CAROLA SCHAEFFER - BERNSTEIN

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Berlin—Halle.

Jan. 13th, 1936.

Dear Totty,

Please forgive me my long silence. But when I got your last kind letter from March 13th, I was not at all well, and I had to struggle with that miserable condition of health during the whole of summer and autumn, so that I had to leave many things undone and had to neglect my correspondence. Now I feel much better again, but I only slowly get through all the letters I have to answer. I wanted to much to write to you at least for your birthday, or for Xmas or the New Year— but it is the middle of January before I could carry out my good intentions. That will not say that I have not very often thought of you.
especially where I read in the paper of the bad accident. Two of your toes had in October. What a mercy that only one of them was hurt and was dangerous, so that I hope he is quite all right again. One of Bennett’s boys had a bad accident too, as I heard from her. I wrote to her, and when I got her address from you, she answered me at once—she heard from her several times since. It is so nice to take up the old connection of friendship with her. Poor thing, that she lost her husband so soon after the war. And it is very hard for her to have lost her mother last summer, to give up her London house in order to live with her aunt, who is—As it seems—a very companionable one has to be looked after. And Bennett being ill herself a good deal. She has had too much trouble and worry, poor dear.
My American man still tends me paper-cutting about you now and then, and I look for, and I am not expecting to what he says, as I hear exactly the same from my little friend; Mary Betty tells she wrote to me that you are so beloved by your people - the thoughts like Königin Luise! I do like to hear such things! Mary Betty is so extremely happy that the many weeks are gone. Of course I did not tell her before I had your success. That the weight and then the had just returned from New York to her home near Kansas City and has not been there or in Washington for times. But the just wrote to me a short time ago, that she intended to go to New York in January and might go to Washington. she hoped to be able to carry out this plan, which would only be possible if her weather was better, she has been very ill. Perhaps
Miss etc has been to see you in the mean-
time. I enclose some cards, which she-
sent me, perhaps it will induce you to
know something about her.

The trap that I enclose shows you my
fow daughter and Bellina both big.
We had a lovely place together in the old
last winter, where we stayed together
for about 2 months - and in Scotland
I stayed at Hamilton with Bellina the
first 3 days. For a further part of the rea-
of December we lived in London -
and we are all very happy.

She has only three left staying with
us now. And our youngest look (he is
18) left home for good on the 2nd of
January. He will enter the army on
the 14th of April, and to be used to go
through his ".escape" as Seward
instead of march - in order to be able
to go to the "aided School" for 3 months.
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I have not very much to report.

I saw your military attaché and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. [NAME]) shortly before they left Berlin. I wonder whether you have seen them since they returned to America.

The world has not become more peaceful in the course of last year. It was rather interesting to observe, since the war between Italy and [NAME] was prepared and was like to come, while the League of Nations made all efforts to prevent it. I wonder whether the reality thought they could? My opinion is that the League of Nations is an institution that cannot have success, because it is against all laws of God and nature. It will never do.

But one country can sometimes do a
might as it may be — may think himself better and wiser than others — and believes to have a right — whether alone or in connection with other nations — to criticize and judge other and their doing. Just as well as one man is better or worse than another, no nation is better or worse than another. They all have their good traits and merits as well as their faults. I love England and the English people. I have good friends among them, but they have got a too high opinion of themselves, sometimes to a rather naive way, which is a great advantage for them, especially in political life. The weapon of the League of Nations are sanctions. But are they not in.
"It is to kind of love to ask me whether I would like to have your book. It is up to the wonder. Of course I should like very much to have it, to be able to read it right through. It also will give me such a..."
good impression of American life. And would it perhaps be possible for you to send me a number copy of the November number of the U.S. National Geographic Society's magazine? I hope it is not a too impudent wish of mine. Please only lend it if you can get it without any difficulty. It pleased one of our deceased friends, who lives in America, who writes to me sometimes, told me in his last letter that he has taken part where very interesting observations were made in Tabasco, Peten and Quintana Roo-yea district, of which very few photos were in the Nov. number of this magazine. He cannot obtain a copy of it himself now, in order to send it to me, as he is living in a very lonely place in many days travel from the nearest town. I do not know where I could obtain it here. But please only lend it, if you can get it easily. I do hope you will not let me wait for answer as I did you this time! - Much love from your affeckt.

Carola Schwartz-Schütz
January 28, 1936

Dear Corola:

I haven't yet succeeded in seeing Miss Pelsa because I was away when she came to Washington. I do not know just when I will be able to see her in New York, although I will try to do so before very long.

It was very nice to hear from you but I was distressed that you had been ill for such a long time and I do hope that now you are quite yourself again and will keep well right along.

The kodaks of the children are very nice. Having only one child left at home must make you feel very lonely. I had a nice visit from Bennett's son - not the one who had his arm broken, but the second boy - and the nephew of Leonie Ciffords. They were only over here for two weeks but I saw a great deal of them and they are such nice boys. I wish Bennett could have come with them but she seems quite delicate. I hope that she will be better as time goes on.

Europe does seem to be less peaceful than it was and I only hope that war can be localized and that no other nations will become involved. I do not know that it is England's fault any more than it is the fault of any other country, but it does seem to be perfectly ridiculous that intelligent human beings cannot sit around a table and satisfy their needs. I know nations have to have raw material, and that some places need more workers and others are over-populated, but why this cannot be arranged in a business-like way I cannot understand. It would cost
far less to pay for what is wanted than it does to pay for ammunition or to have one generation practically wiped out, to say nothing of the cost that deprivations at home leave us in the way of depleted populations. Sanctions may be as bad as war, but if they would stop war quickly, I would agree that it was advisable to use them. A brief period of war is better than a long period such as most wars bring us. Of course this country still feels very much detached from the rest of the world because of its size and distance, but that will not last forever. I would like to see some sane methods for settling these difficulties adopted.

