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January 10, 1918

Henry Allen Cooper, Racine, Republican YEA  
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John M. Nelson, Madison, Republican, YEA  
William J. Cary, Milwaukee, Republican Not voting  
William H. Stafford, Milwaukee, Republican NAY  
James H. Davidson, Oshkosh, Republican YEA  
John H. Esch, LaCrosse, Republican YEA  
Edward E. Browne, Waupaca, Republican YEA  
David G. Glasson, Oconto, Republican YEA  
James A. Frear, Hudson, Republican YEA  
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January 10, 1918.

Ada L. James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of January 7th urging support of the woman suffrage amendment which is to be brought up for consideration in the House today, just received.

In reply I am pleased to assure you that I shall vote for the above amendment, as will a majority of the Members of the House representing the State of Wisconsin. We feel confident that the amendment will be passed by the necessary two-thirds vote.

With kindest regards and thanking you for your expression of views, I remain,

Yours very truly,



*Passed House this  
evening, by vote of 274 to 137-*

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Mrs Ada L. James,

Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Mrs James;

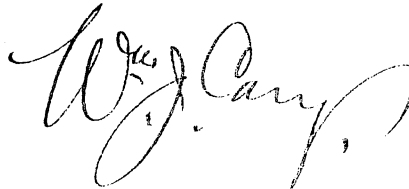
Your letter of the 7th duly received and the contents of the same I have carefully noted.

Undoubtedly you are unaware that I have been confined to my Washington residence since the convening of this session through illness, and have been unable to participate in any of the legislative measures that have been brought to the attention of Congress.

Today, the House is considering the suffrage amendment, and I am unable to be present during the deliberations of this bill, however, if the doctor will permit me, I shall be more than glad to be present, and present your communication as an expression of the woman of Wisconsin.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,



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January 15, 1918.

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

Now that the national suffrage amendment has passed the House of Representatives we must concentrate our energies throughout the country on its speedy passage by the Senate. We are in a wonderfully hopeful position for winning its submission to the state legislatures this session of Congress, before the autumn elections.

Our poll of the Senate shows we have fifty-five certain votes out of the sixty-two necessary for passage, allowing for vacancies. We must, therefore, gain seven more votes than we now have.

As was shown when the amendment passed the House, the President can do more than anyone else to secure its passage in the Senate. Will you not have as many telegrams and letters as possible sent to him from individuals and organizations, urging him to do all in his power to secure its passage by the Senate?

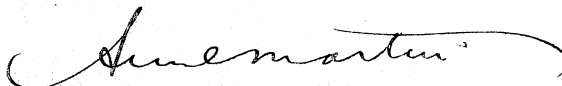
It is also most important to have many letters and telegrams sent immediately to the Vice-President, to majority leader Senator Thomas Martin, to minority leader Senator Jacob Gallinger, to Senator Jones of New Mexico, Chairman of the Woman Suffrage Committee, and to the two senators from your state.

Under separate cover I am sending you some petition blanks and resolution forms. Please have resolutions adopted by suffrage committees and organizations and by as many other men's and women's organizations as possible, urging speedy and favorable action in the Senate. Please circulate the petitions also, and have copies of both petitions and resolutions sent promptly to the President, to both your senators requesting one senator to read them into the Congressional Record, and to the Vice-President and the senators mentioned above. It would be very helpful if you would write to the representatives from your state who supported the amendment thanking them and asking them to urge the members of their party in the Senate to do all they can to complete our victory there.

Please secure publicity in your newspapers concerning the work accomplished. It would be helpful to know how much pressure along the lines requested you have been able to bring, and we hope you will let us know.

With appreciation of all you have done,

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman Legislative Department.

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January 24, 1918

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Miss Vernon informs us that while she was away from Washington, a letter came to her from you stating that you would like an organizer to work in Wisconsin before the vote was taken in the House, and suggesting that she come for two weeks. Miss Vernon says that you offered to have the fifty dollars which have been pledged from Wisconsin for the federal amendment work used in this way. She tells us that she immediately forwarded the letter to our Washington headquarters. It has never reached here, however.

I am writing now to ask whether you would still be able to have an organizer. It seems to me it is not worthwhile for one to go for less than a month, as the expense of the trip from Washington to Wisconsin is rather great. We shall be glad to have any money which Wisconsin is expecting to give toward the federal work used toward organizing its own state. The branches which have organizers usually pay their travelling expenses from Washington to the state and back again, and in addition pay their salary of a hundred dollars a month while in the state, their carfare when travelling about in

the state and any additional personal expenses which they are put to by travelling. If your branch cannot undertake all of this, do you think it could undertake to finance an organizer if we paid her travelling expenses to Wisconsin.

We hope very earnestly that it will be possible for you to keep some organizer in Wisconsin for at least a month if you are not able to have one permanently. We need to have the organization developed by congressional districts and counties as rapidly as possible, not only for the senatorial campaign but also in order to make the ratification work easier. I would suggest that you or someone on your state committee, or an organizer whom you engage, go from congressional district to congressional district holding a conference in each one at which a district committee should be elected, and then take up the same work by counties until all the congressional districts and counties are organized.

We do not know when the vote will be taken in the Senate. It will probably not be for several weeks. We hope your branch will work incessantly on letters and telegrams and petitions to the President and to the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate (Senators Martin and Gallinger). Since your own Senator is friendly, it is not necessary, of course, to expend energy upon him, but you can do a great deal by showing evidence of interest in your state to the President, and he is, after all, the one who can do more than anyone else in putting the resolution through the Senate.

Miss Martin has already written you in detail concerning the legislative situation, and has sent you by parcel post petition blanks and form resolutions. These may not have reached you, however, owing to the congested condition of the mails, so I am enclosing a sample petition blank and form resolution. You can use these as samples in case you desire to have them printed locally.

Please have your treasurer sent us each week a list of contributions made to your state treasury so we can put them on the back page of the Suffragist. We do not want the money sent, but merely a list of the contributions. I think this will be an aid in stimulating contributions in your state and help us with Congress by giving evidence of our financial strength. A number of our branches send us these reports regularly, but we have not received any from our Wisconsin treasurer.

Very sincerely yours,

*Alice Paul*

National Chairman.

AP/G.



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CONGRESSIONAL UNION

Date Jan. 25, 1918.

Name of { Representative Senator	State	Position on S. B. A. Amendment	Place of interview
	Wis.	Favorable <u>YES</u>	S. B. O.
Senator La Follette	Dist.-----	Non-Committal -----	Purpose of Interview To secure state- ment as to prospect etc.
	Party	Opposed -----	
		Position on State Suffrage	

Interviewed by Betty Gram and Jessica Granville-Smith Address Headquarters.

Exact Statement and Remarks

"This is not for publication but confidentially as far as I can see you have the vote in the Senate cinched. I think the Senate would not dare defeat the Suffrage Amendment this far along in its development. I shall do all I can for it and I have talked much with Senator Borah about it. I feel that he will come over to your way way when the vote is taken. I feel quite confident that there are others too that will join the ranks at the last possible moment. It seems that Senator Wadsworth will vote for it but if the Domestic ties are too binding maybe not. I shall do all the private work I possibly can for you. I should think it advisable to have the vote come up within the next two months before campaign troubles are upon us."

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February 4, 1918.

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center,  
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

Enclosed is the latest report brought in by our lobbyists from your senator, as a guide to your work to secure not only his vote but his active support of the national suffrage amendment in the Senate.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ames Martin*  
Chairman, Legislative Department.

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Jan. 26, 1918.

Miss Ada James,

National Woman's Party,

Richland Centre, Wis.

Dear Miss James-

I have been wanting to write you of my unexpected departure for Washington December 3rd, and of my interesting contact with the Woman's Party during my month here - altho' I arrived too late to represent our Wisconsin group in any formal way at the Woman's Party Conference, having been called home suddenly on account of the death of my aunt. I was able, however, to attend the inspiring mass meeting of the Woman's Party, with all the prisoners on the stage, and to have some very satisfying talks with Miss Paul. The Victory in the House I attribute almost wholly to her fine and powerful leadership and I expect that same leadership to see us through the Senate.

It is in connection with a letter from Miss Paul today that I am writing you - altho I wanted to have a little talk with you anyway. Miss Paul asks me to discuss with you the possibility of maintaining an organizer in this state for a month as soon as possible. She feels this would bring further pressure upon the Administration now and would also break the way for ratification. It would cost travelling expenses from Washington, a salary of \$100 and organizing expenses in the state. My heart is absolutely in Woman's Party work, as far as Suffrage is concerned, but my days are given to Stout

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Jan. 26th

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and my trip East has just about used up my financial margin. Nevertheless I think somehow we could undertake to raise something here if enough strength could be mustered in a number of places to make our quota not too large. What do you think? Wont you write me something about possibilities?

I shall be glad in any case to get more closely in touch with you. Two new members of the Woman's Party in Menomonie, and valuable ones, are Miss Gladys Harvey ( who goes to New York next month) and Miss Christine Halseth, one of our librarians in Stout.

Hoping to hear from you,

I am, Sincerely yours,

*Mary Burt Messer*

*P.S. I am not using this paper officially, needless to say, in connection with The Woman's Party.*

1235 Lincoln Ave

St Paul Jan 9. 1918

Dear Ada,

Please excuse pencil  
it is much easier for me, and  
I hope will not be difficult for  
your young eyes. I was so  
glad of your Christmas letter  
& gift - thank you for both but  
the letter was enough - we made  
no presents this year (at Xmas)  
and may never again.

Every bit of your letter was so  
interesting & especially that about  
the Woman's Party. Maybe all of  
our active members of the time

but after the picketing led to  
so much friction, some of us  
said we thought it better to quit  
& wait for congressional action.  
You know patriotism grew hot  
& heavy & no one could be con-  
sidered sane in this country who  
did not wear a flag & wave an-  
thers. Occasionally some picketers  
would come to the League & give  
their experience, as Mrs Colwin  
would ask to speak & tell us the  
latest thrills. Then two or three  
of the women I had got into the  
Club would shake their heads  
& say they were afraid we were  
harboring traitors to the country.  
No other would say "I wish  
Mrs Colwin could be shut up in

gail with handcuffs on."  
For the meantime the papers  
were saying that Sen. Wilson  
had said if the picketing did  
not stop he should make & support  
the Fed. amendment.

The League Pres. had written to  
him & telegraphed to him & got  
no answer. So I wrote to him.  
Got an answer as quick as it  
could come - two pages & his  
signature - promised to support  
the amendment, but seemed  
to think I could do something  
to make those girls quit.

The day after I read it - I went  
to League early - the board was  
holding a meeting & I went to  
the doors & told them what I had  
& read it to them - then they

wanted me to read that & then  
wished that I should read both  
at open meeting. I will copy  
it as near as I can remember  
on another sheet (McFarland's stole  
both from me) A few weeks after  
they held an extra meeting to  
vote whether any one should  
be allowed to speak for the  
Woman's Party - of course I spoke  
for free speech & said if the Equal  
Amn. did not pass in next session  
I would go to Wash. & picket  
& said the day free speech was lost  
Germany had won. Bartlett was a  
packed meeting - dozens of women  
whom I had never seen at any  
meetings were there & joy to vote  
All of them frantic & lay down.

I am glad Mabel picked  
if you & she were surprised  
Mabel will have something  
to remember it all by.

You know mothers of the part  
used to say "That was the year John  
was born - that was the summer Nellie  
was teaching &c. My mother used  
to say "the year your father preached  
in Wales town &c" And P. - the Pease  
house - the Shelly house. the James  
house - & by the way watch out  
we have moved to the Hill we  
are living at 1235 Lincoln &  
don't let it get outlamed.

My dear Laura James's daughter  
just as dear.

C. V. Langston



3 x voted for a \$2,000,000  
school bond + it passed + would  
not without their votes  
Some anti-suffragists who had  
declared they would never vote  
because they could burn their  
husbands - found their husbands  
were not strong enough to carry  
it alone - and they voted.  
Bless them! They voted as  
all will when we have the  
privilege - the right - the duty.

Sincerely yours  
Charlotte V Gayton.

Senator Nelson

Dear friend

I say this earnestly  
for so I have learned to consider  
you as a true friend of suffrage.

But recently I have heard a  
rumor that you will refuse to vote  
for the Federal Amendment  
because of the action of a small  
body of women, daughters & grand-  
daughters of women who have  
worked & waited for sixty  
years for the right to have their  
opinions counted.

But why consider them alone  
when there are hosts of women  
just as eager, just as determined

accept an old woman's advice  
take the other road & escape  
the quarts. Do not condemn  
all women because you do not  
approve the measures of a few.

I do not like the Shields  
bill yet I would not help to  
create public opinion against  
our noble, true, tried Minor-  
sote senators because he at one  
time advocated the bill.

