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WOMAN'S COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY
COUNCIL OF DEFENCE.

[ca. 1917]

Mrs. Kirkpatrick-County Chairman.

Mrs. Lincoln-chairman of Speakers Com

Mrs. A.A. Thomson- Child Welfare

Mrs. Fred Thomson-Liberty Loan

Mrs. Everett Pease-Health & Recreation

Mrs. John Balantyne-Food Conservation

Ada James- Women in Industry.

Child Welfare

Immediate effect of war is direct injury to children.

Born under unfavorable conditions.

Older children taken from school

Mortality of Children endangered.

Last yr. in one city 3,000 children taken from school to work in factories.

Ap. 6 Conservation of child life.

300000 children under 5 die in U.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ might be saved.

Most of 15,000 mothers who died in child birth past yr. might have been saved.

Wisconsin Newspapers favorable to suffrage:

Adams County Press	Friendship
The Press,	Ashland
The Times,	Rice Lake
Buffalo County News,	Mondovi
The Journal and Sentinel	Grantsburg
The News	De Pere
Gazette	Green Bay
Brown County Journal	De Pere
The Times	Chilton
The News	Brillion
Times	Chippewa Falls
Times	Neillsville
Daily Register	Portage
The Union	Prairie du Chien
La Follette's Magazine	Madison
State Journal	"
Democrat	"
The Argus	Beaver Dam
The Telegram	Superior
The Leader	Eau Claire
Forest Echo	Crandon
The Commonwealth	Fond du Lac
Daily Reporter	"
Leader	Waupuh
Journal	Berlin
Daily Journal	Monroe
Sentinel	Boscobel
Journal	Platteville
Chronicle	Dodgeville
Press	Highland
Iowa County Democrat	Mineral Point
Star	Mauston
Reporter	Wonewoc
Hoard's Dairyman	Fort Atkinson
The Enterprise	Palmyra
Badger State Banner	Black River Falls
The Banner	Kewaunee
Evening News	Kenosha
Daily Herald	Merrill
Daily Journal	Antigo
Democrat	Darlington
Leader-Press	La Crosse
Tribune	"
Herald	Sparta
Monroe County Democrat	"
Journal	Tomah
Sentinel	Milwaukee
Journal	"
Evening Wisconsin	"
Leader	"
Daily News	"
Free Press	"
Catholic Citizen	"
The News	Wauwatosa
Independent	West Allis
Press	"

Eagle-Star	Marinette
Pilot	Wausau
Record-Herald	"
The Pilot	Manitowoc
The Herald	Pt. Washington
Crescent	Appleton
Times	Kaukauna
Enquirer	Oconto
Herald	Oconto Falls
New North	Rhineland
Rhineland News	"
Courier	Durand
Times	River Falls
Standard Press	St. Croix Falls
Journal	Stevens Point
Gazette	"
Herald	Park Falls
Free Press	Burlington
The Standard Democrat	Burlington
Daily Times	Racine
Republican Observer	Richland Center
Daily News	Beloit
Free Press	"
Gazette	Janesville
Recorder	"
The News Budget	Ladysmith
The Daily Press	Sheboygan
The Herald	"
Advocate	Shawano
Republican	Hayward
News	Baraboo
Wisconsin News and Republican Voice,	New Richmond
The Herald	Trempealeau
The Waldbote	Medford
The Review	Eagle River
The Censor	Viroqua
The Times	Neenah
The Northwestern	Oshkosh
The Wautoma Argus	Wautoma
The Republican Post	Waupaca
The News	West Bend
The Advocate	Spoooner
The Register	Whitewater
The News	Marshfield

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



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MISS ADA JAMES

RICHLAND CENTER WIS

PAULS SISTER TALKED WITH HER THROUGH WINDOW PAUL HELD IN PSYCHOPATHIC WARD UNDER OBSERVATION THREATEND WITH INSANE ASSYLUM ~~DECLASS~~ IT IS A LIE THAT SHE IS NOT RESISTING FORCIBLE FEEDING RESISTING TO UTMOST OF HER STRENGTH TOOK FIVE DOCTORS TO EXAMINE HER SENT OUT FOLLOWING MESSAGE NOT FOR ANY THING LESS THAN THE FULL RIGHTS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WOULD I GO THROUGH THIS IN MAKING THIS DEMAND WE ARE SECURING HONORABLE CONDITIONS FOR ALL SUFFERAGETSTS IN JAIL MAKENG IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO LIVE THROUGH THE IR SEVEN MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AND PROTECT THE INTERST OF POLITICAL OFFENDERS THROUGH OUT THE NATION SITUATION MOST ALARMING ,

