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This I promised some time ago to send you. E.E.C. [1920]

THE OPEN DOOR IN MARRIAGE

BY ANNE C. E. ALLINSON

THE following letter was written to a younger friend. Under the proper disguises, I am willing that it should be published, because I believe that women who hold my opinions should not leave the printed word entirely to those who preach the 'open door' in marriage.

DEAR MARGARET: —

Surely you do not mind my knowing what you are planning to do with your life and the life of Kenneth and the children; and surely, even if you would prefer to shut me out in spite of the very close bonds that have existed between us, you will concede to your husband the right to have come to me in his trouble. To no one else could he give his confidence in the same way. He could assume on my part an old and deep affection for you, a predilection for understanding and sympathizing with you.

I am going to write you exactly what I think. I do not expect to change your decision. But some day you will have to look upon your present act in retrospect. Once, when I was young and going through a difficult experience, I suddenly realized that I should have to live the rest of my life with the sort of person I was then allowing myself to be. So I invented an epigram, and wrote it out and pinned it up on my desk, where I could see it every day. It read: 'Look upon your present as the past of your future.' The day will come, Madge, when this present will be your past, and looking back upon it from the vantage point of its consequences, you will say to yourself, either, 'My best friend was wrong,' or 'My best friend was right.' I am not going to make it possible for you to say, 'My best friend expressed no opinion — why was she silent?'

First, I am going to write out the situation as I understand it. I want you to know the basis on which I speak. You married Kenneth in the belief that you loved him, and your first four years of life with him, during which your two children were born, were sufficiently happy ones. Then you came again in contact with Eugene, who had loved you before your marriage. You have found that you love him a great deal more than you love Kenneth. You thoroughly respect and like Kenneth, and you appreciate the value of his sturdy character and his honest and capable devotion to work. You really do enjoy being with him, but the glory — if there ever was a glory — of this love has passed away. It is your love for Eugene which now sweeps you on like a great tide, which lifts you to the stars, which vibrates with the immortal music of the universe, which is the holiest and purest thing you have ever known. You feel, in loving him, the white ecstasy of the saint.

All this, of course, Kenneth has not told me. I gather it only from his simple and restrained, 'She loves him.' But you see, dear child, certain things are common to the various forms of love. Nobody has to overhear young lovers of twenty, to know what they are talking about under their first moon; and nobody needs to be told how a woman of thirty-five describes to herself the love

she feels for the man who supplants her good, but rather house-worn, husband. You are sharing an experience that has always been very common. It is even commonplace. But that does not mean that to you it is any the less real. I do, indeed, appreciate the fact that you are experiencing a very powerful emotion.

But to go back to the situation. You feel that you must leave Kenneth and go to Eugene; but you love your children also and mean to take them with you. You ask Kenneth to give them up to you entirely. Your first plan was to go to Eugene without waiting for a divorce; but you now think it more 'expedient' to legalize the relation from the beginning, and so you are going to wait for the process of the law.

Kenneth's attitude toward you is one of chivalric unselfishness. He will arrange for a divorce and be content with occasional visits from his children. He wants only your happiness. He fears for your future more profoundly than he sorrows for his own. He has begged you to remain with him on terms of friendship and freedom. In staying with him, you would not have to sacrifice any self-respect. You could preserve your economic independence and your personal liberty. You yourself see clearly that you have nothing to run away from or to escape from, but are choosing rather to go toward something and to seize something for yourself. This is the situation, is it not?

Now, for my own point of view. You have, evidently, not come to me yourself because you know that I would advise you to give up Eugene. I am going to try to think out what reasons I can give that would make any appeal to you. Of course, I am not going to offer 'social conventions' or 'religious dogmas.' The modern term for these, I understand, is 'taboos.' By this word your contemporaries seek amusingly to relegate to the rank of savages those who believe in such conventions and dogmas. However, in the sense in which you understand them, I don't care much for them, either. Naturally, with my interest in history, I have more sympathy than you have with their symbolic value, knowing that they represent props upon which men and women have relied in the never-ending struggle for civilization. But I am more than willing to set them all aside here. Certainly they would never be my own ultimate guides in periods of storm or stress.

I should myself wish to rise into the æther where the 'Laws on high' abide. You remember the magnificent description of them by Sophocles — 'No mortal nature among men gave birth to them, nor ever shall oblivion lull them to slumber. Great is God within them, and He grows not old.' But I catch myself on the last phrase. I know that, quite aside from 'religious dogmas,' you have no religion in the richest significance of the term — in the significance dear to Socrates, or Marcus Aurelius, or Paul. My favorite definition of religion is the glowing phrase hurled to us from the trenches during the Great War: — 'It is betting your life on the existence of God.' However you define God, He is the Thing bigger than your own life. You now are betting your life on the nonexistence of forces and necessities greater than your own desires. This knowledge of you makes it impossible for me to suggest to you the two appeals that would summon my own will. I do not allude to myself lightly, Madge. You must realize that, like all men and women, I, too, have met moral crises in the course of years of living.

I cannot, for example, mention Duty to you. The very word turns you cold and stony. It chills me also as the voice of 'Puritans'; but as the 'daughter of the voice of God,' it has often come to me warm and tender, inspiriting and impelling. Over and over it has calmed

within me the struggle of frail humanity. Over and over — for one rushes to the poets for figures — I have found that all the stubborn thistles along the way do indeed burst

into glossy purples
Which out-redden all voluptuous garden roses.

You look with contempt at a straight and narrow way bristling with thistles. You are like so many of a still younger generation. One of them said lately, 'Yes, I acknowledge it is my duty; but, you see, the word means absolutely nothing to me.' I discard it and try to think of something else.

If duty springs from the voice of God, there is a law of life which is God himself, and that, Margaret, is the law of sacrificial Love. It is the most beautiful, the most vital, the most glorious, the deepest, the highest, the most unfathomable, the clearest thing that I have ever known. I believe that it transcends all the languages that you have ever studied, all the literatures that you have ever read. It is beyond all mysteries and all knowledge. Without it every other power within us is but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. That is how I have come to feel about it through years of searching, of experimenting, of using my intelligence, of having my heart picked up and used by life itself. But the only love that you admit to be authoritative is the sexual love of man and woman. This is not the 'love' that has filled the centuries with the miracles of renunciation turned into power. This is not the 'love' that lays down its life for another, that is crucified for another, that, in losing itself for a day, finds itself to all eternity. And yet, to you, it is paramount, while my 'law' is but an empty phrase.

Dear Margaret, I told you that I should not suggest to you the Laws on high. I fall from their æther to seek for points of contact between us, for words that come nearer meaning the same things to you and to me. Well, let me try this first. Even if you have not in you the flaming quality that I call love, have you, by any chance, a more ordinary humaneness, a rather refined unwillingness, perhaps, to inflict cruelty? I mean that sort of gentleness which made a Greek unable to watch suffering as the Romans could. You are sensitive to many delicate impressions. I used to think you rather extraordinarily perceptive of other people. It was an intellectual and æsthetic rather than a moral quality in you, but it seemed to me very real. You performed for some of us very beautiful services, just because you saw so swiftly what our needs were. And now, years later, you are making no one happy except yourself and Eugene — a rather meagre accomplishment at your age! To the disillusionment and regrets of your old friends, you are naturally indifferent. Friends usually go down like ninepins before a lover! Kenneth's family you probably forget, in spite of their many kindnesses and services. Your own father and mother you are willing to hurt, meting out to them the normal fate of parents.

But Kenneth himself, whose happiness you once voluntarily took into your hands — can you who have been his wife really buy a new experiment in happiness at the expense of pulling down his very life in ruins about him? In view of his nature, you must know that he probably will be unable to find consolation in another marriage. You impose upon him a suffering that would be intolerable save for his own courage and patience. Madge, even if you had a right to it, would you partake of a feast in full view of a starving Volga peasant whom you had promised to feed?

But Kenneth can at least adjust his own character to the demands upon it. It is your children who call out to my pity — these tender, helpless babies, your victims. And, in a quite different

way, Kenneth's victims, too. I think you both use them as pawns and puppets in this terrible game of your emotions. You bear them away with you merely because you want them as well as your new lover. He lets them go — rather than apply his legal rights — because he wishes to be unselfish toward you. Between you their lives are divided and mutilated. But your wrong, Margaret, is the greater. You must know that their surest chance of happiness in this uncertain world lies in their being nurtured and cherished by the two who gave them life, and who love them equally. Eugene, however willing he seems now, will lack the great incentive to complete their parentage. Only the death of a father can move another man fully to take his place with little children. You think you are a good mother. But I tell you that Medea murdering her children in the madness of passion seems to me only a little more cruel than you are. She was more savage and swift. Your process will be slower, caring for the bodies of your children, but cutting away from their hearts and souls the props of a normal family life.

I speak out of the fullness of my heart. My father and mother lived together for nearly fifty years, differing from each other in temperament, in tastes, in intellectual interests, in religious beliefs, in manners, in preferences and prejudices — in everything but character. But whatever adjustments they needed to make were made in dignified silence out of the hearing or the sight of their children. No faintest echo reached us of one hour that was not one of harmony and love and mutual respect and consideration. Now their graves are side by side, under a tall fir tree that spreads its green branches over them summer and winter. They are no more one in death than they taught themselves to be in life. It was in the years after my mother's death that I had the profound privilege of coming near to my father. One day during an illness, when his eyes, so clear and clean even in old age, were tired with pain and his slender scholar's hand lay weak in mine, he said to me: 'I have no fear of the future life. Either there is none, — which is simple, — or I shall have it with your mother.' Margaret, Margaret, can you steal from your daughter the chance of such an hour? In sheer humaneness can you take her from the father of whose blood and bone she is, or deprive her of his indubitable union with her mother? A child nurtured within such a marriage has most of her victories won for her in advance.

But who was ever made humane by another person's horror? I must assume that humaneness lies not in you. I square my shoulders and try again. I must step down from virtues to manners.

Have you read a recent novel called *Intrusion?* Toward the end there is an interesting discussion about the ethics of a woman leaving her husband for another man. The situation is your own, there being no fault whatever to find with the husband. Most of the characters think that the woman is justified. But a certain woman is allowed by the author to touch another note in a characteristically modern tentative way. I copy it out for you. Madeleine says: —

'We ought to pay, ought n't we, for our own mistakes? At least, we ought n't to make other people pay. . . . And in this case, surely, the husband did the paying. Somehow, I can't help feeling that this woman's refusal to pay her own debt soiled her. She may have been happier . . . I'm sure she was. . . . But she was less fine.'

Guen tossed a smoked cigarette into her empty fireplace, and lighted another. 'You mean,' she said, as she tossed the match down after the dead cigarette, 'that if you made a mistake, — of that sort, — you 'd go on with it. You would n't . . . open the door?'

Madeleine hesitated. Caryl saw the color come into her face as though it disturbed

her to have the subject made personal in this uncompromising fashion. 'I think,' she said at length, 'that I should want . . . a better excuse.'

'He'd have to do — the husband, I mean — something that killed your respect . . . that made it impossible for you to stay? You could n't just walk out?'

Madeleine seemed to accept this. 'It might be quite all right for others,' she said. 'I feel sure it is. They 'd feel unclean if they stopped. I should feel unclean if I went.'

For a moment nobody said anything. Then Allan took the pipe out of his mouth and spoke.

'I see,' he said. 'Marriage for you is what Matthew Arnold said religion was — an affair of morality touched with emotion.'

Madeleine turned her head and looked at him out of quiet eyes.

'I think I should n't say anything half as definite as all that,' she told him. 'It's merely my own feeling about it. I don't feel it's a question of morality in the ordinary sense at all: it is, to me, just what I said it was — a matter of personal fastidiousness. It sounds priggish, I know, but you can't say what you mean in English. . . . It just is that there are some things you know you can't do. They revolt you — like certain things to eat, or the feel of a cat's fur.'

I had an idea, Madge, of asking you about your 'personal fastidiousness.' But writing out the quotation has shown me how foolish that would be! The author of the novel, whose teeth, I think, are set on edge, as mine are, by cat's fur and maple sugar and making another person pay, admits that, if this question be one of taste, there is no room for argument. *De gustibus non est disputandum! Chacun à son goût!* This is the barren end of an effort to argue from physical to moral repulsions.

Dear child, I realize my impotence in this whole letter. I acknowledge that my idea of duty, my idea of self-sacrifice, my idea of humaneness, my kind of fastidiousness, to you make no appeal. But I am reluctant to own myself defeated. I shall try once more to scale the wall between us. I am now even willing to meet you on the lowest plane — your own desires.

You talk a great deal about Life — at least, I suppose you do, because that is part of the vernacular of those who either make decisions like yours or approve of them. I, too, love the word. I love the way the thing itself surges from cradle to grave. I am thrilled daily by a fresh belief that it rises out of eternal springs and flows toward an infinite sea. 'Fountains of living water' — that is the greatest figure by which to describe the amazing vitality of some men and women. But they are not those who force their total energy into one passional stream. They pour it broadcast into work and play, into art and beauty, into comradeship and into leadership.

While passion exists, it tempts to isolation. But really vital natures cannot long be held within its grip alone. The joy of other creative things takes its turn in possessing them. They insist upon expressing themselves in a thousand ways disconnected with sex. If in these things they are at one with the man or woman whom they love, they are fortunate. But if not, these things do not die within them. Cisterns of genius or talent break less easily than that.

Now, to come back to yourself. You insist that you must leave Kenneth because intellectually you would 'starve' with him. Madge, dear, I do try to remember that to you it is important — and perhaps should be important — whether you starve or not! But look your condition in the face. If your intellectual store is so meagre that its replenishments are dependent upon any one person, you are likely in time to starve anyway. As for your opportunity to 'grow' in spite of the 'bonds' of marriage, you yourself must acknowledge that your liberty with Kenneth would

be as great as with Eugene. Your husband in this respect is 'modern' to the last degree. He would respect your economic independence. He would do all in his power — even to the point of adjusting his own work to yours — to help you to develop any gift within you. Your grandiose 'starvation' comes down to the mere fact that you and Kenneth have different sorts of minds. The difference exists within a certain radius of sameness; for you have both had the same kind of education and mental environment. Hundreds of able men who live with silly women, hundreds of 'culture-loving' women who live with philistine men, would wonder what on earth you are fussing about.

But, Margaret, you seem intellectually to be more dependent upon those about you. You and Kenneth disagree about certain things, and you and Eugene agree about them. Kenneth has ceased to interest you — if he ever did. Eugene still does interest you. Therefore you think your powers will be greater if you live with Eugene than if you live with Kenneth. I tell you brutally that you are allowing yourself to be an intellectual chameleon. Mental satisfaction does not lie that way. Riches of intellect are bought with harder coin.

But let us go on to something else. 'Life' contains, in addition to emotion, and in addition to the expression of gifts or talents, the prosaic business of living, of getting and preparing food, of bathing babies, of having the washing done, of buying or making clothes, of cleaning house, or paying for the coal. These details are the substratum of health and well-being. They are the bony structure of any fair existence led by men or women. Only money can prevent them from bulking very large in the life of a man and woman who set up a ménage together. Now I understand that Eugene is no more able than Kenneth or yourself to buy immunity from many 'petty' cares. I am told that his income is very limited for the family of four with which he must begin. It is probable that in marrying him you will — for a time, at least — lessen your own earning capacity. You are going to him in order to live in the same town and the same house with him; and often a woman cannot find congenial and remunerative work near her own door. It is also likely that your divorce will prove a handicap. Also you will probably have more children, which will involve a certain amount of 'incapacity.' Of course, you do not care if Eugene is poor — you are willing to be poor with him. But face certain inevitable future facts. Even if you do not increase your family, your poverty will entail many renunciations for both him and you. Especially will you have to limit yourselves because of the children. In doing this, Eugene will not have the same motive that you have, and you will be constantly fretted (for I think you have this much 'fastidiousness') by the necessity of hampering him for the sake of another man's children.

Furthermore, in your lives, as in all lives, there will be periods of sickness, of anxiety, of stark, drear drudgery. In the happiest and most beautiful marriages there are times when duty and self-sacrifice are stronger fortresses than romance against the assaults of outrageous fortune. But you and Eugene deny the efficacy of duty and self-sacrifice. Upon what, then, shall you rely? Surely not on passion! That will be no defense when you are ten years older — only ten short years older! Margaret, remember that emotional life runs high in you now only because it precedes the ebb granted by a Nature kinder and wiser than ourselves. And on the ebb tide what is to bind you and Eugene, who have come together by denying the validity of the other component parts of Love? I have little faith

in your being better toward each other than you are toward others. Experience has taught me that, in the long run, the different relations of life are merely outlets for the same stream. When I married, an old friend of my husband's wrote to me: 'You may trust him, because he has never failed in any other relation.' If the source is muddy, mud may come through any faucet.

What, then, is the alternative for you? I have lived long enough and diversely enough to watch the experiments of many, many people. And I can assure you that it is possible for you and Kenneth together to work your way through this devastating tempest into a serene harbor, where you will find peace for yourselves and blessings for your children. And that peace can be compounded of power, so that all your gifts — and his, for I have some concern for them also! — will bloom and blossom. I have seen it over and over in marriage. Among my acquaintances, sometimes the wife, sometimes the husband, has been caught in mid-stream by an alien passion and swept from the moorings of family life. Sometimes one or both have simply grown bored and restive. But they have held themselves in leash. They have placed their obligations before their emotions. Often they have let the struggle be seen, and have subjected their marriage to the critical or anxious comments of their friends. But in the end they have 'won out.' In fortunate instances they have renewed the warmth of love. At the very least, they have become comrades in the pursuit of the interests which lie outside of sex and which appeal to all intelligent men and women during the second half of 'Life.' Instead of having laid waste their vineyard, they have pruned it to bear better fruit. Children and grandchildren cluster on the parent stem.

For such a future, Margaret, — quite as happy as any you can anticipate with Eugene, — you would sacrifice now a few years of emotional satisfaction. I do not say this lightly. When the tide runs full, the human will might well seem impotent. But all experience proves that it is not. You have had your share — you have had a great deal more than thousands of other women. In your case passion has been benign and constructive, leaving you with two strong and beautiful children. For their sakes, you can subdue yourself. For down through the generations men and women have done it, for a cause beyond themselves. Don't tell me you cannot sacrifice Eugene! His is not the first claim upon your sense of justice.

Sense of justice! Ah! Margaret, the word is like a bell, tolling me back to your real self. Neither Justice nor Love appeals to you. I look back over this letter. I have declined from one kind of plea down upon another, rejecting each one as still too high for you. At the end, I have been brought to accepting your own plea for happiness, and attempting only to argue that you would not find it. In doing this I perceive that I give up the fight. I own myself beaten. For never yet has common sense prevailed where the Laws on high have failed. Only an angel can 'ride the whirlwind' of our mortal natures.

Margaret, I am going to say one more word to you. If you were my own child, and I was told that, although you were going to do this, there was still one last thing that I might pray for, I would pray like this: 'Let her come to me and say, "I know that this is a cruel and cowardly thing that I am doing. I know that it is damnable and rotten. But I choose to do it."' Then, as you turned to go to Eugene, I could at least comfort myself with a knowledge of your honesty. 'When her day of trouble comes,' I could say to myself, 'she will have one clean weapon left to fight with.'

Good-bye.

National Woman's Party.
May 3, 1918.

PICKETS IN WAR WORK

Mrs Hilles is one of the many White House pickets now in war work. Miss Julia Hurlburt of Montclair, New Jersey, who was arrested as the same time as Mrs Hilles is in France with the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Lucy Fotheringham in the first group to serve thirty days, x of Buffalo is a Red Cross dietician now taking a three months training in Bellevue Hospital preparatory to going abroad.

Mrs. Lawrence Lewis of Philadelphia, who hunger struck for political rights whose son is a volunteer officer in the army is presiding over the hostess house at Camp Merritt.

