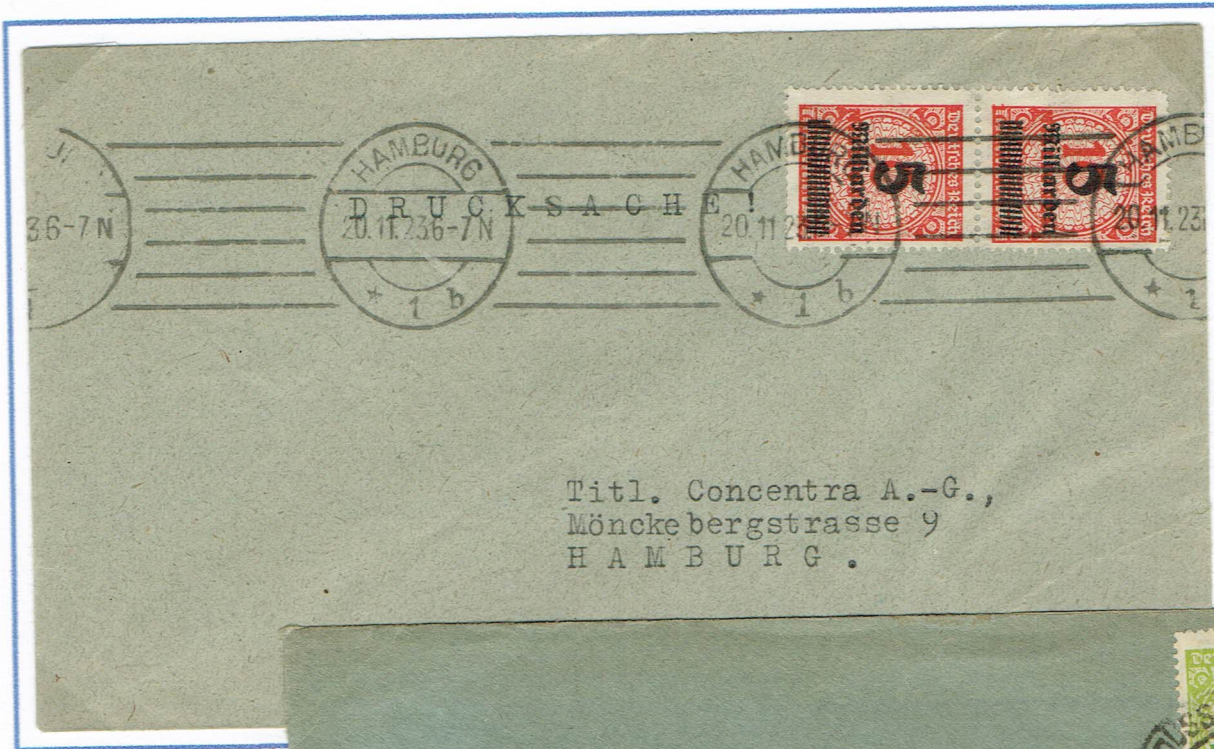
20.11.23 4-5pm  
First Day of Rate

Inland Postcard  
10,000,000,000 Mk  
Dortmund  
20.11.23 7-8pm  
First Day of Rate



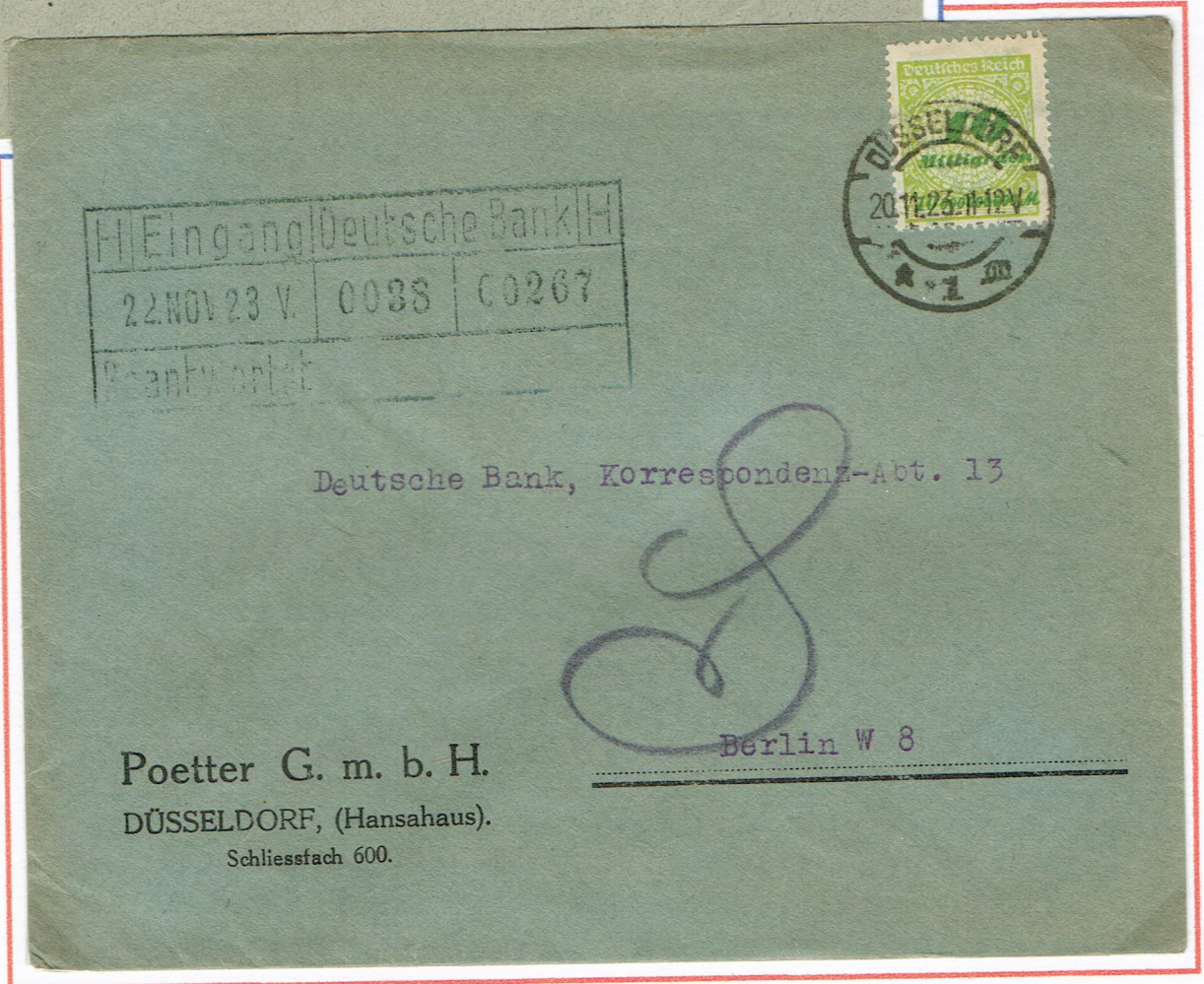
Inland Postcard Rate 10 M Chemnitz to Mannheim 25.11.23 Last Day of Rate SUNDAY

