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Omaha Girl in Germany Gets Letters
Through to Relatives Here by Clever Ruse

By MELLIFICIA.

MANY and various are the devices resorted to now-a-days to outfit German diplomacy, but an Omaha woman's wit has outdone the kaiser and all his formidable war restrictions. Mrs. Hermann Lommel, former Omaha girl residing in Germany, succeeds in getting letters to her relatives in America despite the fact that no mail to enemy countries is permitted to leave Germany.

Mrs. Lommel was formerly Miss Blanche Roe of this city. Mrs. A. F. Tyler, her sister, wife of Dr. Tyler of this city, received a letter from her a few days ago through a friend in Switzerland. Mrs. Lommel said: "Tell my friends in America that I and the German government are getting along finely."

The Tylers are convinced this sentence was inserted in the letter to "boost it across" the strict German censorship.

The letter contained mostly accounts of personal matters relating to the health of Mrs. Lommel and her family. She said her baby daughter, Bertel, now 18 months old, had been very ill. So alarming were the child's symptoms that her father, who is an officer in the German army, was called home from the trenches.

No suggestion of conditions in Germany could be gleaned from the letter, which very evidently purposely avoided all reference to the political and economic state of America's enemy.

After finishing the Omaha High school, Mrs. Lommel was graduated from the Woman's college in Baltimore. There she won a scholarship for graduate work in Bryn Mawr. During her course in the latter school she won a fellowship covering research work and travel in Europe.

She then attended a German university and at first was almost ostracized by the men students in the institution, who resented the presence of an American woman there. So highly did persistent American good humor and American diligence score, however, that she was later appointed to a professorship in that school. She married Herr Lommel, a professor there, and for a time taught side by side with her husband.

When the war started in the summer of 1914, Herr Lommel was called to the front and was at once granted a commission. Since then he has received several promotions. He is in the artillery service of the German army.

After the outbreak of the war communication with the ones at home became increasingly difficult. Finally, Mrs. Lommel resorted to a ruse to speed the letters to America. She wrote personal letters in German to a trusted old friend in Switzerland. The translated letters were very amusing, for he had only a partial knowledge of English, and the peculiar literal translations which reached Omaha were a source of amusement to the anxious relatives in Omaha.

Now, however, Mrs. Lommel addresses letters written in English to the old Swiss friend, who merely puts them into new envelopes and sends them to America.

Relatives here do not know Mrs. Lommel's exact whereabouts in Germany, although they have learned that she is living with the family of her husband's brother-in-law while Herr Lommel is fighting at the front.

For a time she resided in Munich. Miriam Roe of this city, now attending Ohio Wesleyan college at Delaware, O., is a sister of Mrs. Lommel and Ben Roe, who lives on his farm near Benson, is a brother.

The Smiths Go East.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith left Monday evening for New York. Mr. Smith, who went east on business, will only be gone two weeks, but Mrs. Smith expects to be gone a month. From New York she will go to Atlantic City, where she will be joined by Miss Helen Smith, who is a student at Miss Spence's school; Miss Grace Smith, who is at Miss Wright's school at Bryn Mawr; and Mr. Arthur Smith, Jr., who attends St. Mark's school at Southport, Mass., and they will spend the Easter vacation there.

For Red Star Workers.

At the last report made Saturday of the workers for the Red Star Animal Relief \$1,800 has been collected. Omaha society women are still busy with this project.

Mrs. George B. Prinz was hostess at tea at her home today for a group of the workers. There were 16 present.

Tea Versus Lithographs.

Afternoon tea is a most attractive feature of the Pennell exhibit which is being held at the Keeline building this week. The numerous tea tables so cozily placed about the room are well patronized, for one can study the lithographs or discuss them with a friend over the tea cups. Miss Katherine Thummel was hostess today and assisting her were Mrs. Clyde Roeder, Mrs. George Thummel and Miss Margaret Greer Baum.

Stine-Sorenson Wedding.

A pretty home wedding took place Saturday evening, when Miss Sorenson Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sorenson, became the bride of Mr. Glenn Marshall Stine. Rev. Denton E. Cleveland read the marriage lines.

The bride was gowned in a gray and blue silk gown and she wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas. Owing to the fact that the bridegroom was called suddenly to the colors, the wedding was very quiet, only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends being present at the ceremony.

A supper was served following the ceremony for the wedding guests. Sweet peas were used on the table and through the rooms.

Mr. Stine left Monday evening for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for training and Mrs. Stine will make her home with her parents until after the war.

At Stobart Luncheon.

At the luncheon to be given Wednesday for Mrs. St. Clair Stobart, Serbian relief lecturer, at the University club, W. F. Gurley will introduce the speaker. The following will be seated at her table:

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| Mesdames— | Mesdames— |
| C. M. Wilheim | Luther Kountze |
| Clement Chase | E. M. Syfert |
| Miss Jessie Millard | Mrs. S. Caldwell |
| Mrs. S. Caldwell | S. S. Caldwell |
| W. A. Pixley | Hughall Brown |
| Major A. C. Stokes | |

Comforts for Babies.

Members of the Rockford College club are engaged in a new and most interesting kind of war work. Their stunt just now is to make comfort kits for the tiny, orphan babies of France. A friend of one of the members wrote from "over there" of the great need for clothing and the little comforts of life for the numberless French babies who are without a mother's care. The little band of college women immediately began work on these outfits. They are not the regulation layette, for they contain numbers of things beside the tiny garments, such as soap, talcum powder, tubes of vaseline, tiny combs and sundry other articles associated with babydom.