Miss Mary Ingham of Philadelphia devotes the greater part of her time to the Philadelphia Woman's Committee of the Liberty Loan Campaign.

Dr. Florence Manion, Oregon chairman of the National Woman's Party is on her way abroad as a docter.

Mrs Otero Warren, chairman of New Mexico is leading the war work of the women of that state. Mrs Graham Bankston of Louisiana, state chairman , is active in all types of work for the war.

Miss Fannie Wolfson of New Orleans, now in Washington working for the immediate passage of the amendment is under appointment by the governor of her state as a special commissioner.

Mrs. S. B. M. Young, wife of Brigadier General Young and Mrs Richard Wainwright, wife of Rear Admiral Wainwright are both working alike for war and for suffrage.

Mrs Helena Hill Weed of Connecticut and Washington is an illustration of how even in minute things suffrage and war work can be combined. Because her son is now at Annapolis, Mrs Weed takes particular interest in doing things for men of the navy. But on every sock she knits for them she puts a purple, white and gold border----to remind them of the need of the women of their own country for freedom and democracy!

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WHITE HOUSE PICKET WORKS IN MUNITIONS PLANT.

"I have been happy in my first week's work in a munitions factory," declared Mrs Florence Bayard Hilles of Del., a White House picket and daughter of Thomas Bayard, former Ambassador to Great Britain, "because it is bona fide war work--no smart costumes with belts and caps and little to do, but real work in working clothes, with working men and women of the labor army. I have entered it because I want to help win this war and because I believe this labor army is the most essential part of the war program. My first pay will buy a Liberty bond. I shall continue to work at night to sell bonds and to secure the inclusion of American women in the democracy for which we are fighting. I shall let no opportunity go by to send another message to the Presidnet asking him to urge our democratic senators to support the suffrage amendment and establish democracy at home while we fight for it abroad."

It was just two weeks ago that driving out by the Bethlehem plant, Mrs Hilles saw a sign reading, "More Workers Needed- Women Accepted."

"The message of the sign," she says, "strayed in my mind. I could think of no good reason why I should not respond to it. I am an able bodied woman. I can do the work any other woman can. For the munitions of our armies to be limited because there are not enough workers is intolerable. As long as I feel I am needed in this kind of work, I shall be in it."

Mrs. Hilles was one of the first group of women sentenced to Occoquan workhouse for holding suffrage banners at the White House gates, and was in the group pardoned by the President. She is state chairman for Delaware and a member of the executive committee and chairman of the National Committee of state chairmen of the National Woman's Party. In spite of the strong democratic affiliations of her family, she has taken part in all the western campaigns of the Woman's Party, and is well known throughout the entire country for her work for suffrage for women. This new occupation will not lessen Mrs Hilles' work for suffrage or the Liberty Loan for which she has been speaking. She is organizing a state wide campaign in behalf of the federal amendment and will continue that work in the evenings.

Mrs Hilles starts work at eight o'clock each morning and works eight hours with exactly the same restrictions as any other worker. She has been assigned to the press room of the shell loading department. Mrs Hilles was known before at the Bethlehem Steel Plant because at the time of the explosion there she was the only woman on the outside who ventured right to the gates of the factory, while shells were being hurled in all directions, in order to carry help to the suffering men.

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May 3, 1918.

MEMO FROM NATIONAL PRESS DEPARTMENT TO STATE BRANCHES.

A copy of this letter has been sent to our list of friendly editors throughout the country. Perhaps some of you can make use of it with your local editors---- or at least of the suggestion it contains---the material referred to in it is all in your possession already.

These copies of the letter were put on the letter head paperx by mistake----- That is the extravagance was not deliberate!

The enclosed story can be used separately or along with thexx Hilles story-----some one of the pickets is known in almost every part of the country and may "carry" the rest.

F. Boeckel.

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Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

I regret that we did not have your presence at the organization meeting of the National Party, Wisconsin State Organization, held in Milwaukee on May 13th and referred to in my letter to you of May 2nd. I beg to say that we adopted the constitution essentially in form as accompanied my above letter. We did not elect a Temporary Executive Committee of five, considering it best to defer doing this until we secure a somewhat larger state group. Meanwhile, the direction of the organization's affairs was left in the hands of National Executive Committeemen W. R. Gaylord and G. T. Thorn and of myself.

The National Chairman D. C. Coates is coming to Milwaukee this week for a conference relative to very energetically taking up the work of organization in Wisconsin.

I am sure that you recognize that if the National Party movement is to be a vital movement, we must each one of us regard it not as a mere political classification in which our names are included but as a very living organism, a veritable army in which each one of us has his part, his active service to perform.

It is not a burdensome service that we require of each member in order to make the party a great power for constructive leadership toward a better social order. If each member will only "do his bit", the united effort will constitute an enormous force.

The immediate task before us is the upbuilding of the party's strength in each state. We have comprehensive plans for the training of our

members, for welding the organization into a coherent whole, just as a volunteer army is trained for its work. But at first the task is to secure the enlistments.

We ask this much of each member,— of YOU— we ask you to secure at least one new party member each month for the next twelvemonth. This cannot be a difficult task, nor burdensome to one who realizes the enormous social importance of effectively organizing at this time the constructive radicalism of America.

Will you do your bit with the same spirit of devotion that the soldier does his? Next to winning the war, this work in which we are engaged is of supreme importance to our country.

In calling on you for this service, I am pledging myself to do my bit. I will do what I am asking you to do. In addition,— and this involves tremendously more in time and sacrifice,— I am undertaking to follow up the membership-getting activities of each individual member to such extent as will insure success in the work except so far as limited by the indifference of any member or members.

I enclose application blanks and party literature. If I do not hear from you by May 29th I shall write you a follow-up letter. If possible, please save the cost of this follow-up letter by getting a new membership in before that date.

With a sincere sense of comradeship with you in the work for a better social order,

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Sweet.

Acting Temporary State Chairman.

AJS-LK

I enclose herewith copy of a paper by my friend Hornell Hart, a nephew of Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard. This paper, Fluctuations in Unemployment in Cities of the United States, 1902 to 1917, should be of material value to those of us who are working for a better social order through the National Party. If you desire extra copies of the paper, I believe the Helen S. Trounstine Foundation will be pleased to furnish you with same, at $.25 each.

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To the State, Legislative & Congressional
District Chairmen.

Dear Fellow-Officer:

On Monday, May 6th, Senator Jones moved that the national suffrage amendment be made a special order of business before the Senate, Friday, May 10th, at one o'clock. Senator Jones' motion came very unexpectedly, after a hurried conference with members of the Woman Suffrage Committee that morning. No notice had been given the friends of the measure that the amendment was to be brought up, which accounts in part for the absence from the chamber of so many of our friends who would have been present to vote had they known it was to be considered. The motion received forty votes in favor to twenty-one against consideration, thereby losing by one vote.

Failing to fix a date Senator Jones immediately announced that he would bring it up again Friday, May 10th, and advised Senators to be present on that day. It was later learned from him that when he decided to bring it to an immediate vote he believed he had the necessary votes to carry it--64.

On Friday Senator Jones announced in the Senate that the situation was not as he had thought it to be on Monday, that the amendment had not the necessary votes to carry and would therefore not be brought to a vote at this time. When I wrote you last month we were ten votes short of passage. Senator Jones now reports that we lack only three which is a definite gain of seven votes which have never before been any more than "hopeful."

Senator Curtis, Republican whip, announced in the Senate on the same day that the Republican side of the chamber was ready to cast thirty-two affirmative votes, that eleven Republicans were opposed and that one was still hopeful. This meant that thirty-two and possibly thirty-three out of forty-four Republicans, more than two-thirds were ready and eager for the passage of the amendment. This makes the Administration more clearly responsible than ever for the delay. In talking with Democratic leaders since, we find that they are sensitive to the fact that they have, by their own admission, publicly assumed responsibility for delay and are worried over the situation which made them the self-confessed obstructionists to an immediate vote. There are, however, some Democratic Senators considered friendly to the measure, who are content to take the position that even a vote which lost by a narrow margin would be a victory and that suffragists ought to be satisfied with such a result. Please annihilate this attitude and make it crystal clear that under no circumstances will we accept such shocking lack of faith in democratic ideals. A defeat is a defeat no matter by how small a margin. Please make sure in every message that such an attitude will not be tolerated.

It is clear that a great deal more pressure must be brought to bear upon the President to get him to continue his leadership of the measure until it is safely through the Senate. We know he is working on Senators but we do not know how hard, nor how important he thinks an immediate settlement of the amendment is. Will you not for the next two weeks concentrate almost exclusively on the President through letters, telegrams and resolutions, pointing out the Democratic responsibility for delay as shown in the Senate last week, protesting against such wilful resistance and urging him to put his power behind the measure with greater vigor?

We cannot afford to lose a moment. It will be fatal to relax our effort because we lack only three votes. There will be continued resistance from the Senate which will take very dominant pressure from the President to remove. It is our duty to articulate the nation-wide sentiment which looks to the President and expects him to put this through. He will do it if we insist upon it.

Very sincerely yours,

Doris Stevens

Chairman, Legislative Department.

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SENATOR HOLLIS DEMOCRAT ANNOUNCED SENATE TODAY WOULD BRING UP AMENDMENT JUNE TWENTY SEVENTH PLEASE PUT EVERY THING ASIDE TO GET QUANTITIES OF TELEGRAMS RUSHED TO PRESIDENT URGING HIM SEE MEASURE SAFELY THROUGH POINTING OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITY ENDS ONLY WHEN AMENDMENT IS PASSED AND TO YOUR SENATORS TO WORK AND VOTE FAVOR ABLY .

DORIS STEVENS .

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WISCONSIN STATE ORGANIZATION

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COPY:

June 22,
1918.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

At a well attended conference of National Party members held last night in Milwaukee, you were nominated as a member of the Temporary Executive Committee of the Wisconsin State Organization, the other nominees being

Geo. H. Gabel, Lawyer, Milwaukee.

W. R. Gaylord, Worker in Politico-Economic Movements, Milwaukee.

Lyle H. Olson, Executive with American Appraisal Co., Milwaukee.

Gerrett T. Thorn, Lawyer, Oshkosh.

As you doubtless know, Messrs. Gaylord and Thorn are already members of the Executive Committee of the national organization.

This Temporary Executive Committee is being chosen to serve until the formation of the permanent state organization. We expect to form such permanent state organization with the beginning of the calendar year of 1919.

The nominees will be submitted to a referendum vote of the state members of the National Party. Such referendum vote will undoubtedly result in the approval of the nominees but we consider it of importance to emphasize in our procedure the democratic ideas which the party represents.

We would ask your accentance of this nomination and the privilege of using your name and securing your advice in connection with the up-building of the party in Wisconsin. The work will place no onerous duties or obligations on your shoulders. It will, however, be of material value to the party to have the endorsement which is afforded by the standing of the nominees above listed. Moreover, there ought to be some superior body

to judge the activities of the State Chairman and offer its counsel and direction in case the activities of the State Chairman should seem in any way improper or inadequate.

I sincerely trust you will not disappoint us with respect to the desired support and the privilege of electing you to the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

Arthur F. Sweet.

Acting Temporary State Chairman.

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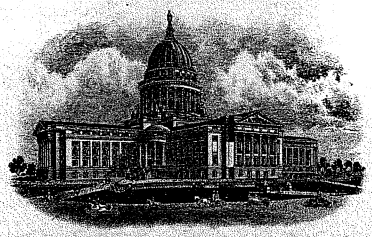
GEORGE STAUDENMAYER
Portage, Wisconsin



SENATOR 27th DISTRICT
Columbia and Sauk Counties

WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,
SENATE CHAMBER,
MADISON.

June 30/18

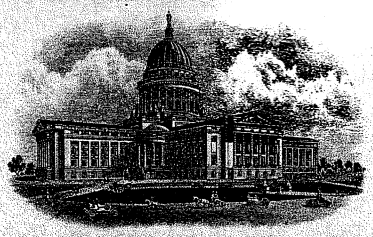
Miss Lida L Jamer
Richland Center Wisconsin

My Dear Miss Jamer:—

I am very much disappointed in not being able to attend the celebrat on July 4th in your Splendid City. Mothers condition is such that I must not leave here, where pleasure only is involved. Knowing the seriousness of her condition, I have so far refrained from talking to Miss Gal or the Quackenbushs concerning the overland trip, which with such compa at this season, in anticipation of such royal entertainment, would have been a pleasure indeed. Portage is also going to celebrate, and it as natural for a person to take pride in your home Town, State, or Nation, as it is for the sun to rise in the east, but past experience has convinced me that nothing along this Line need be expected from Portage.

After the hearing on proposed alteration of the Federal Trunk Line Syste that evening in Richland Center, the members of our La Valle party proposed going home that evening, partly because they believed that it might again before morning and they asked me if I could stand the trip I assured them that it would be all right as far as I was concerne and although our hotel bill was already paid we started about 10-30 and arrived at our destination about 1 o'clock A M, A party who had a Ford car could not create any light and the car that carryed me was

GEORGE STAUDENMAYER
Portage, Wisconsin



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obliged to furnish the crippled car with light and our Locomotive was necessary very slow. I am very anxious that the Federal Trunk Line mileage be increased by another 500 or 1000 miles by the coming Legislature in which event the highway leading from Richland Center, through Hillsboro to Prairie Du Sac being placed upon the System would become a reality, and then your fine City would have both roads instead of only one, as would have been the case had the Legislative Committee made the proposed alteration, it would have been practically impossible to return the Willow Creek road to the System had it once been removed by the Committee. I believe my reputation is well enough known, even in Richland Center that even danger of being mobbed would not deter me from my purpose when I believed that that purpose was right, I am very much of a better road enthusiast, that it pleases me to note that you may also be included in the List. Good road improvement is the greatest question, next to War, Suffrage, and Prohibition at the present time, I have many times wished that the money we are spending in war could be expended on our roads. I am glad that you spoke up and told a few facts concerning Government receipts you would have had an ardent defender had I been present, there ridiculing the cultivation of sugar beets is another fallacy if sufficient help can be secured, and to convince you that they are wrong in this I will give you an instance at our State Farm in connection

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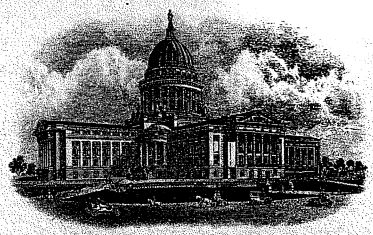

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with our Prison at Waupun. You have perhaps heard that during the Legislative Session in 1917, a bill was introduced, and referred to our Committee, proposing to abolish the contract system of Prison Labor, a very meritorious measure but impractical unless some industrial employment could be established to give employment to those now working under contract. I was asked by some Madison Ladys to go to Waupun look over conditions existing there and make a recommendation. I believed that more land would be by far the most necessary of all the propositions which came to my mind, and on my return I went to the Governor, and the Joint Committee on Finance and recommended the introduction and passage of a Bill to give the Board of Controll authority to purchase a fine farm consisting of 320 acres of land in the vacinity of Waupun, the bill was introduced and passed the Senate almost unanimously but met considerable opposition in the Assembly but it finally passed and became a law and the farm was purchased and has proven an immense success, last winter while at the Prison the Warden informed me that 20 acres of this farm was planted to Sugar beets and the beets were exchanged for Sugar, the terms were, a ton of beets for a 100 lb sack of sugar, and the State received between 24 and 25 thousand pounds of sugar enough per acre to more than pay for the purchase price of the farm. My feelings in regard to war conditions are clearly expressed by my political announcement which I am enclosing Very sincerely Geo Staudenmayer

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Richland Center, Wis.
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to

R.H. STANSBURY,
NEW YORK AMERICAN,
NEW YORK CITY

WISCONSIN LABOR UNIONS WORKING SPLENDIDLY IN BEHALF OF SUSAN B. ANTHONY AMENDMENT WITHIN FOUR WEEKS MORE THAN NINETEEN UNIONS HAVE PASSED RESOLUTIONS DEMANDING THAT THE SENATE PASS THE AMENDMENT MANY RESOLUTIONS A DAY SENT TO SENATORS AND PRESIDENT URGING THEM TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO SPEED PATRIOTIC WOMEN LAY ASIDE WAR WORK TO PASS RESOLUTIONS BELIEVING THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SENATORS WHO VOTED FOR WAR FOR DEMOCRACY ARE HONOR BOUND TO MAKE AMERICA A TRUE DEMOCRACY FAILURE TO PASS AMENDMENT WILL DO MORE THAN ANY ONE THING TO DISCREDIT WAR FOR DEMOCARCY FEELING INTENSE OVER FILIBUSTER.

ADA L. JAMES

Tower Hill, Wisconsin

July 10, 1918

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Friend:

I am sure you will forgive me for not answering your interesting letter of the 14th ultimo earlier, when I tell you that it came just about the time when we were packing up for the summer and that, as you will see by UNITY, we took a round about way to get here. Also for about three weeks I was beyond the reach of my mail and stenographer at which times I am very helpless. I am just now facing my job, happily situated at Tower Hill which is as beautiful and inviting to me as ever, though the indications are that there will be few here this summer.

Indeed I would be proud if my letter to the soldier boy could be multiplied in any way. It is sad to reflect that people who feel the truth there spoken, who know the dangers there referred to, who are prayerfully anxious that the boy's spirit may return unscarred as his body, have been afraid to give publicity to such a letter, lest I suppose it may seem unpatriotic. I know that the Y. M. C. A. people at several points, at the Chicago Office and at two or more of the cantonments, have been urged to give it publicity. I know also that certain Red Cross workers have asked that this letter or another better expressed, be put into the comfort kits. An orthodox Editor in New York City did reprint it and the editor reported to me many appreciative letters received, so many that he purposed printin g some extra on his own responsibility but so far as I know the extras were no where reprinted. In the face of all this you will understand how pleased I am to know of your interest. It would seem that it takes courage to hand out such a clear warning, coming from one who has been there to the unprepared boy who knows not what awaits him.

As to the personal problem involved I will have to let UNITY be my letter to you but I am following the way that opens up to me day by day. I still hate with increasing hatred war and regard it as a poor solution of the evils inflicted upon the world by the autocracy, aristocracy that is represented by King, Kaiser and Czar, all of whom are necessarily war makers. The criminality is a matter of degree, it reaches from negro lynchers, booze dealers, deniers of rights to women, up and on through presidents and kings to the arch cr iminal who wears the Prussian crown. They are all vicitims of a barbaric inheritance which must be removed before the clear light of reason and the warming rays of love will be

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given a chance to establish the democracy that comes not by violence and, thank heaven! "not by observation," for forces are even now working more mightily than we can understand, more persistently than we can measure. The Kingdom of God even now is in the hearts of millions from remotest peasant huts to where cabinets assemble and war lords preside. There is a pacifist hid away in the heart of even the Kaiser. So let us keep up courage and keep at it undaunted.

Love to your father and good cheer to you always.

Brotherly yours,

Rufus M. Jones

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June 25, 1918.

Miss Ada L. James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

I have your wire with reference to the Woman Suffrage Amendment, and in reply will say that I shall support this Amendment when it comes up Thursday.

Very sincerely,

J. Lenroot

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Miss Ada L. James,
Chairman, National Woman's Party,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

Your recent subscription to the "Searchlight On Congress" and remittance therewith to be sant to Senator Geo. Standenmayer were duly received. The action is the main thing. But your words expressing interest in the work of the League and approval of our efforts are most encouraging.

We shall be glad of any opportunity for cooperation with you that presents itself. If you can give us the names of any persons who are interested in better government and who realize, now more than ever, our country's responsibility as the leading democracy of the world, we will write to them about this work and send sample copies of the "Searchlight".

~~Very~~ sincerely yours,

Edwin S. Potter

Associate Editor.

