

German Fortune Seeker Addresses Woman In His Quest For Job And A Wife

Something new in the way of employment agency-matrimonial combinations was revealed here recently in a letter received by a Birmingham woman from Munich, Germany, written by an academician, 30 years old, Catholic, tall, slim, liberally educated, offering his versatile services (and by name, as well, if desired) in re-

turn for board and lodging. The letter was printed, apparently in large quantities, and gave much of the appearance of a direct mail advertising piece. The young man of fortune's mailing list was not fully reliable, however, as evidenced by the fact that the Birmingham woman who received a copy is already married, and 73 years old besides.

The letter cites "over 4,000 unsuccessful attempts at a change of fortune, and makes it appear that this last peculiar way" is being adopted "as a last try"—and all for mother! It follows:

"VERY URGENT."
"A son for his mother!"
"I am academician, 30 years old, Catholic, tall, slim, liberally educated, a smart businessman, well-bred, of the best society, must-escape (money, organ) and very fond of sports, possessing a thorough and extensive business-knowledge very sensitive and of great adaptability, German, a good linguist, a great traveler, with a serious view of life, generous and versatile, and I pledge my word of honor that I shall serve for ever as a private secretary, business-manager, director, travelling chauffeur, captain, pilot, companion, film-patrol, dancing—, tennis—or riding master (I can be used for anything) to that lady and if desired, to marry her, who will guarantee to my dearly beloved mother the happiest evening of her life for myself. I only require free board and lodging and do not claim any remuneration."
"I am forced to choose this peculiar way as a last try, as the economic conditions are so extremely bad and no improvement is to be expected in my country. All my former efforts (over 4,000) to bring about a change have failed. My mother does not know of this step and must never learn of it. I can leave at any time and start my new duties immediately. The love I have for my mother is the guarantee that I shall do all in my power to give you satisfaction."



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Above, left to right, Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, Lena Madelin Phillips, Helen Haveres, below, Mrs. Geline Macdonald Bowman, Dr. Grace Hadley Beardsley, Mrs. Geline Macdonald Bowman.

Sailing early in July to meet women from many lands in Paris for the meeting of the board of directors of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, July 14-15, are Miss Lena Madelin Phillips, New York, president of the organization; Miss Mary C. Kennedy, Lafayette, Ind., finance chairman; and Miss Helen Haveres, New York, publicity chairman.

Both Mr. Allen and Commissioner Frank S. Packard, however, said they believed it was not the Commission's proper duty to express an opinion on the matter. "When you're putting this thing up for commission, you're putting it up to men who might be prejudiced," Mr. Packard said. "I don't think it's fair to ask us to be proponents of one side or another."

Mr. Allen pointed out that in filing public hearings and urging the presentation of facts and arguments on both sides, the commission has already participated in the controversy as much as possible without actually attempting to influence opinion.

Foresee Disagreement
"I don't believe either faction, if there are two factions, would be willing to abide by the commission's decision, anyway," he declared.

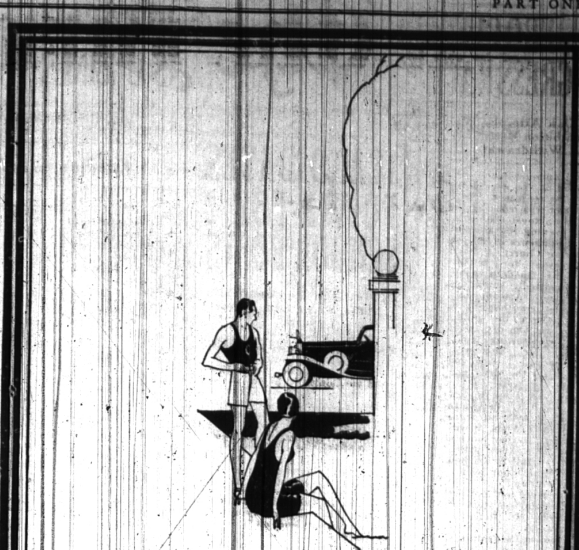
Mr. Osborne pointed to another aspect of the question which had engaged the attention of last Thursday's meeting for a considerable length of time. This was the problem as to whether or not Birmingham as a city would share in the assets and liabilities of the township.

Expense Danger Eliminated
"I think you can assume without any question in your mind that the future townships are going to be limited in their powers and expenditures," Mr. Allen declared, minimizing the danger from that angle.

Served in 1928
Mr. Gaffill was a member of the committee which studied the village question in 1928 and reported against a change, one of the principal reasons being that the committee had declared a change would result in the boundaries of the school district becoming co-terminous with those of the city.

May Change Decision
He pointed out that the Board of Supervisors may still change its decision to return the well-known problem to the individual cities and townships, in which case Birmingham as a city would continue to be taxed uniformly with the rest of the county for poor relief.

Mr. Gaffill said that the figures in the committee's report were drawn up with a view to "coloring" the situation to make the change appear favorable, but this was stoutly denied by Mr. Gaffill.



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cut and bruised, while Robbins, with his wife and several children, escaped injury.

Riding with Miss Pick were Miss Rae Lee Avel, 2918 Richardson avenue, Detroit, and Miss Marian Neidorf, 4239 Richston avenue, both of whom escaped with minor lesions.

Save, Mrs. Osypinck and Miss Pick were rushed to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in the Kimball-Baileys ambulance. Surgery was held in police custody until 10:30.

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The accident, the new figures presented by the compilers, was challenged in some details and a few revisions were made at Tuesday's meeting by members of the committee of the Property Owners' Division of the Real Estate Board which last April recommended that Birmingham adopt the city form of government, chiefly on the basis of the argument that in past years Birmingham would have saved about \$33,000 annually had it been divorced from the township.

One of the items questioned in the new figures was an estimate of operating budget for the township of \$40,000 for the coming year. Last year the operating budget was \$25,000.

Mr. Reed explained that the difference resulted from reductions in salaries and elimination or reduction of several small items of expenses. He maintained that the township proposed to virtually self-sustain and will therefore be further expense to the Village of Birmingham.

In the light of the new figures, Fred S. Ross, 504 Willis street, wanted to know what had become of the "excess" of the published savings. Birmingham would enjoy as a city, as recommended in the Property Owners' Division report.

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lying in one corner of the play area at the beach, and had snuggled quietly until the boys had left. The clothes and several boys and Christmas tree ornaments were destroyed by the flames.