I would trust him & wait -  
& if then he proved untrue to  
his past - I would not then  
condemn all senators be-  
cause one had failed us.

Women here recently worked

2<sup>nd</sup> So at the State Convention I was  
not a delegate for the first time  
But Laura was - she is quiet &  
does not tell all she knows.

Mrs Colvin resigned as teacher  
of Red Cross nursing & said she  
would devote her entire time to  
suffrage. Soon after that when  
Alice Paul was in jail I sent a  
telegram to the Pres. He may have  
seen it - but he did just  
what I told him to. I believe  
letters & telegrams do help - if  
he has so many that he can't  
see them - he can feel them.

I hear from Wanda about  
four times a year. Christmas last  
time - well. I'm going to send her  
your letter when I write - I know she  
will enjoy it but would not write to  
her.

who do not follow their policy  
I do not believe in practicing at  
the present time but the effect  
it produces, reminds me of an  
event of my girlhood.

In going with my father to a  
little town, we passed through  
a thickly wooded section where  
our horse was made perfectly  
frantic by the stings of insects  
How I dreaded the return -  
but we went back by another  
road without friction.

A less loving father, a less  
kind horse man would have  
returned by the old road.

Bart Senatus Nelson

[ca. 1918, JAN.]

National Woman's Party,  
Press Department,  
SPECIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN.

Suffrage is as obviously a party issue in the Senate as it was in the House.

More than two-thirds of the Republicans have already pledged their votes. Exactly fifty percent of the Democrats are pledged. Republican leaders point out and Democratic members admit that it is again "up to" the Democratic Party, to secure enough votes to pass the amendment, or take responsibility for its defeat. Both parties recognize that a favorable vote in one House neither wins them credit nor clears them of responsibility.

Miss Maud Younger and Miss Anne Martin, in charge of the persistent lobby of the National Woman's Party, find that suffrage is already backed by the solid votes of twenty states. These states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming and Nevada.

From Nebraska, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Utah, and Maine, one Senator is pledged. Senator Borah of Idaho is the only Senator from a suffrage state who has not yet agreed to use his vote to secure National enfranchisement for the women of Idaho and of all the other states.

Seven of the 23 states who gave a solid vote in the House are not yet pledged to give the votes of both Senators, but the expectation is that they will not spoil their reputation on the first vote by dividing on the test.

The inroad to the South which the House vote showed suffrage has made in the last three years is emphasized by the line up in the Senate. Senators from eight southern states have declared in favor of the federal amendment, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Maryland, West Virginia, and Arkansas.

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President Wilson's declaration in favor of federal suffrage at the time of the vote in the House is exerting a converting influence on the Senate.

Mr Wilcox, chairman National Republican Committee, said, January 17, "I hope the Republicans of the Senate will come up to the scratch and that every Republican will vote for it."

Senator Phelan of California who actively opposed the amendment a year ago, says now: --"I was elected to carry out President Wilson's program, and now that he has spoken in favor of the amendment I will galdly give it my vote."

Senator Jones of Washington, makes this statement:--

"Unless a man has conscientious convictions against the resolution I think he would be fully justified to subordinate his judgment to the judgment of the great majority and submit this question to the states for approval or disapproval in accordance with the provision of the constitution. It is going to come and we can well afford now to accede to the overwhelming desire of the country to have the question submitted for vote.

War conditions also have revised many opinions on the question of suffrage for women.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma, stated: "To help democratize the world, to democratize the nation, and, above all, to democratize the war, I shall vote for the national suffrage amendment."

Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, and Senators Goff and Sutherland of West Va., have recently changed their positions from non-committal" to "Favorable".

Suffrage speakers and organizers are going out over the country from the Woman's Party headquarters to hold protest meetings in the states the Senators of which are still non-committal.

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[ca. 1918, FEB. 2]

Dear Ade:-

I don't feel the call -  
I do not want to fail you  
in anything which interests  
you - but I am quite  
certain that my own personal  
service does not lie here -  
I do not stick to my  
specialty, nobody else  
will! - My whole preparation

There are other points  
about it which we will  
discuss sometime - soon.  
Hope!

and instruct are for writing,  
and I believe that this is  
what I must do. The  
correspondence, meetings, calls  
and all I found took  
all that I had to give  
when I was doing civic work  
and that is why I dropped  
everything else. -

Please understand -  
and please forgive me for  
not being with you in act  
- as in spirit.

Faithfully yours,  
M. S. G.



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Feb. 2, 1918.

Ada L. James,

Richland Center, Wis.

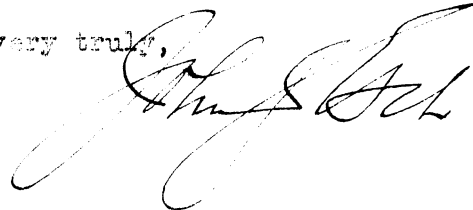
My dear Madam:

Yours of January 30th informing me that at the last meeting of your Woman's Club, you were asked to write thanking me for my support of the woman suffrage amendment, just received.

I wish to assure you, and through you the members of your Club, that I sincerely appreciate this expression of approval of my course, and for your good wishes as to my political future I am very grateful.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,



# House of Representatives

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Feb. 4, 1918

Mrs. Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your note on behalf of the Womans' Club commending me for my support of the federal suffrage amendment. I very greatly appreciate this endorsement.

Very sincerely,



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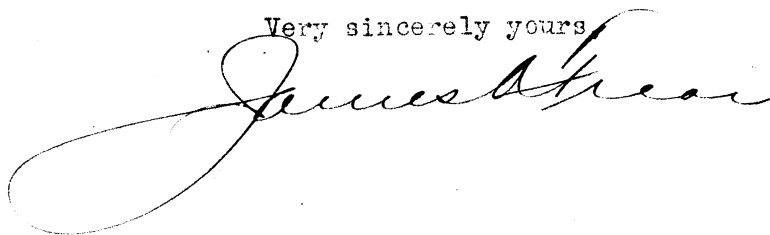
Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center,  
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

I thank you very much for your kind words and they will be carried to Mrs. Frear. We often think of you and your folks in Richland Center. I was speaking of David James the other day. I have not forgotten our trip down South some years ago, and also remember very pleasantly your calls at the office in Madison.

With best wishes to you and all your people in Richland Center, and thanking you for your letter, I am

Very sincerely yours



National Woman's Party,  
Press Room,  
February 7, 1918.,  
For release on receipt.

(Use signed or unsigned  
as preferred.)

When a suffragist goes Lobbying.  
by Beulah Amidon.

In the Senate offices, in the corridors, in the ante-room in the subway to the Capitol, Senators and suffrage lobbyists discuss the federal amendment.

Since the suffrage victory in the House, when the President has declared himself in favor of the amendment. Suffragists have packed away their picket banners. We are concentrating all our energy on the Senate.

"In the old days I always knew the suffragists because they came out of the Senator's offices so soon after they went in, and they looked mighty discouraged about it. But now they stay in sometimes an hour, and they nearly always come out smiling. If the things I see mean anything, you are going to win this time."

It was an old guide, who shows tourists the Crossing of the Delaware and the echoing stone, who cheered me with this bit of wisdom. He had rightly sensed the change that has taken place. Suffrage has risen full upon the political horizon as an issue to be reckoned with, and more and more politicians are realizing that those who support it, support themselves in future campaigns, and so are placing themselves in the "yea" column.

Significant indeed was the party line-up when the vote was taken in the House. 83% of the Republicans votes "yes", and made possible a suffrage victory, in spite of the fact that only 50% of the Democrats voted for the measure. Republican support is equally strong in the Senate, where 70% of the Republicans and just 50% of the Democrats have pledged their votes.

Perhaps these figures explain the change the guide had noticed. At any rate, I found there was no need for the trepidation that possessed me when I knocked my first knock on the imposing door of a Senator's office, not daring to "walk right in," as I soon learned was the thing to do.

As soon as I mentioned my errand, I found that "suffrage amendment" was a veritable "Open Sesame" to the sanctum sanctorum where the Senator himself receives you.

I had fortified myself with all sorts of arguments and facts, but I found that I did not need them. What the Senator wants to know is how many votes are pledged, and what side of the House they are on.

Senator Sherman, the first Senator I interviewed, was a friendly one, whose help was needed in bringing around some of his recalcitrant brethren. He gave it eagerly.

"Republican Senators cannot afford to have the resolution defeated," he said, "Neither can the Democrats. The responsibility cannot be evaded. I hope for the amendment as an act of justice."

Lobbying means hours of tramping up and down the ever lengthening corridors in the Office Building. Sometimes the men are in committee, sometimes in solemn conference. But persistence and the magic word eventually gives a lobbyist a chance to talk suffrage with any Senator.

When the Senate is in session the process of reaching a Senator is to write your name on a card in the ornate ante room, and hand it to a courteous young man, then run quickly upstairs to see one of the little pages deliver your message. The Senator does not hesitate. He reads the card, straightens his tie---- they are only human, these men make our laws, and by the time you have hastened down the marble steps, he is waiting to extend a cordial hand in the reception room.

Senator Vardaman of Mississippi was the first Southerner I interviewed, and the first Senator I called out of session to talk suffrage. I was all ready with states rights and negro problem arguments, but Senator Vardaman saved me the trouble.

"I believe," he said, that the influence of women at the ballot box will save the world from destruction. Instead of equal suffrage complicating the race problem, I believe that women will help solve this difficult question in the South."

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February 15, 1918.

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

It is extremely probable that the suffrage amendment will be taken up in the Senate when the railway bill, now being discussed, is finished. We know you will redouble your efforts on the President, your senators and all administration leaders, along the lines suggested in my recent letters, to win new votes for the amendment.

Although we are still about four votes short of the necessary number, these votes and more can be won if we leave no stone unturned, and the passage of the amendment secured at an early date. Please keep us informed of your progress.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman Legislative Department.

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Miss Ada James,  
Richland Certer, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

Would you inform me as to the situation in Wisconsin regarding the appointment to the senatorial vacancy? It would be splendid to start a publicity campaign in Wisconsin upon the Governor and Legislature both, to take measures to see that the man who is appointed is a Suffragist. He will undoubtedly be a Republican as your Governor and state are, I believe, Republican. By means of letters, telegrams and deputations to the Governor and to party leaders in the Legislature please urge the appointment of a man who will vote favorably on the national suffrage amendment and secure all possible publicity on everything you do. We hope to secure the vote of Senator Culberson, Democrat. With this vote secured we need only two more votes to insure the necessary two-thirds majority and passage by the Senate. With the two vacancies, that in New Jersey which will be filled by a Republican Governor and that in Wisconsin to be filled by the Legislature or by the Republican Governor, filled by Republicans who are pledged in advance to vote for the national amendment, our victory in the Senate is complete. Whether you are successful or not, your efforts to secure a Suffragist Republican will give state and perhaps nation-wide publicity to the status of the amendment, to the party advantage to the Republicans in taking this action, and the whole agitation will be a spur to the Democrats in the Senate.

Very sincerely yours,

*Anne Martin*  
Chairman Legislative Department.

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National Woman's Party, Feb. 19, 1916  
For release on receipt.

A. Mitchell Palmer, on whose initiative the Democratic National Executive Committee recently passed a resolution calling for favorable action on the woman suffrage amendment in the States, states in a letter to the National Woman's Party that this resolution must be regarded as an "official expression of the Democratic Party through the only organization which can speak for it between national conventions"--- thus making it tantamount to an amendment to the Democratic platform.

Since the passage of the resolution, Democratic leaders in the Senate say that the suffrage amendment "will pass whenever it is brought up." Senator Jones, chairman of the suffrage committee, states that he is "waiting only to round up one or two more votes for good measure," in an apparent attempt to make the democratic vote more nearly equal to the Republican vote in the Senate than it ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> in the House.

The Democrats would undoubtedly like to secure these votes from their side of the House, but as the situation stands, two Republican governors can assure the passage of the federal suffrage amendment.

There are two vacancies in the Senate caused by the death of Senators Husting of Wisconsin and Hughes of New Jersey. If, Governor Philip of Wisconsin and Governor Edge of New Jersey both Republicans appoint "favorable" men to fill the vacancies, the suffrage measure can be passed regardless of any more Democratic votes.

The suffragists are therefore so sure of victory that plans are already underway for the ratification campaign. At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Woman's Party held at the National headquarters last week, it was decided to have a conference of all officers in Washington, to discuss the problem of ratification. Calls to the conference will be sent out the day that the date of the vote in the Senate is announced.



confidential poles of Senate leaders show only two votes lacking.  
"It doesn't matter how many votes are lacking "the Woman's

Party asserts with the strong support of the Republicans, the official endorsement of the President and of the Democratic Party through its executive committee which as Mitchell Palmer points out speaks officially for the party between conventions, votes will be found to pass the amendment when it comes up.