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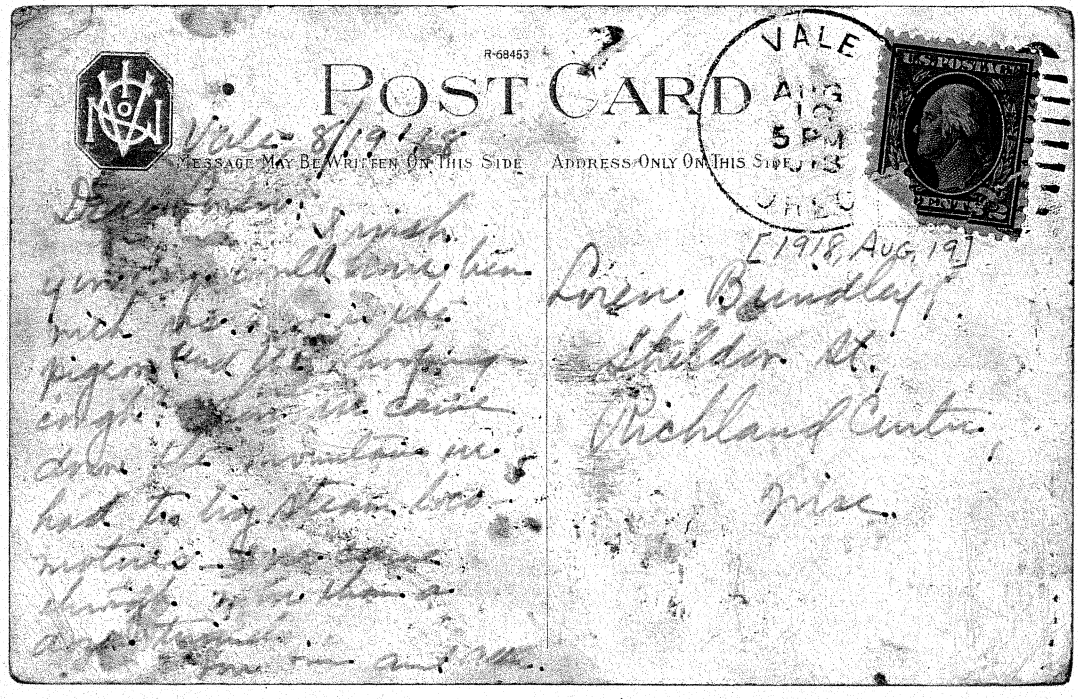
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George Staudenmayer
Portage, Wis.

Miss Lida L Jamer
Richland Center Wisconsin

July 29/18

My Dear Miss Jamer:—

I would have ben terribly handicapped as an Independent Candidate for reelection, some democrats are blaming me for the course I have taken, also some republicans, by vote on the Prohibition Referendum is unpopular with some, by vote on the Loyalty Resolution and on the Wilcox taxation bill meets with some opposition, but on the whole I believe my record meets with considerable approval and from what assurances I have by nomination and reelection are practically assured,

Had I again ben a candidate on the democrat ticket would it not have ben a peculiar condition trying to harmonize my record with the Party Platform? Mr Mecklenpah is a banker at Clinton Wisconsin as has ben somewhat prominent in democrat Party Politics in recent years, and war their candidate for Lt Governor a few year ago I believe in 1910. He is dry, ultra Loyal, and a good clean man for one of that Party, I cannot agree with you that Wilcox will be the nominee for Governer, it looks to me as if the Governer will be renominated I have no choice between the three candidates and expect to cast a blank while marking my ticket for Governer although I may change my mind & vote for Wilcox

George Staudenmayer
Portage, Wis.

Last week at a meeting called by the Chairman of the Columbia Co Com Republican to transact some important business, but was turned into a conference by a few friends of my opponent, of four years ago, to enable them to secure a candidate to make the race against me a man there stated that he believed the candidate of the Republican Party should be a man of unquestioned Loyalty meaning thereby to cast reflections upon min This man "Chet Caldwell of Rio" Knowing that a young Norwegian farmer living near the Kilidge of Rio was called to the colors the following Wednesday, his brotherinlaw was a member of the Local Board and a partner of Caldwell in a Bank and several Lumber Yards he Caldwell Went to the young man and offered him $200.00 for the crop on a farm he had rented, and which has been conservatively estimated worth at least $1600.00, the young man refused to se stating that he would not consider any proposition from whatever Caldwe and Gates "his partner" and member on the Local Board. (whatever) The report is current and no doubt correct that Caldwell sent an agent to the young man who purchased the young mans crop for $190.00 le son and partner in the Hosiery Co at Portage of the former Sec of State Mr Breese, President of the Co who made the statement which I wrote you about Last winter also spoke along the same line as did Caldwell. If necessity should drive me into making a personal campaign some of the people will hear those things, Yes I Know Jenkin Loyd Jones very well and I believe him to be a grand old man.

George Staudenmayer
Portage, Wis.

My Idea is that German should never have been taught in our grade schools, whether it should ever have been taught in our High Schools, I am not able to say, for I have never attended one, nor been familiar with the practical working of the High Schools, but when a person wishes to acquire higher education it will not be complete without some knowledge of foreign language, This question was up and well considered by the Legislature at the 1915 Session, and allowed to remain as it was, namely that a student attending the University must take up two foreign languages but he can choose any two out of the five that are being taught there.
It seems wrong to me that the German books must be destroyed by fire to appease the wrath of some ultra Loyal citizen
Some terrible things are done in Germany as they are done in nearly every Country. My idea is that every government not founded upon the absolute will of the people should be discarded and consigned to hades, be it the German the English the Austrian, Italian, Japanese, or Russian.
I have commenced yesterday to harvest those 330 acres of oats I turned hogs into three acres which accounts for the No of acres being reduced by three, they are a good crop but how we are to manage cutting, shocking and threshing the is yet an unsolved problem unless you can send me some of your lady help I can assure you that there will be no tuberculosis here Very sincerely Geo Staudenmayer

George Staudenmayer
Portage, Wis.

Miss Lida L James
Richland Center Wisconsin

Aug 7/18

My dear Miss James

I could never consistently have run on the Democrat ticket with my record and their Platform, to run as an Independent was my desire, but in this I would have been terribly handicapped for my name would have to be written on the election ticket by each individual voter. So when I was asked to announce myself by many Republican friends as a Republican, and told by the Leaders of the Prohibition cause Mr Hutton and Mr Shirey Dist organizer of the Anti Saloon League that they considered me the strongest candidate in the Dist, and that the League would endorse me as their candidate, I consented and my announcement followed, but so far not the endorsement.
My opponent Mr Van Slyke, has been very Liberal in the use of booze until about two years ago, and the conference of hand picked friends of Mr Stroud, "my opponent four year ago" was dominated by friend and members of breweric Corporations. Mr Stroud has always advocated Prohibition when the question was not up for a vote, but when it was he has always taken the stand that it was not an opertune time.
I expect and believe that the Anti Saloon League Knowing my record and my opponents and the promises made me will not make a recommendation but will let each of us go to it and fight it out at the Primary, Mr J E Jones the Democrat candidate is absolutely wet

George Staudenmayer
Portage, Wis.

how if you can do any thing for me among your frinds in Sauk and Columbia Counties it will be very gladly accepted, Your Father can and undoubtedly would gladly say a good word for me to the different Grmie Posts in the Dist, for I have been a frind to any Legislation, affecting the Civil War Veterans, and I believe they all Know it, but a reminder from your Father would naturally help me remember I am very busy cutting oats yet, and then comer threshing I run my own Machine and should be constantly with it as I always have been but this year I will go "even when I am threshing my own grain at home," and work in the interest of my election for I have the fight of my life at the Primary, and I am going to win.

I am very greatfull to you for the interest you have taken in me and am very well pleased to get my record I have not had time to examine the numbers and cannot remember all the Bills by No, I will answer your Letter when I have more time but there is one Bill No 92 S that I voted against (and I would do it again) I believe the Bill was not workable in its then form, and did believe that the only way to protect the consumer of bread, and work no hardships upon the baker, was to pass a law forcing all Bakers to sell bread by weight. If I have made any mistake and voted wrong while I was a Member of the Senate it was not intention for I went there to give support to any measure that was in the interest of the common people, that would promote education, charity and tend to the uplifting of women. Very sincerely Geo Staudenmayer

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SENATOR CUMMINS TODAY MADE SPLENDID FIGHT IN SENATE TO HAVE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WOMANS SUFFERAGE DISCHARGE FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION NATIONAL AMENDMENT SENATOR JONES OF NEW MEXICO CHAIRMAN HAS FOR TWO MONTHS HAD UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MAKE REPORT AND REFUSES UNDER PRESSURE ~~-THREAUSE-~~ OF ADMINSTRATION OPPOSITION PLASE HAVE TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS SENT SENATOR COMMINS EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND ASKING HIM TO CONTINUE HIS FIGHT .

ANNA MARTIN

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Senator Cummins.
Senate Chamber
Washington, D.C.

Wisconsin women thank you for your splendid fight in behalf of the federal suffrage amendment. We are your only President America would ~~have~~ true democracy. ~~Please continue the fight.~~

We beg of you, continue the fight in behalf of our enfranchisement.

Ada James.

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[1918]

Wonewoc, Wis. Aug. 15th.

Dear Miss James, In reply to your letter of August 12th. will say that we thoroughly understand the kind of record our Senator has and while we are not acquainted with his opponent as he is a new man in politics, he certainly cannot be any worse anyway. Mr Hanson was quite a friend of ours and has been entertained at our home many times but since he has had such a record in the legislature Mr Barge has become thoroughly disgusted with him. He wrote to him at the time the suffrage bill was up asking him to vote for it but he did not even have the courtesy to answer and express his honest opinion either way and Mr Barge called his attention to it when he saw him again. We understood

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at first that Mr Morrison our former member of Assembly was to come up against him but it seems not as Mr Leonard is the candidate and I shall certainly use what influence I can against Mr Hanson. We certainly do not want any more enemies of suffrage in the next Legislature than we are obliged to have. With best wishes for success I am very cordially yours

Cora Barge.

1918, Aug. 19

Dear Ada:--

I am immesely obliged to you for mailing me this record. I think that the suffragists of the district ought to do something to show their appreciation of what Senator Staudenmayer did for them, and also for his votes on social measures.

Some such statement as I enclose, run as a display ad. in one of the district papers, and then struck off and mailed seems to me to be worth while. Mailed to the suffragists of the two counties, with the request that they give him their active co-operation. This would have ever so much more effect if it came from headquarters. From your committee.* Of course we would pay for the mailing, but I wonder if you have a letter-head, and would accompany it with a personal note--which we would also prepare and send to you for signature. If you havent a letter-head, will you get one! With just the name of your committee, or whatever, and we will pay for that too.

All this will have to be done quickly---if you will reply by return of post, I will have ready the copy as soon as possible to enclose. I thought of something like the enclosed? Will you please make it better-- your own experience in all this is much more than mine. This is only tentative. Please correct and return, let me know if you will issue it, with a personal note, from your committee, all at our expense, to the suffragists of the districts. Where shall we get the Sauk county list? Can we get it at Headquarters?

Love to you. And greeting.

Zona

I mean

Of course? Will submit it to Senator I. first.

August 19, 1918:

* This really should not be issued from here - but from your Committee. In how

THE PORTLAND · PORTLAND · OREGON ·

Aug 29th [1918]

Dear Ada

I have been taking in the sights and have not got them all in yet am going slow think I will be in Anaconda next Monday or tuesday am feeling fine sleeping and eating well our programme at Portland took us all the week met quite a number Wis people there and all was glad to see me I need your postal and think you done the wise thing when you started out on your own hook I know you are having a good time I see by the paper this AM that Janett Rankin was defeated am sorry why dont you run up and

See her and day it is not
a great way from Anaconda
I've had delightful weather
every day since I see you
Truly Yours
I have not seen God
a paper from the East
or heard anything from
home & expect to get some
mail at Anaconda
Love to all the Jameses
Dan

Joshua L. Johns
Attorney at Law
Algoma, Wis.

September 4th, 1918.

Miss Ada L. James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

I know you will pardon my delay in answering your letter of the 11th inst., when I tell you that Senator Perry has been decisively defeated. Herbert L. Peterson, of Sturgeon Bay, has been nominated by about four hundred majority. The material you sent me in June 1916, and on August has helped materially to do the work.

To start with a committee waited upon me and urged me to run for the Senate. I was already a candidate for district attorney of this county and therefore refused to accept any thing of this kind but suggested Mr. Peterson and went and saw him about it. He has made a wonderful campaign. The old methods of winning an election was resorted to by Mr. Perry but you know I am familar with these methods and we met every one of them. Peterson carried Marrinette county, Door County, his home county, and the latest report that he has carriedx this county by between twenty five and fifty votes.

Mr. Peterson is a gentleman in every sense of the word. He will do the right thing by the women of this state and he is right on the liquor issue. It is the most bitter campaign I have ever gone through with and I have been abused in the local paper here unmercifully,-Perry controls the policy of the paper, but I came out smiling this morning.

I wish you would be kind enough to convey this news to your father as I know the will be intensely interested in hearing of Perry's defeat. Esther wishes to be remembered and wants you to come and see us whenever you can.

Sincerely yours

Joshua L. Johns

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AT SATURDAY MORNINGS MEETING OF CONFERENCE A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED FROM STATE CHAIRMAN FOR ~~FOR~~ NATIONAL STATE ORGANIZATIONS WILL YOU PLEASE APPOINT PROXY FOR THIS MEETING REV OLYMPIA BROWN FROM YOUR STATE IS HERE PLEASE WIRE IMMEDIATELY.

CATHERINE M FLANAGAN

ORGINAZATION SECY.

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Saturday [1918, DEC. 7]

Dear Ada:

Vina's letter contained some astounding news; that you are going to picket. I am glad because I believe you would forever regard your life as a failure if you didn't picket. She also said James has the flu. I think he couldn't have been much sick or you wouldn't be counting on going to Washington but still I am glad I'll hear from Vina Monday so that I'll know. She will be acknowledging the receipt of some primers and I hope will tell me he is alright. She said the rest of the family are with you - they probably won't get it. But how about Vida?

You are hard on that man Crentz. He is a bright fellow and a good fellow. He gives his class of girls & a lively interest in politics. He just discusses things informally and gets them into argument and corners them and stirs them up generally. He says he warns them against his bias. He aims to make them open minded. He said they were discussing international reforms. He said "what shall we do with Gibralter"? answer by class - "Open it to world" i.e. put England out. Question: "What shall we do with Panama canal"? Ans. "U.S.

shall keep it". Q "What shall we do with the Dardenelles"? Ans. "Open them up". Q. "What shall we do with San Domingo". Ans. "U.S. shall keep it". And with that he has them convicted. You should have heard his storm of the Repubs. who when trying to nominate Wilcox, called Phillips pro German, Wilcox 100% American and then when P was nominated, voted for Phillips. Wilcox the 100% American voted for the pro german Phillips

I didn't object to Wilcox asking for Democrats. The Repubs. were mighty loyal about war because they are militaristic but they will block any move to make a genuine League of Nations. Wilson might handle a democratic Congress but the outlook for internationalism became dark when the Repubs. got in. And they were partisan all the time, under a thin cover. I know them from the Trib. I think either Roosevelt or General Wood will lead them and they will see to it that our plutocrats get high tariff and are boosted to foreign markets and are protected by a big army as they will need to be with the rivalry their ambitions will arouse. I don't see how you can go with them even if they did think it good politics to vote for suffrage. Probably under the circumstances of another vote they will defeat it.

Inez sent me the last La Follette. That seems to express faith in Wilson. Well whatever docks to

me may have of him, he is the only hope.
Won't news from the Peace Conference be interesting?
But it seems to me that the conference is as irrelevant as the Ford expedition. No small body of selected men is going to settle this seething world.
I am glad they can't for I have no faith in them.

I didn't write sooner because I wanted to know first what I was likely to do. Ada Mc seems more than willing to take the library. I didn't want her to take it as a favor because then if she sent me to France or somewhere else to fight, I'd have to go, I'd have to swallow my pacifistic tendencies. But Ada's willingness doesn't completely decide us upon staying till Spring. Mattie is miserable, doesn't sleep and has those hot nervous spells & backache. We are going to the Dr. to-day and if he says she shouldn't teach I'll try to get her to stop.

I am sending you an editorial from the Trib. of some weeks ago upholding the soldier's mob attack upon the N.Y. socialists. It made me furious. I hate the Tribune with a consuming hate, consuming me worse luck and leaving the Tribune triumphant. I'm going to subscribe for the Capital Times to-morrow. Do you know the little magazine called The Public? It is very radical and much more truculent than the New Repub. not highbrow. Creutz likes it a lot.

Your Uncle Norm's little joke about Kronskop was plucky enough to prove him a hero. It was great! I had a pipe dream. McCorkle retired on Kronskop's money and Elbert became Judge. But then there was something of finality about that job, a settled for life atmosphere which I didn't like. What will Mrs Mc do with a lot of money? It would be impossible to guess.

I am mighty interested in what your Washington experience will be. Mattie thinks you will get into trouble but I said that was what you were looking for. Well it will be thrilling to be in Washington at this mad time. I suppose there are currents there which me don't get. I want you to have the excitement of it.

Mattie sends her love.

Yours Vera.

THE TEMPER OF LOYALISTS.

That there may be no mistake about who won the war, soldiers and sailors in New York, soldiers and sailors who a few months ago were and shortly will again be civilians in all walks of life, rained some hardened knuckles on the skulls of the bolshevik crew. This was their manner of replying to the lying, poisonous propaganda of so-called proletarian socialism.

The voice of the proletariat is something to consider in Russia, where some 90 per cent of the population lives in ignorance and has always lived under oppression. The meager and filthy exotics of this country propose to arouse a like sentiment. But they have failed to take note of a free thinking, intelligent populace which in an age of progress and education and broad suffrage is as far removed from the unthinkable stamp of oppression as is liberty from slavery.

Prattling of the proletariat in America is as wide of the point as referring to Gov. Lowden as a peasant because he chooses to live on a farm in civil life. Peasantry in America, indeed! Our exotics should try to talk their bolshevism among the farmers of this neighborhood who set their plows so grimly that a billion bushels increase was their response to the government's request.

But this is incidental. The shameful fraud of the "internationalists"—bolshevists and un-American—is their throaty croak, "We won the war." In effect this means: "The American proletariat won the war; the proletariat of Europe won the war." It is unspeakable, and the Americans who did win the war, the soldiers and sailors who left their shops and plows and offices to don the American uniform, showed the croakers that the temper of the country will be aroused.

The American proletariat did not win the war because there is no American proletariat. There is a nation of intelligent, resourceful, and patriotic men and women who will rise to anger when the Lenines and Trotzkys attempt to brand them with the hateful mark of downtrodden ignorance. The proletariat did not win the war for England, France, and Belgium, or Italy or Slovakia or Serbia or any other of the peoples that engaged. There are no such classes in those countries patriotic enough or loyal enough to bear arms for a decent cause.

This has been a war of people—of all the people. And only the bolshevists remained away as wolves skulk in the offing, their jaws drooling in prospect of a feast as they circle about two mighty deer locked in a death struggle. Russia and Germany have fallen wounded in the conflict; and the wolves that took no honorable part, but only lurked in the shadows and spread the contagion of discontent, now rush forth to seize upon the sick body politic. Such is the bolshevist.

Is the bolshevist a democratic person, and does he cry out for government by the people? Not so. In Russia we saw the temperate Kerensky government thrown aside and terrorism set up in its place. Russian streets have run with blood, and just lately we read of 500 officers slain to emphasize the bolshevik authority. We thought this could not happen in Germany because we have been told that Germans are complacent, obedient to the state, industrious, and orderly. In the transition from autocracy to alleged democracy there was quiet and order. But those who placed their trust in sanity failed to take note of the thirst of the wolves that circled in the shadows. And now the soviets are in wide control.

There can be no mistaking this clause from the "agreement" between the soldiers and sailors' council and the government:

"Second—Their aim is to defend and develop what has been accomplished by the revolution and to suppress all counter revolutionary activity."