November 20 - November 25, 1923



Local Letter  
10M  
Hamburg  
20.11.23 6-7pm

First Day of  
Rate



Inland Letter  
Dusseldorf to Berlin

Franked with  
10,000,000,000 Mk

20.11.23 11-12 am

First Day of Rate

This letter is franked at the Inland letter rate for the previous period November 12-19th 1923.

If a letter was franked at the rate applying on the last day of the rate and dropped into a letter-box and cleared the next morning on first clearance, then the letter was transported without postage due. The date would be expected to be an early hour - like 7-8 V = 7-8am. This letter was cleared at 11-12 am but has no postage due so was accepted by the Post Office as fully paid.

November 20 - November 25, 1923

Letter Rate 20,000,000 Mk. 20.11.23 First Day of Rate. Ettlingen to Berlin

Rheinische Creditbank, Niederlassung Ettlingen

H Eingang Deutsche Bank H		
22.NOV.23 v.	0259	01029
Beantwortet		

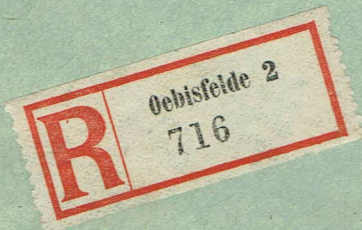


Deutsche Bank

*Einsparbank*

*Herrn*

*Carl Stange*

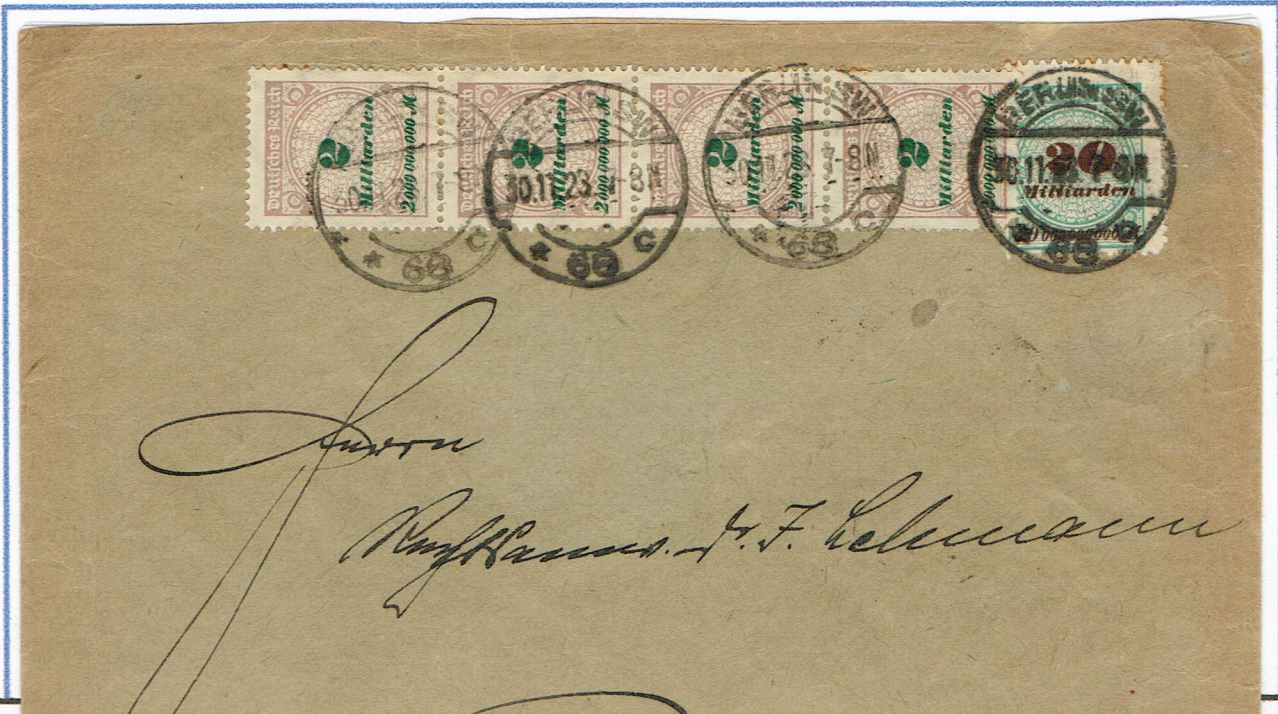


*Magdeburg*

Registered Letter 40,000,000 Mk [Inland letter 20 M + Registration 20 M]  
Oebisfelde 24.11.23 to Magdeburg, received 25.11.23

November 26 - November 30, 1923

Letter Rate 20-100gm 28,000,000,000 Mk [112 Billion Mark] Berlin 30.11.23 Last Day of Rate



Registered heavy Letter 48,000,000,000 = 192 Billion [20 Billion] 20-100gm [112 Billion]. Dresden 27.11.23



November 20 - November 25, 1923

Express Letter Rate  
60,000,000,000 Mk.

Letter 20M  
Express Fee 40M

20.11.23 3-4pm  
First Day of Rate.  
Emden to Berlin

Via Berlin SW 19  
Rohrpost  
21.1.23.1<sup>40</sup> N



Express Letter Rate  