I am sending you copies of all the books which I have written, and also the books which my daughter has written for children. Not that I think you will find them of interest, but perhaps some of your grandchildren might like them as they grow older. I will try to get you the National Geographic for November and send it at the same time.

Politics are complicated over here primarily because it is an election year, but, whichever way things go after next November, we will settle down to four years of a fairly steady policy.

With much love to you, I am

Affectionately,

Mrs. Carola Schaffer Bernstein
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Berlin, Germany

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THE WHITE HOUSE   WASHINGTON

The Division of International Mails says there is no provision for taking care of duty in advance in this country, and the question of whether duty would have to be paid could not be determined until they are received and examined in Germany by the German officials.

The only way to avoid having Mrs. Bernstein pay the duty (if any) would be to send the books through the State Department in care of the American Ambassador.

We have to pay duty on articles sent here from foreign countries as gifts, but we don't know what the German law may be.

Mrs. Magie—

Can we send them State Dept. or is it an imposition when it isn't official? Ship through Pearl for American Ambassador 11/17/34 (6 books)
Mr. Mayer —

Do I have to send all these books to her friend

Mrs. Mermsten

in Germany

Will she have to pay duty if they are sent as a gift.

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Lieutenant Snider

US Post Postal Service

John E. Snider
Miss Mary Betty Feltis tonight will play her first public piano recital since her return from studies in Europe. She is the granddaughter of the late Dr. B. H. Dawson, who practiced medicine many years in Kansas City. Several members of her family are physicians and she took a pre-medical course at the University of Wisconsin, but gave up the idea of becoming a doctor in favor of music. She took her B. A. degree at Park College and is also a graduate of the Kansas City Conservatory. Mrs. Katherine Bredouw-McCortney is managing the sale of tickets for her concert tonight at the Center, 1600 Linwood boulevard.
Mary Betty Freis created marked impression in her piano recital at the Center, where expressions of pleasure and some surprise greeted her performance.

A MOISSURI girl who needed no winged helmet to make her resemble a siren but of Wagnerian music drama won a complete triumph last night in her first piano recital since her return from studies abroad. The audience that nearly filled the Center auditorium gave Mary Betty Freis a deserved ovation, but earned no encore thereby.

Nature was in a generous mood when she topped Mary Betty's fine musical gifts with a keyboard-conquering physique. Her strong and supple hands recall the now legendary hands of Adele Aus der Ohm, whose Beethoven and Liszt were among the pianistic marvels of the early years of this century.

There is in the playing of Miss Freis a marked virility rare in a woman of met with not too frequently in the playing of men. Power and speed are here to command, also color and control. Chopin, three of whose etudes were included in her program, would have given much for such dynamic force.

The Beethoven Sonata had breadth and dignity of style; it was technically clean and pure and conveyed an unusual sense of proportion. Schumann's Etudes Symphoniques, at the outset almost too forceful, developed interesting contrasts, with occasional delicacy and tenderness. In the final variation there were charming effects in the interplay of themes, as well as some exceptionally fine phrasing.

She was happiest of all in her Schubert group, playing two of the 'Moments Musicaux' and two of the Impromptus. There were songs of triumph all through and each was sung like a psalm. By that time the pianist's mood was glowing and it apparently was easy to make the keyboard sing. Doubtless, she will be the better for further guidance from Arthur Schnabel with whom she studied in Germany. She should go far, for there is in her mental and physical endowment an unusual vitality combined with musicianship that is unfolding rapidly and brilliantly.

In the audience were many members of the Mu Phi Epsilon who generously gave her a scholarship when she went to Europe a few years ago, also Dr. John Thompson who taught her at the Conservatory, and Richard Canterbury, from whom she received her first "na-kin" lessons, following those her mother gave her as a child. That was when Mary Betty lived with her parents on a farm four miles from Odessa. The little girl rode a skittish horse into town every Friday for her lesson with Mr. Canterbury who made a weekly trip from Higganville to meet his Odessa class.

M. K. P.
Ludw. Schröffer
as "Hilferinge."

1835.
Bettina v. Schenk mit
her von Biocikl (3 year
old) and Rima v. Schenk

Gregorova
January 13, 1937

Dearest Carola:

I have given a friend of mine, Mrs. Ever C. MacVeagh, a letter of introduction to you. She goes once a year to Berlin with her husband, who has business there, and is very anxious to see something of real German people. I felt sure that you would be glad to know her, as she is really a very sweet and intelligent woman. She is younger than I am, and I do not know her very well, though I know all of her family.

It was nice to get your letter written on the 13th of December, and I think it was good of you to write when you had so much anxiety.

I was so sorry to hear of the death of Nelly's husband. She sent me a notice. I think not having any children makes it particularly hard for her. I am glad she is to be near you.

I loved the picture of little Harald. He looks well now and I hope he will continue to be so.

I am sorry my nephew did not go to see you. I do not know whether he even went to Berlin at all. I haven't seen him this autumn. He entered Harvard and has been quite busy and I have not had a chance to talk with him.
It isn't my youngest son, but my next to the youngest who will be married in June. His fiancee is a very sweet girl and I think they will be happy together.

Bennett has been ill and so has Leonie, so I am afraid that is why you haven't heard from her. Her son wrote me that she was better. I always feel that both she and Leonie have not enough to do to keep them from having one illness after another.

Every good wish that this year may be happier than the last.

Affectionately,

Frau Carola Schaeffer Bernstein
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Berlin-Halensee
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Dec. 13th 1936

Dear Lotty,

Again a long time. Let's between June 27th, when
you wrote to me last — thank you so much for
your dear letter — and today. It is always
the same. I meant to write to you long ago, but
to again. There are so many other things to be done
first and a large correspondence — but you may
believe me, that I thought of you very, very often.