"Millions for the vote but not one cent for furniture,"----- that is the way the National Woman's Party feels about the money in its treasury. And consequently it is undertaking the difficult task of furnishing one of the biggest houses in Washington without spending one cent.

So difficult was the task of furnishing the huge house with a chair borrowed and a bed there and a desk from somewhere else, that the undertaking was finally given to a house furnishing committee.

Mrs Irving Moller and Mrs Gilson Gardner of Washington and Mrs Lawrence Lewis of Philadelphia became the furnishing committee, and by what they call an active campaign have succeeded in getting at least one piece of furniture for every room in the house!

Mrs George P Pflaster of Washington has made the committee's undertaking possible by generously loaning her collection of rare antique furniture. She has completely furnished the office of Miss Anne Martin, legislative chairman, and has contributed beautiful tables and several magnificent four poster beds.

Mrs Harvey W. Wiley , Mrs William Kent, Mrs Robert Baker, Mrs John J. White are among the many others who have sent in all they could spare of their household belongings. But still the huge rooms of the big mansion yawn.

The suffragists who live at headquarters declares it takes a great deal of ingenuity to make one cot serve for bed, dressing table, chair and clothes closet.

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ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE  
ALFRED T. ROGERS

FEBRUARY 21, 1918.

MISS ADA L. JAMES,  
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

DEAR MISS JAMES:-

It will be a pleasure to do all I can  
to help secure the passage of the Federal Suffrage  
Amendment in the Senate.

Senator La Follette, as you know, is  
very actively supporting this amendment and I am sure  
that Wisconsin will do its full share.

YOURS TRULY,



[1919, #225]

National Woman's Party,  
February 23, 1919,

For release Monday A. M. Papers.

The real reason for President Wilson's endorsement of the federal suffrage amendment was revealed today by Representative Raker of California.

The disastrous effect on our foreign diplomatic policy of a reactionary stand on the part of this government at this time and the necessity for complete harmony with our allies on all vital issues led President Wilson to speak the decisive words for the enfranchisement of American womanhood.

"On the day President Wilson explained his position to me," Representative Raker stated to Miss Anne Martin, vice-chairman of the National Woman's Party, "he told me that the Governor General of Canada had lunched with him at the White House and had said to him that the Canadian Parliament had recognized the necessity of national woman suffrage as a war measure, and that the franchise has been given to the women relatives of the soldiers and would undoubtedly be broadened and extended. 'Our Congress' President Wilson said, 'should take similar action on this principle of democracy as a war measure. We cannot afford to lag behind, to take a reactionary position on this matter, we must be in harmony with our allies.' "

Alice Paul, chairman of the Woman's Party, points out that already it is not a matter of getting behind but of catching up with our allies and even with one of our enemies.

King George has signed the suffrage bill passed by the House of Lords a week ago. The bill gives the vote to all women over thirty with practically the same property qualifications that apply to men. About 6,000,000 women are enfranchised under this act. It was passed in the Commons and in the House of Lords with overwhelming majorities. In the final reading in the Commons the vote was seven to one.

Since 1916 besides the suffrage measure of the national government

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In Canada the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Ontario have enfranchised their women. Canadian soldiers in the trenches sent enormous majorities in favor of "democracy at home". Alberta has already elected a woman to the Canadian Parliament, Miss Roberta MacAdams, who will take her seat at the coming session.

King Albert of Belgium recently made a public announcement that Belgium was only waiting the power to govern itself to enfranchise all its women citizens.

A municipal suffrage bill has been introduced in French Parliament and made a government measure, another bill to enfranchise the women relatives of men at the front, is being opposed by French suffragists. "Freedom for all," is the slogan of the French women.

Russian women waited forty hours outside the council chamber of the first revolutionary government, in the stirring days of March, 1917, for the definite word that told they were included in the new freedom of Russia. They were told "in the New Russia 'universal suffrage' was not a phrase." The Kerensky and the Bolshevik governments have appointed women of high positions. Mlle. Parin assistant Minister of Education, under Kerensky was the first woman in the world to hold a cabinet position. A woman, Dr. Shiskina-Yavein is a member of the committee appointed to draw up a Russian Constitution.

In Italy the General Federation of Labor, the Socialists, and the Parliamentary Socialists have united in a demand for direct equal suffrage. In response to this demand a suffrage reform bill including women on the same terms as men has been made a majority party measure and promised by the Government.

There is a vigorous suffrage movement in Japan and Japanese newspapers are commenting on the important part played by women in the last national campaigns.

Even the Central Empires are taking heed of women's demand for recognition.

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Count Tisza of Hungary said that the demand of the men and women for suffrage was "frivolous". His government was dissolved, and Esterhazy, the Prime Minister who formed the new government, promised the franchise bill as one of the first reforms. The bill, as introduced, gives the vote to every man and woman over twenty-four years of age who can write. The bill is pushed by Karolyi, the leader of the Independent Party. It will enfranchise about 260,000 women.

In Germany thousands of members of the woman suffrage society have made a stronger plea for "a voice in their own government." Ferr Hasse, a leader of the Independent Social Democrats, has already urged suffrage for women on the floor of the Reichstag, after 27,000 Hamburg women joined in a monster suffrage demonstration.

The Chicago Branch of the National Woman's Party recently passed a resolution which they are making every effort to have reach the women of Germany, in which they congratulate them on their bold demand for political rights, and "honor their heroic outcry for justice and greet their declaration for democratization as perhaps sacrifice."

Since the war began the women of Denmark and of Iceland have been enfranchised. Norwegian women already had suffrage. The first Norwegian Congresswoman was recently elected. Twenty-four Finnish women are sitting in the Diet this Winter. Swedish women have municipal suffrage and both Liberals and Social Democrats have promised them an equal suffrage bill in the fall.

In November the Parliament of the Netherlands abolished the provision in the Constitution forbidding woman suffrage. Women may now be elected to office. For months before the White House pickets took their stand the Dutch Parliament had been surrounded by suffrage pickets, who stood day after day two hundred strong.

"We can no longer set an example to Mexico, Yucatan and Guanajuato have enfranchised women. Senorina, Galenda has ~~xxx~~ her seat in Congress.

An editorial of Jan. 30th in the Denver Rocky Mt. News, concluded, "And may we hope that our Senate will pass the Susan B. Anthony Amendment before the Kaiser grants suffrage to frau and fraulein? To be beaten by the House of Lords is bad--the humiliation of having to fall in behind Wilhelm II, would be intolerable."

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[1919, 12, 23]

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Palm Beach, the wordly refuge from all human discomforts and annoyances has been invaded by the finance committee of the National Woman's Party.

Mrs Lawrence Lewis of Phil., chairman of that committee and Doris Stevens of N. Y., have arrived in southern Florida to arrange meetings at Palm Beach and at Miami for the purpose of gathering some of the wealth astray in those resorts at this season into the coffers of the National Woman's Party.

Mrs O. H. P. Belmont who is at present attending a house party in Fort Myer, Fla., is expected at the Palm Beach meeting and it is hoped that Mrs. William Randolph Hearst another member of the Advisory Council of the Woman's Party will also be present.

It is admitted by the leaders of the Party that "suffrage" will sound an odd note in the tea gardens of the Royal Poinciana, but since the New York women who spend the season at the southern resort are now voters, and the south is swinging rapidly to suffrage, they expect a generous response to their appeal. If they are successful they plan to move up the coast to other fashionable winter places.

A good part of the money raised will be used in a campaign in Florida which is now being organized to win over the still non-committal senators of that state. Suffragists feel confident that Senator Trammell and Sen. Fletcher convinced of the demand of the women of their state, will come out for the amendment, but they are not going to leave any meeting unheld or speech unspoken to insure this result.

Other "backfires" are burning brightly, according to Miss Jessica Munville-Smith, organization secretary of the Woman's Party, in nine other states besides Florida.

Miss Gladys Greiner is working in Va., with strong hope of Sen. Martin and some hope of Sen. Swanson. Miss Alice Henkle reports from Utah that the women of that state are confident Sen. King will not disappoint them when the amendment comes to vote. Miss Iris Calderhead with the hope of winning "either Senator Knox or Sen. Penrose--not both" she says. With Sen. Sheppard a staunch adherent, Mrs E. St. Clair Thompson has gone to Texas expecting to convert Sen. Culberson also. In Mass., Miss Rebecca Hourwich is making Sen. Lodge's opposition as uncomfortable as possible for him. Conn., is being looked after by Miss Catherine Mullen and Miss Catherine Flanagan. Beulah Amidon is speaking in Ohio where Sen. Harding is regarded as very hopeful. As far as public declarations go, the suffrage amendment lacks six votes, but the

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GEORGE P. MCLEAN, CHAIRMAN.  
W. H. SAULT, CLERK.

## United States Senate,

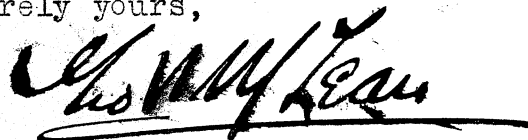
COMMITTEE ON  
FOREST RESERVATIONS AND THE PROTECTION OF GAME.

Feb. 23, 1918.

Dear Madam:

I have your favor of the 20th urging  
my support of the Federal Suffrage Amendment.  
Will say in reply that I shall give the same  
my conscientious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. P. McLean", with a horizontal line underneath.

Ada L. James,  
State Chairman of the Woman's Party,  
Richland Center, Wis.



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## United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

Feb. 23, 1918.

Miss Ada L. Jones,

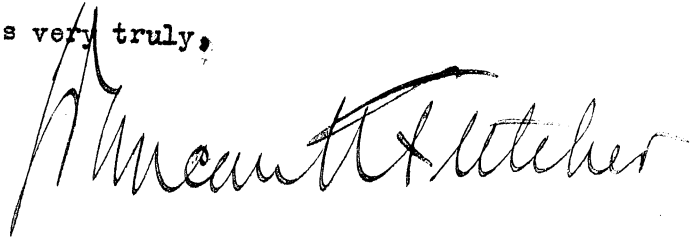
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:

Yours of the 20th received.

I think all suffrage matters should be left to the individual voters of the respective States.

Yours very truly,



[ca. 1918, FEB. 28]

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My dear Miss James -

We were greatly disappointed not to have you with us during the Conference in December.

I earnestly hope that the awful Influenza has left your home & community & that your family have had no ill effects from it.

We had one case only in the family here but my

two oldest boys were both  
very ill with it - the  
west. Both however have  
recovered splendidly.

I have seen your  
name so often in Unity &  
Dover Hill papers - that I  
have been especially  
anxious to see you.

Hoping we shall have  
better fortune next time, &  
hoping the end is near of ~~these~~  
long work for democracy

Yours faithfully  
Elizabeth J. Keen

Feb. 28.

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Miss Mabel Vernon,  
 Lafayette Square  
 Washington, D.C.

Cannot give definite reply until I hear from others if speaker comes from West Menomoni eMadison Richland Center Milwaukee Oshkosh if speaker comes from East reverse order. ~~xxxxxxx~~ it would be well for you to wire Menomoni and Madison possibly Milwaukee.

Ada L. James.

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Richland Center, Wis  
Feb. 7, 1918

Senator LaFollette,  
U.S. Senate,  
Washington, D.C.

The Woman's Club ~~is~~ the largest and oldest club in the city is depending upon you as never before to help them win political freedom.

Grace Lincoln-president  
Hattie Brewer-secretary

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**Richland Center, Wis.  
Feb. 7, 1918**

**Senator Thos. Martin  
U.S. Senate,  
Washington, D.C.**

The Woman's Club of this city organized more than thirty years ago to secure political freedom for women is engaged in war work trusting the party in power to pass the suffrage amendment. The Democratic Party cannot afford to disappoint them.

**Grace Lincoln- president  
Hattie Brewer- secretary**

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Feb. 7, 1918

Vice-president Marshall,  
U.S. Senate,  
Washington, D.C.

The Woman's Club of this city has worked for the enfranchisement of women for more than thirty years. To-day they are putting forth every effort to win this war for democracy trusting in Congress to complete their fight for political freedom. They must not be disappointed.

Grace Lincoln-president-

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CHARLES MC CARTHY

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# The National Party

HEADQUARTERS  
SUITE 1120 MASONIC TEMPLE  
STATE AND RANDOLPH  
CHICAGO

March 4, 1918.

Mrs. Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Mrs. James:-

We have just received from Mr. J.A.H.Hopkins, New York, your membership fee, and enclose herewith membership card in the National Party. We welcome you into the organization and trust your affiliation therewith will bring much satisfaction in the work of real political and industrial democracy.

