Germany Austria & Switzerland 1934

I had had many invitations to go abroad as June 27 & had letters by train at Oberammergau for the 300th anniversary on July 4. But had bad news - Uncle Harry's wife had been very ill & died & not get off after her funeral. It was better & had had I got off on July 6 by the S.35 & Kings X & took my heavy bag to Victoria & my luggage to the C.I.C. where I stayed the night. I had to see the Italian Consul but I got there too late at 5.15. I stayed at the Office till 6-then till 4. I call at the Austrian Railways for some money & then went to the Canadian Universal Exhibition to get ideas ready for going back. After dinner I went to the Midsummer Night's Dream in the Botanical Gardens. It was very delightful.

July 7. After going to the Station Consul & getting a shaved size for the passport, I went to the N.Z. Gov. Offices & found and chased Stopford & co. Then I caught the 3 o'clock train for Dover & Ostend, & that I had not done since 1891. There were six in the carriage for Ostend. I got the view of the Plaine both ways & saw the left side of Calais going the engine at Ostend.

Rottenburg

July 8 Coffee room round about 5 o'clock. The baggage car comes on at Warbigny at 9. I just had time to catch my train at 8 & changed & got to Rottenburg in about ½ hour. I stopped at the Schuhof just opposite the station. It was a good and & very popular hostelry. I walked about the town & took photos. A crowd of boys & girls & scales arrived. I went to bed at 9.

July 9. After breakfast walked into the town, & continued playing the Messiah tunes was being prepared & the place was full of players & costumes. I did not go to it. I left at 2 & went to Munich. It was very hot & we had had supper in the cargo boat & spent some time in the W. of the station.

Munich

July 10 Went to the "Alte Pinakothek" & saw some fine paintings & some of which I knew some & caught the 1.45 to Oberammergau. I had rooms at the Pension Mayerhofer. 34 Ettalerstrasse. The room by train was very uncomfortable. I had a walk round

& bought some carvings. There was a lighted - in letter & the girls at the house. As the wall of the town was finished "Ch. Meiler Herr v. Daumer Scheidemi". I went to evening after they had Church, & as they return we sitting in the garden when the Landlady asked me to help her. It was two Americans who were in a great state because they thought they were in the wrong town. Are has a yellow paper with the name of the town Wh. we gave up for a ticket. He wanted to see his yellow paper. So I got it and of the landlady & he said "Sitting at the town was Hoagerhof but the name was" Mr. & Mrs Scheidemi" printed as it: I tried to explain. But after I had some strength of Carry later from the hotelier with "Herr Scheidemi" & "Frau Scheidemi" in it.

July 11. Got up early & went to the Celebration after they had Church, then to the 6 o'clock mass after parish Church. & back for breakfast. The play begins at 8.15. The weather looked bad & unsettled heavy thunder began & a morning rain. The heavy clap of thunder came just as Judas went out & just as he returned after the 30 pieces of silver.

Passion Play

The play was wonderful. Wonderfully done & good - hardly a trace of acting. It was over about 11.40 & we got back to Church before 5 noon. It began again at 2. By reading the English book I was able to follow the German fairly well. I found a pair of black & white & red and the lift light very helpful. There was a good deal of rain in the afternoon performance. It hardly been raining about.

July 12 I was up in good time & waited to catch the 7.50 but my luggage did not come along, & I missed my train. I walked back & found it just starting & caught the 8.25. & had to change at Murnau & Mittenwald. There was a big wait & lunch with Austrian are many. I got to Innsbruck about 2 & walked to Sonn again. After lunch I had my hair cut & rearranged all my luggage & wrote up diary & answered letters. The thunderstorm had continued nearly all the afternoon. I had a bath before dinner.