60,000,000,000 Mk.

Letter 20M  
Express Fee 40M

20.11.23 1-2 pm  
First Day of Rate.  
Schleswig to Berlin

Via Berlin SW 19  
Rohrpost  
21.1.23.7<sup>30</sup> V



**Pneumatic mail - Rohrpost** - Munich and Berlin had pneumatic mail systems which were open to the public. These tube systems connected the most important post offices within each city. Special cancellations were used recording the time within **10 minutes**. On some occasions arriving express mail was put through the Rohrpost as it was the quickest way of transporting mail across a large congested city.

November 26 - November 30, 1923

Milliarden of Marks [10<sup>9</sup>] [1.000.000,000]

Printed Matter to 25gm	16M	Additional services	
Local Postcard	16M	Registration Fee	80M
Inland Postcard	40M	Express Town Fee	160M
Local Letter to 20gm	40M	Cash on Delivery Fee	40M
Inland letter to 20gm	80M	Insurance	.02M/1M

**The "4-fold" Period.** Towards the end of November 1923, the Post Office needed more revenue but had no resources to print and distribute any extra stamps which would be needed for another increase in rates. By this time the currency reform was already settled for December 1, 1923 and the state printing works was busy printing the stamps in the new currency. The solution - multiply all postage rates by 4, BUT at the same time **sell all stamps at 4 times face value** so no additional stamps would be needed. Stamps already in private hands were automatically upgraded as well. No official regulation is known for this pragmatic solution!

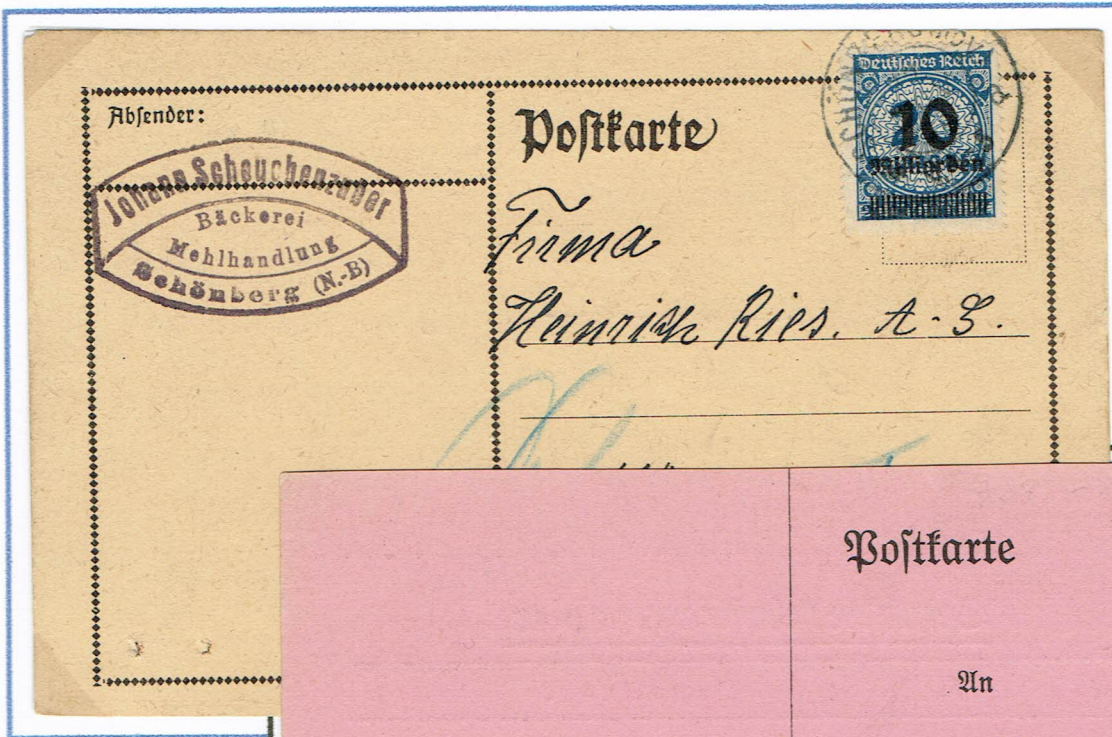
Printed matter 16,000,000,000 Mk. 30.11.23. Last day - Franking machines were reset to new rates