Although very late, we are enclosing you a delegate credential for the national convention to be held in Hotel Sherman, Chicago, beginning at 10 o'clock A.M. Wednesday March 6, 1918. We feel this gathering will be a most important one, therefore it is our desire that as many members as possible be present as delegates.

The political and industrial conditions in America, as a result of the world war, are so serious that it is the duty of those who can, to respond to this call of the National Party, to gather together and counsel for the good of the nation. Our platform is to be revised and a permanent and effective organization perfected.

This will be a historical gathering of earnest men and women, who have the welfare of the nation at heart, and we are quite certain you will be well repaid by being present.

With best wishes, we are,

Very sincerely,

THE NATIONAL PARTY

*J. C. Coates*  
Vice Chairman.

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Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

We have your favor of the 3rd inst. and note contents. The Roses and Spirea as contained in your order amount to \$12.00. We will permit you to select Raspberries and strawberries or any other stock to the same value.

We quote, as follows:

Herbert Raspberry	\$2.00 per doz.	= 5 doz = 10.00
Hollyhock assorted	3.50 "	
Thunbergi Barberry 18-24 in.	5.00 "	
Dunlap and Warfield Strawberry	2.00 per 100	= 300 (75 of each) 3.00
Everbearing Strawberry	5.00 "	

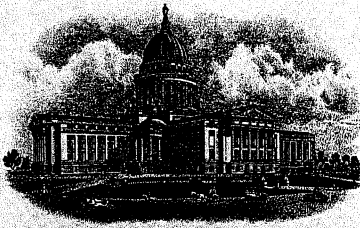
Please let us have prompt reply as to what we are to send you in place of the Roses and Spirea, and if in need of more stock we shall be glad to add on to your order.

Very truly,

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WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

Miss Adela L. James  
Richland Center Wisconsin

March 4/11

My Dear Miss James:—

Nearly all members of the Senate are expected to be in Madison by nine o'clock this evening, we are however under a terrible excitement at present every one is anxious to get back home, politics is the only question that can receive any consideration whatever.

I am not sure whether the Suffrage Resolution you sent me would pass, without making a personal campaign among the members and believe it would do harm to your cause, should an attempt be made to pass it and fail, for this reason I will wait until the members come back when I will see them and compute the chances of its passage, before I venture to introduce it.

It is so long since I have seen or heard from you that it seems almost like writing to a stranger.

With remembrance to your noble Father, and many regards to you

Very sincerely

Geo Standenmayer

# DELEGATE CREDENTIAL

## NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION

*THIS CERTIFIES that* Ada L. James,  
*is a duly authorized delegate from the state of* Wisconsin,  
*to the National Party Convention to be held in Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill., March 6th, 1918,*  
*beginning at 10 o'clock A. M.*

*Signed,*

**THE NATIONAL PARTY,**

By

*D. C. V. H. C.*

TAKE THIS CREDENTIAL TO CONVENTION  
FOR CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
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Miss Leda L. James  
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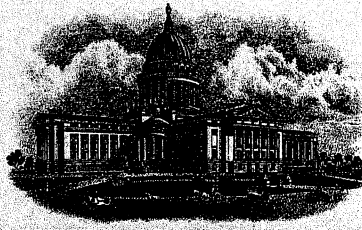
March 7/18

My dear Miss James:-

I want to tell you how much I appreciate the confidence you express in your letter of March 5<sup>th</sup>, in my judgment, and my desire to help, a just, and worthy, measure.

I did not introduce your Resolution, for two reasons, one, and the principal one, was; that the members were under such an excitement over the Loyalty Resolution, that they would not give intelligent consideration to any meritorious measure and their whole thoughts seemed to be as to how soon they could get to their homes. the universal opinion of those whom I consulted regarding the introduction of a Resolution was that I better not try it at this time, they expressed the belief that the vote by which the Suffrage <sup>Bill</sup> was passed in both houses, at the regular session was sufficient instruction to our Senators in Washington.

The other reason was that all candidates standing for election to the office of U. S. Senator, with the probable exception of Joe C. Slavier, were pronounced and radically in favor of equal Suffrage and no vote of instruction from the Wisconsin Legislature was needed to induce them to vote, to give a woman the right to stand by the side of man and share his responsibility.



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

Mc Carthey is my candidate for off Senator, although I will use my vote to secure the election of the one that seems to me to be the least objectionable and who has the best chance of beating the one who is the most objectionable. I would be pleased to know who your favorite is in the coming election. Nothing would please me more than a visit to your city, in whose favor I have heard so much, and I will surely come to some of your social entertainments if it is possible at all, if you will let me know. With remembrance to your father and many regards I am

Very sincerely

Geo Staudenmayer

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I was very sorry for the defeat of Wilsons bench bill, and the passage of the one introduced by Senator Whittman.

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PLEASE HAVE LARGE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS SENT WILLIAM H HAYS HOTEL SEVELIN INDIANOROSIS CHARHAMN NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TELLING HIM THAT IF REPUBLICANS PARTY WISHES SUPPORT OF WOMEN INCOMING ELECTION IT MUST DO MORE FOR SUFFRAGE DEMOCRATS HAVE ALREADY DONE MORE THAN REPUBLICANS THROUGH PRESIDENTS ENDORSEMENT AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE ESPECIALLT WEAK AND UNSATISFACTORY TELL HIM WAY FOR REPUBLICANS TO WIN WOMENS SUPPORT IS THATTHIS WORKING WITH REPUBLICAN SENATORS WILL UNPLEGDED TO STAND UP NOW AND BE COUNTED FOR AMENDMENT ,

ANNE MARTIN,

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WE MUST HASTEN ACTION IN SENATE BY PUSHING INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT OF NINETY SEVEN WOMEN AS DECIDED BY DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS MONDAY WHEN ALL CASES AGAINST PICKETS WERE DISMISSED PLEASE DELUGE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION LEADERS AND ALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS OF BOTH PARTIES WITH LETTERS TELEGRAMS AND RESOLUTIONS URGING THEM TO PUSH INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

ANNE MARTIN

825 AM



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Madison Wis. Mar 11 1918

Dear Miss James,  
 I am sorry you were not at Milwaukee. I emphasized in my report the need for the women to have the Legislative report. I have also put it in the magazine but as far there has been no response. Possibly we shall have to publish a very brief & inadequate report in the magazine itself if no other opportunity comes. At the Conference I ask the women to consider themselves each one on a committee to see to law enforcement and to look out for prices and see that dealers hold to price fixed by the Food Administrators.

I attended the hearing held by the Industrial Commission on "Hours as Street Car Conductors in Chicago" the matter is still open, may come up for another hearing. There is at present no war emergency requirement and the night work on street cars seems as bad as night work in factories. We are opposing this work on that ground. The night shift works from 12:30 A.M. Will you write to the Commission as a member of this Committee and express your objections.

The <sup>3</sup> members of the Leg. Com. are Mrs. Chas. McCarthy, Mrs. John Bach of Superior (I have not met Mrs. Bach but she writes a very earnest letter,) and Mrs. Korrington of Milwaukee. Mrs. Korrington is the lady who spoke with Mrs. Estabrook at the Assembly Suffrage Hearing.

Yours sincerely  
Lillian H. Korrington

March 15, 1918.

THIS PAGE FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, NOT intended for publication.

Up until Wednesday nothing had happened to change the Senate suffrage situation. Since then so much has happened that it was impossible to give you news until today.

Apparently the vote may be taken in the Senate in the very near future, almost undoubtedly within the next three or four weeks. <sup>Three</sup> ~~XXXX~~ Republican Senators Smoot, Calder, and Gallinger, have made speeches in the Senate, and Mr. Hays, recently appointed chairman of the Republican National Committee, has made suffrage his chief business during a trip to Washington, and apparently plans to have the Republican Party force the issue in the Senate.

In the meantime we have reliable word to the effect that President Wilson has called up two southern Democratic Senators to urge their support of the amendment. The party rivalry that existed in the House is practically duplicated in this situation in the Senate.

The Republicans lost their chance in the House by delaying until after the Democrats had taken the initiative by setting the date, etc. If they make themselves sponsors of the bill in the Senate, and end the Democratic delay, it will be a service which women would be bound to recognize.

As I wrote in the last letter, the Democrats are struggling under the misapprehension that they have already done enough to satisfy women, and can go to the country on their present record of passage through the House. In this assumption they overlook the fact that delay in the Senate would nullify the action in the House, and they fail to reckon with the strong feeling against them, roused by the administration's treatment of suffragists last summer. The recent court decision that the arrests and imprisonments, let alone the brutal treatment accorded suffragists by Democratic appointees was illegal and unjustifiable, emphasizes anew women's grievance against the Democratic Party.

There is only one thing ~~in~~ which they can do to atone--the immediate passage of the suffrage amendment.

There is hard work ahead in the ratification campaigns. There must be much preliminary campaigning in the states before the legislatures are approached. It is time we were at this work.

Democratic dawdling must be brought to an end. If it is not brought to an end by the Republicans, it must be by the insistent demand of women.

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INFORMATION BULLETIN.

The following statement of the suffrage situation is for publication if desired, and can be used as a statement made by Alice Paul or by any local leader in the Woman's Party, who is willing to rewrite the material and issue it in her name.

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The Senate according to every indication, will vote on the suffrage amendment before Easter, according to a statement made today by Alice Paul, chairman of the National Woman's Party.

The suffrage lull in the Senate is being brought to an end by the action of Republican leaders who have recognized the political importance of woman's enfranchisement and its bearing on the future of their party. The speeches of Senator Gallinger, Calder, and Swoet on the floor of the Senate, and the statement just made by Chairman Hays endorsing and urging the immediate passage of the amendment is sufficient indication of the way the political wind is blowing.

There is no question that the Democrats intend to pass the amendment while they are in power but they are delaying and threatening to nullify the passage through the House by failure to pass it in the Senate during this Congress. This puts the Republicans in a position to render the cause of suffrage a great service which, added to the strong support the Republicans gave suffrage in the House, is bound to win them credit in the minds of women. The Republicans can force the amendment to a vote in the Senate. They can put themselves in the position of its sponsors.

Whether the Republicans seize the opportunity or not, the insistence of the women of the nation will force the issue in the Senate as it did in the House. Our only problem is to get the amendment up now to end this dawdling over the inevitable which uselessly wastes the energy and strength of women needed in so many other things.

The reason for the democratic delay seems to be that as, a Democratic leader recently said in a self-satisfied statement the Democrats have "so improved their suffrage record since the last campaign that

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They have no fear of going to the country next fall without further action on this matter." This leader, at least, seemed not to realize that failure to pass the amendment through the Senate will nullify its passage through the House and leave the Democratic record on suffrage a blank tinged with the suspicion of a hypocritical and simulated support. He seemed also to forget the treatment of the suffragists who were unlawfully arrested and imprisoned last summer by appointees of the Democratic Administration. There is a murmur of growing discontent through the country because of the treatment given the suffragists. The one way that the Democrats can make up for this black spot on their record is to pass the amendment at once.

To bring pressure upon the Senate for an immediate vote, the National Woman's Party is campaigning now in eleven states, and plans to carry it into every state, turning it into a ratification campaign as soon as the amendment passes.

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*Telegram 3.*

Richland Center, Wis.  
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President Wilson,  
Whitehouse,  
Washington, D.C.

Women's Club of this city passed resolutions urging that you demand an investigation of the illegal arrest and imprisonment of ninety seven women. The people of our democracy believe that the responsibility of the arrest and abuse of the pickets should be determined.

Grace Laska - president  
Hattie Laska - secretary

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William H. Hays,  
Hotel Sevelin,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

The Woman's Club of this city disappointed that more Republicans in Senate are not working for the passage of the suffrage amendment. Resolutions of Republican Committee not strong enough. If Republicans want support of women in fall elections they must do more for the amendment.

Grace Lincoln (President)  
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COL. EDWARD M. HOUSE,  
115 E. 53rd St.,  
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PLEASE URGE PRESIDENT TO HASTEN ACTION ON SUFFRAGE WOMEN GROWING DAILY MORE IMPATIENT AND INDIGNANT OVER DELAY IN SENATE SITUATION INTOLERABLE WOMEN FORCED TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS ~~XX~~ PROMOTE WAR WORK AND GIVE SONS TO FIGHT FOR A DEMOCRACY DENIED THEM.

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Mrs. L.D. Harvey,  
Hot Springs, Arkansas.  
Care of General Federation of Women's Clubs in Convention.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF THIS CITY VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REQUEST WISCONSIN DELEGATION AT BIENNIAL TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION CALLING UPON SENATE FOR IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

Ada L. James

JOHN M. NELSON  
THIRD DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

March 18, '18.

Womans Club.  
Richland Center.  
Wis.

Ladies:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 16th instant,  
and in reply, I beg to assure you that I am heartily in favor of  
the investigation requested.