BEULAH AMIDON,

830 AM

SOCIETY SUFFRAGETTES IN GARB OF OCCOQUAN JAIL, NEAR WASHINGTON



MRS. J. A. H. HOPKINS AND MRS. JOHN W. BRANNAN

Mrs. J. A. H. Hopkins, chairman of the suffragettes in New Jersey, whose husband is the chairman of the Progressive party in that state, and who is known to society there, and Mrs. John Winter Brannan, daughter of Charles A. Dana, are here shown in the clothing they wore for thirty days they spent in Occoquan jail near Washington for picketing the White house. The photographs were taken the day they were liberated.

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Mrs. John W. Brannan*

THE MILWAUKEE LEADER
THE WORLD'S LARGEST
SOCIALIST DAILY
VICTOR L. BERGER, EDITOR

[1917?]



Dear Ada .

Thanks for coming to my aid. I feel sort of humiliated to think I have to give an accounting of myself to these ladies. But my good name is very dear to me. In my work in Milwaukee I have established almost an enviable place for myself and only since I have been working for suffrage have I ever encountered such awful attitudes as I found on the part of women who are asking for the right to vote. Sometimes I wonder whether after all we are ready for the ballot. But I also know that we never will be ready until we go through with just this sort of thing. As you say we ought not to take them seriously only they really do a good deal of damage, Yesterday they just about forced one of their best workers out by telling her that she was detrimental to the cause because of her "other activities" meaning thereby her peace activities. She promptly resigned. I also received a letter from Miss Mary B. Messer from Menomonie telling me she too had resigned. So much the better for the Monass Party but too bad for the W.W.S.A. They are losing all the people who had new ideas and initiative.

Thanks for your kind invitation but at the present time my place is behind the guns with that wonderful husband of mine. Do join the Socialist party for you really believe that a great big cause is far more important than even the ballot which you may and may not want to split. Talk to me about that when next you come to town. You will understand I am sure when explained to you. Like all new movements it had to be safeguarded by all sorts of rules and

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regulations. But I believe that the time has come when we can well afford to lift some of those rules and work with the people who are with on certain particular issues as for instances we ought to be able to work with LaFollette just now and he with us. But that is for the future to work. All I can say now is that the logical place for you is with those who have a big vision of the world's problems and who do not restrict their activities within arbitrary and geographical boundaries.

We are just now forming a class in Socialism for women and it promises to be very interesting. We are also trying to organizing the wives of working men. first as to their economic interests and then as to their political interests. We feel that we cannot overwhelm them all at once.

Well Ada., Mr. Potter asked me for copies of those letters as the ladies are accusing him of duplicity. I gave them, to him because he didn't enjoy the situation he got into.

When you come to town let me know. I have not been honored with a delegates badge so cannot say whether I shall get over to the convention ~~much~~. I wish them luck however.

John

With love to you I am as always
Yours for the cause

Victor L. Berger

"SLACKERS AND FLAPPERS MUST GO TO WORK"
SAYS STATE COUNCIL

Don't be a slacker or a flapper! These terms apply to men and women who are not doing their share, in some way, to bring about a successful termination of the War. Each one, man and woman, boy and girl-must perform some part. What are you doing? Is everybody in your community engaged in some productive work?

Hundreds of pool room loafers, idle men, vagrants, hobos and tramps-yes, and sons of idle rich and well-to-do people-must get busy at something. This is war. Hundreds of thousands of our young men will be in France by fall, fighting the battles of democracy, of liberty, of equality and freedom-our battles. A responsibility rests upon the shoulders of every able-bodied man and boy in Wisconsin to be on the job. The men and boys who are not doing their part are slackers.