Thus orders Dr. Liebknecht, the leader of the so-called Spartacus group, well named from the predatory bandits who made life miserable for the Romans. He proposes to "suppress all counter revolutionary activity." What he proposes is that he will suppress any attempt to bring about representative government; that he will prevent any legislation save that directed by his own group; and that the people at large, particularly the vast middle class of merchants, artisans, and professional people, will be denied a voice.

And so bolshevism proposes the bloodiest of tyrannies. But there is conceivably a lenient form of tyranny; for an aristocracy implies intelligence and possible cruelty; but bolshevism implies a tyranny of ignorance and certain cruelty. Wherefore there is not a defense for it.

Broadly speaking, the soldiers and sailors in New York provided the remedy. There is no more hope of converting a bolshevist to sanity than of converting a Turk to sanitation. But there is a hope of warning the sober, thinking, and patriotic Americans to be on their guard and to take measures against the wolves. America must not foster sedition that is as dangerous in peace as in war. Who harangues against the government rails against the people. It is the people's affair.

We fight for the thing that is nearest our hearts
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Madison. Wisc., Aug. 14, 1918.

My dear Miss James:

In arranging the work of enrolling our men and women on the equal suffrage question Miss Bain asked me to take care of the third district. I said I would though I have only limited time to give to it being a working woman. I am writing to you therefore to enlist your services in the enrollment of Richland County. Can you take charge of it? I hope you can or if you do not have time to look after it personally, that you can find someone there who will be able to do it.

We want to get a number of both men and women signers equal to a majority of those who voted at the last presidential election. In Richland county that is more than 2400. This means 2400 of each. It will probably be best to work in the cities and villages first and there through clubs, churches, etc. — groups that are more easily reached.

We shall probably need to send paid workers into some portions of the state and shall need to take on extra help at headquarters. To care for this additional expense counties have been assessed according to population centers found therein. The quota for Richland County is $300.00. It has been thought advisable not to combine the canvas and the collection of funds. Don't you agree.

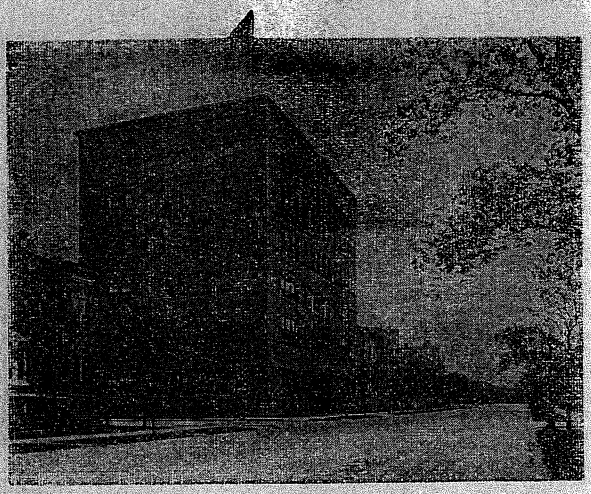
Can you suggest any one for Lafayette county. Miss Bain tells me you have friends in that county and can possibly help me in finding some one. We have the name of Mrs J. B. Simpson of Shullsburg and Dr. Jean Mottram Cooke of Darlington

I hope you will be able to help in organizing the work for your county if you cannot take it entirely in charge. This last is what I most wish.

May I not hear from you soon?

Yours faithfully,

Sara H. VanDeusen



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CHICAGO. Dec. 20, 1918

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Centre, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:

It meant very much to me to get your kind letter about UNITY, and I am sure you have read the Memorial numbers with real interest. We are all trying to do the best we can at Lincoln Centre these lonely days.

I am glad to say that Mrs. Quackenbush is still with us. I don't know how we should have got along without her. I am sorry to say the "Flu" caught her the last two weeks but she is beginning to be well again, well enough to go home for Christmas.

Be sure to keep in touch with UNITY, and how we are trying to go on. You know we have sent a call to John Haynes Holmes of New York who is the only man we can think of for the place, but we don't know yet whether he will come to us or not. They are bringing very strong pressure to bear to keep him in New York.

Faithfully yours,

Edith Lloyd Jones

Lawrence Mass May 20 [1918]

Dear Ada

I reached here last eve
a little off physically
and found out when
I went to bed I was tired
I was in Boston Yesterday
and witnessed the finest
parade I ever see it
was a womans ~~fred~~ get
up of Society woman
it took two hours for them
to pass the reviewing Stand
and I never saw Soldiers
march better Estimated
there was twenty thousand
of them and I could not
Saw how many bands
The marched in plattoons
of 8 abreast all dressed
in white I never

witnessed any thing quite
So Grand I am at Franks
and resting to day Sleeping
and loafing think I will
go up to Dary tomorrow
then up to Manchester
I our Meeting in Washington
was a great Success I never
Saw a Convention that was
more a unit and
determined than that
I think Mrs Shaw made
the best Spheech that
was. Mrs Preston nee Grover
Cleveland made a good
talk Hoping you are
all well I am Yours
With Love

Doddy

Postmarked 1918, May 23

Dont send me any more money - I dont want so much.

Later Sun Aft

Dearest Popa

Well it stopped raining! guess where I have been? To Comstocks - Mable wasn't home but I saw lots of pictures of her & she must be very pretty. I stayed all afternoon & talked to her father & sister - Her mother is dead. One brother is a major General in France. Her youngest brother is an artist in N.Y. Mr. Comstock brought out a pile of Red Cross Magazines Sat. Evening Posts, motor magazines and Cosmopolitans & should me his paintings. He draws the picture &

"Excuse all blots"

them writes his verses for them.

It really is a remarkable family. They are all so talented. Noble is the head of the Wis. State Parent Teachers Ass.

It was so grand to see. They have a beautiful home the same house they used to have only Mr. C. said the beautiful trees have grown since you went away.

He wants you & mama to come out. They surely a grand. He seemed to like me. He stood on the celery

boarders. They live on 1125 Mitchell & instead of taking a 3rd & Burnham & took a Mitchell St. car. Had to walk nearly 3 mi.

Papa dont worry about money. As long as you can pay my board & room I can get the rest some way. I have plenty of money. You needn't send any more at all. Unless I ask for extra you needn't ever send it. I had over $15 left last month so see I dont need more.

I wasn't planning on changing my course any way I really am anxious to get to teaching. It will be

lots easier then. For I'll
get at least $65 or $70 a
mo. I dont need much in
the line of clothes. So I
can help sister make I
can pay at least half
of her expenses. As long
as I am doing well I
can demand a much
higher salary. Dont worry
about mama. Why dont
you sass her back? Dont
take it all & then say you
cant stand it. Stand it &
make her show your part.
I am going to write & scold
her. Papa come & see me soon
please. I want to see you so
bad. Be a good Papa &
write soon.

Yours with lots of Love
Marie

Manchester N.H. May 23d, 1918

Dear Ada I picked up the paper this morning and about the 1st thing I see a dispatch from Madison anouncing the Tornado at Lone Rock Saying Six Killed and thirty wounded I hope you have gone down there to help those people do what you think best and I will stand the expense I hope you will send me a paper at once so it will reach me here I am pleased tell you Aunt Cole is one hunched pret better this A.M. than she was yesterday Slept well did not woke up all

P.S. Nelly sends thanks for the book

night She told me to give
you her love and that
She would write you
as soon as She could She
could hardly Speak
yesterday and this A M
She talks and laughs
quite hearty She told
me to tell you I was not
coming home very soon
that She could not get
along without me and
I dont think I better leave
here just now as long as
She feels as She does the
Nurse Says She has no
doubt but my coming
has done her a lot of
good I called on Albert
Choe Yesterday and

found him badly broke down a feeble old man. he is about a year older than myself Calvin told me to tell Amanda that she was too feeble to be company So I done as I was told I forgot to take the handerchief to her but will do it to day When I gave Calvin his great tears came in her eyes when she said Oh what a dear girl she is why didn't she come with you I want to see her so much I told her you would come next year I have been to Lawrence & Derry and have concluded not to

- go up to Franklin as they was going to be away next week and I did not know what their plans was and did not wish to break in on them The weather has been quite warm here for a few days but rained last night but has cleared off this am and the sun is shining bright I intend to go over to Deerfield the last of the week and then back here and coming home depends on the condition of balance If any emergency takes place you can write me here With Love to all Dad

Deerfield May 28th 1918
Dear Add I am Stoping at
Mrs Browns on the hill
am feeling well Stopped Sundy
at Oscar Choses went to
Church Hod fine Memorial
Services they have a large
Relief Corpse and go through
the work very nicely there
was 4 GAR men with myself
which is all they can turn
out here I took tea last
Eve at the Marstons both
Lauras was there I Spent
most of the afternoon and
Evening with them Go
to Mrs Knowltons for dinner
that Sister of Elisions that
took dinner with us is
there I met her Sunday
too night I took Supper

and spend the evening
with Mrs Gardiner Wire
that young woman 96 yrs
young and she is bright
as a dollar. To morrow
I am going to visit the
school here I left Manchester
Sat afternoon am not well
was feeling about the
same but she is very weak
and feeble she cried when
I left for fear I was not
coming back
I dreamed of you last
night and that you told
me you had commenced
suit against the R R Co
for $10000 damages but
did not say what for

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It is raining here this
Am am afraid it is
going to cut in on my
programme I was going
up on the Mountain
I shall go back to Manchester
Frydd or Stat and if
Aunt Cole is better will
Start for home the first
of the week all Express
the wish that you was
along I would lead
you a merry chase if
you was
With love to all
Daddy

[1918?]

Dear Ada, & Pida

I had intended writing to you so many times, but we have had so much to do, & have not been well. The Landlord was so slow, we could not get anything done & Baby was so excited by the Peace parade we had to be very careful of him, then a week ago we found Clair was Supt of the Factory in Sullivan & here we are, we are glad Clair is his own Man the house much better than the one we had, but we are tired.

I have a bad Cough,

hope you will find us, Hot Water Bottle in use | Love to all, Aunt Clara

Manchester N.H. May 7th 1918

Dear Odd I reached here 10 30 AM and found Liz Col Sitting up and feeling quite comfortable and very glad to see me and says she dont want me to hurry away I stay in Derry last night the folks are all well Stood in Lawrence the night before Our Boston meeting was a great success Mrs Anna Shaw delivered the best address of any of them Mrs Preston vice Cleveland Pres Cleveland Widow presided one day she is fine looking and amiable Woman I am feeling well dont know when I will start back had a letter from O B too Dad

Have not read the paper you sent

CLASS OF SERVICE	
Fast Day Message	
Day Letter	
Night Message	
Night Letter	

If no class of service is designated the telegram will be transmitted as a fast day message.

[1918]

COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Miss Anne Martin,
Lafayette Square,
Washington, D.C.

Lenroot has authorized circulation of nomination papers I believe he will be elected at the special election April second if there is any doubt about the Senate vote better postpone vote until April. I will keep you posted.

Ada L.James.

[1918]

A BILL

To amend subsection 6 of section 12, subdividion (a) of subsection 17 of section 38 and section 94y of the statutes so as to grant to women the right to vote for presidential electors.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 6 of section 12, subdividion (a) of subsection 17 of section 38 and 94y of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 12) 6. Every woman who is a citizen of this state, of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, who has resided within the state one year and in the election district where she offers to vote ten days preceding any election at which presidential electors are to be elected, or at any election pertaining to school matters and the election of school district officers, and who is not a pauper or excluded by section 2 of article 3 of the constitution, may vote at such election for presidential electors or at such election pertaining to school district matters and the election of school district officers, in any town, city or village in which she has so resided. At any such election where registration is required, women shall register in the same manner as male voters.

(Section 38. 17.) (a). The ballot provided for in subsection 1 of this section and the official city ballot shall be upon white print paper, the presidential ballot to be voted by

male voters upon light blue print paper, the presidential ballot to be voted by women voters upon yellow print paper, and the referendum ballot upon pink print paper, and shall be substantially as in the annexed forms marked respectively "A", "B", "C" and "D"; provided that ballots for city elections may be varied in form to conform to the law under which such election is held.

Section 94y. 1. At the general election next preceding the time fixed for the choice of president and vice-president of the United States, there shall be elected, by ballot provided for in section 38 of the statutes, as many electors of president and vice president as this state may be entitled to elect senators and representatives in congress.

2. At such elections there shall be provided separate ballot boxes for ballots cast by women for presidential electors.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

(No. 153, A.)

CHAPTER 93, LAWS OF 1913.

AN ACT.

To create section 697--10m of the statutes, authorizing county boards to employ visiting nurses.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 697--10m. The board of supervisors of any county is authorized and empowered to employ a graduate nurse, whose duties shall be as follows: To act as a consulting expert on hygiene for all schools not already having medical inspection either by physician or visiting nurse, to assist the superintendents of the poor in their care of the poor in the county who are in need of her services; to give instruction to tuberculosis patients and others relative to hygienic measures to be observed in preventing the spread of tuberculosis; To aid in making a report of existing cases of tuberculosis; to act as visiting nurse throuthout the county and to perform such other duties as a nurse and hygienic expert as may be assigned to her by the county board. Such visiting nurse shall at the end of each month make a report in writing to the county clerk, which report shall show the visits made during the month then ending and the requests made to her for services, and such other information as the county board may from time to time require.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

[1919] JAN. 8.

Whereas, - Woman suffrage is inevitable we believe the U. S. should not delay in extending the franchise to her women and

Whereas, - Great Britain & Canada have enfranchised their women within a year, and Finland, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Australia & New Zealand had suffrage before the war, and ~~Germany~~ the franchise bills of both Germany & Austria now include women and -

Whereas no women have done more to demonstrate their patriotism than the women of our own country

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Whereas, All political parties have endorsed the Federal Suffrage Amendment either in platforms or by action of their national committees, and

Whereas - the enfranchisement of women is apart of the contest for world democracy therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Wisconsin Legislature requests the U. S. Senate to pass the federal suffrage amendment without further delay -

Resolutions I took to Madison -
Jan. 8.

The Wisconsin Legislature of 1919 resolves that

Monday Jan 6 [1919]

Dear Ada

Wonder if I can finish a letter to you before time to make the milk toast for dinner. This is Mattie's birth day and she should have a treat but I'm not the cook for it.

Mattie is 75 opo better than she was three weeks ago and aside from hating to go to work every morning, is very happy.

We finished Pickwick papers last night and said you would like it and ought to read it about to Pauline when she comes to stay with you. You really ought to read it with Mattie tho to get the most fun out of it - she goes into the fun of queer characters in and out of books with all the joy of a bumblebee into a petunia blossom.

We won't be back before Feb. 14 when M's quarter closes. They have lost so much that they don't want to make a change of teachers in the middle of a quarter. The flu closing brot the

quarter much later.
Do you still take the Atlantic? Isn't the Jan. number full of good articles? If you don't take it get the library number. Wasn't it fearless of them to publish "Prussianizing Wis."? The League of N. article is great. There must be a good force of liberals in the country to support so many liberal periodicals. There are Atlantic, Nation, Public, New Republic, Yale Review, Unpopular Review and Dial that I know of to say nothing of the suppressed Socialist ones. The Dial is equal to Nation or New Rep. If I were home we would take that between us. It is a fortnightly.
Yesterday M. & I. went blocks & blocks to hear Prof. Creutz speak in a Cong. church on Peace League. He came out good & strong against universal military service, bespoke their sympathy for Russia, nipped Roosevelt and Lodge but on the whole toned down his real feelings considerably. He is overflowing with historical

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knowledge pertinent to the war there seems to be a tremendous lot of history leading up to every phase. He outlined enough to have kept him talking a week. It is stimulating to listen to a man who seems to have stores of knowledge in reserve instead of straining at his resourses till they are more than dry to fill out his hour. I wish he had let them have it more bluntly but he interested Mattie which is what I can't do.

I lost my Dec 21st Nation. It had a top notch article on the Church in relation to peace problems. It said the Church had been in the war, a State Church sanctioning all the state saw fit to do. It was a weighty article. I made M. read it Sat. at the Public Library. Crentz thinks the Church isn't worth reading about but I am rather interested. Don't you think it could be a social force of some account?

Had Ralph's wedding announcement

this morning and a brief note. He said you were very good to them. What do you think of Mrs. O.? I thought her very pleasant & sensible.
Love to Vida and Elbert.
Mattie's dinner will be late —
know this is no good letter
Your sister

Eau Claire, Wed [1919 JAN. 8]

Dear Ada

I was very glad to get Miss K's letter. I had felt uneasy about them and wouldn't have believed such good news possible. Mattie has to serve a dinner for 50 men to-day and I have just eaten alone. I'm not going over to Normal this P.M. because the only work for me just now is to cut out magazine-cover pictures (Sat. Evening Post & Lif.) for posters and I can't regard that as respectable work so I'm going to procrastinate & stay away from it.

I am trying to get my debit letters off my mind and shouldn't be writing to you but I am so relieved to find one of my heresies upheld in Atlantic Monthly (Jan. page 113) that I have to tell you. It was this and I was a little fearful that I was morally blank in spots because of it. I couldn't feel that morale entered into war enough (about for that matter) so that I could be horrified at the German war methods in any degree beyond my general horror of war. It seemed to me that allied moral

scruples on the subject were a little bit conventionality and sentimentality. I couldn't see much difference between bombing a hospital of helpless men and bombing a trench of helpless men and so much much of the cruelty that outraged the allies. I shouldn't be surprised if you were confused too between moral methods of warfare and immoral methods. Elbert and I very gingerly came near to such a confession to each other once. Even now to see it in my writing shocks me but I only conclude that I am conventional about it too. Now how far does this Atlantic paragraph go in taking the same view of it: "None the less must we face the fact that, underneath (ruthlessness) stupidities apart, the German theory of war is the only logical one ..... It was the mark of a highly organized and intellectualized government to subordinate natural emotions to the remorseless logic of the case. And the logic of war was reserved for Napoleon to express in practice — — — !" It strikes

me that that is a tremendously better attitude to take than that of great complacence over the morality of our war method or any possible war method. (Shades of Ada Mc & Amul Madge make me tremble right now)

That Atlantic article 'Idea of a league of nations' from which I quote is masterly. Elbert will enjoy it.

Yesterday I read Harvey's War week. The Tribune is a baby compared to its murderers.

Did you notice that Alice Paul paid the Colonel a tribute? Wasn't there something about the C. that kept your rejoicing within bounds? If the anti-militaristic forces weren't strong enough to fight him they weren't worthy of having him taken out of the ring. I'm glad he could bluster to the end a feeble T. R. would have been heart-breaking.

Sometime will you send me Bruce Hatch McCullough's address if you have it.

I saw Vina's letter from Pauline. Fry

to persuade her to go to the San. I should think that is the only hope. Tell her not to mind the money. Your big house could shelter the whole gang. I'll sell the place and we will all pool our wealth and keep up just the one establishment which will be a very economical communistic plan. I wouldn't so calmly appropriate any one else's house for my pipe-dreams but I assume you are not a stickler for property rights. I even laid the plan before Mattie and she had no scruples either and she isn't nervy.

Two a week is pretty thick - you will be fearing I have amorous designs on you.

V

[1919, JAN. 10]

Ada:

I'm sending a copy of Nation for Dec 21 st which I thought I'd lost. Read the article on the Church which seems to me weighty, then cut it out and return it in one of your letters.

I have been reading Jan. 4 New Rep. 'Justice to the Devil' strikes me as being the best thing I've read - it puts the N.R. ahead of the Nation for me. Isn't the Dell article on Bourne good stuff? I see he is associate Editor of The Liberator. D.W. Firkins who is poetry critic for the

nation (some critic for cleverness, he is) says that Eastman's & Dell's style of writing makes the Liberator one of the best (I am not sure he didn't say the best) written papers in America. If you take the L. send me a copy. I may want to subscribe. I don't need to read a dozen liberal magazines, but it seems to be the only place to put a little money to help the cause. Did you see that La-Follette has been heard from on Russia in the Senate. But what about the reported union of La Follette & Phillip forces in Ohio? That would be reassuring.

