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Monday, August 3, 1936

C.H. MUSELMAN MEETS GRADSON OF FORMER KAISER ON S.S. DEUTSCHLAND

Friday and Saturday, July 17 & 18 (continued)

The meals are very good. Everything is exceptionally clean and the waiters are more than eager to please and serve. Soups are served every noon and evening, wonderfully good, but never alike. Of course I always like them. Then there are three or four courses with choice privileges. I am very careful in my eating, in fact I have to be. Further I am seeking to eat rather sparingly. I always have to ask for water, because it is not given with the meals unless asked for; but then it is cheerfully supplied.

Sunday, July 19

The outstanding event this day was the German Service in the Tourist class, which is in the back part of the ship. There everything is much nicer than in Third Class. The services were held in the dining room. A German Lutheran pastor of Fredericksburg, Texas, who was visiting his former home after 52 years in America, gave the sermon and presided. Before the service the band played German "chorale," such as "Ehre sei dem Herrn," "Lasst mich geh'n, last mich geh'n," and "Dies ist der Tag des Herrn." The sermon was over the text found in Matt. 11:25-30, with emphasis on the verse, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." The chief steward was present and sitting in front beside the moveable pulpit and the improvised altar.

Otherwise I could notice that it was Sunday because the mariners of the ship (Schiffsbesatzung) seemed to be off duty and spent the day on deck singing and enjoying the company of the young female travelers who seemed to show an interest in them. Otherwise things went their regular routine.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday July 20, 21, 22

Everything went routine. I did not always feel very good. Except for breakfast, I went to every meal, but ate sparingly. I always longed to get solid ground under my feet.

There was a big ball last evening over in the First Class. I made my way over there and found a good place in the gallery where I could spend some time in observation. Most beautiful decorations and everything of the finest imaginable. We have as passengers in this First Class two grandsons of the former German Kaiser, namely, Seine Koenigliche Hoheit Prinz Friedrich Karl von Preussen and his wife, and Christian Prinz von Schaumberg-Lippe and scine Frau, and their sister Her Royal Highness Prinzessin Luise von Preussen. I could see them and observe them very nicely. Had a talk with Christian Prinz von Schaumburg-Lippe, and he gave me his autograph on the evening's program which I had handy. All seemed very nice people.

Today, Wednesday, we saw the first "See-Moeven," very nice birds, and a proof that we were nearing land. A steward told me we would see the coast of England this evening and tomorrow morning early stop at Cherbourg, France. Tomorrow morning we will have to fix up a multitude of papers and declarations. Talk about red tape in business transactions. America doesn't know what

real red tape is. We must declare how much American money we have in order to take a single dollar over the border out of Germany. The customs control is quite strict. I bought my ticket here on board for Wuerzburg and back at a cost of \$6.90. My trunk cost...(cut off)

Monday, August 3, 1936

FINGER NEARLY SEVERED

Mary Alice, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Steury of north of town, had the index finger on her left hand nearly severed Friday. The child had her finger caught in the windmill.

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GOOD YIELD OF OATS

Dan Kaehr, farmer living northwest of Berne, reports a yield of 900 bushels of oats from 11 acres. The average yield of oats in this community is around fifty bushels per acre, with many 70 and 80 bushel yields being reported.

Monday, August 3, 1936

ROAD REOPENED

Federal rd. 27 between Berne and Monroe was re-opened to the public Sunday morning. The road was closed ten days, the pavement being resurfaced. The work was done by Meshberger Brothers. The highway is now in excellent condition.

Monday, August 3, 1936

HAVE NOVELTY STAND

Glen Neuenschwander and Virgil Amstutz are operating a novelty stand at the Decatur centennial this week. Their stand is located near the court house. The G.M.G. of the Reformed church here also operate a stand at the centennial.

Thursday, August 6, 1936

MARY LIECHTY DIES IN OHIO

Widow of the Late Peter Liechty Dies in Wayne County

Mrs. Mary Liechty, about 70 years of age, died at her home in Wayne county, Ohio, north of Orrvill, Monday, according to a telegram received by Albert Huser of northeast of Berne. She was the widow of Peter Liechty, and was formerly Mary Musser. She had many relatives in this community and was well known here.