Flappers are girls and women who do not work-idle women. They are able-bodied, live at home and are used to idleness and leisure. These women must be recruited into useful service. About one-half of the women in the United States, we are told, belong to this class. They are not in the professions or industry. They are not in any productive employment. As a matter of fact, they are the nation's great reserve force and very soon must enter productive employment in homes, and to some extent also take the places of men who go to war. Their wings are yet, so to speak, untried, but they will soon find them in service of their country. America's millions of women in this respect will not lag behind the thousands of noble women of Belgium, France and Great Britain, who have taken the places of fathers, husbands and sons gone to the trenches.

For the idle women in Wisconsin-and there are enough of them-there is but one remedy, force. The law is plain. The sheriff of the county can compel them to do their part under the vagrancy act. County Councils in every county in Wisconsin should list idle men, present their names to the sheriff, and help him enforce the law. A shortage of labor exists in the state. Every man who is willing to work can find work. Those who are idle must be made to work.

Dear Ada, - I think the incidence of the above market phrases - merit a rebuke. I do not feel equal to the task. If you think best - handle as you see fit. -
Faculty,
Walter S. Minner,
If this were in Illinois or some other suffrage state it might be tolerated.

WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

BUDGET, 1917.

HEADQUARTERS:

Rent.....	\$600.00	
Office Secretary.....	720.00	
Executive Secretary.....	1200.00	
Extra Stenographic Work.....	125.00	
Mimeograph.....	95.00	
Stationery and Office Supplies....	250.00	
Telephone, Light and Janitor.....	150.00	
Postage and Incidentals.....	<u>400.00</u>	\$3,540.00

COMMITTEES:

Press.....	250.00	
Field Work.....	2400.00	
Organizer in Milwaukee.....	500.00	
Literature.....	400.00	
Legislature inc. Lobbyist.....	500.00	
Finance.....	200.00	
Congressional.....	<u>300.00</u>	4,550.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Annual Convention.....	200.00	
Delegate to National Convention...	100.00	
Traveling Expenses of Speakers....	200.00	
Campaign States.....	<u>500.00</u>	1,000.00

10% to National- \$909. plus \$1. ... 910.00

TOTAL BUDGET.....\$10,000.00

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU
STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Madison, Wisconsin,

INDUSTRIAL FORCE IMPERATIVE

A registration for women's service has been asked for by the Council of National Defense, and the State Council of Defense will begin this work on or before the middle of July.

The successful outcome of the war depends not only upon the raising, equipping and training of an efficient army, but also upon the raising and training of an efficient agricultural and industrial force.

We must have ships to transport our armies, munitions for their use, food not only for our own forces but also for our allies. We must feed our people at home. To accomplish these ends, there must be no shortage of labor. Men are now training camps and 500,000 will be drafted on the first draft. The second draft will follow in November. To maintain even an normal supply of labor, we must draw recruits from those classes of society that have never before gone into the industrial field. The tramp, the street corner loafer must enlist, work or be sent to jail. The society man and woman are as urgently needed in the industrial world as the man or woman who is compelled to work for daily bread.

There are two ways of helping Germany win the war. One is to engage actively in the service of the German nation; the other is to sit still, produce nothing, and consume what others have produced. The former aids the enemy directly. The latter ~~aids~~ aids the enemy almost as directly by taking food from our

soldiers, from our allies, from the people at home; by decreasing our Country's strength and efficiency in the time of its greatest need.

There is today a shortage of farm labor. After the draft, the industrial world will feel the pinch even more than it does at this time. It is up to the idlers to fill the gaps. One of the crying needs of today is for pioneers from these classes to blaze the trail from leisure to usefulness and labor. Women of social prominence in England and Canada have gone into the munitions factories and onto the farms and have taken their friends and acquaintances with them. Their example has led others to roughen their hands and soil their raiment for their country. Here in Wisconsin, girls and women unaccustomed to manual labor, have gone into the pea canneries and into machine shops and by so doing have enlisted for their country's welfare.

Who will be the first to blaze the trail for the entrance of the man and woman of leisure into the industrial field?

Yours truly,

J. C. Wise
Employment Bureau
STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

U.S. Dept of Agriculture
U.S. Dept. of Labor
Cooperating.

