

visited. And the pleasure of witnessing the great spring parade of the Emperor's crack regiment, called his body-guard, the Palace, the Royal Theater, the Royal Church, the Frederick Strasse with its many fine stores and restaurants just like Fifth Avenue under the Linden, a thoroughfare 200 feet wide with several rows of Linden trees (or Maple) on one end of the Emperor's Palace, on the other end the Winter Garden where the Statu Lense is with all the Rules in marble and stone from the first Kaiser to the last Frederick the Second. Then I went to Stuttgart, Wurtemberg and Pfortzheim where all the jewelry is made to be shipped over all the world. My cousin, Carl, has several factories, one large, or the parent factory in Pfortzheim where he employs hundreds of men and women, and the others in smaller towns where he can get plenty of labor. He took me to his home from the station and gave me a large bed room with bath, also the library attached. From here we made several tours in his large touring car that cost him \$10,000.00. On the first tour of ten days, we traveled through South Germany as far as Metz and Lorient on the French Roads. He had his wife and daughter, the Medical Director, his wife and myself. The chauffeur was a well drilled Mechanic, so we got along fine traveling all day and lodging in a good hotel which we engaged, with dinner and wine, good bed and breakfast. So it was constant pleasure from day to day passing through towns where the wearing costumes differed in most every community.

Coming back from the trip, brushing up and having several dinners given by friends and big officials, we started in on another trip for twelve days, this time going through Rubbingan, the most flourishing and up to date farming country anywhere in the world. We passed through Lauffen, the place where we were born and raised, then to Heilborn and down the River Main to Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Mainz, Hamburg, Wiesbaden, Pfortzheim, the greatest town of all. After saying goodbye to all friends I had made and giving a farewell dinner to a dozen of the influential citizens of Pfortzheim, I traveled down the Rhine to Cologne with its great

Cathedral called the Colne Dom, with its five thousand spires, large and small, which made the Dom very inspiring from the exterior, but we must go inside and look at the most valuable ornaments of costumes and crowns for the High Prelates from the Cardinals down to the Bishops, which can be seen in the Chamber of Valuables. I was told the cost would run into millions and I believe it for I never saw so many precious stones as in that Chamber.

Then down to Dusseldorf, the City of Art of Germany, a city laid out as a model. I also visited Bonn, a city of learning, where the Prussian Princess from the Crown Roads received their final education. However is a very important city where I stayed for ten days. Concerts every afternoon with the well-to-do citizens and ladies listening to the music, drinking coffee, etc. In the meantime, finally I came to the Sea Port of Bremen where I embarked on the great steamer, George Washington, the finest of any steamer plying the Atlantic Ocean, having two elevators carrying passengers from the lowest to the Eight Deck. It had a full library, gymnasium, sun deck for promenade and, in fact, all the conveniences of a first class hotel, made the trip on a pleasure time and was sorry to have to leave when landed in New York.

So this ended my trip around the world, having seen all the principal cities, most all of the Islands, traveled over the Seven Seas all by myself and had pleasant company all the time to a stranger for the time being. It was after all the most interesting and exciting time for fifteen months I ever had. Brought home numerous articles of beauty for my daughters as keepsakes.

In 1914 made arrangements with Cook and Son Agency for a pleasure trip to the Mediterranean Sea for the Azores, Gibraltar and Naples, then to Rome and the other interesting cities, this being the second time, only this time I had the most delightful company to travel with, being all well-to-do and elegantly dressed people,