## Brief aus Deutschland

Letter from Germany

Post 111 near Schleife,

Boften 111 bei Echleife. Seit den lebten Brief den ich forieb hat fich viel geandert in Bezug ber Teuerung. Der Dolthr ift geftiegen bis 45.000 Bas Diermart. Die Franzofen haben Ruhrgebiet beset, ba burch ift bie Teuerung .eben noch großer. In Gibbings giebt's für \$1. 10 - 19 Bfund Buder, bei uns bas Sto. 800 Mart. Econ bei duen Sollarftande bon 22.000 fufte man bier 70 Bfunb But-Dr In ben Kriegszeiten war es Bier, beffere als jest, feit bem Friedensvertrag tion Berfailes Bir haben noch finmer teinen ftrengen Binter 1 sehabt, bas ift auch gut fo. Soble ift tener, Brennholg ber Reter 600 Mart. 3ch tann mich - Anoch erinnern, mo ich bei Anbre: a Rifchnid im Dienft mat, mo wir in Baige am Blufftreet Land geflärt haben u. bas ichote bide folg in Blufftreet fchlepten und hochmaffer nahm es Bat # fost, bos es aus dem 28er Edufter Denile verungludte als e mil einem Joch Ochjen Boly Beifeite ichleppen moßte und an Finer Lerlepung ftarb. In 20ges lann fic auch det fein Land fat ein Futer Brennholz holen and amor umfonft. fier in den großen Stadien wird Brenholz fintmeife bertauft. Das Bib tings Bolteblatt wird bier von Atatan Art bin

Much has changed as regards the inflation since my last letter. The dollar has climbed to 45,000 paper marks. The French have occupied the Ruhr district which has caused the inflation to increase still further. In Giddings you can have 10-12 pounds of sugar for 1 dollar and here it's 300 marks per pound. At one dollar valuation, 70 pounds of sugar would be bought for 22,000. It was better during war times as now, since the damned Versailles Peace Treaty. We still haven't had any fierce winter but that is good. Coal is expensive and firewood costs 600 marks per meter. I can remember being employed by Andreas Kieschnick when we cleared land in Paige on Bluff Creek and carried nice wood of good size to the Bluff Creek to have it floated off at high water so that it would be out of the way. Also, where the small shoemaker Henike met with an accident as he was attempting to move wood aside with a yoke of oxen and then died of his wounds. In Texas, you can get a carload of firewood without cost, weather you own land or not. Here, in the large cities, the firewood is sold on credit. The Giddings Volksblatt is read here by a lot of people.

- Wielen Leuten gelejen. SO DINIE mit beijchtebenen gufommen ge top men die Bermandte in Tea1 ta tos haben, un fie es von Bers fi wartien zugeichidt befommen. 9 Ror etlichen Ragen betam ich einen Brief von Gerhard Biar a aus Thorndale, auch hab ich ihm wieter Auswort gefcrieben. Au diem Conntag tam Derr Dubig pon telam, ber wollte gerne 9 wiffen we in Amerita bas Land Bearbeitef wird und perschiedes nes. 3ch habe ihm ergählt fo gut ich tonnte. Um besten ift es g wenn man nach Tegas reift und beficht fit bas alles, Sier ift nichts beionderes zu berichten, - 64 fund viele an ber Grippe ets trantt u d viele gestorben. Dies fe find am besten aufgehoben, benn ten Soten friert nicht an Die Sieten, auch Rohlgruben Kas 1 coprophen gieb! es mle in Bents ten, wo hunderte DRenfchen ums Seben, getommen find, wie et immer vortommt. Ein Abianitt mit einer Beitung zum Abbrud. Wit Gruß an alle Lefer Maltsblattes. Bantfalo,

I've met with a number of them who have relatives in Texas who send it to them. I received a letter from Gerhard Biar of Thorndale a few days ago and have answered back. Mr. Mudia from Belaw came to me on a Sunday and wanted to know how land was cultivated in America, among other things. I advised him as well as I could. It is best if you go to Texas and see for yourself. There is nothing special to report from here, except, many are ill with the flu and many have died. These are blessed because the dead don't freeze at the paws; and even coal mine disasters strike with frequency, as in Benten where hundreds of people lost their lives. This came from a section out of a newspaper, for reprint. With greetings to all readers of the Volksblatt, I remain

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