V.

[1919, Jan. 11]

Dear Ada James:--

First, my dear, I want to ask you if it is true that you have lost your father? The notice that I saw seemed to me to be he unmistakably, and yet I was not at the moment certain of the initials. Mrs. Quackenbush ,when she was at home, had not heard. I do so hope that it may have been otherwise, but if it should be so, you know my heart toward you in any case.

Thank you so much for the word about the Colored Women. I will send the name gladly--Mrs. Wilmarth sent here the other day, and the director of music in the Chicago schools, and a woman in Boston. I think the dues would be a good idea, but it means correspondence which there is no one to do. If some of us go to their Biennial when they have it, we can arrange that.

Ada, I never have felt a more buoyant sense of great doors opening to us. I enclose you the inside, as I believe, of the congressional military training talk; and as to Daniels and the navy, every time he says a word about it, he appends the paragraph about the whole program being suspended by the president if there is an international arrangement arrived at--a clause which is already a rider passed in the naval appropriation bill, as you know,three years ago.

I feel of course, as you do, that we lost the greatest chance that any nation ever had. But, having lost it and entered upon the other course, I do not see how it could ~~have~~ more marvelously have conducted anything, with the exception of the intervention in Russia, which they say will soon be over. I do not feel that the President is infallible of course, but I have neve been prouder of him than in this course in visiting Europe and taking it for granted that they are all with him in setting the "compulsion of the common conscience" aboue disputed territory and raw materials and all. He will be almost alone at Versailles before that company of diplomats, finance men, army men and such, and yet I look to see him prevail. If he does, it will be the greatest thing that America has ever done--things being as things are. I feel as if I were looking back at it all, and at him,from five hundred years away; and I see it as one of the great moment in history. Whether he is simon-pure or not I do not know, but I do know that he is preaching a great gospel and that he needs our power of thought and belief. As to the details of his own progress, I personally saw no reason why he should not marry a second time---we were not praying that he should keep on being lonely! As to his asking that democratic anti-suffragists be

returned to Congress---I feel that in this world upset Suffrage was only one of the forces for democracy to be counted in. Moreover, the anti-party method has never appealed to me as a way of promoting sugfrage, as you know. But I could in any case forgive him a thousand errors such as that as I could have forgiven any great man of the past--and do.

The big blackness is the conscientious objectors in jail, and all the heart-breaking business that has led up to it. And the tranquility with which the public accepts it. I being one of the public, doing nothing about it. None of us are as fine as I thought we were! It is not revolution that I see the need of--but moral regeneration of us all. Do you not think that is it? As John Haynes Holmes has it in his wonder "New Wars for Old", which seems to me the great book which the time has brought forth.

Well, much love to you. I walked across the river this morning, and I was glad. Ada, I have agonized over felled trees and permission given to shoot squirrels, and green places devasted, and river islands cleared --and yet all the time this little town has been growing more beautiful. There is Something that is doing more work than we are, and is getting it done, isn't that true? As Jenkin Lloyd Jones wrote to Mr. Holmes: "We have the centures before us and the ages back of us". I can not feel dark when the whole world is saying the words "League of nations", for the first time. Looks to me like a dawn, Ada James, my dear.

Love to you, always.

Dora

I did it know that there was a Colored Political Equality League - but what a confusion of terms. Aren't the two words mutually exclusive? - Can't we have an Equality League before we get the vote as well as after.

I can not put my hand on the m. training bulletin. I am asking Mr. Hallinan to send you one from the Washington Office

[1919, JAN. 18]

Dear Ada

My Hot water bottle
I hug very tight
Almost every night:—
And think of the Gift & the Giver,
For my Flash-light too,
Am obliged to you —
The light is without a quiver:—
When the lights go out
I can see about —
So I keep it near,
And I thank you dear,

Yours Ever,

Aunt Clara

Bellevue Jan 16 1919

Dear Ada,

Have dictated many letters while on the bed, yours & Vida's among them, but have not been able to write, had a nice letter from Vida also with Richards picture, it looks just like him, Our Boy is more of a baby, still has his Bottle, is a boy every inch but not as practical as Richard yes we were as much surprised as you, Bel had part of her goods unpacked, the rest at the Depot, we had only a week to pack, move & unpack, Mrs Clair down here as Supt, 21 has been very hard on all of us especially Bel & Bessie, Baby was so nervous & homesick he is better now he's getting used to the change, I am in my room most of the time with my meals brought to me, I have my

sleeping room with double windows facing South East my bed, Desk, Stand & Rocker another room across the hall with Sewing Machine Bureau & Book case, My room is warm me like the house except the lack of the essential Lavatory & toilet the room is ready for fixtures & a Cess pool in the Spring,

I have a little world as it should be Peopled with folks of my own, In memory still my friends come at will & I am not longer alone, although among Strangers & never go out doors I have two new books of Stationary & will spoil more of it when

able till then I will mean
this for you & Vida Remember
me to all including the dear
Boys, My old trouble of the
indigestion leaves me weak
One day Baby took a knife from
the table & ran to the kitchen
& cut a corner out of a cake
& started up stairs, say-ing
"Cake for my Grand Ma"
he can only climb up stairs
& go down On his stomach,
We have two front rooms with
big Porch, dining room & kitchen
nice Basement & Attic, Guad
heat, All wish to be remem-
bered to you yours till next
time & after Aunt Clara

813 Beech Street,
Manchester, N.H. July 14, 1918.

Dear Cousin!

I thank you many, many times for the pretty collar you sent me by your Father. I appreciate the gift more than I can make you understand, when one is down & out such gifts count. I have had a heavy cold & kept the bed for several days, am better now, but crippled with Rheumatism; it hurts me to walk; I want to go up & see Mrs. Prescott as

as soon as I am able.
Nellie phoned me she
was getting along fine
& to come soon and see
her. My hand aches so
badly, must close
Love to all & much
for you
Mrs. H. A. Mellows.

[1919, JAN. 19]

Dearest Folks:

Well have seen my old school chum in her house. Isn't it awful. I am a regular dampener, but to think of Bernice Berger married is a fright. That shows heredity. I believe in environment but heredity is greater by far. Her folks, good, honest people believe woman's goal is marriage. It stands to reason she should. Girl I. would never have done a thing like that. Or Jule. I think it is a crime. 19 yrs. old - 1 yr out of high school and hitched on to a fellow no schooling, no job, no money, drinks and oh its awful. Of course I pulled a boner. Bernice told me & I said "How horrible." She laughed but —

I sure think it is terrible. Guess I'll get married if I can find a man who'll have me. Oh dear —

Am working hard - I never worked so hard before. Listen -

Mon. 8:30 - 12:00 Teach
1:00 - 3:00 recite
3:00 - 4:45 "
5:00 - 6:00 tutor.

Tues - I work all P. M. in the Art school. Also after supper. I have to study nights so hard. I never go out on a school night but.

A week from Tues — hooray. Practice T. ends -

Goodnight folks, I'm sleepy.

Love from Mary

There is a dance at school to-night. Wish I were there now. Am going with Sioux. Ida hasn't a fellow yet and it is now nearly six. Was over at Bernices again to-day. They were married in Waukegan. Isn't it funny tho?

Worked up at school all A. M. Practice teaching ends soon - I'm going to come home six weeks from Tues. Make. How is Earl? It is kind of lonesome here. I study every night.

Has Mickey play base

yet. It is sure good
dont miss it.
I am going to see
"Oh Look" next week. The
Follies of '19, week after.
There is a horrible thing
going on in Milwaukee.
Regular rebellion. Riots
all over because of
socialists. To-day a
proclamation was issued
for all citizens to be
ready with a bad egg
and a gun to-night for
that meeting. Horne has
been refused privilege of
presiding.
Well Goodbye. Please
write to me more often Dear
Lawsome. Geeve is terribly sick
again. We phoned for her mother
They took her home last night. I
dont think it is serious tho. Love Mary

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12, A.

January 23, 1919. Introduced by MR. ANDERSON. Adopted.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the death and public services of Honorable Norman L. James.

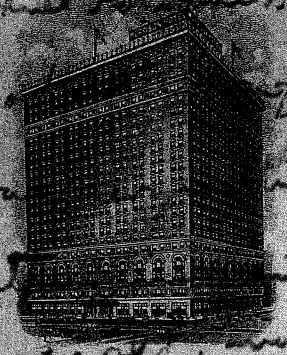
Honorable Norman L. James, manufacturer, business man and agriculturist, died at Richland Center, November 25, 1918.

Mr. James was born in Deerfield, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, November 29, 1840. He came to Wisconsin in 1855 and settled at Richland Center. He fought in the Civil War with Co. F, 16th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry entering the service in 1861. He participated in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and was discharged in 1862. Coming back to Richland Center he took an active part in the public life of his state and county. He has been a member of the town and village board and village treasurer; was a member of the Assembly in 1873 and 1875, and a delegate to the republican national convention in 1880; was elected state senator in 1884; and was chairman of the committee on railroads in the 38th session.

Mr. James had been prominent in business circles in Milwaukee and the state for many years. He was a big man mentally and morally. He had strong convictions, they were the fruit of earnest thinking which in all ways were honest. His contempt of sham and hypocrisy was unfailing.

The interest he took in the agricultural progress of the state of Wisconsin makes his death a personal loss to hundreds of Wisconsin farmers. He was an able and honest adviser and legislator and his death is a distinct loss to the state; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the foregoing memorial be spread upon the hournal of each house as a token of respect and sympathy and a copy thereof, suitably engrossed, and duly attested by the signatures of the presiding officers and chief clerk be transmitted to the family of the deceased.



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June 1- 1919.

Dear Miss Jones I do not have not heard anything definite from you about stopping in Wisconsin on my way back from Minnesota. I am now making other plans and have arranged to speak in Boston at the time I first suggested as a possible time to go to Wisconsin. I am writing to let you know so that you would not give any further thought to arranging meetings in Wisconsin. If possible I would like to stop for a few hours on my way back from Minnesotta to confer with you about the way Wisconsin can help in the general ratification campaign. I shall probably

leave Minneapolis about the ninth or tenth
of June and if I find it possible to
do will communicate with you from
Minneapolis. My address in Minnesota
will be care Mrs. A. R. Colvin, Laurel
Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Lombard College
Galesburg, Illinois

Department of Elocution
Miss Amanda Kidder

Hartford June 4-14

Dear Miss James

Thanks for the nice letter & for the good words spoken for me — to Norgard —

I am informed that the appropriation was reduced to $2,500 a year for agent — this of course is sufficient — for one person — but the field is so large that I was hoping the appropriation would be large enough to keep 2 people in the field —

I noticed in 2 mil. paper - the account of what ~~R. C.~~ Richland center is doing for social service and said to my selfe, "says I" Thats - some of Ada James work - Of course the Co. board holds back but they will come in when they are better educated - the discouraging thing is Co. B. like most of us born so slowly - I feel as you do about U.E. work - still much good is done & so we must work together as best we know how - Gosh there are fine days & how the gardens grow - Should you be going to Mil - come this way & we will drive together thru green lanes of the country & visit - "Holy Hill" a noted shrine in our Co - With all good wishes - Sincerely - G. M. Benson

P.S. on sending you
Copy of Anti Sof Stuff.
You remember I met this
representatives of Modern
& they took my name
so they could send me
their literature —
Funny isn't it? —
How poor humanity like
most other creatures fight
to the last — for what they
want — or think they ought
to have —

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

June 13th, 1919.

By direction of the Acting Secretary of State I hereby acknowledge the receipt of a certified copy of the Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women, which was delivered by Special Messenger, D. S. James, on June 13th, 1919, and is the first ratification of the Amendment which has been received.

(Signed) J. A. TOMLER
Chief of Bureau.

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June 15th

My dear Miss James.

Congratulations to you for Wisconsin being first to ratify the Susan B. Anthony Amendment. We owe thanks to Mr. James for conveying the resolution to Washington - We are proud that it was given to the father of our State Chairman of National Woman's Party

At our Womans Party Luncheon June 14th at the Athletic Club - about 45 members were present - Miss Paul spoke to us on the

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National Ratification
Miss Paul wishes to raise money
in Wisconsin - She thinks we
should have a State conference
Our Local Board will meet
Wednesday evening - at Hotel Pfister
to make plans - for a meeting
& dinner during the 4 days
of the Leaders Convention here
We will have to print some hand
bills publicly - which will be decided
on Wednesday evening - We ask
permission to print your name
as State Chairman - on program
or bills or literature

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June 18,1919

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

Congratulations to you and all of our Wisconsin members on the splendid work which won for Wisconsin the honor of being the first state to ratify the national suffrage amendment.

I was most delighted to meet your father at headquarters last Friday. It was surely splendid that he had the honor of acting as the messenger of the state to carry the ratification papers to Washington. We were very proud that this honor was conferred upon the father of our chairman. I trust that good news stories of his coming appeared in the Wisconsin papers.

I need not tell you how greatly encouraged we are by the rapid way in which the state legislatures are ratifying the amendment. I know that hard work is ahead in order to secure the 36 states required. We depend upon you and all our Wisconsin members to stand by us and give us all possible help, particularly with money, until the work is entirely finished. Please let me hear from you soon.

My best wishes to you and your father,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mabel Vernon

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July 5, 1919

Miss Ada James,
383 Hazeltine St.,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

I have just received word from Mrs. Ascough that you are no longer acting as chairman of Wisconsin and that Mrs. Mabel Putnam has taken the chairmanship of the state for the coming year.

I am writing to express to you our deep appreciation of the service you have done during your chairmanship. I shall never forget how you took the chairmanship at a time when we were very weak and sorely in need of such championship as you could give.

Mrs. John Rogers, Chairman of our National Advisory Council, is writing to ask you to join the Advisory Council, which position, you will remember you held prior to taking the state chairmanship. We will be greatly honored to have you a member of the Council, and hope you will be willing to continue your work in connection with the national ratification campaign in this capacity.

Again expressing our sincere appreciation of your help, I am,

Very truly yours,

Alice Paul

AP:OB

National Chairman

Milwaukee July - 7th 1919

Dear Miss James -

Received your kind letter of July 3rd
I do not know if you heard of the disagreable experience we had with the Milwaukee County Suffrage Association
As you know we had planned to have a Mass meeting under the Auspices of the N. E. A. at 12 P. M. Thursday July - 3rd
We thought it best - to ask the other associations to cooperate with us - which they agreed to do.
We sent Miss Lutie Stearns to tell them of our plans and who our speaker was -
they said they wanted a Nonpartisan Speaker and sent a telegram to Mrs. Chapman Catt
Miss Bradford from Denver - who presided at the Mass meeting - would not have a speaker of the Woman's Party
they telephoned to all the Newspapers and plainly understood that the Woman's party had nothing to do with the Mass meeting -
This newspaper clipping which I enclose will show you their attitude fully.

[1919 July 7]

Our luncheon was a great success
We had 165 guests
After the luncheon we had the
conference -
The Secretary for Iowa, no doubt has
written to you about it -
We all missed you very much at
the luncheon - as well as at the
business meeting -
It may perhaps asked for you -
It certainly would have been wonderful
if you dear father could have told us
his story of Madison & Washington
I agree with you that we must keep
up touring - satisfactorily
I wonder would Mr. James be willing
to speak for us. In the near future
We feel we must arrange may affairs
this summer to save money
Our expenses at the conference were
about $4.40 -
I certainly hope to see you soon Miss
James - Our next board meeting - is
on Wednesday coming I believe we will then
plan something for Eckert Lake - Most cordially
yours Bessie Tompkins

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July 15, 1919

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin

Dear Miss James:

I was surprised to receive the copy of your letter to Mrs. Trompetter. I have not received any account of the conference in Milwaukee except a telegram sent me by Mrs. Ascough, for the Suffragist, after the conference. I had supposed that you had helped to get up the Milwaukee conference, and am surprised to find that you were not even present.

When I was in Milwaukee I urged the local women to hold a state conference or convention, and elect a board covering the whole state, who would carry on an active maney-raising campaign to push the ratification in other states. I had supposed that they at once got in touch with you about this plan, since it seemed to meet with their approval, to see if it could not be at once carried through. I also talked with them about having a Milwaukee woman as chairman, and suggested Mrs. Putnam for the office, since you had so often suggested that it would be easier to have the work done by someone in a large city. Since then I have heard nothing further about the plans, or what occurred, excepting Mrs. Ascough's telegram and your letter.

I found, when in Milwaukee, the sincerest appreciation on the part of all the local women I met, of the work which you had done for suffrage, and the full intention of carrying out in every way whatever plans you might have for the state work, and for the state conference.

We are concentrating all our effort now on Georgia and Alabama, where there is a very difficult fight. It looks at present as if the amendment would not be ratified by either of these states.

[1917, July 15]

If we could only secure enough money to carry on the campaign for special sessions in suffrage states, it would seem possible to have the ratification complete by September so that women could register in that month for the various state elections which occur this November.

May I again take this opportunity to assure you of our appreciation of the steadfast and loyal support you have given to the cause of suffrage during these many years, and particularly to our own work since you have been with us.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul

National Chairman

AP/s

[1913, ca Jun]

When Wisconsin conducted her first and only suffrage campaign she started with practically no money, no experience and no organization. It was Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, then president of the National American Woman Suffrage ~~Organization~~ Association, who gave us the benefit of her wide experience and contributed one hundred dollars a month toward our expenses until ~~such a time~~ as the National could come to our help.

In 1912, the year of our campaign, besides carrying on the manifold duties of president of the National Association, Dr Shaw campaigned in four states. In all probability her work in Wisconsin was the most difficult and discouraging. We found ourselves forever being tricked by the so-called German-American Alliance. After all the arrangement had been made to have Miss Shaw speak in one of thr local theatres, pressure was brought to bear on the managers and they withdrew their promise and the best we could do was to secure permission for Dr. Shaw to speak after ~~a play~~. She made the most of the dissapointment and with the few minutes alloted her, undoubtedly ~~made many converts~~ converting many to suffrage.

She could always be depended upon to rise to any emergency or make the most of any situation. Once when she and Susan B, Anthony were ampaigning in South Dakota. a meeting was held on an intensely hot Sunday afternoon. The church was crowded and a mother with a smal child sat on the improvised platform. The baby grew tired and uneasy and bega pinching Miss Anthony's ankles, When she stepped back out of his way he began crying so loudly that she stepped forward and let hi resume his pinching. At last she could endure it no longer and whisper ed to the mother "I think your baby is too warm in here; take him out and give him a drink and he will feel better." The woman left exclaiming "Well, this is the forst time I have ever been insulted on account of my motherhood!" Anumber of men gathered around her and said "That's what to expect from old maid suffragists." Miss Anthony ws told she had lost twenty votes. If she had Miss Shaw soon redeemed them, By the time she spoke there were several babies crying at the top of their voices, but the louder they cried the louder she yelled. Finally a gentlemn said "Don't you want those children take out?" "O, No!" she said, "there is nothing that inspires me like the mu of children's voices."

Her speech at Eau Claire furnishes still another instance of he ability to oversome obstacles. We had worked for some time trying to get permission to have a suffrage speech made at the big Fair there but the authorities would not grant us permission. Finally when the found that Mrs. LaFollette was a big drawing card at County Fairs they asked to have her. We wired back that they mig t have Mrs. La Follette for one afternoon and Dr. Shaw for another. They accepted bo offers and permitted the addresses to be given in front of the grande stnds just before theraces stipulating that they limit their talks to thirty minutes ~~and not to take one minute longer~~.