Yours truly,

*John M. Nelson*

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Miss Grace Lincoln, .

Richland Center,

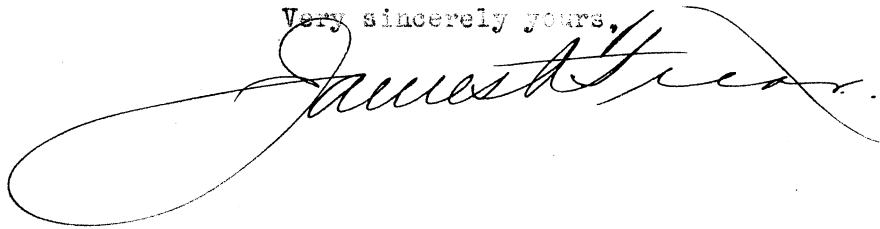
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss Lincoln:

Your telegram received regarding arrests of pickets. The case was decided by the lower court against the picketting and reversed by the upper court.

It was a matter of court decision, and in view of the recent action by Congress submitting the amendment to the people, there is no likelihood of any further picketting or abuse.

Very sincerely yours,





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March 20, 1918.

My dear Miss James:

The National Woman's Party is planning a farewell dinner for the evening of April 2nd in honor of Miss Anne Martin, who leaves soon after for Nevada to inaugurate her Senatorial campaign.

This is the first time a woman has announced her candidacy for a seat in what is regarded, I think, as the highest democratic legislative body in the world. The inauguration of her campaign, therefore, marks another great milestone on the long road to political equality between men and women. Will you not help us make the entertainment in her honor commensurate with the importance of the occasion?

If you can, please come to the dinner and bring a delegation from your state with you. If it is not possible for you to come yourself, will you appoint some one in Washington to represent you as hostess at your state table? A prompt answer will be a great help in making the success of the dinner certain.

Sincerely yours,

*Ably Scott Baker.*

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

WILL H. HAYS  
CHAIRMAN

Indianapolis, Indiana.  
March 21, 1918.

Grace Lincoln and Hattie Brewer,  
President and Secretary,  
Womans Club.  
Richland Center, Wisc.

My dear Mesdames:

I was very glad to have your telegram of recent date, for I want your suggestions and help at all times. It is impossible to tell at this time what can be accomplished along the lines you indicate, but I am very glad to have your suggestions.

With very cordial good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Will H. Hays*

WHH/HK

National Woman's Party,  
Press Department,  
March 22, 1918.

Suffrage attention centers at this moment on twelve "hopeful" senators--Senators King of Utah, Trammel and Fletcher of Florida, Culberson of Texas, Swanson and Martin of Virginia, Kellogg of Minnesota, Mc Cumber of North Dakota, Mc Lean of Connecticut, Hale of Maine, Page of Vermont, and Borah of Idaho. Some of them are going to vote for the federal amendment. The question is which.

The fact that some of them will, is easily deduced from these other facts.

The amendment will pass.

It will take a few more votes than are now publicly pledged to pass it.

The Republican Party pledged to support the amendment is already pressing for a vote.

The Democratic Party cannot permit its defeat for its passage is essential according to the statement of President Wilson himself, for the success of our foreign policy. We are behind our allies in this democratic reform. We are the last Anglo Saxon country to enfranchise women. The sincerity of our whole international program would be brought into question by the defeat of the suffrage amendment in the Senate.

The vote of any one of the twelve hopeful senators will do as well as another from the point of view of national suffrage leaders but every state is out after the vote of its own senator, as a matter of state pride. The state suffragists are out after it but more significant than that the political leaders of the state, the governors, mayors, and attorney-generals are bringing their official pressure to bear.

The lull on the surface of the Senate suffrage situation therefore disappears in these senatorial offices.

One secretary who a month ago had advised a suffrage lobbyist to start some backfire from home, yesterday laid his head down

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on a desk piled high with a variegated correspondence, begged "Stop it, stop it." Another one obviously in the same plight but perfectly cheerful explained "I've given up answering them--given it up long ago.

Texas and Florida are at the moment the storm centers of amendment agitation. Governor Sidney J. Catts of Florida after a meeting at which he asked Miss Doris Stevens of the National Woman's Party to speak to his staff at the Capital made the following statement:---  
"I believe that the time is long past when our American women should be debarred from enjoying the same privileges of the franchise as men. I believe that the method that these young women (the pickets) have employed in working for the Susan B. Anthony Amendment has been the best possible method to follow. I hope that the time for favorable action for democracy is here, and that this measure of justice will soon come to the individual legislatures of this country."

B.F. Looney, Attorney general of Texas has sent this letter to Sen. Culberson:-- "The federal government, however, is now and has for fifty years been saying who may and who may not vote for state officers. Therefore, to adopt the proposed Suffrage Amendment, the effect of which will be to clothe women with an exemption from being discriminated against by the statutes in the exercise of the elective franchise introduces nothing new but extends a principle adopted and now permanently established.

In view of this situation, its too late, in my opinion, to raise the objection of states rights against the enfranchisement of half of the adult population of this country who are as vitally interested and affected by our laws and public politics as our men.

I protest that this is indefensible from the standpoint of justice, equality, or democracy.

I trust, therefore, that you may find it consistent with your duty as a United States Senator to cast your vote in favor of submitting this question to the states."

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T. C. Jennings, Commissioner of Labor in Texas, urges Senator Culberson to give his vote to the amendment in a letter in which he says; "In urging you to vote in this way I am thoroughly convinced that I am voicing the sentiments of an overwhelming majority of the great body of workers, not only of Texas but of the nation as well. It has been a standing demand of organized labor for many years" The noble part that women of America are taking in winning this war entitles them to enfranchisement.

The mayor and city officials of Austin and of Corsicana members of the Texas legislature and prominent editors of the state have all telegraphed and written Senator Culberson asking him to add his vote to that of Senator Sheppard and give Texas a perfect record in the Senate. The Soldiers in Camp Logan recently passed suffrage resolutions and cheered speakers of the Woman's Party to the echo.

Southern sentiment for the amendment is by no means confined to Texas and Florida. The southern states one by one are rising to deny the charge of reaction. Attorney General Ross Collins of Mississippi has issued the following statement:--

"The passage of the federal amendment will preserve to the solidly democratic south its proportionate part of Congressional Representation which might possibly ultimately be changed as a result of individual states adopting suffrage. I think the democratic party would be decidedly the greatest beneficiary of universal suffrage.

Senator Vardaman of Mississippi has already declared himself for the amendment and there is no hope of Senator Williams in suffrage circles.

Most significant of the feeling throughout the South is the recent action of the United Southern Daughters the most representative body of women in the south, in passing resolutions calling upon the President and the Senate to take immediate favorable action on the amendment.

Mrs William Kent, wife of the former Congressman from California who is now in Washington with the Tariff Commission, said today, regarding the candidacy of Miss Anne Martin:--

"The candidacy of Anne Martin is auspicious for Nevada and for the nation. If elected, she will take with her into distinguished public service a trained and an educated mind, and a realizing sense that democracy is more than a theory of government, that it is the application of the law enacted by a free people to the welfare of every man, woman and child in the nation. She knows her state and its needs. An education in the social sciences has been supplemented by a vitalizing acquaintance with people and with things as they are. Her campaigning for the freedom of women, has proven her efficient devotion to public causes. I earnestly hope Anne Martin will be elected."

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Endorsements of Miss Martin's candidacy continue to multiply and it is interesting to see that they come from all parts of the country. Her campaign will obviously be of national interest and regarded as their own by the women of all states.

A farewell dinner which will be also a house warming for the new headquarters will be given Miss Martin on the night of April second. The dinner committee is Mrs Henry Atwater, Mrs John Edwards, Mrs Avery Coonley, Mrs John Jay White, Mrs Richard Wainwright, Mrs Jane Palmer, Mrs W. Thompson Burch, Mrs William Kent, Mrs Francis Heney, Mrs Gilson Gardner, Mrs S. B. M. Young, Miss Sallie Eovey, Mr Robert Baker, Mrs Robert B. Stearns, Mrs A. D. Van Cleave, and Mrs Harvey W. Wiley.

Will Irwin and Mr Wm. Kent, have already agreed to speak at the dinner and various other prominent people are being asked.

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W. H. Whittaker, late superintendent of Occoquan, has filled a brief in the appealed habeas corpus case of the suffrage pickets. "The case is of considerably more importance than appears on the surface," says the brief. "The Commissioners, of the District of Col., are defendants in eight damage suits aggregating approximately \$200,000 because of their alleged illegal act in transferring some of these prisoners. It thus becomes a matter of first importance to them whether they have violated any law."

Commenting on the statement in the brief, Matthew E. Brien council of the suffragists says:-- "Instead of now asking competent legal advice as to whether they had violated the law, it might have been well had the Commissioners of the District of Columbia sought and procured such advice before they ordered the wholesale arrest and imprisonment of refined women who were exercising their constitutional rights and who violated no law."

A full story of this case will appear in the "SUFFRAGIST".

Mr O'Brien's brief will be filed March 28, and a news story sent you on that date.

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Mitchell Palmer calls attention in his letter to the fact that the National Executive Committee in passing the suffrage amendment acted on the initiative of the members from Pennsylvania, and that Pennsylvania Democrats though they controlled no majority "should do what they could to secure a favorable vote on the general suffrage amendment in the Senate."

Other states besides Pennsylvania are going on record through their leaders in order, if they cannot secure favorable action from their Senators, to avoid all blame in the matter. The passage of a resolution in the New York Legislature has been duplicated by the legislature of North Dakota, which has sent the following resolution to North Dakota representatives in Congress.

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the United States has passed a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending equal suffrage to the women of our nation, and

WHEREAS, The proposed amendment is now before the Senate of the United States for consideration, and

WHEREAS, All the political parties in the State of North Dakota have declared in their platforms for equal suffrage, and,

WHEREAS, Equal suffrage has been endorsed by the President of the United States,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that our Senators in Congress be urged to vote for the equal suffrage amendment.

Senator Gronna of North Dakota is of course already pledged to the support of the amendment, and the resolution is expected to complete the conversion of Senator McCumber, who is, as the suffragists have him listed, "hopeful non-committal."

Governor Hunt of Arizona and Governor Whithycombe of Oregon have recently sent telegrams to President Wilson and Senate leaders.

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The Colorado Springs City Council and the Pueblo City Commissioners have put in a word for Colorado by strong resolutions sent the President and the Senate.

The National Woman's Party in addition to its direct campaign devotes a large part of its effort through its political department. Miss Doris Stevens is chairman of this committee and Mrs Abby Scott Baker and Mrs Gilson Gardner active workers in securing the influence of national political leaders of both parties.

Among the men who have been interviewed on the Senate situation and who have given and promised their help in rolling up a goodly majority in the Senate are: Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Mr. Vance McCormick, Mr. William R. Wilcox, Mr James A. Hemenway, Republican committeeman from Indiana, Mr. William Denman of California, Herbert Parsons of New York, Isadore Dockweiler of California, John Spargo, Mr. Robert Adamson of New York, Bambridge Colby, and Barney Baruch, who is a contributor to the treasury of the National Woman's Party?

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Mrs Abby Scott Baker who has just returned from the meeting of the National Republican Executive Committee, in St. Louis, was the center of an admiring group of Republican Senate leaders when she went to the Capitol to lobby this morning. She was heartily congratulated by them all for her splendid work in securing a suffrage resolution from most conservative group of men in the Republican Party. The National Executive Committee was appointed and just after the progressives had left the Republican Party and so is much less sympathetic than the rank and file of the Republican Party toward the suffrage movement. In spite of the fact that 83% of the Republicans voted for suffrage in the House and more than two-thirds are pledged in the Senate. The committee would probably had taken no action on suffrage, except for Mrs Baker's plea. Members of the committee gave her entire credit for the action and called her as the most persuasive and reasonable woman they had ever met.



National Woman's Party,  
February 27, 1918.  
For release on receipt.

**SPECIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN.**

Several newspapers misinterpreting a story sent out from here recently put headlines on it which stated that Miss Paul predicted the defeat of the suffrage amendment by two votes.

A denial was telegraphed to a few papers, if you can get the following statement in as a denial of the "rumor" well and good.

Alice Paul absolutely contradicting the prophecy imputed to her of the defeat of the suffrage amendment in the Senate has issued the following statement from the Washington headquarters of the National Woman's Party.

"From the day our amendment was made a party issue by the almost solid backing of the Republican Party in the House of Representatives and its endorsement by President Wilson as a part of his policy our victory was certain. The measure will pass whenever the vote is taken. More than two-thirds of the Republicans are pledged. Democratic leaders are making every effort to have the democratic vote in the Senate equal the Republican vote which so far exceeds it in the lower House.

