ferreipondens ans Dentidland. (Bes Rethers Bantfole.) Boben 107 bei Grumberg, 56. Januar 1913. Mietje Boltsbiattlefet im fernen Tezast Ans berfchiedenen Teilen Deutfchlands wird von fitenger Ralle und Sonec berichtet, während wir bier ant etwes Schnee und farten groft "an verzeichnen haben. - Eine gang eigenartige Treibjagd wurde vor 8 Lagen auf-ein vier Bochen altes Ralbin Ochleife abgehalten . Det Sleighetmeifter Wuffaf Lugens aus Schleise haute bak Rald numeit felner Bognung zum Schlachten aufgelauft. Auf dem Bege nach bem Schlachthaufe radte bas Ralb aus und rannte in ber Richtung nach Sprembeng ju, und die Jäger binsterher. Bei meiner Bohnung end-- fich murbe bas Ralb von bem Baftwirt Lehmann erlegt, und auf diefe Beije belam Lugeng fein Gigentum, "Ileber einen entfehlichen Ungladsfall am 22. Januar in Opremberg taffe ich ben "Opremberger Anjeiger" wie foigt berichten ; "Ein entfehlicher Unglachfall, bem leider ein Menfchenleben zum Dpfer fiel, erignete fich heute nachmittag in der vierten Stunde in der Dresdenerstraße. Das Automobil bes Deren Rittergutsbefigers Rehchahn ans Bollenberg tam im erlaubten Lampo bie Dresdenerstraße gefahren, als die fünfjährige Frieda Beinrich über die Strafe birett bor bas Auto lief. Das Gefährt erfaßte bas Lind und rip es ju Boden. Ein Rad ging dem Rinde über den Ropf, wohurch bie Schabelbede jerttammert und bas Gebirn blosgelegt wurde. Der hinzugerufene Argt, Berr Dr. Roffed, tounte nur Den eingettetenen Tob louftatieren. Dem Chauffeur foll nach ben Ausfagen glaubwärdiger Beugen eine Schuld nicht beigumeffen fein. Das Rab der Bagens, bas dem Rinde Aber den Ropf ging, wurde gerfrümmert."

Ueber "Dir 18" laffe ich ben werten Bolfeblattlefern im fernen Teras Ernft Beiter burch ben "Spremberger Ungeiger" folgendes launige Gedicht vorplaudern :

"Roch herricht gang allgemein die Deinung, die "13" fel 'ne Unglackgahl, und wo fie tritt in die Erichelnung, macht fie den Menichentindern Qual. Und fcreibt man fie als Jahreszahl, dann gilt das Johr als anormal; drum lieft man Correspondence from Germany

(From Matheus Hantschko)

Post 107 near Spremberg, January 24, 1912.

Worthy Volksblatt Readers in far away Texas!

There is news from various parts of Germany of heavy snow fall and cold weather while we have had little snow and severe frost here. --- A peculiar hunt took place here 8 weeks ago for a 4 week old calf in Schleife. On Dec. 1st, the master butcher Gustaf Luzens from Schleife had bought the calf, not far from his quarters, for slaughter. On the way to his slaughter house, the calf got loose and ran away toward Spremberg with the hunters chasing it. Next to my home, the calf was caught by the inn keeper Lehmann and his property was therewith returned to Luzens. I will let the "Spremberg Gazette" tell you about a terrible accident which occurred in Spremberg on January 22nd: "A horrible accident, which sadly caused the sacrifice of a human life, occurred here this afternoon during the fourth hour on Dresden Street... The automobile of the manor owner Kehrhahn from Wolkenberg came, within allowed speed limit, down the street when the five year old Frieda Heinrich crossed over directly in front of the car. The vehicle caught the child and threw it to the ground. A wheel passed directly over the child's head causing the skull to be shattered and the brain to be exposed. The summoned physician, Dr. Kossack, could only record the onset of death. With the testimony of reliable witnesses, it is unlikely that the driver will be found guilty. The wheel which rode over the child's head was destroyed." I want to share a poem with you in far away Texas which appeared in the "Spremberg Gazette" in which Ernst Heiter muses about "The 13": (Note by the translator -- The poem is written in rhyme. No effort is made to translate in rhyme and much of the effect is thereby lost)