[1917]



FOR MY FRIEND

Zona Gale

I wish you joy of this and that,
The new look from a path's quick turn,
The sunshine on the long home street,
The unexpected fern.

I wish you power to draw delight
Because a bough blows so — or so;
To love to walk within the wind
Or in the thick, slow snow.

I wish you joy of everything —
Of all the living, singing lands
And of the smiling, sleeping sky
That no one understands.

Take these, dear Friend, and then I pray
A magic for you — here's a part:
The blessedness of being near
The wild, glad, aching human heart.

Dear Ada James - [1917]

I want you to have this
lovely poem of Zona Gale's,
made available this year by a
Chicago friend. May all its
joys be yours. They seem
to me the only kind possible
in these days of hate and
murder.

What are you doing? What
of suffrage and peace? You
will be glad to know I gave my
name to Mrs. Berger the other
day for the Woman's Party.
I am not yet converted to
the anti-party policy, but

Am so far from being converted to
the policies and methods of the
National and the W. U. S. A. that
It will not violate my conscience
any more to join the Woman's Part,
and the picketing at Washington
has seemed to me so splendid
and courageous.

I am at Lincoln Center for the
winter again. M. G. comes
for the holidays. So let me know
how you are - and forgive my
long silences.

Affectionately

Sue Quisenberry

700 Oakwood Blvd. Chicago.

Early Sunday, Ca. 1917

Dear Ada

M & I are sending you the checks for the conscientious objector's fund as if they are not needing money send it to the anti-militarism society. I am not so nervous about militarism as I was - the Tribune has a less brumptious & cocky sound. They are talking now about a big army ^{necessary} navy, mil. training to offset England's big navy - the excuse for such talk being the trade war England is launching. It is rather fun to read it because they are really pro English and come at it very circumspectly only they can't let a chance slip to urge militarism. I wish you'd take the Tribune. It keeps your eye on the enemy tho I can't always understand its wiles. Why is it advocating good things like getting out of Russia & lifting the embargo from Germany? There can't be a moral motive. I suppose they hope to stir up resentment for the administration over having our troops in Russia. Hope they will succeed. For all I think Wilson will do his best to get liberal things out of the Peace League tho I have to acknowledge to Credit that Wilson is the statesman

on whom liberals must depend, I have a
vengeful dislike of him just as I think
you do. The Nation said it was a pity
liberals hadn't a more uncompromising
leader - that's acknowledging he is
the leader. I have against him: conscrip-
tion, espionage law, Russian ^{intervention}
and I have them against him hard
but he has stood for a lot of great things
and maybe he had to compromise.
Creutz & Pres. Seafield (of Normal) are both
strong for Wilson. Pres S. is a democrat but
Creutz isn't a party man. He scorns
Scandinavians (he is a Swede) for being
"dyed in the wool" Repubs. Eau Claire all Scav.
& he hates it. I wish you knew him. I
have a good time listening to him because
he is well informed and charming and
liberal but I get all out of patience with
him. He talks in Cong Church on public
themes every Sunday. A girl told me he
said Taft was the second greatest American
statesman after W. Now wasn't that
some disconcerting from a radical!
He comes to the library work room almost
every day because his views get more
encouragement there than elsewhere at
Normal. I boned him about the Taft
anointment. At first he hedged and then

year the government may jail you for being Catholic or Lutheran - how will you like that"? I think he stirs them to interest in political issues just as Johnson at home does his class only Cretz is a brilliant fellow and only the dead ones could remain dull. When I think of Elbert + Johnson + Fred Thomson, Cretz seems very lacking in steadiness of counsel and sincerity. It is rather puzzling to me for he is truly a liberal.

He swears by the Nation but is irritated by the New Rep. and can't give any tangible reason. Frank McKee felt the same way. C. falls back on the accusation that it is highbrow, academic - its editors never worked in a machine shop (as he did) or they wouldn't sound as they do. I don't feel that way at all but I never worked in a machine shop either.

The girls at Norwalk have been debating releasing conscientious objectors. It was fun looking up all the Deal, Nation, Public & New Rep. articles for them. The magazine index didn't do very well for the subject and I put in a lot of time and zeal. I think they got nothing for the negative side.

