Antreponden and Deutfoland.

. Pofen 167 fei Spremberg, 1. April 1948. Berie Bollsblattlefer im fernen Tegas! Beftern, Sonning, befucht mis Derr Matheus Sourmann in meiner, an der Strede, Km 143,8, belegenen Bohnung, und im Gelfte weil-1 ten wir beim Wendentonig und feiner Ronigin in Gibbings. Berr Sourmann wohnt jest in Beiswoffer an ber Roonftraße, wo er etliche Bauftele fen erworben bat. Senannter Bert fieht wohl und munter aus und tann weite Streden ju Bug wandern; bas beutide Rlina befommt ihm gut, betommt aud, wie er mir fogje, "Gibdings Deutsches Bolleblatt' und "The Gipbings Rems." - Der feit mehreren Bogen bermifte Gaftwirt Rati lingelam aus Aupperisgran bei Berban fiem Raymillag bes 28. März bot feinem Cohne im Reffer ber Gaftwirtgeft tot aufgefunden morben. Die Leide lag zwifden einigen Saffern mit Deden und Erde jugebedt - Es wird angerommen, bes Ungetum einem te Raubmord jum Opfer gefallen ift. Großfeuer in ber Euchfebrit bon Bilbeim Somelafd in ber Bilbelmftraße beturfagte am Spainedmittage bes 23. Merg in Spremberg große Aufregung. Die Fabrit feht im 50ffen Jahre und die damalige leichte Bauweife und die olgetrant'en Ballen und 3 abbeben berfcafften bem gierigen Clemente reiche Rahrung. Es war ein foarig- coner Anblid, bie farmbobe Lobe aus ben Tenfern und bem Dache berausichlagen gu feben Bon einem Stodwert jum andern, bon genfter ju Benfer griff ber Brand um fich und felbft bas an ber Gubfeite angebante maffibe Ronier und Tucklager brannte Bollfanbig ans Rur bie an der Ede : ber Gerbeiftraße febenbe alte Schenne, bie als Lagerraum für Rohmalerialien berwendet wird, blieb vom Fener ver-Gout. Rangende Trammer und lable Mavern bezeichnen die Stelle, an ber die ohnehin durch Die großen Branbe jurudgegangene Tud - Indufrie noch eine Statte fenb. Gine giemliche Aujahl Arbeiter ift burd ben Brand brole los geworben, und wollen wir. im Intereffe ber Ctabl Spremberg unt wanichen, bag biefe Arbeitelefen fobalb als miglid in anderen Sabrifen Unterommen finden. Der entftandena Scha-won G. G. Betrid nieber, fo bag bie bott beichaftigien Arbeiter gwei Bochen lang feiern muffen. - Am 25. Darg beging die Fran des Ballers Littmann Gelbfimord, indem fie fich in ber Bauerlede erlräufit,

Und nun jum Schluß berglichen Gruf en alle Lefer und die gefamte Bollsblattfamilie bon Curem Ratheus Dantigto.

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Correspondence from Germany (From Mathias Hanschko)

Post 107 near Spremberg, April 1, 1912

Worthy Volksblatt Readers in far away Texas! Yesterday, Sunday, Mr Matheus Schurmann came to visit me at my quarters at 143.8 km on the railway line and, in spirit, we dwelled with the king and queen of the Wends in Giddings. Mr. Schurmann now lives in Weisswasser on Roon Street where he has acquired a number of building sites. The mentioned gentleman looks well and fit and is able to walk considerable distances; the German climate suits him well and he told me that he also receives the "Giddings Deutsches Volksblatt" and the "Giddings News".

The innkeeper Karl Ungetuem from Ruppertsgruen near Werben was found dead by his son on the afternoon of March 28th in the basement of the inn. His body was wedged between some barrels covered with sheets and soil. It is assumed that Ungetuem was murdered during a robbery.

A major fire at the cloth factory of Wilhelm Schwelasch on Wilhelm Street caused much excitement in Spremberg in late afternoon on March 23. The factory is 50 years old and the flimsy construction methods of the time along with oil-soaked timbers and flooring offered rich fuel to the greedy elements. It was an eerie-beautiful sight that was presented by the towering flames exiting from the windows and the roof. The fire progressed from one level to the next and from window to window and even the annexed offices and cloth storage area on the south side were completely burned down. Only the old barn at the corner of Gerber Street, which was used to store raw materials, was spared from the inferno. Smoking rubble and bare walls now identify the location where the cloth industry still maintained a foothold in an enterprise diminished by past major fires. A significant number of workers have lost their means of livelihood by this fire and we wish that these unemployed, in the interest of the city of Spremberg, will, as soon as possible, find shelter in other factories. The damage caused is estimated at around 500,000 Mark.

The boiler house of S. E. Petrich burned down on March 29 so that its employees were involuntarily furloughed for two weeks.

The wife of Walter Littman committed suicide by drowning in the Hamer River.

And now in closing, hearty greetings to all readers and the entire *Volksblatt* family from your

Matheus Hantschko

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