S E N

Printed matter  
4,000,000,000 Mk  
= 16,000,000,000 Mk

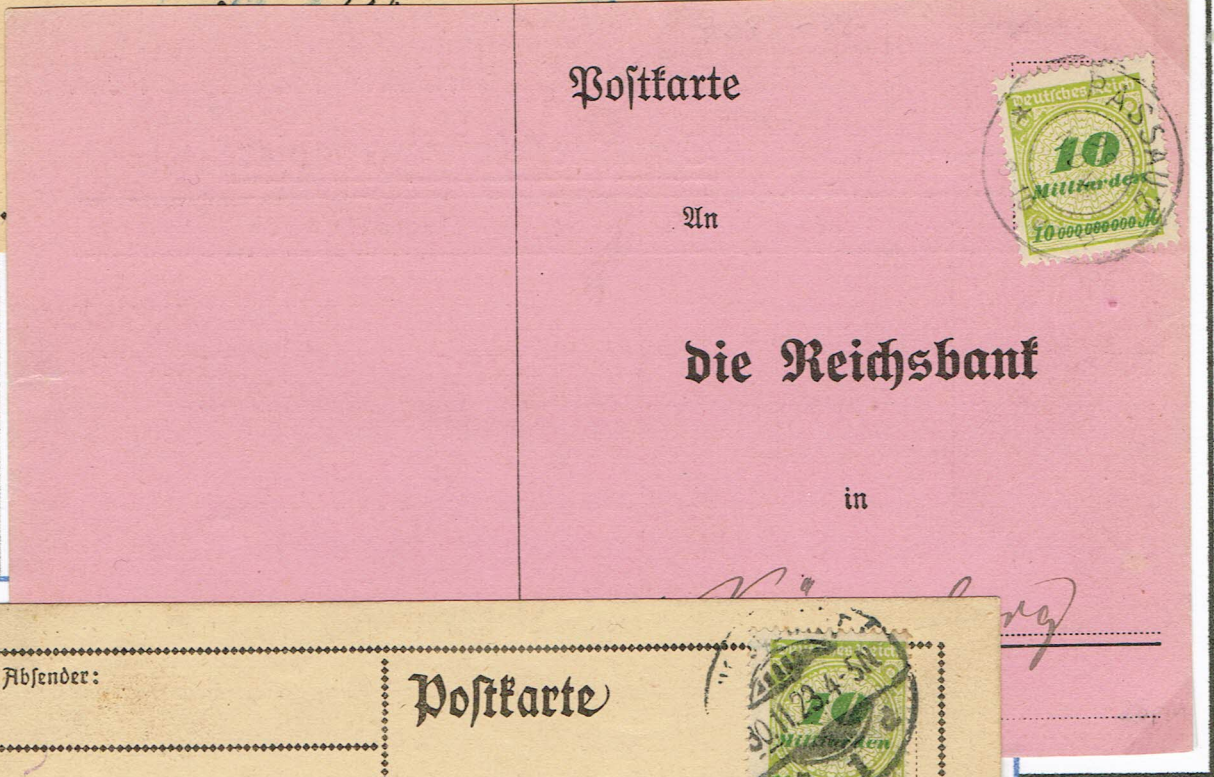
28.11.23 Frankfurt to Hier



Inland Postcard  
40M [10M x 4]