Opposed Senators have long put forward their party platforms as an excuse for non-support of the suffrage amendment. The vote of these two committees now places both great national parties squarely on record in favor of the measure and prevents any Senator from longer hiding behind his party platform.

When the President came out frankly for the national suffrage amendment its passage at last seemed assured. Now that the two dominant political parties have taken a similar stand, the success of the measure is made doubly sure. With the President and all political parties in the country supporting the amendment, there is no longer reason for anxiety as its fate. The only problem now is one of seeing that the action which will finally come comes without further delay.

Items for your personal information

The headquarters are gradually being settled. Begging and borrowing enough furniture to fill it takes time! Restaurant will be opened later. Every meeting in Washington is being attended for the purpose of having resolutions. Local labor unions very friendly except union of federal employees which would not admit speakers. Spring series of street meetings to be begun Saturday night.

Besides the desk of every senator in Washington, Pennsylvania suffragists have hung a reminder that women are waiting to be freed. A photograph of the Woman's Liberty Bell cracked and silent waiting to ring when justice shall be done the women of this country was presented yesterday to every Senator by Mrs Charles Winger Ruschenberger, Miss Ella Reigel of the National Woman's Party and a group of Pennsylvania suffragists.

The Liberty Bell was originated by Mrs Ruschenberger at the tie of the campaign in Pennsylvania. It went all over the state and is said to have won more votes to the cause than any other one factor in the campaign. The idea for the bell came one day to Mrs Ruschenberger when she looked one day at the old liberty bell and it occurred to her that the reason it had cracked was that liberty could not survive the justice that existed so long as only half of the citizens of the country were free. A new bell was cast which Mrs Ruschenberger called Woman's Justice Bell for as she says "Justice is the step in the development of democracy as set forth in the preamble of the Constitution, and women will add justice as men have given liberty to the ideals of this nation. The letter accompanying the bell is as follows:--

My dear Senator:

With this letter is sent you a framed photograph which we hope you will find worthy to hang at your desk.

The Justice Bell is a replica in bronze, exact weight and size, of the Liberty Bell of 1778. Cast March 31, 1915, after a meeting of suffragists held in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., for purpose as follows:

Upon the enfranchisement of women, an act of national justice, to ring to "establish Justice" to be America's second great national ideal. Men gave "liberty," women would establish "Justice." And upon the enfranchisement of women to "proclaim" the fulfillment of liberty and completion of Democracy in the United States of America.

The Constitution of the United States provides the motto of the Bell--"establish Justice"--indicated therein as a step to be taken in the development of American democracy.

The French nation upon the grave of the first to fall in France has placed these words, "Here rest the first soldiers of the illustrious Republic of the United States who fell in France for Justice and for Liberty."

Will you not help us to unchain the Justice Bell, by voting for the Federal Amendment for Woman Suffrage in the Senate, that our bell may ring, and the world may know that to "Liberty" America has added "Justice?"

(SIGNED) Katherine Wentworth Ruschenberger,

National Woman's Party--March 23, 1918.  
Press Department,  
For release Monday Am M. Papers.

The suffrage amendment will pass the Senate at any moment the Democratic leaders agree to its passage according to Alice Paul, chairman of the National Woman's Party who describes the present suffrage position of the Democratic Party as "one of halting unreadiness to take any step forward until driven to it."

There are fifty-two democratic votes in the Senate compared to forty-three Republicans. Two-thirds of the Republicans are already pledged to the amendment and Republican Senators are pressing for a vote.

Democratic leaders state that they feel their suffrage record is so improved since the last elections that they can afford to go to the country next autumn without further action.

Referring to the fact that President Wilson in urging the passage of the amendment through the lower House declared it essential to the success of his foreign policy that this government should not take a reactionary stand on this progressive measure, Miss Paul said:-- "It will reflect no glory on the administration if the amendment is dragged from a reluctant Senate obviously opposed to the extension of democracy at home."

The suffrage record of the present administration has for five years been marked by neglect, opposition and finally persecution including illegal arrest and imprisonment of suffragists from all parts of the country. Nothing short of the eager passage of the amendment can clear it at home or abroad. "Failure to pass the measure through the Senate will nullify the one good spot on this record--its passage through the House. Even that reflected more credit on Republicans than Democrats since the vote stood 83% of the Republicans to 50% of the Democrats."

Every speech made on the floor of the Senate has recognized the suffrage amendment as a war measure. Republican leader Calliager quoted from a letter from John Hays Hammond in which was this statement:--

"Winning the war is now the supreme duty of Americans, the co-operation of our eager and patriotic women would be of incalculable service in promoting essential legislation by their influence at the polls. The question is above state, above party; it is national."

In his own speech Senator Gallinger said:--

"When one stops to reflect upon the part that women are playing in matters connected with the war in which we are engaged it forces one to the conclusion that women have won for themselves the fullest possible recognition. While our boys are fighting for democracy abroad, let us do our part toward establishing a real, true, genuine democracy at home."

The delay of the suffrage amendment which is the delay of the inevitable ties up and wastes energy of woman desperately needed in other lines of work. It threatens to make necessary another campaign on the lower House, and it indefinitely prolongs the campaign of ratification.

At the present moment the legislatures of Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, New York, Rhode Island, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Texas are in session. The legislatures of Louisiana, Michigan, and Georgia will soon convene in regular session, and the legislatures of Connecticut, Missouri Nebraska, and West Virginia may possibly be called in special session. Some of these legislatures will close soon, and all of them in a short time. After these sessions have come to an end, there will be no further sessions of any legislatures until 1919, unless special ones are called.

After my first Democrat, I began to feel like an experienced lobbyist. I talked next to Senator Lewis of Illinois, the Democratic whip in the Senate. Assurance of Democratic support came from him almost like a prayer:

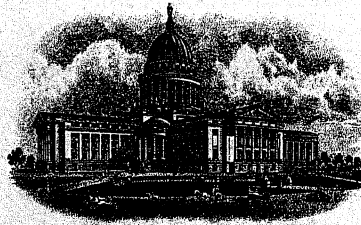
"The Democrats are going to do everything they can to bring the amendment to the floor at the earliest possible moment. They are anxious that there shall be no indication of obstruction or delay."

From the suffrage states comes a clarion call to duty. There is no hesitancy in the attitude expressed by Senator Shafroth of Colorado:

"The Democratic Party will make a great mistake if it does not support this amendment. It is the manifestation of democracy as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that the just power of government is derived from the consent of the governed. I feel confident that the two-thirds vote will be obtained in the Senate for the passage of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment."

Victory is near, the National Woman's Party, under Alice Paul's brilliant leadership takes this to mean that this is the time of all times for suffragists to redouble their efforts. Lobbying goes on every day and letters, telegrams, petitions and resolutions pour in from "back home". Not only is pressure being brought to bear on "doubtful" men, but the representatives from suffrage states are being impressed with their responsibility in helping their colleagues to see the light.

The time has come when congressmen can no longer duck or evade. They must straighten up and declare themselves in favor of democracy at home or be overwhelmed as the wave of progress breaks over America.



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

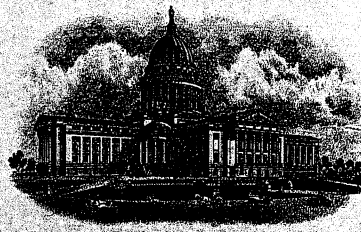
Miss Lela L. James  
Richland Center:

March 24/18

My dear Miss James:-

Now that the returns are in it is easier to make predictions, than to analyze why the vote was such as it was. Mr. Carthy accomplished what he was intended to accomplish, namely to draw enough votes away from Mr. Thompson to insure the nomination of Mr. Senoot, this was why he was induced to enter the race as a candidate. You received a surprisingly high vote. Loyalty is a very fine word, and spirit, to live up to, it is however some times used to cover up that which is damnable in the extreme.

We have in Portage an old man (85 years old) an ex Sec of State, a respected citizen, a member of the Presbyterian Church, who is President of the Hoising Co. He is very loyal (extremely so) he has never been an admirer of Sen La Folle. He stated to a friend of mine about six weeks ago that times had been very prosperous for two years past, his Co (the Hoising) were making an immense amount of money, (their output having been taken over by the Government) why can't we keep it up for two years more. He can possibly have only a few more months to live, and how a man at his age, can express such a sentiment passes my comprehension. His manager Mr. W. C. Gault, sent me a telegram to the Senate Chamber instructing me to vote to sustain the Governor's veto of the Wiley Bill & vote to pass the Whitman bond Bill when that man <sup>came up</sup>



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

You are still disfranchised, but your entire letter convinces me that you see political questions as I do, regardless of the fact that you are not a voter.

The paper here quotes me as saying that I voted at <sup>the</sup> Primary for Mr. Leacock & I stated to them that I could see no chance for Mr. Carthy being nominated although when his candidacy was first announced I <sup>had</sup> picked him as the winner & therefore decided to vote for one of the Republican candidates, and said that they might guess who he was, and I am going to allow you the same privilege and I know that you can do so intelligently.

It is no wonder that farmers are disquieted with the way things are being managed they compose 78 per cent of Wisconsin's population, and I am their only representative in the Wisconsin Senate, they have the power to have their just rights but they will never be granted <sup>them</sup> by electing men to represent them who are tax eaters and parasites upon the public. Nor will they ever receive what is due them as long as Emmanuel L. Philipp is their Governor, and Magnus Svensen is Chairman of the State Council of Defense.

I am only hoping <sup>that</sup> the Question of Loyalty will not be the issue at the November election, and thereby prevent careful consideration of the election of a Governor, and members of the Legislature that will ratify the National Prohibition Amendment, as well as to make Wisconsin dry in case the Federal Amendment should fail and give you no longer a chance to truthfully say that you are an inmate but not a citizen of Wisconsin.

Very sincerely  
Geo Staudenmayer

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ALICE PAUL.

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ALICE PAUL.

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Alice Paul,  
Lafayette Square,  
Washington, D.C.

Prefer a speaker later. we can plan our work better  
after we know whether the amendment passes. ~~that~~  
Tuesday night vice-President Marshall said "primary indicated half  
of you are for America, half for the Kaiser and all against  
President ~~xxxxxxx~~ send letter to prove to you Davies has  
no chance.

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CONFERENCE FOR MRS ASCOUGH PLANS YOU HAVE MADE ARE PERFEECTLY SATISFACTORY.

MABEL VERNON  
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[ca. 1918, Mar.]

Mrs. Richard Wainwright, wife of Rear-Admiral Wainwright, will preside. Each of the five released pickets will speak briefly. Other speakers will be Mrs. Robert Walker, of Baltimore, who was in the first group sent to Occoquan and was pardoned by the President after serving three days of her sixty day sentence, Dr. Caroline Spencer of Colorado Springs, secretary of the Colorado branch of the Woman's Party, who was arrested with Miss Paul Oct. 6, and released without sentence, and Miss Mary Ingham of Philadelphia, President of the Pennsylvania Equal Franchise Society. Over a hundred places have already been reserved.

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"The action of the District Board of Charities in whitewashing the management of the Occoquan workhouse is what we expected when the board insisted on a secret investigation," Miss Alice Paul commented, on being informed that W.H. Whittaker had been reinstated as superintendent of Occoquan workhouse, "It was a case of the management of Occoquan investigating the management of Occoquan/ The Board of Charities refused to allow our counsel, Mr. Dudley Field Malone, to present our witness and affidavits and cross-examine those produced by the Occoquan management. The public and the press were denied admittance to the hearings. As a result of the star chamber methods employed by the investigating committee, the Woman's Party announced a week ago ~~that~~ ~~xxxxxxd~~ through its counsel that since a real investigation had been refused, it would have nothing further to do with the proceedings but would take the matter to Congress. On the basis of affidavits which the Woman's Party supplied, Miss Jeanette Rankin immediately introduced a resolution calling for a congressional investigation of Occoquan.

Virginia members of the Woman's Party, headed by Mrs. Howard Gould, a large taxpayer in Virginia, are appealing to the governor of Virginia to investigate Occoquan, pointing out the farcical character of the investigation by the Board of Charities in Washington. Mrs. Gould has engaged two lawyers, Scott and Buchanan of Richmond, to prepare the case which is to be taken to the governor within the next few days.

While the protest of the Woman's Party is against the disenfranchisement of women and their imprisonment when asking for political liberty, rather than against the conditions attending their imprisonment, it is determined that the suffragists who are in prison shall be treated as political prisoners, as they would have been even in the darkest days of Russia, instead of being subjected to the treatment which they have hitherto received at Occoquan."

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National Woman's Party  
March 7, 1918.

GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN.

The pickets are justified. The democratic administration stands again condemned.