I heard one girl make the point that if they were released then in the next war cowards would count on being failed for only a few months. Cruetz parried the point by saying a lot of cowards resorted to self-inflicted wounds and could easier escape active service that way but I would meet it with a no more con-
scription plea. I heard one girl say with good earnestness "I don't believe in fails for anybody", which however sentimental sounded good in these vindictive times.

Why the two library assistants I worked with at the Public were hoping the Kaiser wouldn't take his own life so the allies could wreak vengeance. They had been the night before to an awful picture show: "Heart of the World" that stirred up the beast in them. Damn the movies!

Ada Mc is fanatical and vindictive. She isn't hard and unsympathetic when her animosity is aroused. But in my opinion she is a very good woman.

Do you know what she said that Vera calls a damned lie? It must be about me or Mattie or Vera would have told me. If it is about Mattie I'd like to know. I'm going to make Vera tell me.

Elbert you say objects to Socialism because
it would kill initiative. It is mostly the
initiative of exploitation the present system
encouraged isn't it? I should like to
know what guild socialism is. I can't
say that the government control we have
had for the war has whetted my appetite
for a paternalistic government.

I'll be so glad when things break loose and
people can print & say just what they
think tho I have shuddered at the Nation
which seems to be thoroughly ~~atop~~ and
yet riddles about censorship. But let
things break clear loose - it will do us
all a world of good.

I don't get my La Follette's - must subscribe.
I'll bet Aunt Midge will come out all right
don't you - it was only a temporary
aberration.

I have to sort the bills from the legislature
look them over and make a separate file
of educational bills. I'll watch for your
Senator.

Perhaps we won't be home by Feb. 15. The
teacher who is to take Mattie's place
won't be ready then possibly because her
mother is disabled somewhere.
I am reading the Dial lately. It is

stiffer reading than Nation or New Rep. 113
Webster writes for it and I sweat reading
him but he is a dandy old cynic.
Beard + John Dewey write for it. It is
very good but takes a good deal of time.
Did you see that Jane Adams, Villard,
David Starr Jordan, Lochner along with
debs were mentioned as an investigator
as suspect for their anti militarism
during war? The Tribune gave it some
prominence but I couldn't get a very
definite idea about it - just a move to
discredit them I guess without any
intention of doing anything - give them a
little pusillivous publicity. Don't you get
furious - I know you do. Well the fight
will be in the open soon and then it
won't be so exasperating.

What has Mattie been getting up in
her letter to you - she looks mischievous.
She is a rascal - she fools me up one
side and down another and then
smacks her lips over my stupidity.
She is an A No 1 actor in look and
voice and I can't tell to save me when
she is only pretending and I never know
what she may do. She can generally

be counted on at least for strict propriety
but not when she is so full of the dickens
as she was yesterday. Yesterday evening
we were in the bedroom watching Mrs
J. put the baby to bed. Mattie was nervous
for fear Mr J. who was in the bathroom
taking a bath, would get through and bolt
in on us there with his bathrobe on. He is
a rather retiring fellow and she thinks
him more bashful than he is. We

scrambled to our kitchen to get out of his
way & to get supper. We get our water in
the bath room. Mattie handed me the
tea kettle and said in the most exquisitely
matter of fact tone and with the most
casual of expressions on her face: "Please
get some water for tea." Mrs Thomson
and I shouted and I suppose Mr J.
was told. I suspect if such levity happens
often and he gets over his awe of Mattie
she will find he isn't very bold. ~~That~~
~~would be true~~ for he is clever and would
be a match for her.

We are going over to play our new record.
Lots of love
V.


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RICHLAND CENTER WIS

DEPERATELY URGENT HAVE TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS SENT IMMEDIATELY
 PRESIDENT CABINET MEMBERS COMMISSIONERS BROWNLOW AND GARDNER
 SUPTS SINKHAM AND ~~WHITAKER~~ WHITAKER DEMANDING THEY END HUNGER STRIKE
 BY THRHEATED SUFFERAGITS AS POLITICAL PRISONERS TREATED IN ALL
 CIVILIZED COUNRIES NOT AS ~~PRISONERS~~ CRIMINALS THIS SIMPLE REQUEST WILL
 BE GRANTED IF WE HAVE SUFFICIENT OUTSIDE PROTESTS.

