

Here is another of the letters written by Mariechen Wehselau, Out-rigger Canoe Club swimmer, during her tour of Australia:

January 23, 1925.

"Dear Papa and Mamma:

We are leaving for the country in about two hours. I will have to give a few exhibitions in the country towns of Orange and Wellington.

Fanny Durack has promised to give me a parrot. If she does I shall teach him how to talk.

I have two new additions to my good-luck bracelet. Freddy Warburg sent me a black cat and one of the jewelers in Sydney gave me a tiny boomerang.

I went out to the zoo today and I saw a great many animals. There were brown grizzly bears, black bears, native Australian bears, Polar bears, lions, tigers, zebras, ant-eaters, seals, skunks and every other animal that a person can mention. Also monkeys—monkeys, and some more monkeys. There are about a hundred monkeys in a big pit-like cage. The Sydney zoo is modeled after the zoo in Berlin, Germany. Everything is just as though they were out in the open except that deep pits separate the animals from the people. Really I don't think that it makes them half as savage when they are out in the open like that because I don't think that they know that they are in captivity at all.

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