Schönberg

26.11.23  
First Day of Rate



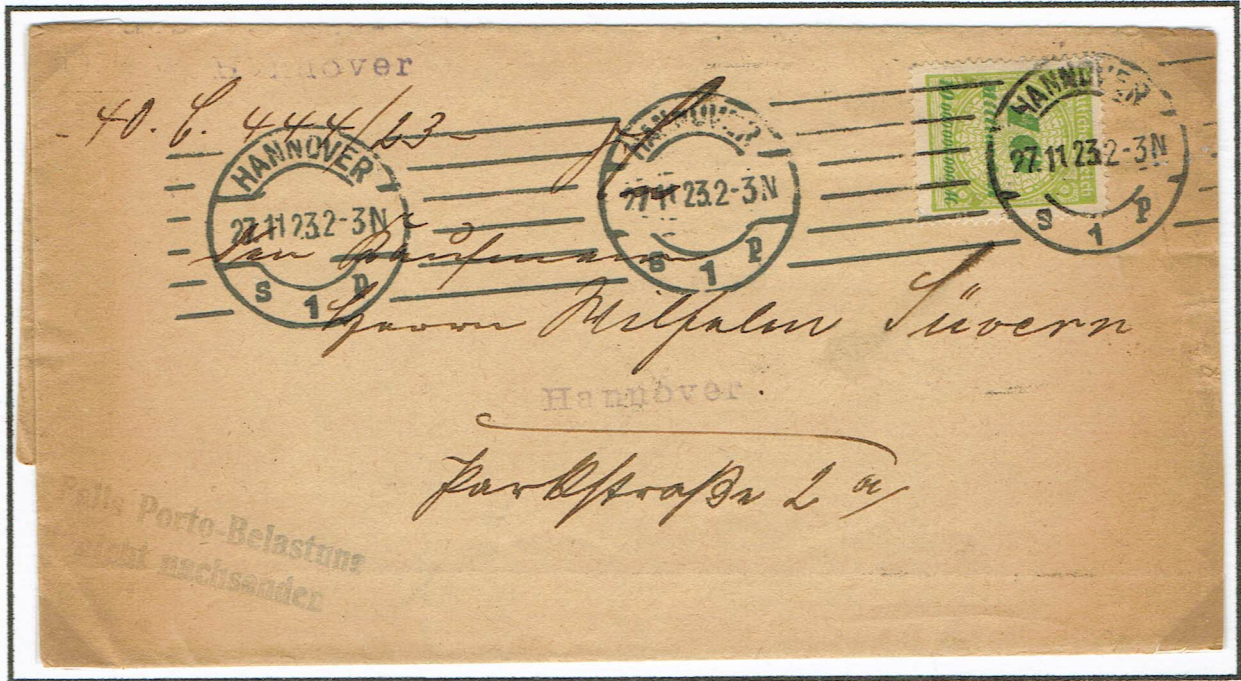
Inland Postcard  
40M [10M x 4]

Passau  
29.11.23



Postcard 10,000,000 = 40,000,000 Mk. 30.11.23 4-5pm Last Day of Rate

Local Letter 40M [10M x 4] Hannover 27.11.23



Registered Local Letter Oberlauchringen 26 11 23 First Day of Rate

Franking: 15 x 2M [7 on back] = 30M [x 4] = 120M. Local letter 40M + Registration 80M = 120M



November 26 - November 30, 1923

Local Letter  
40M  
Mueheln

26.1.23.

First Day of  
Rate

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Example of rate  
confusion as  
40M = 160M

Zuckerfabrik Stöbnitz bei Mueheln Bez.  
Halle



*Charlotte Herrmann*

*Wolfenbüttel*

*firma*

*Ludwig Maier & Co*

*Heilbronn a.H.*



Inland Letter Rate 20M = 80M Stuttgart 26 Nov 23 First Day of Rate

November 26 - November 30, 1923



Letter Rate 80  
 Billion Mark  
 Dorndorf to  
 Spandau  
 26.11.23  
 First Day of Rate.

16 x 5 = 80 M -  
 affixed by sender at  
 correct face value  
 but the rates were  
 4 x so overfranked  
 240,000,000,000  
 Mk

Confusion over  
 values

Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft  
 Filiale Braunschweig



*Kenn*



*F. W. Fricks*

Inland Letter Rate  
 80M [20M x 4]

Braunschweig

30.11.23 11-12pm  
 Last day of rate

Last mail  
 Clearance before  
 New Currency

*Braunlage / G.*



Inland Express Letter - 240 M [60M x 4] Franking 6 x 10M] Gehren 30.11.23 3-4pm Last Day of Rate.  
Letter rate 80M + Express Fee 160M

The new currency was formalised by legislation passed on **October 15, 1923** and came into existence on November 15, 1923. The Stabilization was confirmed with the fixing of the exchange rate on **November 20, 1923**. The new exchange rate was sustained by extremely high interest rates. In the first weeks of December 1923, despite the price stability, **interest rates reached 10 to 20 percent per day**. Even by December 30th the interest rates was still more than ½ % daily. The average annual rate for January 1924 was still as high as 88%.

**December 1, 1923** was established as the day of change and the same day postage stamps in the new currency were issued. The new currency, the **Rentenmark** was set as one German billion **1,000,000,000,000 Mk** so 10M Mk was 1 **Rentenpfennig**. Its introduction was not a single event as bank notes in the new currency were already circulating in late November, and the value of insured mail had still be declared in paper marks throughout December

## December 1 - December 31, 1923

Milliarden of Marks [10<sup>9</sup>] [1.000.000.000]

1 Rentenpfennige = 10 M

Printed Matter to 50gm	3pf	30M	Additional services		
Local Postcard	3pf	30M	Registration Fee	20pf	200M
Inland Postcard	5pf	50M	Express Town Fee	30pf	300M
Local Letter to 20gm	5pf	50M	Cash on Delivery Fee	20pf	200M
Inland letter to 20gm	10pf	100M	Insurance	50pf/100M	500m/100M

Note: Printed matter now to 50gm; Express fee no longer 2 x Registration; Insurance fee included Registration

Any inflation stamps in private hands remained valid for a transition period of one month, they could either be exchanged at post office counters or they could be used up on any mail until December 31st, 1923. mail from December franked or partially franked with inflation stamps is called "**December-mail**". No more inflation stamps were sold at post office counters after December 1st, but mixed frankings were allowed. Most of the inflation stamps were used up in the first week of December.