"There is a general conception that the "13" is an unlucky number and that it's a nemesis to humankind wherever it may appear. And it is written that if it appears as a number of a year, the year is considered aberrant; that's why one views it on the calendar with woe every morning. The morning and evening papers are inspected warily as they proclaim: That was bound to happen! - whenever a mishap occurs. And thus we humans become pessimists because "13' is perceived as an unlucky number; thus everyone tries to avoid and eliminate it, if possible. Even in the hotel business the "13" is usually assigned to the "toilet," whereas hardly any room has come embrace it. Ghosts are seen in the light of day in houses with "13" and wherever

fie mit bangen Gorgen am Bandtalender jeden Morgen. Argmobnifd wird jur Band genommen bas Rorgen- wie bas Abendblatt, man fpricht: Das mußte ja fo tommen, wenn's ein Dalbent gegeben bat. So wird ber Renich ein Beffimift, weil . 13" teine Gludsjahl ift; brum lucht fie jeber ju vermeiben und fie nach Didglichteit an fcueiben. Ran gab fcon im Dotelbetriebe die "13" meift bem ; Rabinett'; biemeil als Bimmer Gegenliebe bie . 13" taum gefunden batt. 3m' Bauje .13" tount man febu am bellen Log Geipenfter gehn, und mo ju Erfche 13 waren, ba brobten allertei Befah-ten. Jangs berrfattauch in Amore Reiche viel Mufruhr im Franzoles, land : Die Barchen padte Die Furcht, die bleiche vorm Gintritt in ben Chepand; wer anno 12 nicht mehr gefreit, bat anno 13 leinen Schneid; in foldem Jahr fich topulieren, bas 1 will man wirtlich nicht ristieren, 1 Ran last die Borficht walten bente, benn wer die Babi bat, bat bie te Qual. : ## ift für unfre Rachbars- it feute die 13 eine boje Babl, ball meint man mohl, bergeben mußt 1 gleich jegliches Rebanche - Gelaft; i man bent an bas, was man erfahren, jurad, bor nunmehr 100 3abren. Sar . Dentidland aber ftebt Ju lejen als ein Bemeis bes Gegen-. tells : Die 13 ift får uns. gewejen t ein Jahr bes Gegens und bes feils. e Die 13 brachte wieber nen ben e Glauben und an bentiche Tres. ł Das war ein Jahr nach pormarts ! brangend und feinberlöfenb lettenfprengenb! Drum follte beuer niemand legen, bie 18 fej 'ar lingluge: sahl, man gruße fie ju frohem Bo-gen, und zeigt fie fich auch anor-mal, tut fie's gewiß ju unferem r t Gilud, fie bringt uns bor und nicht eins weiter .-... bie 13 tuf ans Richtel" - i Gruß Beiter. s "Allen. "Bolleblett"-Sefern einen verspäteten berglichen Glictmunfc aum Reuen Jahr 1913 überjendenb, auchaet : R. Dautioto. D.-1-- L.I.

there are 13 at a table, all manner of danger will be lurking. There was a lot of excitement recently in France, the land of love; the twosomes tasted wanly of the forbidden fruit before entering into matrimony; who is not yet liberated at 12 will lack the guts at 13; to copulate at that age should definitely not be risked. It is best to exercise caution today because the one who can make it happen now will also have the pain tomorrow. 13 is an awful number for those in neighboring lands meaning, don't engage in any kind of debauchery-craving; one should think about what has been happening in the past 100 years. But for Germany the following proof to the contrary should be noted; the 13 has been a year of blessings and healing. The 13 brought back, anew, our trust in good faith. That was the year in which we surged ahead and were liberated from the shackles of our enemies! It is for that reason that we should not call 13 an unlucky number but welcome it as a pleasant surge for our good fortune that leads us forward instead of back, even though it might have signs of abnormality. We continue to enjoy our wellbeing - the 13 doesn't bother us!" --- Ernst Heiter.

In sending belated hearty best wishes to all *Volksblatt* readers for the New Year of 1913, I'm signing off

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