This last months have been a training
and exciting time for you and although, from
all I heard. I never doubted that your husband
would be elected as president again. I was
so glad when I heard he was and I tend
you my sincerest congratulations. I know that
a great many votes have been given for the
sale of the past you take in your husband's
work. I am sure you will take up your great
work with even more enthusiasm, skill and
energy. Having before you the time for
a new four years plan. Certainly it could
have been hard for you and the President of the
government of your country had been taken
from you, because truly four years must

...
It was even a shorter time, when they are put in a boat, then they're before you. Especially when you want to realize big plans.

I also read in the papers, that your younger son is going to be married. The fiancé looks very charming. I hope the couple will be a very good match for you.

He had a very sad summer, first of all because of the death of my dear brother-in-law's wife. It is especially hard for her, as she has no children and no husband now. However, she was very happy, was the center of his life. However, she is very brave and there are so many people who want her help, the thinks more of others than of herself - all this, as well as her gay and friendly character will help her to bear her loss. She lived in Freiburg for the last 3 years and has taken a little flat here in Berlin now, so that we can see each other often. The means to spend the greatest part of the year in Freiburg are possible. I am very glad to have her here before the beginning of the winter, for the would have been very lonely in Freiburg, where she had no many nearer friends. Our dear old grandmother, Trudelien, Fellermaine is staying with her, since the draft
of her husband. 

When not had any recreation during spring
and summer, Bettina asked me to stay with
her and little Harald at Bad Tölz in the
very Bavarian mountains for some weeks in
September—and we had a most lovely time.

Togethere, Bettina went there, because
Harald should stay in the mountains as
well, for two months before the beginning of the schools,

Harald, after the had been ill with fever and had to

I feel, that he is not too delicate—but

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have—now they are all well again in Hamburg and

I do hope they will stay as we wished to go
There for a few days at Christmas, I should love to be with the grandchildren. In those days, you know Christmas is the festival of Germany where we want to be with our family where we like to have all children and grandchildren around one— it is the festival of the children. Arnold came over from London this year and Vera and Ueno will come with us to New York. Christmas eve we will spend here. Then we can have New Year's Eve and also my mother-in-law, who is nearly 93 years old.

Ueno is still in Rathnew. He has the first rather difficult months of his military career behind him and will go to the Straburg in the beginning of January. It would be nice if he came to Rathnew, which is to hear from here.

I am sorry that your nephew, J. Barrett Roosevelt, of whom you told me that he would perhaps come to Berlin, has not been here. I thought that perhaps he would come for the Olympiad. However, I understand that young people are not very keen on paying visits to "old ladies." But if he was here during the Olympiad, I must he had no time to look me up. Arnold was here with an English friend and...
many other young people came and went. It was a pity. There was not here during the time, but the war at Siegenburg for 3 months, the lovely country life, although she was very lonely there. This year she did not want to leave Siegenburg earlier for the sake of the Olympics. There was so much going on in those days, and many interesting things to see besides the marvelous performances, of which I also saw several—such organizations and traffic and to be interested me so much.

I am glad to hear from you that our farm representatives made such a good impression at the meeting of the Associated Country Women, and also that you say that you are of the same opinion as Frank, that we must try to carry on mutual understanding. For this these meetings are good opportunities. So much good will is at work to bring about connections between the different nations. It gets clearer and clearer. I think that it is not a fight between the nations, but between the two different points of view. In the world: Bolshevism and Nationalism (in its good meaning) Christ and
The poor people in France, what have they to go through and other countries (and perhaps we all) what will they have to suffer if the world does not realise that Robber Baron is a wicked thing? Of course money is a good thing, as you say, if it is in the right hands, who use it to do good with it. But it is a wicked thing, where people cannot get enough of it. It was always like that in the world and I am afraid it will always be like that. And I am sure, that behind all the terrible quarrels under which the world is suffering now more than at any other time stands the armament industry, which stirs the quarrels in order to profit from it. I also think it is not right to draw in the new steel, as many countries try to do now. We depend too much from one another. But the difficulty is, that there is often a lack of good will to understand one another. Each nation thinks that its own way is the best, criti-
cise the other, and is afraid to give up too much of its own rights.

In this time full of worries, the resignation of the King of Great Britain is very deplorable, and hardly to understand. If it only were because of a woman. I do hope it will have no bad consequences for the British Empire nor for the whole world.

It is a very long time since I heard from Bennett. I am afraid she is in a very miserable state still, poor dear. If once only could help her.

Now I send you my very best wishes for you and your whole family for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Much love from Carola
March 4, 1937

Dearest Carola:

It was nice to get your letter, but I was very sorry to hear that you had sinus trouble, for that is what we call what you have had. It certainly is trying and we find here that a warm climate is usually the best cure.

I am glad to be able to tell you that Bennett seems to have discovered what has been the trouble all these years which gave her such bad headaches. Something was wrong with her spine. You are right that the disposition she has has always made whatever troubles came to her much harder, but I hope both she and Leonie will come through these difficult times and be able to enjoy better health during the balance of their lives. The boys are perfectly delightful. Both of them have been over here and I enjoyed having them very much indeed. It is a long time since I have seen Bennett. The last time was when I took the two boys to Europe in 1929.

You were kind to be interested in the floods in this country when you have so many things at home to worry about. As a matter of fact, whatever happens to us here has such gigantic proportions, because our rivers are so large and everything is on such a big scale. Some day, through a long-time program, I hope we can keep people from suffering as they have suffered this past winter.
It has been a curious winter, with very little cold and snow in the east and a great deal in the west.

Every country is fortunate, however, not to be going through what Spain is going through. We are doing our best to keep our own nationals out, except as help may go to the unfortunate sufferers through the Red Cross.

I did hear from your friend, Mary Betty Felts, but have heard nothing for some time and I do not know whether she is in the east or not.

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Our social season is pretty well over here, which is always a relief, and I am starting off on a lecture trip which will take me for a few days into the State of Texas, where Elliott and his wife now live. Later in the spring I hope to fly to Seattle where my daughter and her husband and children are now living. Our distances are so great in this country it is rather hard to keep in touch with one’s children when they depart to very distant places.