Dr. Shaw explained the situation to the people and then launched forth. Her wonderful oratory soon won a crowd that had been hostile

or indifferent. When her time was up she stopped in the middle of a sentence. The people cried "Go on," "Go on," but she refused to exceed the time alloted to her. A man asked if she would finisk her speech from his car back on the grounds. She said she would and the crowd that had assembled to see the races followed her, leaving the grandstand practically empty and the managers bewildered. During her speech that day a man accused her of underestimating the differences between man and women and asked her to admit that a woman could not drive a nail straight. She replied that that was largely because women had been encouraged in doing things in an indirect way that when women ihsisted on haveing hammers and good nails insteadof rusted ing to stove hooks and rusty nails with a little practice she would drive a nail as straight as a man.
Her prophesy has proven true to that.

Some of you will recall that during the early months of our campaign when money was needed so desperately that it was Dr. Shaw who assisted Mrs. Benedict in arranging for a mass meeting in New York which netted us $2,700. This together with the personal help she gave us financially and the money we received from tha National throug her influence amounted to fully half of all the money expended on our campaign.

So much for Wisconsin's endebtedness to Anna HowardShaw. The nation and the world oes her even more. IN one of her letters we find her rejoicing over a suffrage victory in China stating that victori are of equal importance in whatsoever part of the world they take plac that it isn't just the women of the United States that need political fredom. (2)

Dr. Shw was a pioneer all her life. As a little girl she lived a pioneer life in the woods of Michigan. Later she became a pioneer teacher then a pioneer minister of the gospel, a pioneer physician a pioneer prohibitionest and a pioneer suffragist. She blazed the trails that other women have made beaten paths of. She gained admittance to professions that were formally closed to women. She fought and won innumerable battles. The story of her life is an inspiring chronicle and although it was inersperced with disappointments, disillusionment and discouragement she never grew hard, bitter or cynical. She found life worth living and left it full of love, hope, charity and a smile at its many inconsistencies.

Other suffrge leaders there have been who were more cool, more level-headed, more logical but none that were more afent, impulsive, sympathetic or lovable. Her sen seof humor was phenomenal hadause it was never tarnished by sarcasm.

Her ability as an orator was probably unexcelled. Moral courage she possessed in abundance. Much opposition was manifested when she proposed to come to Wisconsin to campaign. Knowing this we offered to cancel her dates. Her reply was: "Our business now is t o get suffrage in Wisconsin and whatever will do it I will stand by. I have always been known to be physically cowardly, but I have always been just as known as being morally unafraid of any living thing or human bei ng Nobody yet frightened me out of the thing I thought I ought to do."

During the war Dr. Shaw gave her life as courageously as any general and the president would doubtless have ordered all flags at 1/2 mast last June, had she been a man.

Hail & farewell to one of America's — nay one of this world's greatest & most loved citizens: Anna Howard Shaw.

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Dear Mrs. Gowmans.

Yours of the 29. nov received. I think the Wis. Citizen which is in the library at Madison would give you much valuable information concerning the period of which you speak. I am sure it would give the names of the officers which would be far better than my memory.

Yours. Olympia Brown

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[1915, DEC. 9]

Dear Ada:

Have been trying all day to locate you - but in vain - Couldn't locate your train as you said 4:45 only - You gave address as Jackson Place #12 - but have been phoning Suffrage Hdqs. + tonight came down as I was so anxious to see you - Guess I will have to give it up - as I will be at work until 4:30 tomorrow but could meet you after that -

Mabel Allen.

Phon - Main 6680 - Branch 208 -
will be free from 9:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.
Res - Columbia 1815 - but won't be there
after 7:30 A.M -

14 Jackson Place [1919, Dec, 19]
1:30. Sunday

Dear Ada:

I am here looking for you. I want to be sure to see you before you leave. If you will drop me a line at 1440 R St. N. W., Apt. 25 telling me when to call, I will be there. I wanted you for dinner today, but apparently that is not to be. Be sure to let me know when and where I can find you.

With love,

Edith.

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[ca. 1919]

My dear Ada:

I shall be very happy to see you as soon. Will you take lunch with me Thursday at noon or would you rather come up to my home for dinner Thursday ~~evening or Friday~~. I forgot I am due to speak on Friday evening. When you reach Milwaukee telephone me and we will

arrange a meeting. How long
do you expect to stay in
Milwaukee?

Yes! we have had and
are having a hard time. My
suffrage troubles (with the good ladies)
seem so insignificant now
that I wonder that I could
ever have given them a
second thought.

We must manage to bring
about an amnesty somehow.

I am ready to do my utmost & make the greatest sacrifices for those who had the courage of their convictions & who did not commit a social wrong or a legal crime.

When will it come? I have some friends in the prisons & some facing the prison. We must have amnesty & soon too.

Here's hoping!

With love to you Ader
I am ever your friend
Meta Berger

[ca. 1919]

"We shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts —for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government."
—*President Wilson*

National Woman's Party
—Wisconsin Branch

ADA L. JAMES
Chairman

Richland Center, Wisconsin

Dear Friend of Democracy:-

At a time when every other civilized country has enfranchised its women, our Senate has again, on February 10th, defeated the Federal Suffrage Amendment. It is now imperative that we rally our suffrage strength over the entire country and place the responsibility for the humiliation position in which the women of the United States are placed, and arouse such sentiment that opposition to our enfranchisement shall cease. If kaisers and dynasties can be overthrown in a few days, it should be possible to enfranchise the women of this country during the few weeks before the close of the present session of Congress.

The coming of the "Prison Special" to Milwaukee on March 6th furnishes the suffragists of Wisconsin with the splendid and timely opportunity to hear the vivid and dramatic story of women's fight for democracy, and also the opportunity to confer with the ablest political leaders of the movement. Twenty-six courageous women, who have suffered persecution and served jail sentences for demanding that democracy be established at home as well as abroad, will tell of the work of the National Woman's Party at a noon Mass Meeting at the Majestic Theater, Milwaukee, followed by a luncheon at the Hotel Pfister at one-thirty o'clock. The forces that are at work for and against us, and what can be done to secure the immediate passage of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment will be discussed at this luncheon.

You cannot afford to miss the vital bit of history that these women will relate. You cannot afford to miss the inspiring discussion of the necessary work to be done. This is YOUR fight. Can we count on your presence at this conference?

Sincerely,

Ada L. James

STATE CHAIRMAN.

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March 13, 1920.

My dear Miss James:-

The approaching close of the long strenuous struggle for the enfranchisement of women leads the National American Woman Suffrage Association to decide that some form of expression of appreciation should be tendered those who have rendered most signal service to our great cause.

Our State Auxiliaries were requested to make lists of

(1) Pioneers, those who had served before 1880.
(2) Veterans, those who had served between 1880 and 1900.
(3) Presidents of State Associations who have served five years or more.
(4) Those who have rendered signal service since 1900.

Your name was sent to us as a Pioneer and one worthy of a Distinguished Service Certificate. We are mailing this to you by the same mail.

We are aware that every stroke made for the cause by each one of the workers in all the sixty years which lie behind us has formed the sum-total of effort which has produced the present result.

With congratulations that you have lived to see this day, and the fond hope that you may live to enjoy the blessings of full enfranchisement for many a year to come, I am

Yours very cordially,

Carrie Chapman Catt

President

[1920, Aug. 28]

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Know Ye, That, reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity and Ability of Miss Ada James, of Richland Center, I, Emanuel L. Philipp, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, have appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint her a delegate to the Fifteenth National Congress against Alcoholism to be held September 21 - 27, 1920, in Washington, D. C.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Privy Seal to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison, this Twenty-eighth day of August; A. D. 1920.

Emanuel L. Philipp

By the Governor:

Ans
Aug 30.

Oconto, Wisconsin.
August 28, 1920

Woman's Progressive Rep. Campaign Headq.

115 Main St. Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Idid not understand Mr. Sharpsrequest when made or should have declined at once. I am not in sympathy with Sen. La Follette and most emphatically decline act as a part of his organization. I will hold all literature sent me subject to your disposal.

very truly yours,

Minnie M. Hopkins
No

Unable to find copy of answer to this letter.

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September 25, 1920.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Accept my congratulations on your election as member of the state central committee. The opportunity for service to the Republican party through this committee is most important just at this time.

We are greatly gratified, of course, that the state central committee now has women members as well as men members. Many of these women members have been connected with the associate state central committee as you will see by this letter head.

Because the work among women voters of Wisconsin is extremely important, I wish you to know something about the work which has been done up to this time. Besides the state associate women's committee, we have associate women chairmen in nearly every county in the state, and a considerable number of these associate county chairmen have selected precinct chairmen in their counties. We have sent out not less than 100,000 pieces of literature; we have had a large amount of publicity and some of it in democratic papers; we have a speakers bureau and have held a number of political meetings for women which seemed very successful; we have organized a Republican Women's Club in Wisconsin which has proven very popular and we have worked in harmony with the Harding-Coolidge Club.

It was no doubt due largely to the efforts of our organization that so many women have voted at the primary election. Wisconsin women had been fully enfranchised only two weeks and yet I am convinced that from 75,000 to 100,000 women voted at that election, a remarkably large number under the circumstances. It is certain also that a very large percentage of these voted the Republican ticket.

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Republican State Central Committee of Wisconsin

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We ought to resolve to cling everlastingly to American nationality and hold unabridged every inheritance of constitutional American liberty. —HARDING

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Oct. 4th-1920

Miss Ada James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

As a member of the State Central Committee you are undoubtedly acquainted with the plans of the National Committee to have a Wisconsin delegation visit Warren G.Harding and Calvin Coolidge at Marion, Ohio, Oct. 18th, the last day of the front porch campaign. Plans have been partly completed and were outlined by Mr.Harry B.Cristlow of the Visiting Delegation Bureau at the organization meeting of the State Central Committee and it is my belief that we should co-operate with the county chairman and associate county chairman to secure a delegation that will in size be representative of the overwhelming sentiment for Harding and Coolidge in Wisconsin.

If a sufficient number of people agree to make the trip, a private train will be secured which will leave Milwaukee Sunday evening, Oct. 17th, and return Tuesday morning, Oct. 19th, and a rate of approximately $35.00 round trip including berth can be secured.

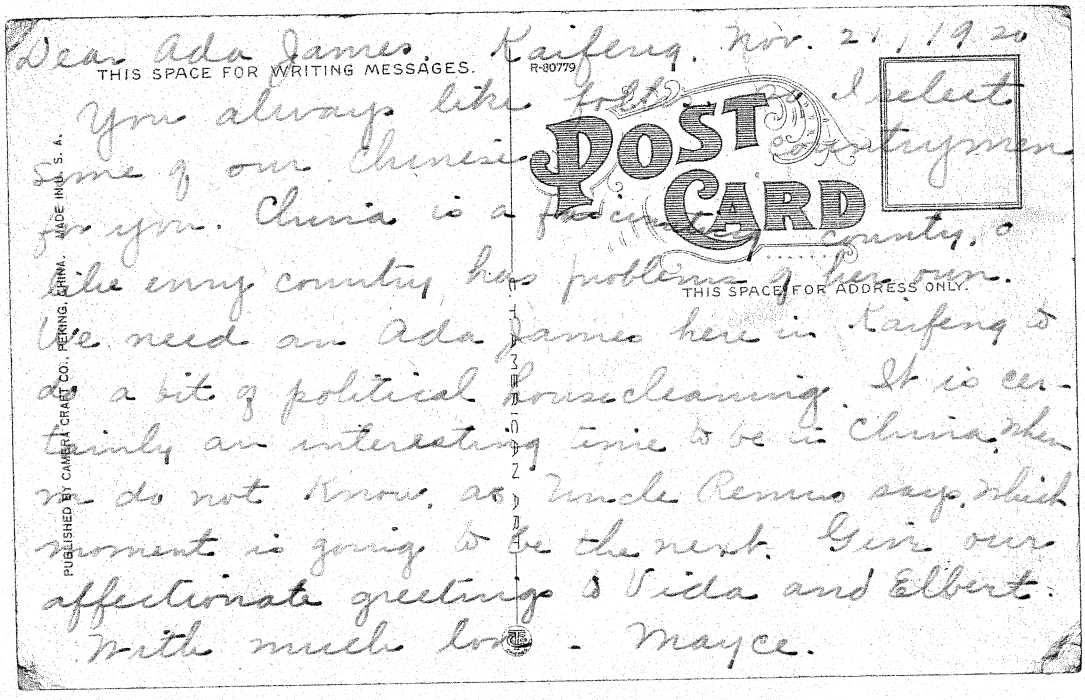
It is estimated that between thirty and fifty thousand visitors from seven states will be in Marion on that day and several special features have been arranged. Wisconsin's quota must be there!

As you secure names of people willing to make this trip, kindly forward them to this office so that plans for the trip may be completed.

Anticipating your hearty co-operation, I am

Sincerely yours

Mrs Lon Wendt


Dear Ada James. Kaifeng. Nov. 21, 1920
THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES.
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THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY.
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You always like to [illegible] I select some of our Chinese [illegible] for you. China is a fascinating country. Like every country, has problems of her own. We need an Ada James here in Kaifeng to do a bit of political housecleaning. It is certainly an interesting time to be in China, though we do not know, as Uncle Remus says, which moment is going to be the next. Give our affectionate greetings to Vida and Elbert. With much love. Mayce.

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THE NEWYORK AMERICAN AND ALL HEARST NEWSPAPERS WITH OTHER LEADING PUBLICATIONS ARE CAMPAIGNING EARNESTLY FOR THE IMMEDIATE ADOPTION OF THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY AMENDMENT . THE HEARST NEWSPAPER BELIEVE WITH PRESIDENT WILSON THAT WOMEN HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO VOTE THE ADOPTION OF THIS MEASURE WILL HELP TO WIN THE WAR THE HEARST PAPERS ARE PRINTING EVERY DAY PETITIONS FOR SIGNATURES WHICH WILL BE ASSEMBLED HERE AND PLACED BEFORE THE SENATE WE URGE YOU TO INTEREST THE NEWSPAPERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY IN THIS CAMPAIGN GET THE PETITIONS SIGNED AND MAIL THEM TO THE NEWYORK AMERICAN WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ONE HUNDRED WORD STATEMENT FROM YOU BY TELEGRAPH FOR PUBLICATION AT OUR EXPENSE TO ENCOURAGE THE CAMPAIGN

H.H. STANSBURY, NY AMERICAN.

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In all publicity Miss Paul has asked that we make and emphasize these points:

The pickets have been arrested for a political offense. They should be recognized as political prisoners and treated accordingly as a recognition of the character and dignity of their cause.

Do not dwell on the discomforts or misfortunes of the prisoners in any sense of self pity or pity for them, but reiterate the injustice and severity and cruelty of the administration which imprisons and subjects them to such an unnecessary hardship women who are asking for a share in the democracy for which their sons are fighting. Use the imprisonment as a leverage against the administration by arousing indignation against it.

The great and ridiculous cruelty of not allowing women of such character and intelligence to have books or writing material is one of the best points to insist upon.

Wilson, the world champion of democracy, is permitting women standing at his gates asking for freedom, to be thrown into jail, where they are subjected to hardships greater than were imposed upon the prisoners of the Czar of Russia. In every other country men and women arrested for peaceful political offenses are permitted free access to books and writing materials, to their correspondence, and friends. They wear their own clothes and have their meals sent inif they desire. At this moment there is grave danger for many groups of people in this country carrying on work opposed by the administration, if this right of treatment as a political prisoner is not recognized.

Mention the fact of Whittaker's threat that picketing would be stopped though some of the women lost their lives. The

only way in which the pickets sentenced to long terms can get out of jail is by the judge's commuting the sentence by a pardon; by payment of their fines, which would be an admission of their guilt; or possibly by habeas corpus proceedings.

In short -- the fact of the imprisonments ought to be used to bring out the inconsistency of the administration's policy toward democracy abroad and democracy at home so vividly that it would find its position untenable and in self defense pass the federal amendment.

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WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

FINAL BULLETIN.

February 28, 1920.

By Theodora W. Youmans.

The Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association has now ceased to exist.

Following out the mandate of the annual convention held in Milwaukee in November, 1919, that the association should be dissolved and be succeeded by the Wisconsin League of Women Voters as soon as the federal amendment had been ratified by the necessary thirty-six states, or at any event not later than March 1, 1920, a mass meeting was held in Milwaukee February 20 at which the president announced that the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association had ceased to exist because its work was done.

It was with a sense of sadness and yet also with great rejoicing that this declaration was made. The contest in Wisconsin has been a long and difficult one lasting more than half a century. Our triumph was therefore the more complete when the last legislature proved itself so favorable to woman suffrage that it passed five suffrage measures, each by a large majority in both houses, one of those measures being the ratification of the federal amendment. The federal amendment has not at this writing, February 28, been ratified by the necessary number of states, but thirty-two states have ratified. There is every reason for believing that the necessary four will ratify within a few weeks. It now looks extremely probable that women of Wisconsin may vote at the elections this spring as well as at the general election next November.

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The great Victory Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, held in Chicago two weeks ago proved even more enthralling in its interest, more entrancing in its charm than any which had preceded. We are still seeking adjectives to express our enjoyment and admiration of its varied features. Wisconsin sent a full delegation and you will be glad to know that Rev. Olympia Brown, who for thirty years served as president of the Wisconsin association, received many honors. She spoke at an evening affair, gave the response on the part of the Pioneers at the Pioneer Luncheon, and attracted much interest. Other Wisconsin pioneers present were Mrs. Hannah E. Fatchin of Weyauwega and Mrs. Albert Dexter of Madison. The delegation included Mrs. Henry M. Youmans, Mrs. Ben Hooper, Mrs. Harvey J. Frame, Mrs. Edward R. Bowler, Mrs. J. E. Birkhaeuser, Mrs. H. W. Chynoweth, Mrs. L. D. Harvey, Mrs. Mary Scott Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Kestin, Mrs. John S. Walbridge, Jr., Mrs. Wm. T. Bell, Mrs. Charles McCarthy, Mrs. Frank Zufelt, Mrs. George McIntyre, Mrs. A. Epstein, Mrs. William Pitman, Mrs. H. A. Seligman, Miss Edna Wright, and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton.

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The Executive Board of the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association voted to offer as a gift to the newly organized Wisconsin League of Women Voters the furniture and other office equipment which it owned in the headquarters at 428 Jefferson Street. Part of the furniture is loaned to the association, and this of course will be returned to the owners. The Executive Board also took action providing that after all expenses of the association had been paid, including the cost

if any of installing an exhibit in the State Historical Society at Madison, should also be turned over to the League of Women Voters, and be used toward the cost of publication of a citizenship manual which it had authorized and which is being compiled by Mrs. A. M. Simons. Several small bills remain to be paid but it is hoped the residue in the treasury will not be less than $300. The lease on the headquarters will be surrendered March 1 and a committee has been appointed to dispose of any remaining property.

The Wisconsin League of Women Voters was duly organized at the meeting February 20 with the following officers: president, Mrs. Ben Hooper, Oshkosh; 1st vice president, Mrs. John S. Walbridge, Jr., Milwaukee; 2nd vice president, Mrs. H.K. Curtis, Milwaukee; Recording secretary, Mrs. C.H. Annes, Milwaukee; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles B. Quarles, Milwaukee; treasurer, Dr. Ida L. Schell, Milwaukee; Auditor, Mrs. Charles McCarthy, Madison; Historian, Mrs. Simon Gottlieb, Kenosha.

A Board meeting was called for the following morning and steps taken for an active campaign to enroll 10,000 members, each of whom will be asked to pay $1.00 membership fee.