Every White House picket was illegally arrested, illegally convicted and illegally imprisoned. This is the verdict of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, rendered in an opinion handed down today by Judge Van Orsdal, in the case of the pickets who appealed their cases last August, after being sentenced to Thirty days on the charge of "unlawful assembly". Two hundred and eighteen suffragists arrested at the White House with their banners can now sue the District authorities for damages, according to Matthew E. O'Brien, Washington attorney for the suffragists. The Appellate Court not only reverses the decision of the District Police Court, but orders the cases dismissed.

The higher court points out that the charge against the pickets was groundless because assembling on "one of the spacious sidewalks or Pennsylvania Avenue" could not be considered unlawful unless one of the disorderly Acts defined by the "unlawful assembly Act", such as "engaging in loud and boisterous talking or other disorderly conduct or insulting or making rude or obscene gestures at or observation on persons by, or in their hearing" were committed.

The two or three pickets including Mrs. William Kent and Mrs. Abby Scott Baker of Washington, whose fines in spite of their determined protests were paid by their husbands, can have the amount of the fines returned to them.

Matthew E. O'Brien counsel for the suffragists will appear tomorrow before Judge Mallowney, the police court judge, who sentenced the great majority of the pickets with the order of the higher court that he dismiss the cases.

The matter will next be taken up in Congress where a special appropriation will have to be made to pay the costs of

Justice too has its little ironies!

Alice Paul, chairman of the National Woman's Party, made this statement in regard to the judgment handed down by the higher court.

"These decisions emphasize anew the injustice done by officials and appointees of the Democratic Administration to the suffragists who came from every state in the Union to exercise their right of petition to the President of the nation and who were arrested, thrown into jail, denied the rights of political offenders and subjected to insults and brutalities and endangering their lives.

"There is no picket who would not make again the sacrifice she made for the enfranchisement of women, but neither is there any picket who will forget that this government without semblance of legality permitted these sacrifices to be exacted from her."

The pickets who appealed their cases were, Mrs Pauline Adams, Norfolk, Va., Miss Vivian Pierce, San Diego, Cal., Miss Maud Jamison Norfolk, Va., Miss Lucy Burns, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs Gertrude Hunter, Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs Clara Fuller, Little Falls, Minn., Mrs Mary Lockwood, and Mrs Kate Boeckh of Washington, D. C., Miss Caroline Beach, Louisville, Ky., and Miss Margaret Fotheringham, Buffalo, N.Y.

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Anne Martin of Nevada, vice-chairman of the National Woman's Party is the first woman to announce her candidacy for the United States Senate.

Miss Martin has already a record for constructive legislation. Though an unenfranchised citizen, she led the forces that amended the Nevada Constitution to give suffrage to women, against the bitter opposition of both political parties. After that triumph she turned her energy for the fight for the amendment to the federal constitution, enfranchising all American women. As President of the Nevada Women's Civic League, Miss Martin assisted in the passage of the 24-hour law for women at the last session of the Nevada legislature, and in several other progressive measures.

The broad principles on which Miss Martin will make her campaign for the seat in the Senate, vacant through the death of her long friend the late Senator Newlands, are expressed in the

statement in which she announced her candidacy:-

" I am announcing my candidacy for the United States Senate because I believe that the time has come when the nation should attest its faith in democracy and the power of self-government of all its people by the election of a woman to its highest legislative body. I believe that the crucial problems which this nation now faces are problems which women can help solve, and which justice demands they should have a voice in solving.

"The war we are waging is one in which social and industrial readjustment is the first essential to success. The peace which will follow this war will bring with it the social and industrial reorganization of the world. This readjustment for war, this reorganization for peace, cannot be made successfully without the constructive co-operation of women. The welfare of women demands their presence in both houses of Congress, and the welfare of the nation demands it.

" It is not an accident that women are coming into freedom and power at this moment of world reorganization. The coming of women in politics means a liberal force unhampered by tradition. We must accept our responsibility. Women must utilize their power to the most. To maintain the new civilization which approaches will require the united and unrestrained powers of men and women both.

"These are in general my reasons for seeking a seat in the Senate

"Concretely there are among others four problems which I have long studied in Nevada through which I believe I could at this time serve my state and nation.

"They are the development of the land in the interests of the people, the conservation of water, the elimination of the long established railway discrimination against Nevada in freight rates, and protection by federal agencies of seasonal farm labor and its transfer from region to region in the interests of both the farmer and the laborer.

"In spite of these reasons I should not have undertaken this campaign if I were not convinced that the passage of the federal suffrage amendment, for which I have long labored, is assured. The women of the nation must not relax their urgent demand, for if the measure is not passed in the Senate at this session, it will have to be repassed in the House next session. It will pass, however, for it has become a measure which neither party can for the sake of its political future afford to defeat, and the passage of which is required by the Administration for the success of its foreign policy,

"The next step forward is to win for women a place in our highest legislative body. If I win that place I will do all I can to guard and further the interests of women. I will try to make good my claim that women in government will benefit all groups of citizens, and I shall endeavor to voice and effectively realize the deep desire of women to give their best service toward the successful ending of the war, and the establishment of a final, just, and liberal peace."

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Here's a typical Nevada telegram coming in to Anne Martin, who says it is the kind that makes her glad that she is "from Nevada". Mrs. Jennie K. Logan, whose telegram has what might be called a winning western ring to it, is one of the leaders among the teachers and public spirited women of the state. She says:--

"Am with you from A to Z. The voice of women should be heard in our highest legislative body. Your unquestioned ability, integrity and devotion to the cause mark you as Nevada's proper choice. My vote is yours and all I can rustle for you. Here's to you."

Other hearty endorsements were received from Mary Austin, the well known writer, Mary Bakewell of Pittsburg and Mrs Robert Treat Whitehouse of Portland, Me., Mrs John Winters Brannan of New York, did not wait for the telegraph wires to carry her good wishes but telephoned: "Three cheers, I'm proud of you. Of course you will win!



At the last Executive Committee meeting three questions were taken up and decided.

After some discussion it was agreed ~~for~~ the simpler arrangements of finance to incorporate the National Woman's Party. Articles of incorporation will be drawn at once.

Plans were ~~completed for~~ continuing the intensive campaign which is now being conducted in eleven states so that every state in the country will be reached by next May. The present purpose is to bring pressure on the Senate but as soon as the amendment passes that body the campaign will be turned into a preliminary one for ratification.

The third point was a decision to press vigorously for action in the House on the Rankin and Baer resolutions, calling for an investigation into the arrest and treatment of the picket prisoners who were unlawfully arrested last summer. Similar action is being pressed for in the Senate. The Democrats must be made to realize the strength of the resentment that has risen against the administration now that its arrest, imprisonment, and treatment of suffrage pickets has been declared unjustified even in law.

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SUFFRAGE RECORD OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES DURING WILSON ADMINISTRATION.

FIRST ADMINISTRATION

In the 63rd Congress 1st session.

DEMOCRATIC

House--Caucused against suffrage in the House, Feb. 3, 1914.  
Senate--Suffrage amendment defeated by 11 votes because of lack of support by President, and Democratic Party in power, only 35% of the Democrats voting for amendment, March 19, 1914.  
President--Refused to support the national amendment.

REPUBLICAN

Senate--60% of the Republicans voted for amendment.

In the 63rd Congress, 2nd session.

House--Refused to allow suffrage to be brought up.  
Senate--Refused to allow suffrage to be brought up  
President--Refused to support the national amendment.

In the 63rd Congress, 3rd session

House--Suffrage amendment defeated because of lack of support from President and party in power, only 32% of the Democrats voting for it.  
Senate--Refused to allow suffrage to be brought up.  
President--Refused to support the national amendment.

House--62% of Republicans voted for amendment.

If as great a proportion of Democrats as Republicans had voted for suffrage at this time, it would have passed. Without stronger support from the Democrats the vote of every other member of the House could not have passed it.

SECOND ADMINISTRATION

In the 65th Congress, 1st session.

House--Refused to take action  
Senate--Refused to take action  
President--Appointees of Democratic administration unlawfully arrested 218 women representing 26 states of the Union, and imprisoned 91 of them for terms varying from 3 days to 7 months, on the charge of "obstructing traffic," because they attempted to keep the question of woman suffrage and the Democratic opposition to that measure before the public. When arrest and imprisonment failed to stop the picketing of the White House, jail and workhouse officials

House--Republican Representative Jeanette Rankin called for investigation of this persecution of American suffragists.

responsible to, and under the direct supervision of, administration appointees attempted to terrorize suffrage prisoners by subjecting them to insults and brutalities. They were thrown into solitary cells without food, handcuffed to a cell door, and threatened with gags and straight-jackets in the government workhouse at Occoquan, to which they had been illegally transferred by order of the district Commissioners after their commitment to the District Jail by the court which sentenced them. Rights of political offenders were denied these prisoners.

The transfer of suffragists to Occoquan was declared by a Federal court to be "lawless and illegal," and the women were removed from the workhouse and remanded to jail.

Damage suits for \$800,000 are pending against government officials because of the treatment received at Occoquan.

The arrests and imprisonments have been declared illegal by the District Court of Appeals and all pending picket cases ordered dismissed.

In the 65th Congress, 2nd session.

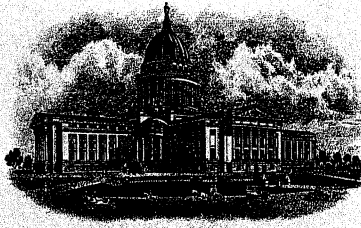
House--Suffrage amendment passed.  
50% of the Democrats voted for it.

House--Republicans  
caucused for amendment. 83% of the  
Republicans voted  
for it.

Senate--Has so far delayed action

Senate--Senators Gallinger and Calder have made speeches for amendment. Senators Borah and Smoot supporting them.

President--Endorsed amendment and secured voted in support of it.



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

Miss Lida L. James  
Richland Center

April 7/18

My dear Miss James—

I am going to answer your letter in the same rotation as you wrote yours, what I know about Mr Thompson is only hearsay, it is that he was one of five boys having a twin brother now a Circuit Judge in Tremaine's "I believe"; his father was a wealthy farmer living in the southern part of our State and when his father died he and his twin brother were attending the University intending to fit themselves for the ministry; by the terms of their father's will they were bequeathed the sum of \$13000.00<sup>00</sup> to finish their education. Upon receiving this bequest they changed their mind, studied Law, and were admitted to the bar. James the Candidate for R S Senator at the late Primary made several trips to Norway and married a noted woman from his father's native country, he is one of Wisconsin's noted men I have not met, but have him sized up as a very competent, although not brilliant man, his platform for the late Primary would indicate that he stands for most measures that are for Democracy, and the welfare of the common people, and opposed to big business interests.

I cannot understand why people are so indifferent about attending public meetings and expressing their sentiments at the polls, unless it is that they believe that they are going to be misrepresented, and betrayed, no matter who is elected.



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

I note what you say that we must free our country from Plutocracy, and the profiteers, before we can win the war for Democracy. I believe that we can carry this State for Prohibition and Equal Suffrage in time, but we will be obliged to have the assistance of women before we can free our country of the Profiteers and I believe that we should establish genuine Democracy, <sup>and Equal Suffrage</sup> at home before we fight for it abroad, and even then it is doubtful if we should do more than set a good example, for I firmly believe that there is no race of people so low down in the scale that they cannot, and should not be allowed to work out their own destiny and I further believe that no man should be compelled to fight for his country only in case of an enemy invading it or in case of an insurrection within. I was born only about two miles from my <sup>present</sup> home, my parents were both Germans and for this reason I am constantly under suspicion as being pro German, it is true that as long as the present conflict was with the Central Powers and the Allies, my sympathies were with Germany, however whether my country is right or wrong in case of war I will stand on the side of my country and I will do my duty as I see it, but I will never be a hypocrite and show exultation where I doubt it. The fact that women were punished by imprisonment at Washington for no greater crime than advocating Democracy, is a reflection upon us as a nation and an everlasting disgrace to the Administration. I am sorry to know that you feel as you state concerning the German Alliance, do you know that one of its members was the <sup>democratic</sup> Senator who voted for Prohibition and Equal Suffrage at the last Session of the Legislature?