KATHERINE MOREY,

116 PM

"AMERICA FIRST"

WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

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Office Secretary

November 22, 1917.

Dear Ada James:-

Now that the convention is over and there's opportunity to answer your letter I find that there is, after all, not much to say. You see things one way and I see them another way, because we were, from the beginning, fashioned so that our different points of view are inevitable. That indefinable something, that we call temperament, explains this as it explains a great many other things.

We are sorry to have you leave our organization but I know your heart hasn't been with us for a long time. Such being the case a separation is probably best. There is no question in the mind of anyone who knows you that you do what you think to be right. I must confess that it seems to me you would not be benefiting yourself or anybody else by going to jail so I am glad that your father is acting as a deterrent in that direction. Be assured always of my warm personal feeling for you. We may work along different channels for a little while but I fancy that we shall all be working together for certain civic ends when the Federal Amendment is finally passed and endorsed.

Affectionately yours,

Hedra M. Youmans
President.

Enclosed: "Woman Pickets Freed"
[1917] Nov. 28

Oshkosh, Nov. 30, 1917.

My dear Ada,-

Yours came yesterday. When I read of the change of the prisoners from Occoquan to the prison in Washington with better treatment, I came home from Mrs. Gudden's and to bed with a more restful sleep than I had since Miss Vernon left us. And now this more subtle foe to fight against. I have sent this message to our friends in Fond du Lac

I asked Mrs. G- if they read your letter in board meeting which came about when I told her why I changed my mind in going to Mil. I went to our local league meeting Monday to see what they were doing. The delegates were instructed how to vote and the list made out who were to be elected. Mrs. Hooper had to explain in meeting why I was not elected. Mrs. Radford tried to explain why the instructions because the actions of ~~our~~ prominent Mil. woman was misleading and ~~and~~ the State assa. wanted their position clearly understood. After the meeting she told me to whom she referred and said ^{Mr. A.} her actions were decidedly proGerman. I am enclosing two clippings which perhaps you have not seen. When I said I considered her charge I.W.W. to the W.P. severe she said that was a quotation. Putting all these things together it looks plain to me that the National is behind this. I said to sister Clara I would like to get some officer after Mrs. R. like the U.S. Marshall. That is not right I know but whoever he may be, give her such a shaking that it would scare them right along up to the top. From Miss Messer, up there they are not free from small politics.

I have written all this to explain my question to Mrs. G+ and to let you know. She would tell me nothing. I said I only asked, for then the board would know the story of Mrs. B- and not fight her as

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the report got out here they intended to do.

Your letter to the board was splendid. I hang on to our Local to see what they are doing and in time it may be so dead that we can resurrect W.P. from the ashes.

I am tired reading the 'Woman Citizen' criticisms of the pickets and shall discontinue it.

As ever for this great cause,

Sarah J.

Mrs. Hooper is going to Washington soon. She is not asked. She is commanded, she says.

Clipping from O. North Western, front page.

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WOMAN PICKETS FREED.

Remainder of Suffragets Released
from Washington Jail.

(By United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—The country's first major suffraget hunger strike ended in complete victory for the Woman's party when the eight remaining White house picketers were unconditionally released from the district jail here today. Twenty-two were given their freedom yesterday. Suffrage headquarters emphasized no agreement had been reached to discontinue White house demonstrations.

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SunnyBrae Cupertino Cal. Dec. 3d, 1917

My dear, dear Miss James:-

I have just re-read your good letter of Aug. 6th, re'cd at my brother's home in Drain, Oregon, after I was almost home, and I cannot tell you how much it would have meant to me to have visited you in your own home! I had a lovely visit with old and new friends all along the route from Chicago to Boston, and the best part of all the four months was the recovery of my dear sister, which seems almost a miracle- as the change was wrought by my own hands in a series of what I call "magnetic treatment" for want of a better name. I "treated" her mentally and with my hands (which seemed to be surcharged with electricity the moment I began), for six weeks, with short intervals between, and she began to improve almost at once, the tumor decreasing, and her general health growing from day to day more encouraging, until she now regards herself well- and has outlived the term set by the Drs. for her passing on.