We celebrated John’s twenty-first birthday last Sunday. He is the youngest and
will not actually be twenty-one until the 21st of March, but we will not be together at that time, so it seemed wiser to celebrate it when we could have the family party.

Franklin, Jr., our next older boy, is again back in college and we hope will graduate in June. He will be married to Ethel DuPont the 30th of June.

I have now given you all the family news and hope this will find you well and happy.

Affectionately,

Frau Carola von Schaeffer
Berlin
Berlin, Holzensee
Am Friedrichshain 103.
Feb. 16th 1917.

Dearest Fanny,

Thank you so much for your letter from Jan. 14th. I shall be so pleased to see Mrs. MacKeogh here. It will be so nice for me to speak to somebody who has been gone not long ago. I am glad, Mrs. MacKeogh has not come yet as I have been sitting at home the last 4 weeks and had to stay in bed for a fortnight with a very silly "Sten.

kholen Cataract" (inflammation in the corners and underneath the eyes) but it is much better now and I hope to be alright again in a few days.

Poor Benetti, that she is always ill. It is a very hard fate, that the love to them the last words. I remember how she suffered from the death of her Father, when she was a girl and years had passed since her father.
had died. I think it is in her character that if she cares for someone, her feelings are very strong and true ones, and consequently she suffers more than many others do. When she looks one of these, the loves most. As far as I know, she has been very happy with her husband. Still now, although she is said to have been a great comfort to her during all these years, it must be a rather miserable life since both of them are ill alternately, or together. And to have to look after an old aunt besides, who seems to be very feeble-minded from age—I don't know, whether one can say this is English. I must be a very difficult task, the more so as English mothers tend to very little of their sons as soon as they go to a boarders' school, and then go to the university, or enter the army. Young people always bring life to the house. Of course it is the fate of parents to see their children fly from the nest. When they are grown up—it must be so—but this is not perceptible for those who have to look in the middle of public and society life and have many tasks which bring there into contact with other people. Then for those who have to lead a very retired life. Then did you see Blunts?
call? Have you ever been to Europe since the war?

He went to Hamburg for a few days at Xmas with Will and Gertrude, and had a very nice time, with Beatrice and her family, I suppose. A snapshot of the 2 boys. Your fify cook very well. Is another again was ill in January. It is again in the Bavarian Mountains with his wife, where they have two dogs and two cats. I hope it will do them good. To tell me more of your children and grandchildren, when you write to me again. Don't you miss the children of your daughter, Lallight, after having been with you for so long?"

With greatest sympathy the death of the most awful flood-catastrophe in your country. There seems to be more, 200,000 and sorrow in the world than ever—not only caused through the mighty forces of nature, but also through men themselves, who destroy one another and so many works of culture and art besides created in hundreds of years. Poor Spain! I only they succeed to get the Bolsheviks out of their country. This is a very important question for the whole world.
it will take some time until the civilized world recognizes that Bolshevism is a poison, not a form of government as a "Welshmanhaiming." and until all countries stand up against it. Together and try to get that poison out of the world.

Our son A. W. who is still in London, has gone to Switzerland for some weeks for a vacation and he probably will come to Berlin on his way back for a few days as he has business here. He could not come at Christmas.

Have you heard anything of Mary Betty? I have not heard from her for a very long time, in fact I think since she wrote one of her enthusiastic letters after having seen you.

I often see another American girl, named Mason, who is a rich girl, the war is not here with you, as she is about 5 or 7 years younger than we are. But perhaps you remember her sister Emily to Reisterstown, whom you probably have known as the war in Allenwood. She will still be there. And last summer I met quite a Chinese girl, entonces Allenwood girl; I think she was from Brussels and married a German industrial, but I forgot her maiden name. She also was there until late than you. Goodbye for today, dear Titty.
I read in the paper that you intend to go up to Italy and Switzerland. Would it be possible for us to have lunch in Vienna on your way back and make an excursion?

I am going there for about 2 months, the day after tomorrow. It will be a pleasant change to see you if we are only for a few days. If you decide to come, I promise you that nobody need know anything about it.

I am in Venice.

Rotterdale is a very small place where nobody would care for you from the outside. I met the few people in our household. We had a very good day in Venice. If there would be told that you are an Englishman, I think they would be surprised and need not know your name. The next railway station to Engleberg is Bad Ragaz, 10 km and where you could get a taxi, or motor car, as we have some cars. I live to pick you up. If you prefer to fly, you could fly to Engleberg, from where it is about an hour by motor. It goes to Engleberg (40 km) to think of this place, all of it would be to nice to see us again after all these years and to tell of old times - all of them as well. My address is: Schloss Bregenzberg, where I teach. I assure you.
I have still to thank you for your letter from Germany.
I was very glad to hear from you. I have been feeling quite well the last few weeks.
I hope you enjoyed your visit to your friend in Berlin. Perhaps you had them all together at your son's birthday party.

Both of my little boys will also come to England next week and I am looking forward to seeing them for some time, as I like them very much.

Please forgive me if I only send you these few lines today, but I have still got a lot to do before my trip.

I am looking forward to seeing your door, it would be so lovely if it were possible.

Much love from your old friend,

[Signature]

I read a very interesting article in a German newspaper today.
February 14, 1938

Dearest Carola:

How nice of you to send me the newspaper picture of Franklin and Ethel from your paper. They had a most delightful time abroad and so did my mother-in-law.

There is no law in this country which would prevent my going to any foreign country, but it would be rather difficult and custom has more or less made it a habit that neither a President nor his wife shall go very far from our native land during the President's term of office. We both have been to Canada and my husband went to the South American Conference, but Europe would be a little more difficult because they would probably feel that even a relative must have a certain amount of official attention which would make visiting or traveling very uncomfortable for me.

I am so glad you had such a happy time in Ziesenberg last summer. My husband says it is not far from Mannheim and that in his youth he used to walk past an old ruined castle bearing that name. Is that anywhere near your property?