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

I am going to finish my letter by devoting the remainder to your closing paragraphs your congratulations and your hope, and I want to thank very heartily for both. Politically I am in a very ~~conspicuous~~ and peculiar position for the 27th District is hopelessly Republican and I have always been a Democrat, Four years ago I was elected as a Democrat defeating a well known and to some extent a popular Republican by a handsome majority, it was my first venture in the political arena, and consequently I had no record to hamper me. By my votes in the Senate during the two Regular and two Special Sessions I have placed myself upon record on nearly every issue before the Country today, no matter how favorable that record may be, it seems to me that my vote on Woman Suffrage, on the Prohibition Amendment, and the vote on the Wilson bond bill, will defeat me at the Primary if I should run as a Democrat and have an wet opponent, I believe in fact I know that no man can defeat me at the election where voters can vote for candidates on either party tickets, this however they cannot do at the Primary and furthermore it is very doubtful if there will be enough votes cast at the Primary to insure the Democrat candidates being placed in the Democrat column. The only chance I would have to be reelected would be to announce myself as a candidate before the Primary as a Republican and this I cannot consistently do unless I should be drafted as the candidate of the Republicans on the issue of Prohibition which has been suggested by some. With remembrance to your father, and best wishes to you I am  
Very Sincerely  
Geo Staudenmayer

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April 20, 1918.

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center,  
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:

As soon as I received your telegram yesterday I wired Miss Sarah James in Oshkosh, Miss Mabel Search in Milwaukee, Miss Helen Haessler in Madison, and Miss Mary Messer in Menomonie, asking them to arrange meetings for Mrs. Ascough. I am enclosing Mrs. Ascough's itinerary so that you may see the dates she expects to be in each place.

The object of Mrs. Ascough's trip is to present to our members in each state the necessity of increased pressure upon the Administration and upon the Senate if we are to secure the passage of the amendment in this session. There is no doubt but that after the amendment passed the House suffragists generally relaxed their efforts, feeling assured that passage in the Senate was certain. There is grave doubt about this however, unless we work unceasingly during the next few weeks. We do not know when Congress will adjourn, but it is generally agreed that if there is any action on

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suffrage at all it will come no later than June first. We must work to see that favorable action is taken.

I cannot tell you what admiration we all have for the wonderful work you did during the senatorial election in your state. We are all glad to have Mr. Lenroot in the Senate, because we believe that he will not only vote for the amendment but will work hard to secure its passage. The work which you did will undoubtedly spur him to greater effort than he would otherwise have made.

Please let me hear from you what plans you are making for Mrs. Ascough's visit. As soon as I receive any word from the Wisconsin people to whom I have wired, I will let you know. You understand we have no desire to have large mass meetings for Mrs. Ascough, but want her to come into intimate contact with suffragists who really desire the passage of the amendment immediately, so that she can explain the Washington situation to them and devise ways and means of increasing pressure. Drawingroom meetings, where twenty-five or thirty truly interested women come together, would undoubtedly produce great results.

With my best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Mabel Vernon*  
National Secretary.

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WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

Miss Lida L. James  
Richland Center Wisconsin

April 28/18

My dear Miss James:

It seems extremely doubtful that we will ever agree concerning the German American Alliance. In this however I have the advantage over you, I being a Member, at one time, know the purpose of the organization and you can only see it as you have observed what some of its members may have been, and are now doing. During the 1917 Session of the Legislature I announced myself as for the Empire Prohibition Referendum, immediately thereafter I received a letter from Mr. Louis J. Gierke the President of the German American Alliance at Portage Wis. containing at one time over 140 members, The letter stated, in substance, that he was greatly approved of the stand I had taken regarding the Empire Referendum and expressing the opinion that nothing could be fairer than to put the question up to the people, concluding with a paragraph, you are all right George.

You will perhaps remember that I gave loyal support to the Suffrage Referendum in the Senate during the 1916, as well, as the 1917, Session, notwithstanding the German American Alliance, containing about 60,000 votes in Wisconsin, proposed to make me the candidate for Governor, and they to finance my Campaign in 1916. I cannot approve of what some of its members are doing, and have done in the past, but as an organization I fail to see any other than good, and their order to disband and turn the money over to the Red Cross Society proves it, beyond a doubt.



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WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

I am exceedingly interested in what you are doing concerning the sale of Bonds and substituting women in place of men to do the necessary work. I quite agree with you that women should not be used as a means, by big business, to lower wages, however I am very anxious that they should be employed, to enable those who are trying to make our Country more prosperous, and thereby help to win the war, to secure more efficient help, which I know can be done by employing women in many places, and I know that what you say concerning town women to be true. We are very short of help here on the farm I have some 290 acres of oats with about 40 more acres to sow I have done the seeding myself, with only one drill, and three horses; and how I can secure sufficient help at harvesting and threshing time is a problem that I may have to come to the aid of your Committee to solve, I took \$2500.00 in bonds at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Liberty Loan, but have not yet subscribed under the present loan, Richland Center is not the only place on Earth where money is scarce I suppose bonds are not made legal tender, (as they should be) for the reason that it would prevent our money changers from exploiting them.

I have been to St. City in consultation with the Federal Food Administrator as the representative of organized threshermen to devise some plan whereby loss of grain at threshing time can be somewhat lessened. I reached home on Monday. I have now had the pleasure of reading, the Searchlight of Congress



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
MADISON.

Had I voted against the Engine Refundum I would have been made the Democrat Candidate for Congress in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, which would have been equivalent to an election, or it would have brought me \$25,000.00 in cash. From the moment that I stepped from the train after the vote was taken in the Senate I was shown the displeasure of the Dickner crowd. This <sup>did</sup> not annoy me much, but aside from Attorney Rogue of the Ant Saloon League, not a man or woman has expressed one word of approval on my vote on the question. I received a vote of thanks from the 52 Members of W. C. T. U. at Ruskburg and this is all from any organization in the words of approval.

I can run as an Independent Candidate for the Senate, or as the Candidate of either Party and can win against any man who may oppose me, but consider what pledges I will be required to make to succeed in my effort. I am very well acquainted with Mr and Mrs Quackenbush and have been the best of friends. Mrs wrote me a very earnest protest against my vote on the Loyalty resolutions at the Special Session in February, but <sup>she</sup> omitted mentioning the vote on Prohibition at the Regular Session. I would be pleased to come to your beautiful City (if the time will permit) when you have your passenger and tripp across the Country by car with the Quackenbushes and Mrs Gale would be a delightful indeed. With remembrance, and best wishes to your Father I am  
Very sincerely  
Geo Staudenmayer

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Miss Ada James,  
 Richland Center,  
 Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:

I have your letter of April 26 telling me of the meetings which have been arranged for Mrs. Ascough in Wisconsin. Miss Messer did wire me that she did not desire to have a meeting in Menomonic at this time, but when I wired back urging her to have at least a conference of suffragists, she replied she would do this. I have a letter from her this morning confirming her telegram and saying that she is very glad to have Mrs. Ascough with her on May 16 and 17.

Does it not seem better to you/have this meeting in Menomonic rather than in Milton, as you suggest in your letter? Your plan for Richland Center on the fourteenth is splendid. It will be most helpful to have Mrs. Ascough meet as many as a hundred people. I am sure that they will all find her an interesting speaker and I am trusting that she will arouse them to great activity. I shall wait very eagerly to hear the results of all the meetings.

You may have heard from our legislative department that the situation in the Senate has improved decidedly during the past week, since seven men - two Democrats and five Republicans - whom we have had

Miss Ada James - 2  
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listed as hopeful have pledged leaders in their parties to support the amendment. We cannot give this to the press, however, since they have made no public pledges. We are counting almost positively on the vote of Senator Culberson of Texas, but even though he is most favorable he has not yet committed himself. With his support we could count upon sixty-one votes. We are now working hard to secure the votes of Senator Guion, recently appointed from Louisiana, and of Senator Stone's successor from Missouri. If we could win these votes, we would then have sixty-three. Since the two vacancies have been filled we must secure sixty-four votes, and at the present time we are not at all sure who the sixty-fourth will be. There is no doubt that the President could help us to secure the needed number and we understand from various sources that he is using his influence to gain votes for the amendment. It is very necessary, therefore, that we keep up constant pressure upon the President, showing him that public opinion throughout the country expects action on his part.

Senator Lenroot was a leader in the House and we know that he worked to secure votes for the amendment when it was brought up in January. We are hoping that he will use all of his influence in the Senate in behalf of the amendment, so he should hear constantly from Wisconsin indicating to him what suffragists at home expect of him.

I trust that our committees in Wisconsin will be greatly strengthened because of Mrs. Ascough's meetings. She is now in Washington and I have talked to her about the things we hope she will accomplish. Would it be possible for you to meet her in Milwaukee and go to Oshkosh and Madison with her? I would not want to interfere with your meeting in Richland Center, but it would be excellent if you could accompany Mrs. Ascough on her trip *through Wisconsin.*

Hoping to hear from you soon again and trusting that all the Wisconsin meetings will be most successful, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Mabel Vernon*  
National Secretary.

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 SENATOR WALTER GUION KNOWN TO BE FRIEND OF SUFFERAGE MUST WIN HIM  
 FOR AMENDMENT DELUGE ALSO NEW MISSOURI SENATOR EXENPOPHON P WILFLEY  
 BE SURE TO MAKE EACH FEEL HIS VOTE MAY DECIDE FATE OF AMENDMENT  
 AS INDEED IT MAY ADDRESS BOTH WASHINGTON ,

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Senator Wilfley,  
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LARGEST CLUB OF THIS CITY URGES YOU TO VOTE AND WORK FOR FEDERAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT UNITED STATES SENATORS MUST LEGISLATE IN INTEREST OF WORLD AND NATIONAL DEMOCRACY WOMEN PREFER TO BE FREE TO GIVE TIME TO WAR WORK PLEASE TRY TO HASTEN PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT.

Grace Lincoln, President

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Senator Guion,  
Washington, D.C.

Largest club of this city urges you in the interests of democracy to vote and work for the federal suffrage amendment. United States Senators must legislate for national and world democracy. Women of this country eager to be free to give all their time to war work please do your part to hasten the passage of the amendment.

Grace Lincoln

# NATIONAL PARTY

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HEADQUARTERS  
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To the Members of the National Party:

Friends: Our National Convention has come and gone-- it brought into being our permanent great National Party; it promulgated to the Nation and to the world a notable Manifesto explaining its aims, and a Platform for Constructive Political, Industrial and International Democracy destined to become historic. There were 176 delegates present from all parts of the country, and about sixty prominent leaders of the various groups blending within the Party constitute its official organization, its general officers being: National Chairman, David C. Coates, Wash.; 1st Vice Ch'm. (and Ch'm Exec.Com.), J.A.H.Hopkins, N.J.; 2nd Vice Ch'm, Marie C. Brehm, Calif.; Treasurer, Wm. F. Cochran, Md.; and Secretary Clarence E. Pitts, Ill.

Plans are being matured for an immediate and intensive "Drive" to greatly expand our membership and organize each state, to place our Party in active condition to nominate candidates for Congress, State Legislatures, and other offices, as it may deem best-- and to develop a campaign for our principles and the election of our candidates throughout the length and breadth of our land.

Carefully read and digest enclosed copies of Program, Platform, and Constitution-- then dedicate your time during the next ten days to securing applications of six neighbors upon enclosed blanks, and rush them to us, each accompanied by \$2. Membership cards for 1918 will be mailed each. All citizens, regardless of race, creed or sex, over 18 years of age, also all resident voters, are eligible to membership. All members in your state will soon be invited to gather together and organize a permanent State Organization, when \$1.00 of each membership will be turned over to your State organization, to aid in building the party there.

We are upon the threshold of a mighty opportunity! While our comrades-- many of them members of our Party-- are going "Over There" to fight and many of them to die for Democracy, shall not we who remain at home also do our respective "Bits" as patriotic citizens to help secure real Democracy at home-- thus unitedly finally completing democratization of America and the World for Political and Industrial freedom, and thus secure to every human being his or her rights, liberties, opportunities and happiness!!

OUR PARTY AND ITS GREAT CAUSE DEPENDS UPON YOU TO DO YOUR DUTY-- AND WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL NOT FAIL, FOR ON THIS ACTIVITY RESTS THE SUCCESS OF OUR AIMS FOR THE COMMON GOOD. SPEED THE MEMBERSHIPS.

TO ACTION! TO VICTORY!!

Yours for Humanity,

THE NATIONAL PARTY,

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Col. Edward M. House,  
115 E. 53rd St.,  
New York City.

Please urge President to hasten action on suffrage women growing daily more impatient and indignant over delay in Senat forced to buy liberty bonds promote war work of all kinds and give sens to fight for a democracy which is denied them, intolerable.

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MEETING THIS WEEK HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS WOULD ADOPT RESOLUTION  
CALLING UPON SENATE FOR IMMEDIATE PASSAGE NATIONAL SUFFERAGE  
AMANDMENT WILL YOU DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SECURE SUPPORT  
DEGELATION FROM WISCONSIN FOR SUCH RESOLUTION IF DELEGATION HAS  
LEFT FOR HOT SPRINGS HAVE TELEGRAMS SENT THEM FROM IMPORTANT WOMEN  
URGING THEM VOTE AND WORK FOR RESOLUTION.

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