Printed Matter  
4.12.23  
franked  
30,000,000,000 Mk  
Dessau to Anhalt



**„IMPAG“**  
Import - Aktien - Gesellschaft  
für Lebensmittel  
Hansaring 68

**GROSSIMPORT  
ALLER LEBENSMITTEL**

Fernsprech-Anschlüsse:  
Anno 281, 885  
nach Geschäftsschluß:  
Rheinland 4570, 5703

Drahtanschrift:  
„IMPAG“ KÖLN

Zum Großhandel zugelassen unter J 185 von der Handelserlaubnisstelle Köln-Stadt.

Herrn

Notar Justizrat Lempertz,

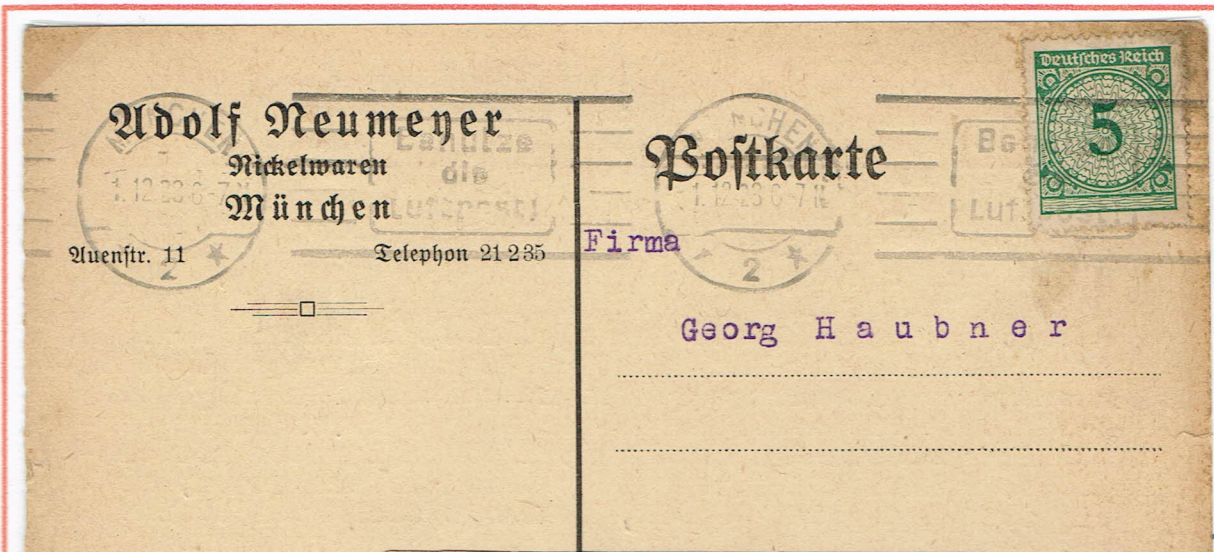
K ö l n - Rhein,

St. Aperi Strasse 25/27.