The husband of the deceased woman was a brother of Mrs. Jacob Huser. Mrs. Huser attended the funeral which was held yesterday afternoon.

Surviving are several children.

Thursday, August 6, 1936

WIN GUERNSEY PRIZES

Inniger Brothers, Peter B. Lehman and Dale Moses won numerous prizes in the regional Guernsey show staged at Decatur. Barbara Lehman also won a prize with a Guernsey cow. Dale Moses won the premier breeders' cup.

Thursday, August 6, 1936

QUARTER INCH RAIN FALLS

Steady Rain Wednesday of Much Benefit to Crops

Rain amounting to .26 of an inch fell here Wednesday and Wednesday evening. Eleven hundredths of an inch fell during the day and fifteen hundredths fell last night. The rain came down slow and steady and should be of great value to the corn crop, as well as to other crops.

The rain soaked into the ground and farmers were optimistic today that a fair corn crop is still possible. Sugar beets are in good condition and soybeans and potatoes are improving.

More rain is possible today. The cool weather of the past few days has also aided to revive the crops.

Thursday, August 6, 1936

AGED RETIRED FARMER DIES AT HOME HERE

Emanuel Sprunger, 81 Dies; Funeral is Saturday Afternoon

Emanuel Sprunger, aged 81, prominent retired farmer, died shortly before 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home on North Sprunger street. Death was caused by uremia and complications. A post mortem was (?) to determine the cause of death.

Mr. Sprunger had been bedfast (?) two weeks. Previous to that time (?) was able to come uptown, although (?) had been in failing health for (?) time. He suffered from kidney (?) at various times. Sunday he suffered chills and since then his condition was critical and he weakened rapidly. Mr. Sprunger was unconscious several hours before his (?) and passed away quietly.

Mr. Sprunger was born in what is now the Berne corporation limits, (?) is said to have been the first (?) child born here. He was a son of Peter and Marianna Moser Sprunger and was born Nov. 18, 1854. Both father and mother came here from Switzerland in the pioneer (?) 1852.

Mr. Sprunger was married to (?) Stauffer, Dec, 5, 1880. (?) same date in 1930 the couple (?) their golden wedding anniversary (?) she passed away May 20, 1932 (?) his marriage, Mr. Sprunger was a prominent carpenter (?) many of the early homes (?) was also a prominent farmer (?) years, residing one and one-half (?) north of Berne; on the farm (?) Rufus Sprunger now lives, (?) years ago he and his wife (?) to Berne.

Surviving are the following children: Rufus, Adolph and (?) Sprunger, all of north of town (?) Caleb (?) Sprunger of (?) Berne, and Zilla and Arley (?) of Berne. Nineteen grandchildren, (?), two great-grandchildren (?)(?).

Brothers and sisters surviving (?) C.C. and Benjamin Sprunger (?) Emanuel Liechty and Mrs. (?) Stucky. Two brothers (?) Daniel are deceased....cut off (PHOTO PROVIDED)

Saturday, August 8, 1936

GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT CELEBRATION

Gov. Paul McNutt attracted a huge crowd to Decatur Friday afternoon when he gave a short speech praising Adams County pioneers and dedicated the bronze tablet in front of the court house to them. In the picture from left to right are: Carl C. Pumphrey, president of the Decatur Centennial Association; Judge James T. Merryman, first mayor of Decatur, and Governor McNutt. (PHOTO PROVIDED)

Monday, August 24, 1936

PIONEER BURIED TODAY

John Gerber, aged 93, pictured above, died Friday evening and was buried today in the M.R.E. cemetery, following funeral services at the Richmond church. A large crowd attended to pay...(cut off)

(PHOTO PROVIDED)

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S.M. Schwartz, editor of the Berne Review, is enjoying a week's vacation from his duties this week.

The Misses Emma Schug and Mynne Ehram spent the week-end and Labor Day attending the State Fair at Indianapolis and visiting Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Schug and family.

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