Little one-piece slips for the infants are included in the kits, too, and tiny skirts and socks. The club met at the home of Miss Gladys Goodman this afternoon, and although a number of the members are out of the city, those who remain are accomplishing wonders in this special line of work.

Mrs. Reed Entertains.

Mrs. A. B. Reed asked a few friends to an informal luncheon at the Blackstone today. The affair was given in honor of two or three visitors who are in the city for a few days.

Red Cross Notes

Miss Mae Torrey, kindergarten teacher in Lake school, has been instrumental in making of 67 sweaters and 28 helmets. Miss Torrey does the purling, setting up and binding of these articles and her friends have done the plain knitting for her.

The Moseetta club of Butka, Neb., Miss Edith B. Leonard, secretary, sent the state Red Cross \$100. This club is composed of 14 members, their town being located in the sand dunes, 40 miles from a railroad, and 16 miles from a store of any kind. There are only 14 families within a radius of five miles. They raised \$50 from one pie on a night 18 degrees below, with a terrific wind and snow, and some of them had to drive eight miles. They auctioned off the pies and sandwiches

and they brought as high as \$5.85 each.

What the American Red Cross has done with the millions of dollars entrusted to it by the people of the United States is shown in a statement just issued by national headquarters. Appropriations to date amount to \$79,450,727, and cover the period from the time we entered the war was last April, until April 30, 1918.

For foreign relief the sum of \$44,657,795 has been appropriated and much of it spent, as follows: France, \$30,519,259; Belgium, \$1,999,521; Russia, \$751,950; Roumania, \$2,617,298; Italy, \$3,146,016; Serbia, \$871,180; Great Britain, \$1,703,642; other foreign countries, \$2,536,300; for American soldiers who may be taken prisoners, \$343,627.

As the government supplies nearly everything our soldiers and sailors need, the appropriation for the United

States is only \$2,612,532. All salaries and administrative expenses are paid out of membership dues, so that every penny of the war fund goes to relief.

The great variety of military and civilian relief by the Red Cross may be indicated briefly: canteens that afford food, baths and lodging for soldiers at the front; rest stations and recreation centers for soldiers in transit and at port of arrival in France; care of orphan and destitute children; supplies for 4,000 hospitals; teaching mutilated soldiers new trades; reconstruction of homes and villages; sanitariums for tubercular and other patients; food, clothing, medicine and shelter for adult civilians in distress and many other activities.

Nebraska's quota of boys to be enrolled in the United States federal working reserve is 12,000. W. L.

Trester, federal state director, attended a special conference in Lincoln Saturday. Plans were made for the enrollment in high schools in the state. The date has been set for March 18 to 25.

Boys unable to go on farms will do their share by doing city gardening. Each boy will be given a button, and when he has completed his agricultural work he will be presented with a bronze medal.

L. W. Trester has returned from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of Junior Red Cross workers. Nebraska leads all the other states in the central division in this branch.

"The Comforters" is the name of a new auxiliary of surgical dressings workers which met for the first time Monday night in the Masonic temple. Mrs. Paul Gallagher is in charge of the workers.

Of Interest to Women

Japanese women are now driving taxis in Tokio.

Queen Marie of Roumania is the first woman accepted for membership in the French Academy of Fine Arts.

Massachusetts officials estimate that the number of women workers in that state has increased by nearly 10,000 since the beginning of the war.

Princess Patricia of Connaught is a clever milliner and her sister, the crown princess of Sweden, has often looked charming in hats which she has trimmed herself.

Lady Mackworth, who was recently appointed chief controller of women's recruiting, is the most notable business woman in Great Britain and director of no fewer than 27 large business corporations.

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TODAY American women are doing war relief work of all kinds—working side by side in our "Red Cross" rooms and doing various other kinds of work in the great cause of democracy and humanity.

Naturally the wearing apparel of the women today must be more of the practical sort, and the blue serge frock continues to be in favor for smart practical wear for Spring of 1918.

Fashion and the government have joined hands this season, and these Dresses offered Wednesday follow in the path prescribed by both Paris and patriotism.

Unusual merchandising foresight and preparation made this offering possible and we offer you the benefits of our efforts.

Illustrating Model—A

A straight line, plaited model with surplice bodice forming "cross over" belt and finished with bow at the back. Long line roll collar and turn back cuffs are of white satin.

A Charming Model—B

An extremely good value in this serge frock, so attractively trimmed in wide Hercules braid. The becoming square neck, smart tunic and narrow underskirt give every wanted style touch.

You'll Like Model—C

The box plaited skirt gives special charm to this dress. Beautifully trimmed in Hercules braid.

Another Pleasing Model—D

The long panels, both front and back, assure one of youthful lines in this frock. Finished at waist line with becoming sash belt. Silk braid trims the panels and cuffs. Square neck with satin collar.

Then, Here's Model—E

Another distinctive "coat dress" style shown in this straight, long line dress. For shopping, traveling and business wear this model is particularly smart. Collars and cuffs are of white satin.

This Coat Model—F

For a serviceable dress this coat model is sure to be favored. Collar may be worn high or low and the peplum gives grace to the plain skirt.

This Attractive Model—G

Made of black satin and navy serge and beautifully trimmed in Hercules braid. The panel effect gives long unbroken lines which accentuate the slender, youthful silhouette.

And Now Model—H

Springlike and smart is this blue serge Eton dress with a vest of black satin, and the newest idea in tunics forming panels at the hip line over a narrow underskirt. Hercules braid forms the trimming on panels, around the coat and on the collar.



This illustration was sketched from the dresses themselves on living models in our dress section.

There are sizes for women and misses from 16 to 46—blue serge only.

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