How wonderful for your husband to have kept his mother until her ninety-third year and to have had her still in possession of all her faculties. It is sad to have holidays such as Christmas clouded by memories of sorrow, but in this case I should think she must have been fairly content to go and, as you say it was peaceful, your husband must have been fairly reconciled.

That was a horrible airplane accident in which so many of the family of Hasse were killed, and the story which you tell is extremely interesting.
I haven't had Miss Felts play at the White House because Mr. Junge, who arranges all the concerts, feels she was not quite up to the standard which he tries to preserve. I have told him that I really want her and to try again now that she has given concerts. I am happy that she is going to be married.

"Bennett" still seems to be in poor health but I had a long letter from Leonie Gifford who sounds much more cheerful and practically recovered. I hope "Bennett" will also be well again soon. She has two such fine boys and I feel she could have a pleasant life if she were well.

Our youngest son, John, will be married in June to a very attractive young girl, and I think they are well suited to each other. Anna was not well before Christmas so I flew out to the West Coast to be with her for a few days.

We are having our usual ups and downs that come to every Administration during the Congressional Session, but my husband feels that things are going fairly well.

With all good wishes to you and yours,

I am

Affectionately,

Frau Carola Schaef er Bernstein
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Germany
Dear Mr. Corbin -

I received your letter and the newspaper article in which your paper featured Sen. Hugh Butler's speech. They had a most delightful theme about the old machines we have now.

There is no law in the country which would prevent my going to any foreign country to work on new inventions. I have always been interested in science and have more or less studied it a little that reaches a point near his understanding. Very few from our nation have studied the laws of learning which he has done and which have been to Canada. He has been to the S. W. and to the H. W. and to Western Europe and a little more difficult. because they would probably feel that even a simple man has a certain amount of official attention which would make.

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meeting or hear from her very
accompanied for me.

Soon you told you best
such a lovely time we

Gustung last summer.

My husband says it is not
far from here. Now that
she goes she used to make
such an old preserved castle
sitting on that house. It
that anywhere near your party?

How wonderful you, husband
when she kept in another until
her 93rd yes. Tahm but her the
in possession of all her treasures
is told those holidays such as
I was clouded by memories of
former times those case I
those she thinks she must not
been fairy content then was
you say it was successful, your
husband must have been fairly
reconciled.
That was a severe airplane accident in which so many of the family of Heres were killed. I am glad you wrote as I am extremely interested.

There is no word from Mabel

May be the N.D. because she

Jumps out of every one of all the concerts, feels she was not quite the type to understand which he tried to present. Then told them that she really meant her to be again. Now it she has given concerts.

I am happy that she is going to be married.

"Bennett" sent me a letter in poor health but had a long letter from Lewis Straight who sounds much more cheerful and fortunately recovered. Hope Bennett will soon be well again since she has 2 such fine boys to feel she could live a pleasant life.

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION
If the war went
the youngest son John was
be married in June to a very
attractive young girl. I think
they are well suited to each
other. Anna was not well
before Christmas, so I flew her
to the east coast to be with
her for a few days.

We are having our usual
up and down that come to every
arm during the long period.
But my husband feels that things
are going fairly well.

Best all good wishes to
you and yours.

affection
S. C.
Dearest Totty,

Again a long time has passed since I got your last nice letter. Thank you ever so much for it. Of course it was very nice of you, believing the news of your travelling in Europe as I knew that you may not leave your country as long as your husband is in office. But I thought it might be possible that this law had been altered. So I must patiently wait for a future time to see you again.

Your letter reached me in Ziegenburg where I stayed for 3 months last summer and had a lovely time. As I understand you also spent a good deal of your time in Ziegenburg at your old house on the Heidelberg. Nelly was in Ziegenburg from April

Berlin, Kalenau 2.11.36

Kurfurstendamm 103

Jan. 31st 1836
Until November, my two granddaughters stayed with us for 3 months, setting and her husband also came for a fortnight, and with her also came our friends from London for a few days and my husband and I, our youngest son came and spent his holidays. It is a very good thing to have such a place where the whole family can meet and have a holiday together.

From October until Christmas 2012, I had a very nice American girl staying with us, who has been here before studying social institutions. Her name is Emily Hamilton from Baltimore. I think it was about 4 years ago, when I made her acquaintance, she also stayed for some time with us then. She is travelling all over Europe now, to study welfare work and social institutions in the different countries, perhaps I will see her this is a letter, who tells me she has been to New York, I met an American Franklin paper a few years ago. December birthday this year, I am grateful for a long visit, not very far away from us. The family fairly frequently.
different countries. I think she will return here, before going back to America perhaps you will see her some day. She is a cousin of the Polk (Trask Polk), whom you know well, as the Tells me.

I hope your sons enjoyed their trips to Europe. I found such a nice and jolly picture of your son Troubadour and his young wife in a paper, and enclose it here.

We had a sad Christmas this year through the death of my mother-in-law, who died on the 26th of December. One day before her 93rd birthday. However, we must be grateful that she had not to suffer for a long time. She caught cold a few weeks before Christmas, but it was not very bad, only a bronchitis which she seemed to overcome. She had been fairly fesh for her age and mentally absolutely clear to the last. Only 3
4 days before Christmas we had to take a nurse for her because her condition got worse. Although she suffered from lack of breath the last few days, her end was like the dying out of a light and was so peaceful. The funeral was in Gravelotte, where she was born and had lived all her life until we had brought her here in a house four years ago. She was buried as she had wished, in the grave of her husband, who had been wounded near Gravelotte in August 1870 and died a few weeks later on their third wedding day! She had been a widow for more than 69 years and my husband was her only child. Of course mother and son were very dearly connected and my husband suffers very much from this loss always — or perhaps just because he had her longer than most people have their mother. I had the impression that her death was somehow connected...
with the terrible aeroplane accident of the hereditary grand duke of Hesse and his family. The grief occurred in the moment when he had not been quite well and was being treated in Berlin in the hospital for a few days. He was too distracted over the tragic fate of this charming family—the sad well-known the old grand duke who just had died 5 weeks before. The accident and who was exactly as old as my husband to those they had often been together as children and my husband was his trim girl's friend whom we married and the had also known his parents that this sorrow took very much on her knees that she did not get back her forces as the had used to otherwise. We all were deeply impressed of this fearful accident. A whole beautiful and happy family destroyed.
in one moment. But it was provoking fate, to fly over the Channel at this time of the year, they had been warned from all sides and the young duckets were expecting a baby. It is strange how sometimes a word - in this case spoken by a child - is fulfilled years after. When the last granddude (who died last October) was five years old, his little brother died and he said to his mother, princess Alice: "I do not want to die quite alone, when I die you must all come with me." (Princess Alice wrote about it to her mother the Queen of England and this letter has been published with others of hers after her death) And now nearly the whole family of the child who spoke these words about 60 years ago, followed him in death five weeks after his own.