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In severing the relations which have bound us together for so many years and which have been so pleasant, I wish to express to each of you my gratitude for every bit of work you have done for woman suffrage and my pleasure in working with you. I wish also to offer a personal word of explanation which it seems to me is due you. Some of you have perhaps wondered why I, for so ling president of a non-partisan organization, should now be actively allied with the Republican party. The Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association included in its ranks women of all political opinion and it appealed to men and women of equal difference of opinion. When the vote is won, however, the situation radically changes. The only question then is how to use most effectively our hardly won and precious ballots. This is a government of parties and I do not see how it would be managed without parties. Parties formulate policies and select candidates. If the policies are to be formulated and the candidates chosen entirely by men, women remaining non-partisan and aloof, it does no[illegible] to me that the influence of women would be very great. My judgment is strongl[illegible] we must try to influence parties by entering parties and trying to make our in[illegible] felt where it will be most effective. I do not abdicate my mind and consc[illegible]ce by joining a party. I make my mind and conacience effective by uniting with the minds and consciences of others and so acquire weight and influence. I am sure you will be interested to know that at the convention in Chicago, Mrs. Catt made a tremendously forceful speech in favor of women joining political parties. "If we are still to be petitioners" said Mrs. Catt, "what was the idea of getting the vote?"

And now good-bye and good luck to every woman who has helped ever so little in bringing about the great change in the body politic under which women will by degrees achieve actual political and economic equality with men. May each of you go forward to higher aims, and with a steady purpose to use the vote to make the world a better place to live in.

TELEPHONE MONROE 825
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1437 WEST OHIO STREET
CHICAGO

October 7 1920

Dear Miss James:

I cannot tell you how deeply grateful I am for your letter just received, with its most generous contribution to the International Congress and with its list of good names, and for all that you say. I do thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As to the campaign: - feeling as you do, I am so glad you have written me, for I am going to ask you to let me give you my point of view! I am enclosing a copy of letter written to Miss Dietrichson in Minneapolis on this very subject. Do let me know if it helps you to a happier state of mind.

With appreciation, and all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Margaret Dreier Robins.

(Mrs Raymond Robins)

I am enclosing also Mr Harding's statement to the 12,000 women who gathered at Marion on Social Justice Day October 1st. I wish you might have been there. The great significance of the day to me was the great number of women from small towns who responded to the call, and came, paying their own way. I am so very glad that you <u>are</u> on the Executive Committee -- for we <u>must</u>, those of us who stand for the progressive measures, we must stand together!

Madisnn, Wis.
111 W. Main St.,
Oct. 9, 1920.

Miss Ada James,

Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

We are again in the harness or perhaps I better say that we are again at the front. The women of Madison are taking a hold better than ever and we hope to do instructive work along progressive Republican lines. Last Wednesday evening a meeting was held at the Public Library and our organization formed. We called ourselves "The Wisconsin League of Progressive Women." Mrs. La Follette is honorary chairman, Mrs. Blaine acting chairman, Mrs. Hoebel, Nagler, and Mrs. Dennis members at large, and myself secretary. We have moved to 111 West Main Street and we have practically the same kind of headquarters as we had before. I arrived on the scene yesterday afternoon and just now getting into the swing of the work. We are planning to leave the country organization largely to the Non-partisan League, while we concentrate our efforts on the towns and cities. Of course you know we are working with the R.R. Brotherhood. We do hope to get in touch with our progressive women thruout the towns and cities of the state and are very much in need of lists of reliable progressive women to whom we can appeal for our cause. Will you not help us by sending the names of people you know in the various cities. I mean the names of people you know ~~are~~ absolutely certain are progressive.

We are also very much in need of any suggestions that a women that has had the long experience you have had in matters politically can give us. Will you not write us at once and thus help us. We are planning to send dodgers, circulars letters, etc., and we are getting these out at once. Suggestions of any kind are most welcome, especially by myself, who as you know is only a willing amateur in Wisconsin ~~objects~~ politics.

Most Sincerely yours,

Jean Thompson

Will you not organize Richland Center. Can you help organize other towns around there. Organize branches for our state organization.

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2005 Hammond Ave.,
Superior, Wis.

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Marshfield, Wis.

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Miss Julia H. Hutchinson
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Superior, Wis., ~~Oct. 16-1920~~ 19

Dear Miss James:-

Your letter came on the day I had to leave for the s State Convention, so I was not able to write to you.

I did not recieve the record of Mr. Blaine as you suggested I might, so I am not acquainted with it.

Yes, I was for Mr. Hull before the primaries. Now I am for Col. McCoy. I do not like the LaFollette- Non)Partisan crowd Mr. Blaine is tied up with.

I went to see Mr. Blaine just to try to size him up and see what he would say on the wet and dry subject, but he was absolutely non-committal. I could not find out by his talk whether he was personally dry- though I have learned since that he is)- but he evedently did not want to let his position be known. I suppose that is good politics, but I did not take to it, nor to him.

Col. McCoy was up here, and I liked him very much, and believe our state would be in safe hands if he were elected governor. He certainly did not mince matters when the state central com. tried to work in a wet plank. He is the only man running who has declared openly that he is dry first last and all the time. I think that kind of a Governor would help out on better law-enforcement, and not let us go mad along Non)Partisan lines.

I too, was surprised at the A. S. L. coming out for Wilcox, but I was not close to the reasons, and do not know yet, unless it was your reason for being for Blaine- thought his chances of winning better than that of other Rep. candidates.

If you have any other theory I should be glad to know what it is.

I note what you say on the subject of campaign funds being used by the Rep. Comm. and I greatly rejoice that there is a member on the committee who feels so conscientious in the matter.

I was put on the democratic state central com. without being consulted- I suppose because my husband is a democrat. I found that I was expected to boost for Cox, and that I could not do, so I have resigned Therefore, I might be said to be a woman without a party. But I shall vote just the same.

I thought you took very high ground on the question of Gov. Phillipp's appointments to Wash. Convention. I thank you very much for defering to me in the matter. I think my appointment came through the influence of an old friend- Geo. B. Hudnall, legal adviser to the governor. I do not think the latter wanted me at all, but thought he had better appoint me- for reasons.

Of course there is politics in everything these professional polititions say and do, and, as you say, they require watching, lest we are caught in a net.

Now the next big job we must go to, is getting the women out to vote. I am chairman of the citizenship com. League of W. V. and I expect to do nothing else from now until election but try to interest the women voters.

Sometime we may be able to get together on party men and measures. I believe we are honestly seeking best things and ways, and we shall surely arrive in due time.

I am so glad we are to have the privilige of voting, and I never forget the large amount of time thought and money you put into the cause. As I sat in the polling place on primary election day and saw the long line of women waiting to vote, I thought of you, and wished you could see them.

Let me hear from you any time.

I enjoyed a very nice visit from DrS. Cook and Orton, and Hariet Grim this summer. I only wish you had been with them.

Cordially yours,

Mary Scott Johnson

Silver Spring Farm

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PROPRIETOR

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Eau Claire, Wis., Oct 17 - 20

Dear friend Miss James

I admire and respect your grit and gumption! What a ridiculous contemptible dishonest play is being put over by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. McCoy Morgan et al! McCoy and M. are spending all their time and breath in vetering the League, and yet when Cox candidate for Pres, toured through Col. he had for his associate J. M. Collins League candidate for Gov! They both spoke from the same platform to the same audience Well sometime some where such

shining dark mean tricks will not pass; The Golden Age is still ahead; Some day to dawn: I feel like shouting in real Methodist fervor "praise the Lord"; because mine eyes have seen the glory of the going of saloons, the glory of equal franchise;

This will not make us all good, all at once but it helps; I go to St Croix and Polk Cos for the wk.

I am hoping next wk may visit your Co!

I feel confident Blaine will win by a big lead. and hope Thompson may win;

Hope you are well and can possess your soul in peace and serenness;

Yours truly

Geo Fonnings

P.S. Have you ever read "Christianizing the Social order" by Rauschenbusch? a fine book

WE'LL STICK

WE'LL WIN

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: S. HARRINGTON ELKHORN · OTTO ONSTAD CAMBRIDGE · HENRY THIEL APPLETON · C. BERG TIGERTON · OTTO LUCHT MUSKOGEE

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MADISON, WIS., November 5, 1920.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

We have your post card of November 4, requesting the constitution and platform of the North Dakota Non-Partisan League. There is no constitution of the League in any of the states or for the national organization.

The League is not a corporation, but is a voluntary association of individuals. No member is in any way responsible for or bound to this organization. The aims and purposes of the League are enunciated in the state platform, which is adopted by the delegates at their biennial state convention. The League operates in the following manner.

About six months before a primary election, the members of each township in which the League is organized meet in convention to select a delegate to a county or district convention. This county or district convention selects or endorses candidates for district office, such as member of Assembly and State Senate. These district conventions also select a delegate to a state convention. The state convention selects or endorses candidates for state offices and U. S. Senator. The delegates representing a Congressional district select or endorse candidates for Congressional office. They may also co-operate with other organizations.

The state convention also drafts the state platform and elects a state executive committee (5 members in Wisconsin). This state executive committee supervises the work and policy of the organization in the interim between conventions. By this method will plainly be seen that the aims and objects of the Non-Partisan League are at all times a reflection of the membership.

We have no platform of the North Dakota League, but I am quite sure that this can be secured by writing the League Headquarters at Fargo, N. D., Box 919, as no doubt they have done as we have in Wisconsin, printed and distributed them by the tens of thousands. There being no constitution, of course, they are not available.

Under separate cover we are sending you two pamphlets, "The New Day in North Dakota", and the "North Dakota Industrial Program". These pamphlets contain practically all of the information relative to the legislation enacted by the League legislature of North Dakota. I am sure you will find these exceedingly interesting and enlightening. We should be glad to send you additional literature pertaining to the League, but at the present time are entirely "cleaned out". As soon as we receive a new

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supply, we shall be glad to furnish you with some.

Thanking you very much for all of the good work your brother and you have done for the progressive cause, we are

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

By W. C. Zumach

Office Mgr.

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WISCONSIN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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November 6, 1920.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

A rumor has come to this office that there is a possibility of a woman being appointed on the State Industrial Commission. If such is the case, of course the League of Women Voters would be interested in assisting in any way possible. Knowing that you are closely in touch with Mr. Blaine, our Governor-elect, it has occurred to some of us that you might know something of his attitude on this matter and that you would be interested in giving us any information or advice which you might have. You may be sure that your assistance will be much appreciated.

I expect that you are quite delighted with the election returns. Surely the Republican party has an opportunity to demonstrate its ability in bringing about a better condition, for they certainly have everything their own way now.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Hamilton

(Mrs. C. C. Hamilton)
Executive Secretary.

[1920, November 16]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The State of Wisconsin

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

J. KNAUBER LITHO. CO. MILWAUKEE.

Know Ye, That, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity and Ability of Miss Ada James, of Richland Center, I, Emanuel L. Philipp, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, have appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint her a delegate to the Citizens' Conference on Education,

to be held November 29, 1920,

in Chicago, Illinois, at La Salle Hotel.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Privy Seal to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1920.

Emanuel L. Philipp

By the Governor:

NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE
A. C. TOWNLEY, President
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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November 18, 1920.

Mda L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with yours of recent date, we are mailing you a copy of the Articles of Association of the National Nonpartisan League. We are also sending with same a copy of the National platform, adopted on December 4th, 1918. This platform will undoubtedly be somewhat revised at the national convention, which will be held here next month.

We are also enclosing with the above a few pamphlets and leaflets which will give you a fairly definite idea of the League's aims and accomplishments. The North Dakota platform is discussed in the pamphlet entitled, "Nonpartisan League , Origin, Purpose and Method of Operation". It differs in no respect from the National Program, except that it is shorter and pertains entirely to state questions.

Fraternally yours,

A. C. Townley

General Secretary.

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December 1, 1920.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

Your letter of November 22 is received and read with much interest. At a meeting of our Executive Board held yesterday, action was taken to suggest to Mr. Blaine that Miss Tracy Copp, formerly employed by the Industrial Commission, would be a most excellent woman to serve on that Commission. It was the sense of the Board in instances such as this where we know perfectly well that a certain woman is especially well qualified to fill a certain position, that suggestions might be made to those in authority. No definite plans were laid for making this any regular habit, but of course it would be a great pity where there are places open to women and splendid women able to fill such positions and not receive appointment merely because those in authority don't know of them.

You will be interested in a plan formulated yesterday urging all local leagues to study their local government,- city, village, or town,- the purpose being to find out just how the various departments are managed, what it costs for materials in public work, etc. The plan is to be mimeographed and sent out to all local leagues. Perhaps you would like to have a copy.

I fail to find your check which you mention as inclosing.

We are still in hopes that you will want to have a League in Richland Center, and shall be glad to cooperate with you in any way possible to that end. We are organizing now in Milwaukee county and the outlook is bright.

I have heard from Mrs. Shuler in regard to your pictures, and am enclosing two which she has returned. I think that you had another one entitled "Balloons" which was not returned. I wrote to Mrs. Shuler about this and one of Mrs. Youmans' which was not returned, but they failed to find them. Mrs. Youmans certainly impressed upon the National at the time of sending the pictures that she was very anxious to have them returned, but there is some slip somewhere for they returned one to us which does not belong to us. I will write Mrs. Shuler again and hope for success. Won't you make a point, the next time you are in Milwaukee, of coming in to our headquarters? Should very much like to talk things over with you. Miss Curtis is still suffering from an attack of auto-intoxication and unable to do any work. She is at Red Cloud, Nebraska.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Hamilton

(Mrs. C. C. Hamilton)
Executive Secretary.

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Miss Anita K. Koenen,
Milwaukee, Wis.

December 11, 1920

Dear Miss Koenen:-

I greatly regret the intention expressed through your letter of December 5th of dropping your membership in THE COMMITTEE OF 48, Wisconsin State Organization, the more so because I have a very high opinion of both your civic interest and your exceptional capacity for effective civic service. It seems to me that your intention of dropping your membership arises from somewhat of a misconception, and I am therefore taking the liberty of addressing you further in the matter.

In the first place, independence of the national COMMITTEE OF 48 organization does not imply or represent hostility toward that organization. It is, I believe, a recognition of this which has made the national organization quite willing, to date, for us to continue to use the name "THE COMMITTEE OF 48" as a part of our name; which willingness on their part should certainly settle the question which you raise as to our right so to do.

The matter of our independent status was thoroughly discused at the last meeting of the State Executive Committee, and it was the unanimous opinion that this independent status should be preserved, at least under present conditions. The manner in which the members of the State Executive Committee are chosen and the personal standing of those members should at least afford a strong argument in favor of any decision which they unanimously reach.

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The lack of democracy in the basis of control of the national COMMITTEE OF 48 organization was by no means the only factor in leading the State Executive Committee to the decision of maintaining our independence status. Permit me to mention other factors of large importance.

(a) Many liberals of national standing have withdrawn from THE COMMITTEE OF 48 movement. Among such may be mentioned Lynn, Haines, Dudley Field Malone, William Hard, Lincoln Colcord, Swinburne Hale, and Judge Arthur Wray, to mention only a few. The emphatic dissent of liberals of such standing with the policies represented by the national movement since the Chicago convention very materially decreases the likelihood of the movement serving as an important vehicle of social progress.

(b) Under Allen McCurdy's doubtless honest and devoted but none-the-less intolerant and baleful influence, the national COMMITTEE OF 48 movement since the Chicago convention seems to have entirely forgotten its original ideal of uniting the liberals of America, and to have taken a positively hostile attitude toward the Farmer-Labor Party. I freely admit that many of us doubt that the Farmer-Labor Party will prove itself the new liberal party which we all so earnestly desire. None-the-less it is chiefly composed of sincere, effective, militant liberals, and to exhibit toward it a hostile spirit is treason to the vital principle of uniting the liberals of America, a principle which the national COMMITTEE OF 48 movement once espoused as its chief purpose.

Apropos of this matter of uniting the liberals of America, may I quote a paragraph from a letter which I wrote to National Chairman J.A.H. Hopkins under date of August 23, 1920, a paragraph which I believe sets forth the attitude that must be taken by any organization seeking to unite liberals in one effective movement.

"We absolutely challenge and dissent from the statement made by Allen McCurdy at the Chicago Convention "We are individualists". We would heartily subscribe to the statement "We are steadfastly opposed to the doctrinaire attitude of approaching our economic and political problem". We just as completely refuse to subscribe to "Individualism" as we do to "Socialism".

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Many of our members, it is true, believe that the new social order, with the task of whose creation we are so urgently confronted, will be essentially individualistic. Probably fully as great a number believe that the new social order will be essentially socialistic. The overwhelming majority of both groups, however, are united as to the experimental (as contrasted with the doctrinaire) method of procedure, refusing equally to consider any proposed measure blessed or damned because if fits into an individualistic theory or into a socialistic theory of social organization".

By the national COMMITTEE OF 48 having become a separatist movement with a dogma of its own like the Socialist Party and the Farmer-Labor Party, our Wisconsin State Organization, if it is to remain ture to the ideal of uniting all liberals within its ranks must inevitably maintain its absolute independence of the national COMMITTEE OF 48 movement. To do otherwise would be to drive out of its ranks those (and there are a considerable number of such) who are supporting the Farmer-Labor Party as the most hopeful liberal movement of the present; as likewise that smaller group who are members of our organization while yet retaining their membership in the Socialist Party.

If you are in full sympathy with the present program and basis of organization of the national COMMITTEE OF 48 movement, you should by all means do as you have done, join in active membership therein. At the same time, if you are in sympathy with the idea of trying to unite the liberals of America, --- THE COMMITTEE OF 48 independents, the Socialist Party, the Farmer-Labor Party, the Non-Partisan League, the La Follette Republicans, the Johnson Republicans, etc. etc., and those (like myself) who feel a deep and sincere community of interest and outlook with all these groups, but who yield partisan allegiance to none, --- then you should be a member of THE COMMITTEE OF 48, Wisconsin State Organization, in addition to being a member of the national COMMITTEE OF 48 movement. There is nothing inconsistent in the two memberships nor are the financial obligations of our organization so burdensome that anyone who believes, with any strength of conviction, in this principle of uniting the liberals should find a bar therein. We would welcome your presence and your active influence in promoting, within our organization, your own ideas as to the policies which would make our organization socially most useful.

Very truly yours,
Arthur J. Sweet
State Chairman

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Dec. 15, 1920.

To the Members of the
State Executive Committee;-

Contributions and 1921 dues in response to my recent letter are coming in slowly but surely. As yet only three members of the State Executive Committee have responded, though undoubtedly all will respond. This delay on the part of those who have the welfare of the organization especially at heart goes far to interpret and excuse the delay on the part of our rank and file. Altogether, 1921 memberships have been received to date from twenty-one members, while three have sent in contributions to cover past indebtedness, without renewing membership.

The only evidence I have received indicative of lack of further support on the part of our old membership comes from Miss Anita Koenen, a member of the Milwaukee County Executive Committee and an active and forceful woman. She writes in, declaring her intention of not renewing her membership for 1921 and criticising the policy of our Wisconsin State Organization in not recognizing the superior authority of the national officers of THE COMMITTEE OF 48. Of course, it must be remembered in this connection that several of our members (most notable of whom is Mr. Lynn Jaseph of Green Bay, equally as forceable, influential and important a member as Miss Koenen) are just as emphatic on the opposite side, that they will not belong to any organization holding allegiance to the national COMMITTEE OF 48. Nonethe less, Miss Koenen's attitude in the matter is worthy of note and careful consideration; and I would like to have each member of The Executive Committee read the accompanying copy of my reply to Miss Koenen, advising me in case they think it is unwise or inadequate at any point; for in this matter I have earnestly tried not primarily to express my own ideas but to correctly set forth the attitude of the State Committee, as I understand same.

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Sweet.

State Chairman.

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Unless I soon receive larger returns to my appeal for 1921 membership dues and contributions, I shall be compelled to ask the members of the State Executive Committee to meet an assessment of at least $25.00 apience,--- possibly greater.

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Dec. 18, 1920.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

I do not know whether I quite understand your letter of December 4th. Should I understand you to be in favor of disolving our organization or should I understand you to favor merely limiting our activities to such as can be carried on at a relatively small expense. Of course, unless we are to actually disolve our organization, we must hold a new election to the State Executive Committee. This will involve a cost of approximately $75.00. —— It will be possible to keep our expenditures at a low figure, but if we are not to contract any debts at all, we must simply consider our organization as disbanded and settle such of our debts as we cannot raise from the membership at large by an assessment against the members of the State Executive Committee.