Local Cologne  
Postcard 3 Renten  
17.12.23

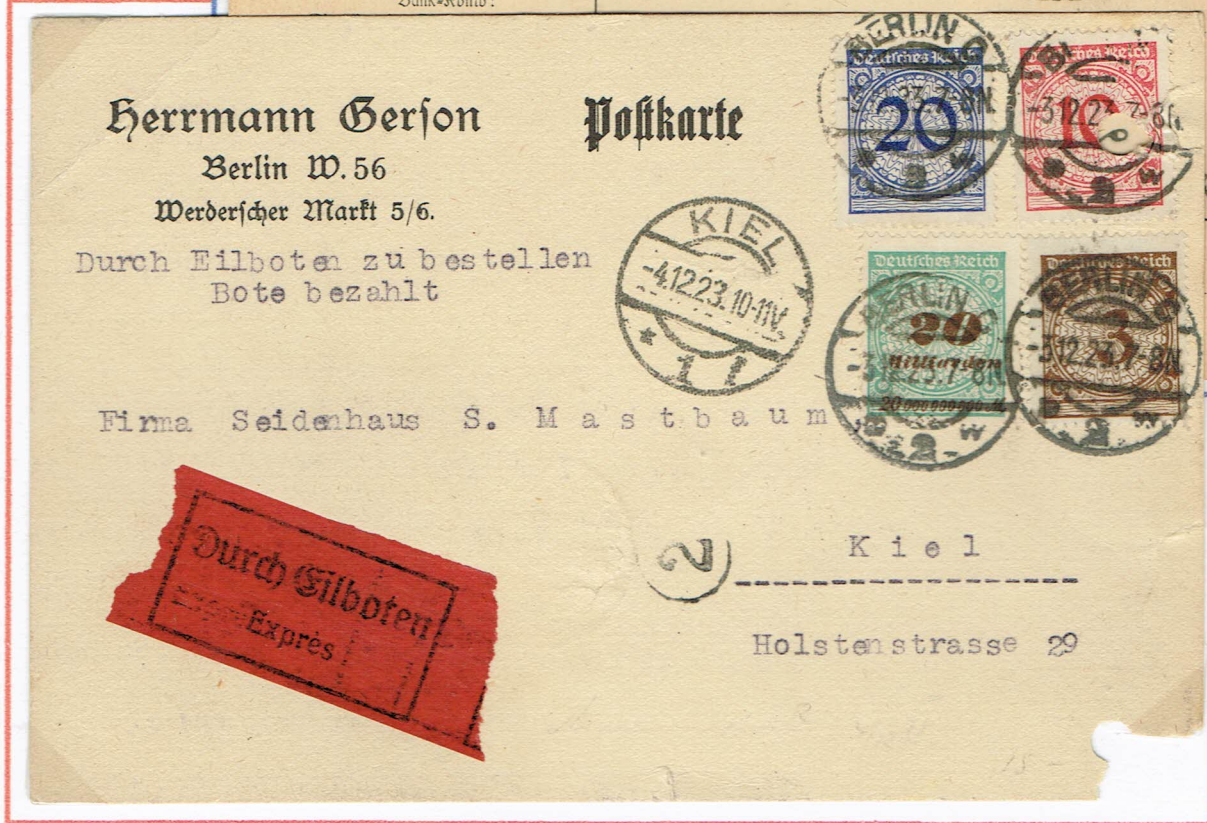


December 1 - December 31, 1923



Inland Postcard  
 5 Renten  
 Munich 1.12.23  
 First day of rate  
 First day of stamp

Postcard  
 With Gebühr  
 bezahlt "5"  
 [cash paid]  
 1.12.23  
 First Day Rate



Express Postcard Berlin 3.12.23 to Kiel. Postcard Rate 5 Renten. Express fee 30 Renten = 35 Renten  
 Mixed franking 20,000,000,000 = 2 Renten + 3 Renten = 5 Renten = postcard rate

December 1 - December 31, 1923

An

Herrn

Anno Sterzel

Dresden A.



Franking 20M =  
80M from Previous  
Period

1.12.23 7-8am

First Day of Rate  
but without postage  
due as **franked**  
**correctly** according  
to regulations and  
cancelled early on 1st  
December.

KÜHN & C  
Steinnußknopf-Fabrik  
Schmölln S.-A.  
Fernsprecher Nr. 9

Herrn Schabert

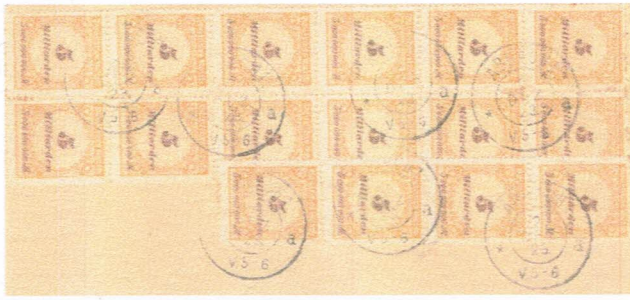
p. der.

Coblenz  
Kaiser Wilhelm Ring 56



Schmölln 1.12.23 2-3pm First Day of Rate. Franking 25M [10 x 2M + 5M] equal to 100M in previous 4-fold rate period incorrectly accepted without Postage Due - evidence of confusion in rates.

December 1 - December 31, 1923



Letter 100,000,000,000 Mk  
= 10 Renten.  
Sunday 2 Dec 23 Abbachi  
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R-letter Rate