Our son Arnold was here at Xmas
He will now stay in London only for another 2 months and then get a position at Siemens here in Berlin. 

The one who is left behind has to remain in the meantime because of his regimental service and will have to go to his regiment next week. It seems to me a good step. He is 20 now, which is the age to be away from home and stand on their own feet.

A few days ago I had a letter from Mary Betts Telts, of whom I had not heard anything for nearly 2 years. Her letter sounds very happy. In February she is going to marry 'The most wonderful man in all the world' as she writes! A little bit different, she seems to be a bit disappointed that she has not been asked yet.
play in the White House, as you had promised her to speak to Mr. Fugate about it, who arranges the recitals in the White House and who told her that he had not heard anything about it from you. But Mrs. Telfer tells not to believe him.

I sometimes hear from Bennett, but I am sorry that her health is still so very bad, poor thing.

I hope to hear from you again before too long.

Much love from yours always.

Evela Schreiber-Rutenberg
June 12, 1938

My dear Carola: Bernstein

I have just received the announcement of your son's engagement to Fraulein Leonie Zollner. I hope that you are very happy and that they will have a long and happy life together.

Cordially yours,
meine Verlobung mit Fräulein Leonie Zöllner, 
tochter des Herrn Friedrich Zöllner und 
seiner Gemahlin Maria, geb. Odendall, geehre 
ich mich anzuzeigen.

Arnold Freiherr Schäffer v. Bernstein

Berlin, im Juni 1938
Kurfürstendamm 163

Sonntag den 5. Juni

Berlin SW 7
DIE VERLOBUNG IHRENTochter Leonie
mit Arnold Freiherrn Schäffer v. Bernstein
besehren sich anzuzeigen

Friedrich Zöllner und Frau Maria
geb. Odendall

KÖLN, IM JUNI 1938
sedanstrasse 33

EMPFANG PFINGST
August 3, 1938

Dear Carola:

I am giving this note of introduction to a friend of mine, Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, who expects to be in Germany for some time. I know you will enjoy meeting her.

Affectionately,

Frau Carola Schaeffer Bernstein
Kurfurstendamm 103
Berlin-Halensee
Germany
August 3, 1938

My dear Mrs. Keyes:

I am enclosing a letter of introduction to Frau Carola Schaeffer Bernstein and I hope you will have a chance to stay with her. As I told you I have not seen her since I knew her in school, but judging from her letters I am sure you will find her a most interesting person. I know your book will be fine and hope that you will get a good rest as well as material for the book.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes
Pine Grove Farm
North Haverhill, N.H.

S: DD
July 26 -

Pine Grove Farm
North Haverhill, N. H.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed my luncheon with you! And as for my faithful old housekeeper, who has stood by me through thick and thin, it will be her most treasured memory until her dying day! You have added another very proud deed to the many with which you have made my angel's work so pleased and occupied.

I have purposely delayed writing you until I could tell...
2) For something definite about my plans: I have now arranged to sail on the "Batory" of the Gdynia-American Line - the same we discussed on August 10. An old friend who lives in this vicinity, Jean Danzig, is going with me, and as she has had some experience, both with secretarial work and in driving a car, she can relieve my mind about these details - and many others. I shall proceed to Danzig, and from there into the country in East Prussia, then or to...
Berlin, I should like sincerely to have a letter to your friend there of whom you told us, in the case stay a time at her house, and learn something of her experiences and aspirations. This would be invaluable to me. I believe I have an interesting piece of work ahead of me, and I hope "The Great Tradition" will be a better and better book than "The New World".

I really believe it can do something towards awakening a sense of the benefits of democracy.

He had a beautiful drive here, reaching here after an hour's stop for supper in Rand, at eleven o'clock. So it was an easy run as well as a delight to me. Here I am engulfed with responsibilities, which have some difficult and tragic aspects, but in the whole I feel hopeful about their outcome. I shall be here until sailing time, then my general address in Germany will be here of the American Embassy, where I will keep Summer Weller's in touch with the best movements. With affectionate regards always, Faithfully yours, Franklin Kyes.
Dearest Carolina:

I was glad to get your letter and so sorry to hear you have had such a bad time with your finger and that you have also been worried about Arnold and his fiancée. It is hard when our young people have troubles of this kind but it is so much better to discover before you get married that you do not get on than afterwards.

I was so sorry to hear of your great anxiety over Wern. What a terrible experience to have had her ill for such a long time. Anything of the nature of an infection is always terrifying. I am glad the summer did her so much good and that she got well so fast. My Jimmy did have a serious operation but he is well on the road to recovery and at present is in Southern California on a ranch.

I am glad your boys liked Bennett's boys. We liked them so much when they came over here. Bennett seems to be better again and I hope she will improve from now on.

I agree with you that nobody wants war and except perhaps for a few individuals nobody profits from war. The problems of peace are only complicated by an effort to settle them by force, and I think on the whole the people of the world are ready to talk things over honestly and settle them by compromise.