I am myself in favor of changing our name from "COMMITTEE OF 48, Wisconsin State Organization" to "Liberal League, Wisconsin State Organization" or some similar name. While there are a few cases like Miss Koenen (correspondence with whom is herewith inclosed), in the great= majority of cases I find the "Committee of 48"name to be a handicap rather than a help. On the other hand, I think it would be a great pity to give up our organization, either with respect to the individuals who compose it or with respect to rules, the constitution, under which it is organized.

I am especially out of sympathy with the idea that any "Progressive Republican League" can perform the social function and service which is needed. What is needed is to organize Wisconsin for the new Liberal party which is certain to arise, there being no more hope of making the Republican Party an instrument of liberalism than there is of teaching a stone to fly. No group which carries the name "Republican" can hope to enlist the support of Socialists and of Farmer-Labor

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Party liberals, a support which must largely be drawn upon by the new liberal movement.

If we organize a "Liberal League" comprised of a membership drawn from all of the liberal party groups and organized under a constitution substantially ~~the~~ of our present constitution, we may, should a majority of our membership decide that the political exigencies make such course desirable, not only support candidates under the Republican column but secure for them the support of the great majority of our membership, including even those who are not Republican and would hesitate about joining a "Progressive Republican League".

I am confident you fully recognize the spirit of my own work, and I earnestly hope that you will think sufficiently highly of my judgment and disinterestedness to very carefully consider the matter before giving any support to the idea of a "Progressive Republican League" which is built around various local La Follette leaders and represents simply the old type of political organization. I am one who has a very high regard for what Senator LaFolletter stands for and has stood for in American public life, and my whole desire is to strengthen his power, not to weaken it; but I am intensely convinced that any movement will fail which is identified with a one-man personality, or indeed which primarily centers around personality at all. I know a very considerable number of our Wisconsin COMMITTEE OF 48 members who are rather luke-warm or absolutely opposed to Senator LaFollette, yet our referendum showed an almost unanimous choice of him for president and of his candidates for state offices.

I wish we could have a chance to talk these matters over face to face, for I think that a grave injury will be done if the COMMITTEE OF 48 fails to stand united and devoted to the ideal of a non-partisan (as far as the old parties are concerned) and non-personal organization of all true liberals in the interest of the promotion of liberalism.

Hastily but most sincerely

AJS.SRH

Arthur J. Swett.
State Chairman.

Will send you receipt for your remittance of $5.00 within a few days. Thank you.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE
64 West Randolph Street, Chicago

B U L L E T I N

D e c e m b e r
twentieth, 1920

A Short Course in Trade Unionism

At the request of some union women, Miss Alice Henry, secretary of the Educational Department of the National Women's Trade Union League, purposes offering a short, intensive, full-time course in trade unionism, especially planned to suit the needs of girl who are already in the labor movement, and want to know their own movement better.

It is intended to open the course on Monday, December 27th, and have it run for three weeks. There will be daily classes in the history of the labor movement, and the connection of women with industry and trade unionism, talks with practical demonstrations on "How an Organizer Works", and brief and simple lessons in the conduct of meetings, how to put motions, and write resolutions, correspond with officials and employers, draft trade union agreements, and handle a wage scale satisfactorily and intelligently. The cost for each girl has been carefully estimated and all details given wide publicity through Illinois and the surrounding states.

Sex Discrimination Protested

Such obvious sex discrimination was shown by the Illinois Civil Service Commission in filling a vacancy on the Illinois Industrial Commission that a flood of protests by wire and letter poured into the office of the Commission and of the Governor, from all the leading women's organizations of Illinois and even from other states. The result was that on December 1st the Industrial Commission laid aside its prejudice against women as arbitrators and appointed Miss Harriet Reid of Springfield, whose name stood highest on the list of eligibles. This is the first instance in Illinois of a woman holding such a position.

The appointment had previously been denied because she was a woman, the excuse being that it was not a fit place for her to fill. Her counterclaim was that many women employed in various industries would prefer a woman arbitrator, and further that it is no more "immodest or indelicate" for a woman to be arbitrator and hear the testimony regarding injured men than it is for men to hear similar testimony regarding injured women.

Miss Reid passed the Civil Service examination in July, 1918, with a grade of ninety-three, standing No. 9 on the eligible list, and competing with some seventy men, the majority of whom were lawyers.

Clinton Committee, N. W. T. U. L.

A Committee of the National Women's Trade Union League has been formed in Clinton, Iowa. A call came from the Central Labor Body that a representative be sent to organize. Miss Emma Steghagen, National Secretary-Treasurer, made the trip and organized a committee of forty-one members, all of whom are eager to enlarge this membership and to do good work. The organization committee of the Central Labor Union is giving excellent help.

An Affiliation from the Virgin Islands

A Federal Union of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, U.S.A., has just affiliated with the National Women's Trade Union League. This organization is composed of women who are cooks, laundresses, and other workers. The membership numbers 450.

The Glove Workers Co-operative

The Co-operative Glove Workers Association which grew out of the glove workers strike, is operating its own glove factory. The stock so far has been bought by the individual members of the Glove Workers' Unions, and by the two local unions themselves. The factory is located at 1749 N. Winchester Avenue, Chicago. The entire equipment is paid for and the factory starts out with no debts.

The factory is managed by a board of five directors, of which Miss Agnes Nestor is president. The plan is to manufacture workmen's gloves and mittens and to sell through the co-operative stores throughout the country. All gloves will of course carry the union label.

Publications of the Women's Bureau

The Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., will supply without cost any of the following bulletins or charts upon application:

Bulletins:

No. 1. Proposed Employment of Women During the War in the Industries of Niagara Falls, N. Y. 16 pp. 1918.
No. 2. Labor Laws for Women in Industry in Indiana. 29 pp. 1918.
No. 3. Standards for the Employment of Women in Industry. 7 pp. 1919.
No. 4. Wages of Candy Makers in Philadelphia in 1919. 46 pp. 1919.
No. 5. The Eight-hour Day in Federal and State Legislation. 19 pp. 1919.
No. 6. The Employment of Women in Hazardous Industries in the United States. 8 pp. 1919.
No. 7. Night-Work Laws in the United States. 4 pp. 1919
No. 8. Women in the Government Service. 37 pp. 1920.
No. 9. Home Work in Bridgeport, Connecticut. 35 pp. 1920.
No.10. Hours and Conditions of Work for Women in Industry in Virginia. 32 pp. 1920.
No.11. Women Street Car Conductors and Ticket Agents. 1920.
No.12. The New Position of Women in American Industry. 158 pp. 1920.
No.13. Industrial Opportunities and Training for Women and Girls. 40 pp. 1920.
Second Annual Report of the Director.

Charts:

No. I. Eight-Hour and Eight-and-a-half hour Laws for Women Workers.
No. II. Nine-Hour Laws for Women Workers.
No. III. Ten-Hour Laws for Women Workers.
No. IV. Ten-and-a-Quarter Hour, Ten-and-a-Half Hour, Eleven-hour, and Twelve-Hour Laws for Women Workers.
No. V. Weekly Hour Laws for Women Workers.
No. VI. (In preparation).
No. VII. Night-Work Laws for Women Workers.

Charts, cont.

No. VIII. Homework Laws for Women.
No. IX. Minimum Wage Legislation in the United States - April, 1920, 3 sections.
No. X. Mothers' Pension Laws in the United States. 4 sections.

The Cost of a Pair of Shoes

In 1905 the labor cost in a pair of shoes was 60 - 1/5¢. Fourteen years later, in 1919, the labor cost was $1.02. In other words, in fourteen years labor secured an increase of 40¢ per pair of shoes. In 1905 the total cost of the shoes was $2.384 per pair. In 1919 the total cost was $8.026. Of this total increase of $5.642 in cost, labor received 40¢, the remainder going to the leather trust. The shoes on which these cost prices are figured retail at $14.00 to the consumer, who is told that the increase of some 250 per cent is due to labor's demands. The laborer has actually received about 66 per cent increase.

Many Women Employed

In a survey of women in industry in Virginia by the Women's Bureau of the Federal Department of Labor, it is stated that in 148 establishments in that State, employing 34,915 workers, over one-half are women. The number is 18,871, or 53.8 per cent of the total. It is estimated that there are 226,000 wage earning women in Virginia.

In the plants investigated there is almost a total absence of any health or accident records. In 89 establishments, employing more than 8,000 women, no proper equipment was found for the treatment of injuries or illness. In a plant where girls were running power machines a bottle of turpentine and some old rags were the only "first aid" kit found, excepting a "colic cure" to be indiscriminately used by the foreman. It is declared that poor working conditions and long hours are not the only things that these wage earning women have to contend with, but that "their responsibilities and their struggle to make two ends meet are an additional strain on their vitality". The investigators did not survey wages, but their report on home conditions of the women is an indictment of wages paid.

1921 This certifies that No. 4

Ada L. James

of Richland County, Wisconsin,

is a member of

THE COMMITTEE of 48

(or any organization successor thereto)

for the calendar year 1921

This card is valid only if signed by State Chairman and countersigned by the person whose name appears above. Any erasure invalidates this card.

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Wisconsin State Chairman

Countersigned:

The committee of 48

WISCONSIN STATE ORGANIZATION

Dec. 21, 1920. (Date)

No 120

Received from Rda L. James (Name of Donor)

of Richland Center (P. O. Address), Wisconsin, the sum of

Two ——— (Amount) Dollars, to be devoted, under the direction of THE COMMITTEE OF 48, Wisconsin State Organization, to the work of organizing the liberal sentiment of Wisconsin for effective political influence.

THE COMMITTEE OF 48, Wisconsin State Organization,

$2.00 (Amount) +1921 Membership Fee

By Arthur J. Sweet.

Calidonia Dec 26. 2

Dear Chife James

I am answering your Letter more promptly than usual, I have a little time tonight I may not have time again for some time, Our Last man Left us on Friday and Roy and I are alone as far as male help is concerned on the big farm, It taker us nearly all day to do the chores and there is a great deal of marketing to be done, and many things besides that I would like to have done and which should be done before the Legislature convenes, Our County Board meets on Jan 5th and Governor Philipps has appointed me as a Delegate to a National Conference on Public Parks, to be held at De Moine Iowa on Jan 10th 11. It will not be possible for me to attend, it would conflict with my being present at the opening of the Legislative Session. I have observed that a great many miner are placed, and wires pulled before the Legislature is called at noon the second Wednesday in Jan. I want to be present while this is going on I believe we will have as important and long drawn out Session as ever convened in Minn. I did not know that I was to Lead the fight on the taxation bills. I am determined that something must be done in conjunction with the University and Normal School appropriations; for our Common Sch— I believe your head is quite big enough to understand what I want and I am confident that you will approve of my plan in this direction

I am also confident that I can explain it to you but perhaps not with words of one sylable, but is it necessary to confine myself to only words of one Sylable? By Constitutional Amendment the people of Wisconsin declared in 1912 in favor of collecting a part of our revenue by a tax upon Income, The next Legislature passed the present Income Tax Law, which rate have never been changed, while the taxes upon property are now about four times as great as they were when the Income Tax Law was passed in 1913. For many years Wisconsin has been collecting by tax upon property 7/10 of one mill for the partial support of of our Common Schools" this is a general tax over all property in the State, and apportione among the different schools according to the number of scholars betwe the ages of 4 and 20 years residing in the different Districts. A tax of 3/8 of one mill has in like manner been collected for the support of the University, and a 1/6 mill tax for the support of our Normal Schools. These mill Taxes have long since been inadequate to support our school as well as our Institutions of higher Education, and our Schools have been supported by a direct tax upon property for the remainder an the University and Normal Schools by appropriations from the General Fund of Wisconsin, Governor Philipp the called the Legislature in Special Session, on May 25--20 the principal reason for which was to raise the University mill Tax from 3/8 to 5/8 and the Normal School fr 2 1/2 to a 1/2 mill tax. No mention however to raise the 7/10 mill tax for the Common Sch

This was in spite of the fact that he the Governor during all his campaign had promised the people that in case he were elected, he would do something for our Rural Schools, nothing can be considered at a Special Session unless it is encorporated in the Governors Call, and the legislature could do nothing for the County Schools at that time.

The Senate and Assembly appropriated the sum required and asked for by the Governor, but instead of placing the tax upon property they placed it upon a Sur Tax upon Excess Profits, this bill was promptly vetoed by Governor Philipp. One of the reasons given for the veto was that he believed this was too important and far reach a question to be decided at a Special Session, This question will come up in a very acute form at the coming Session, and I propose that the 7/10 mill tax be increased to a mill and one half, the 3/8 to 5/8 and the 1/6 to a 1/3, and all to be collected by a Sur Tax upon Excess Profits, over and above what is now collected upon profits.

The only way to improve the Marketing law is to repeal it, and pass an entire new one, The demand for a Marketing law became irresistable, and a Committee was appointed to draft one at the 1917 Session, no farmer was placed upon this Committee, nor was one wanted, the simple purpose was to gain two years without any law and the whole question was put over until the 1919 Session.

The Committee did a fine Job, they recomended a bill for passage destitute of teeth; and to make their Job complete, "after the bill became a Law and appropriation of $50000. made" a man was selected, popular though he is, but one who is at least 100 sizes to small. No improvement can be made it must be repealed. A woman Director would be wasting her energies upon the present Law The inequalities in prices, in different Localities, on different articles as you quote them, are Legitimate feilds for a Marketing Law, Figuring out the cost of production on farm products is the wildest kind of a dream, and any one subject to such dreams should have his head examined. Perhaps it will interest you to know how we raised those fun for Columbia Co simply by a direct tax $5500. was our alottment A Resolution was introduced at the Meeting of our County Board. I made every Member go on record, and won by a substancial Majority nothing has pleased me more for some time. No one escapes by this Metho I would enjoy being at the Enaugeration but must forego the pleasure. I have no Love for Communism, and no time for Free Love, but have been somewhat seriously considering a proposition made by a resident of Colorado to the Governor of that State, It is that farmers be alowed to have two wiv by giving farmers this priveledge, he believes that the farm Labor problem as well as the high cost of Living will be completely solved Very sincerely

Geo Standenmayer

$750,000

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FOR THE STARVING CHILDREN OF GERMANY

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Milwaukee,
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COUNTY QUOTAS

ADAMS	$ 200
CHIPPEWA	2200
CLARK	2200
COLUMBIA	5500
CRAWFORD	500
DANE	12000
DODGE	8500
DOOR	1200
DOUGLAS	5000
DUNN	800
EAU CLAIRE	3000
FLORENCE	100
FOND DU LAC	12500
FOREST	100
GRANT	4000
GREEN	3500
GREEN LAKE	2500
IOWA	2800
IRON	200
JACKSON	800
JEFFERSON	5000
JUNEAU	500
KENOSHA	12000
KEWAUNEE	3000
LA CROSSE	7500
LA FAYETTE	2800
LANGLADE	1000
LINCOLN	700
MANITOWOC	12000

COUNTY QUOTAS

MARATHON	$ 6000
OZAUKEE	2000
PEPIN	200
PIERCE	1200
POLK	1200
PORTAGE	2000
PRICE	200
RACINE	15000
RICHLAND	800
ROCK	11000
RUSK	200
ST. CROIX	1200
SAUK	3500
SAWYER	100
SHAWANO	3000
SHEBOYGAN	12500
TAYLOR	100
TREMPEALEAU	1500
VERNON	1500
VILAS	100
WALWORTH	5500
WASHBURN	200
WASHINGTON	4000
WAUKESHA	5500
WAUPACA	3000
WAUSHARA	700
WINNEBAGO	15000
WOOD	3500

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th enclosing checks for $142.00 and $100.00 for the German Children's Relief Fund, which amounts will be credited to Richland County.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

E. J. Kearney

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HCB

It Should be One Million—Read Carefully the Other Side.

WISCONSIN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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December 29, 1920.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

Your letter of December 3 was received but became "snowed under."

I appreciate your frankness as to your attitude toward the work of the League but of course can not believe that you would consider that all appointments should be made from one party or section of a party. The League did not go so far as to recommend Miss Copp but did suggest her name to Mr. Blaine as a woman of experience and well able to fill that position. It was the concensus of opinion of even the more, shall I say radical members of our Board, that Miss Copp is unusually well qualified. I doubt very much if any one expected to agree with her in all instances and even if such a suggestion had been put to a referendum vote of the members of the League, the results would not have been pleasing to every individual. I do believe you will find that the plan of the League is really worth while and that the results will mean better government. I think you will agree with me that the cooperation of eleven large National organizations of women under the able leadership of Mrs. Maud Wood Park will mean much for progressive legislation in Washington. As of course you know, thru their efforts the Sheppard-Towner bill has passed the Senate and the situation in the House is hopeful.

I trust the New Year will bring much joy to you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Hamilton

(Mrs. C. C. Hamilton)
Executive Secretary.

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If no class of service is designated the telegram will be transmitted as a fast day message.

COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

James Thompson,
La Crosse, Wis.

Will you please state whether or not you are in favor of the federal suffrage amendment now pending in the United States Senate we feel sure of your loyalty to democracy but would very much appreciate a statement from you.

Ada L. James
State Chairman of the Woman's Party.

Same to Jos. Janes—
Hotel Pfister
Milwaukee,

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Dr. Chas. McCarthy
Madison, Wis.

We know you as a good friend of suffrage will you please make a statement on the federal amendment now pending in the United States Senate?

Ada L. James

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Mr.Jos. Davies,
Hotel Pfister,
Milwaukee,Wis.

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Ada L. James.

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October 5, 1920.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

Your letter of Sunday morning is received with interest.

I must confess that Richland Center seems to be doing a marvelously fine work along the line of informing the new voters. However, it does do anybody a great deal of good to come in contact with a woman of Alice Curtis's caliber, and perhaps look at things from a little different angle, even though it may not be a better one than they have done before.

This question of citizenship is such a very broad one that I am inclined to feel that Alice Curtis could bring something new and inspiring even to Richland Center.

I cannot tell you just exactly what Miss Curtis's outline of study is, but she is in Antigo this week, and if you cared to communicate with her you could get in touch with her through Mrs. R. B. Johns of Antigo.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Hamilton

(Mrs. C. C. Hamilton)
Executive Secretary.

"In Union there is strength!" The women of Wisconsin need to work together to make any impression. You will be interested in the enclosed questionnaire sent to all candidates returns to be tabulated, sent to members of League & the press.
R. H

[Enclosed in Hamilton to James, Oct. 5, 1920]

State candidates

WISCONSIN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
268 Plankington Arcade
Milwaukee, Wis.

These are the questions the women are asking us.

1. Do you believe in more stringent laws regulating campaign expenses?	Yes ___	No ___
2. Do you believe in raising the child labor age limit from 14 to 16 years for full time employment?	Yes ___	No ___
3. Do you endorse citizenship instruction in all departments of public schools?	Yes ___	No ___
4. Do you endorse citizenship instruction for foreign born?	Yes ___	No ___
5. Do you believe the English language should be the basic language in all grade and high schools in the state?	Yes ___	No ___
6. If elected, will you support enactment and enforcement of legislation to prevent excess profits by eliminating unfair competition and control of the necessities of life?	Yes ___	No ___
7. Regarding women in gainful occupations, do you advocate		
(a) The adequate maintenance of joint federal and state employment service with women's departments under technically qualified women?	Yes ___	No ___
(b) A reclassification of state Civil Service with the merit system, free from discrimination on grounds of sex, the salary schedule to be determined by the skill demanded for the work, and not below the cost of living?	Yes ___	No ___
8. In respect to public health and morals, do you advocate the continuance of appropriations to carry on an active campaign		
(a) For the prevention of venereal disease?	Yes ___	No ___
(b) For the public education in sex hygiene?	Yes ___	No ___
9. Do you believe the Volsted act should be upheld?	Yes ___	No ___