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to Essen

Postcard Rate 5 +  
Registration 20 =  
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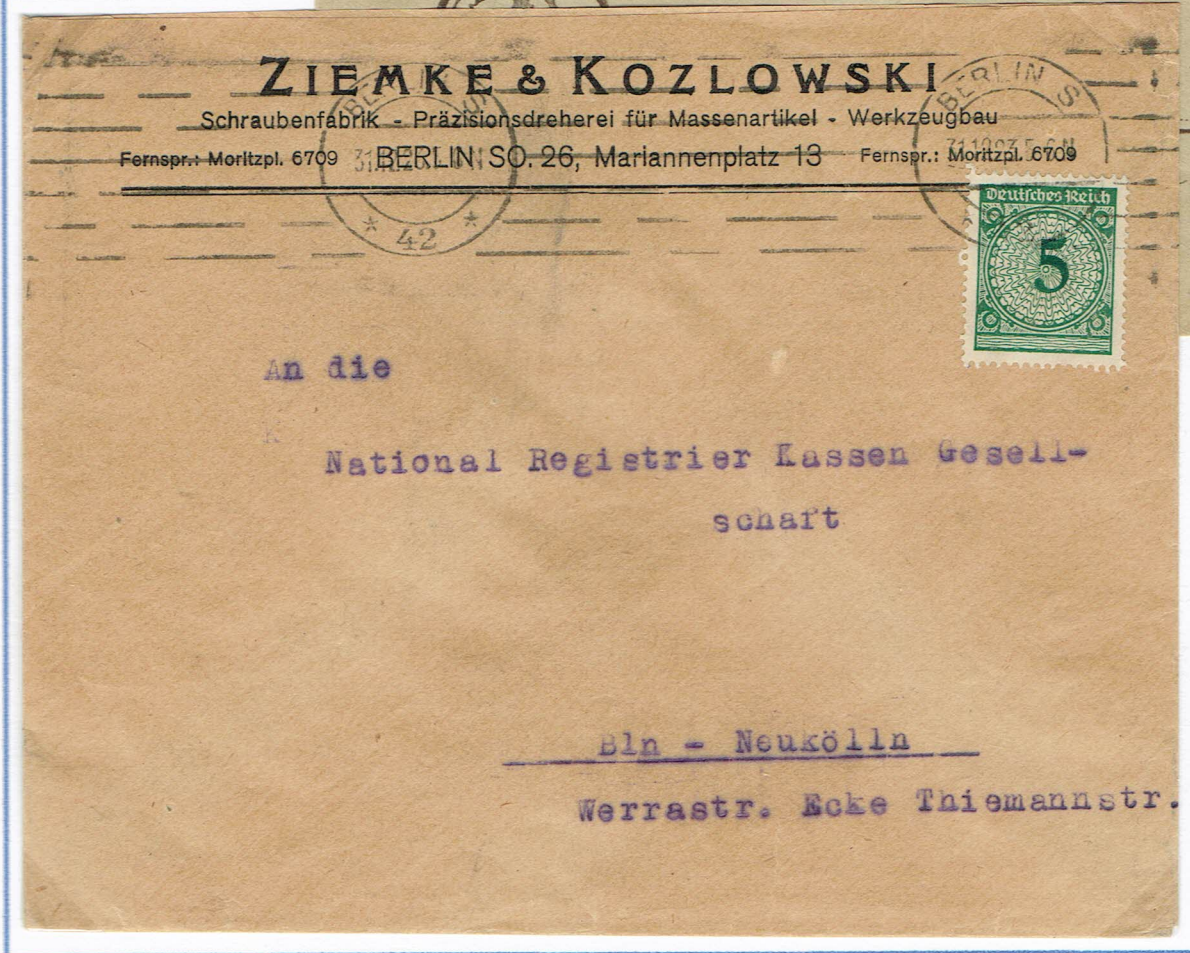
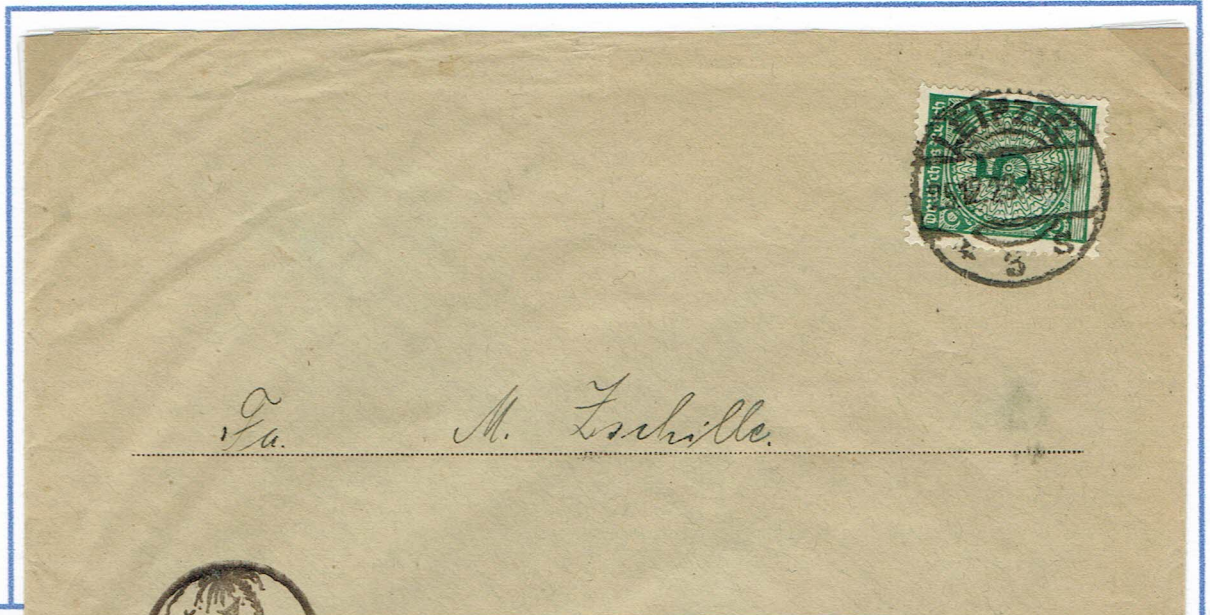
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Double Rate 20 R  
Dresden 7.12.23

December 1 - December 31, 1923

Local Letter 5R

Leipzig  
25.12.23 10-11am

Christmas Day



Local Letter 5R  
Berlin

31.12.23 5-6pm

Last Day of Rate

The next rate period **January 1, 1924 - September 30, 1925** maintained the same rates as applied in December 1923 but the inflation era stamps were invalid for use. Inflation and interest rates remained very high in January declining steadily over the next months. The Exchange rate of the Renten Mark stabilised against foreign currencies and the inflation/hyperinflation economic situation was well and truly cured.