My best wishes to you and yours. I wish that some of my friends had seen you as I would have had news of you, but I can well imagine that you haven't had much time for greeting strangers this year.

Much love,

Mrs. von Schaffer-Bernstein
Ziegenberg
Butzbach-Oberhessen, Germany
My dear Totty,

I should have written to you long ago and to have thanked you for your letter from February 11th and for your kind wishes to Marcel's engagement. But these last months were filled with all sorts of difficulties, illness and there that I could not find time for writing letters.

But now in these days, where one does not know what the next day will bring and where the political sky is full of dark clouds, I must just send you a line to tell you how very sorry I am that I missed two visitors who wanted to bring our greetings from you. I should have tried to see them and to have had direct news from you through them. As I was abroad from Berlin, your friend, Mrs. Heyes got my address here and she arranged her coming to see me here at Ziegelburg. She already had fixed the day, about 10 days ago, when the political situation got more serious and her friends advised her to tell me in a letter, to cross the border at once. It was such a pity! And she would have got safe by out of Germany a few days later just as well.

The second letter came from Mr. Tickell only a few days ago, who also had tried to see me in Berlin and then went on to Vienna, Berne, Lucerne and suggested, whether I could meet him at Innsbruck yesterday! But that was impossible. It is a rather long journey from -

It was extremely sorry to hear from him, that
your son James has been scarcely ill after an operation.
I do hope, he will again soon. I only hope for
well this anxiety when a child is so ill, and had
have to go through it for their lives.
After quite a small operation - the professor
said, he would be at home again in 5 to 10 days.
- This got a very bad "sepsis" on the 9th day
and had to stay in the hospital for 10 ½ weeks. The
heart was badly affected. The illness was very pain-
ful and for weeks it was very severe. But thanks
God, the cause and it and end of all we came
here with him and the recovery astonishingly
quickly. I also sent her to a professor to Lauenau-
(which is quite near from here) who made all-
possible "interfering" that the modern
Science has in such cases. His heart was found
absolutely in order again, the only need be a bit
careful nursing. One winter not to overstrain
himself.

He then had some healthy weeks here in Lauen-
burg. But also spent 4 weeks with us here and
his 2 boys stayed for 3 months. In the middle of
July, I went to Linz just for a few days as I
thought. I had not got there when I got a very
bad blood poisoning at my right middle finger.
Through a thorn which had got into it in the
wood. The finger had to be cut in its whole length.
And I had to stay in the hospital for nearly a
fortnight and after that I had to go to the best.
Till very 2nd day to have it bandaged. And
could only return here at the beginning of Septem-
ber. It still is not quite well yet, but I must be glad.
To have the finger still, although I am afraid
it will continue stiff and crooked. But it very
early could have got much worse! Hearing
these means my thoughts were very much taken up
with another thing: there were growing difficul-
ties between husband and his friend, who is
a roman Catholic, but had procured Arnold to
get become Protestant. The wedding was to be at
the beginning of September, and the nearer the day
came the more difficulties the made, also her
character showed in a way that it was a great
disappointment to Arnold, who had known
and loved her for 4 years. So be at first postponed.
The wedding and now he dissolved the engagement.
I am very glad he did, as they were not brave, have
been happy together. He had been too little of her
in all those years, as he lived in Cologne, where
he had made her acquaintance, when he lived
there for some time. But he afterwards lived in
London for 3½ years. The there made the acquain-
tance of Bennett and his boys, who were
charming fellow. Arnold had been as good deal
of John during the last weeks he was in London.
It was a pity they did not know each other sooner.
It was not possible as Bennett was so often
ill and could not receive Arnold therefore.
And also spent a fortnight holiday in London in
February, and saw Bennett and his boys, whom
my boys liked very much - the mother as well as
the sons.

I just see in your letter from February, that
your husband remembers spectators from his youth,
when he was in Munich. It was not just a
ruined castle, only in a very bad state when
my father bought it in 1897. I was then a child.
But think how funny: By old papers, which are
here in the house, we found out that my husband
is a descendant of the former proprietors a Titus,
Diederichs Tirschenreuth. We all love this place-
dearly - it is our "Heimat" and it is so good to
I have such a place where the family can meet
and feel at home together. I enclose a view
of our house and the little village at its foot.

It is so good of you to want that Tell's play
in The White House. I could quite imagine that
she was not quite up to the standard of concert,
given there and that it is difficult to take someone
who is not quite fit. But I suppose the that improved
since I heard her. I have not heard of her since
since she is married. That was in February.

And now I do hope that the dark clouds of
which I spoke in the beginning of this letter
will pass. Nobody wants a war. But there are
always bad forces at work in this world which
want to provoke it. May it be prevented. We
have such glorious, sunny, serene days
just now, so full of peace and quietness in
our little valley, that one can hardly imagine
that there is so much sorrow and fighting
going on in the world and we all can be
involved in it in a short time. May God
beware us!

With all good wishes for your tour recovering
and much love to you.

Your affectionately,

Carola Schäffer.
September 5, 1939

Dear Carol:

Your last letter, written on August 19, has just come to me and I realize even more how terribly sad you are, for evidently Arnold had meant a great deal to both you and his father. Anything as sudden as his illness seems to have been is a doubly hard blow.

I cannot say that I feel the present situation had a parallel in 1914. All of us, of course, are appalled at plunging the European continent into war, but I do not think there is any bitterness toward the German people in this country. There is an inability to understand how people of spirit can be terrified by one man and his storm troops to the point of countenancing the kind of horrors which seem to have come on in Germany, not only where the Jews are concerned, but as in the case of the Catholics and some of the liberal German Protestants.

I say this with knowledge, because I have actually seen many of the people who have reached this country from concentration camps. I realize quite well that there may be a need for curtailing the ascendency of the Jewish people, but it seems to me it might have been done in a more humane way by a ruler who had intelligence and decency.

The radio makes a tremendous difference because one can actually hear these leaders make speeches, and I listened, knowing enough German, to Mr. Hitler's speech to the Reichstag. He never mentioned that there was a God whom we are supposed to have, nor did he
show the slightest sympathy for the people whom he had plunged into war. There was a certain triumphant note through the whole of it which was never heard from the leaders of other nations.

You are wrong if you think the people of this country hate Germany. That is not so, but they do hate Hitler and Nazism because of the evidences that have been placed before them. I do not think either France or England was anxious for war and I think that was shown by the fact that their first planes dropped no bombs but propaganda leaflets. They could easily have killed women and children in the same way that women and children have been killed in Warsaw and other Polish cities.

You who believe in God must find it very difficult to follow a man who apparently thinks he is as great as any god. I hope that we are not facing another four years of struggle and I hope that our country will not have to go to war, but no country can exist free and unoppressed while a man like Hitler remains in power.

I shall be thinking of you and yours with great sympathy until these horrors are passed.

Affectionately,

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Frau Carola Schaffer
Ziegenberg
über Butzbach
Oberhessen
Germany
My dear Toby,

Thank you so much for your kind sympathy in our deep grief. I would have written to you sooner, but I did not feel very well, when we came here end of May, and the moment I got better I had the misfortune to break my arm just slipping on the floor in the room. Although it was the left one, I was very much hindered in everything. It happened nearly 7 weeks ago and is not quite alright yet, as it was badly in several places. However, what are such pains against those which one has to suffer at the lot of a second to loving and to hopeful love, as Arnold was? It is as if we had lost
our dear flowers for the second time, as Arnold had always tried to supply his brother's place as well as he could. He had had a little of him for having been away from home for nearly 8 years, during which time we had seen very little of him. Having returned to Russia for good in Spring 1938 and after he had got over the difficulties of his silly engagements we had such a perfectly happy time together. He had so many common interests, also his father enjoyed it so much to be able to speak about so many things with a man who had been something of the world and of life, we all harmonized so well as I think it is very seldom as the younger generation generally looks at things from a different point of view and especially father and sons do often cannot quite understand each other. In that it was a perfect life—probably too perfect for the It all came back the picture of places for a fortunates just for the feel. The tearoffice put a wisdom, too. The cough of the mouth and to that he hardly spoke hours to his last sick the hospital 100% was of the decide—va. have advise that it was all in one or mouth and
originally. A brief experience of living in this world, to last long.

It all came to suddenly. Around 1948, on a skiing holiday, and

cause back on Easter Monday. radiate

the picture of health and joy of life far

of plans for the future and for his work.

A fortnight later, he was told to the dentist;

just for the yearly control. He did not

fulfill the last pain. The dentist found

some pus under one of the back teeth

(wisdom tooth we call it) and he extracted

the tooth. Immediately after the extrac-

tion he had terrible pains. The whole

mouth and the glands got swollen, so

that he could not swallow nor

to that he could not swallow nor

hardly speak and the fever rose from

hour to hour. It was a terrible night.

The next morning he was brought to

the hospital in treatment of a specialist.

who was of the same opinion as the

dentist — a very good dentist, whom we

have already for more than 30 years.

That it was an abscess, which might be

less in one or 2 days. After 2 days the

mouth and throat were so swollen, that
Arnold was in danger to be suffocated and the doctor had to make a cut in the air tube. He then saw that it wasn’t an abscess but a spreading phlegmon. He hoped that he told Arnold he could have stopped it. But on the forty-seventh day another operation was necessary. Yet there was no possibility to save our dear boy’s life, although also a blood transfusion was made. He died 4 days exactly after the extraction of the tooth.

Whether there has been made a mistake by the doctor or what else was the cause of this sudden destruction of a young life – I do not know. It is like an accident. It must have been God’s will to take us this second time, or else He would not have let it occur. But it is hard to bear – very, very hard, dear Totty. Yet we must try to think to the conviction: “He knows that to those who love God, all things are for their best.”

There is too much sorrow and distress...
...in the world just now, so much running of a coming war — more than in July 1914. But the whole constellating the hate against our country is very similar to their. Why did we have the great war and have seen that no good has come out of it for any country, if we do not succeed in coming to better conditions between the different nations without a war? And if there will be a war, it will be the same as it has been with regard to the question who has been guilty of it — and will be said, that it is only Germany's fault, because meanings have always differed and will always differ about what is an offensive and what is a defensive war.

Besides it will never do to interfere in the affairs and belongings of another country, and especially not
in those of another continent, as no nation can understand another entirely. No nation is better than another and none is worse than another. None has the right to judge over another, or to try and punish it for doing, it himself dislikes. The democracies would like to do this with Germany and I ask myself how this is consistent with real democracy which wants to guarantee to everybody his own free will. There is too much good will on all sides, but again and again it is destroyed or turned in its contrary by evil forces. There was much good will and noble aims in Wilhelms 14 points in 1918. But what has become of them? And when Wilhelms saw it, how cruelly did he suffer until his death, without being able to help as little things to as he had meant it. What a fate! How terrible is a vicious circle which would recur for the second time and be a shock to giving it our heart and our love and our life to each other, to the world, together, all that lead to a difficult love and a deal of us, I can do try n
shock to the whole world instead of giving it real peace, as all people wish it.
When one has gone through such heart-breaking experiences as I just have, one looks on all things from a wider point of view. This is why I can speak to you to openly about these things and that I am sure, you feel that it is from true friendship, which can bridge different points of view, that enables me to speak to openly. The good in the world can only be furthered by love and love and friendship, belonging together and last forever -- while all that comes from hate cannot lead to anything good. Unfortunately and strangely it sometimes is very difficult to distinguish motives of love and of hate. There is a great deal of hatred in your country against us -- comprehensible hatred -- but do try not to listen to it only, even
if you think it is love that makes you listen. But do try to understand
the other side too.
I do hope that peace will be
maintained and fattened soon
and that some day it will be
possible for us to see each other and
speak to each other about all these
things.

Such love from your old friend,

Cecola.