Yes, my dear, the War has taken the sweetness out of life for me, as well as for millions of others.

I too, joined the People's Council and did what I could to help along the cause for which it stands, but now all freedom of speech is barred, and I see no way but to keep silent and await the fulfillment of the law of evolution. With all my soul I pray that Revolution may not be born of these terrible conditions! I more and more marvel at the blindness of our public men, and the most tragic thing about the whole situation is the honest differences of opinion of men and women of equal intelligence, goodness, and consecration! Even as was the case in our Civil War.

This is not a letter, but just a hand-clasp, and a wafting of most earnest and loving Christmas and New Year's greetings. I understand your feeling about the Red Cross - but I presume you have changed somewhat e'er this, as I have, in feeling that whatever we can do to mitigate the misery of the men forced into this conflict, we should do, no matter how we feel about War as a policy of dealing with our fellowmen; and so I am knitting a little, and giving what I can for the general good. But it is only a drop in the ocean

and my heart aches and aches until I have to force myself to change the currents of thought, and so am reading more fiction than ever in my life before !

How dreadful it was about your lovely (I know it is lovely), home's being so nearly destroyed.!

I am glad you escaped as well as you did, and I would like very much to see that dear father of yours ! What a good fighter of all evils he has been ! May he be spared to you for many years to come !

The suffrage victory in New York has given the cause a great impetus but I feel as you do about making it a national issue- the President now has almost unlimited power and both Prohibition and Suffrage should be settled right, ^{and} at once, as war measures. The absurdity of urging us to eat less and a poorer quality of food, while millions of tons of grain and good food-stuffs are being converted into poisons for the men of this and other lands ! ! I will inclose a little article of mine, tho' it is badly marred by the printer's "devil" in its second appearance, and not a single copy of the San Jose Mercury was obtainable after the second day- which expresses some of the feelings of my heart.

Now my dear friend, I thank you most heartily for all of your sweet hospitality of thought, and do hope that you may come to my own country home "some sweet day" you and your father.

My youngest step-daughter and her daughter, name-sake of my darling Lucretia, arrived here last Sunday and will probably be my companions for at least a year to come. My health is improving and but for the war I think I would be actually well.

We are having a mild, dry winter- and the eastern friends are enchanted with the change.

Now with much love and wishing you a very blessed Christmas and a glad and prosperous New Year, with peace as the crowning joy, I am

Affectionately and gratefully yours,

Elizabeth Loue Watson

Did I send you my little book "Song and Sermon"? Excuse the way in which I have used this sheet - the machine does not work well with this paper double.

E. L. W.

Manchester N. H.

Dec. 31st 1917.

Dear Ada.

I wish you all a Happy
New Year - "Good Fortune - Good Health -
and Good Cheer" - I was very glad to
hear from you all and thank you
for the cards received and especially for
the sausages. Ada and Albert they were
nice - We had my niece from California
and my cousin from Exeter to eat them with
us - and all pronounced them good
It is very awful cold here - 16 degs below
zero - we have all we can do to keep warm

in some places only 26 degrees below zero
and very little coal we were fortunate
in having ours put in the ~~frat~~ of June
I hope Lucile got home in time for the
funeral. It must have been a great
shock to her so sudden - I have not
seen Amanda for a long time but hear
she is well - I sent your Father last
week a little book I found among
Cornelias papers that I thought might
interest him more than any one else
now that Cornelia is gone. Your family
by seem nearer to me than all the rest
except Fred Clarke's family. I only
have a second cousin Ella Quincy left
in Mother's family. My grand niece

Will only be with me two weeks longer
I am so sorry for she is my niece
to me and we all enjoy her -
I received quite a good many Christmas
presents among them a sett of Seal skin
furs from Elvira Holden they are
beautiful and warm - I don't know what
I should do without Nellie she is very
thoughtful of me - I hope Norman is
better give my love to him and his
family How do you like Liza Ann's sister
I thought she was nice when I saw
her - Now give lots of love to your father
and all the rest of the family -
Write often
Affectionately
Cousin Cal.

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My dear Miss James:-

I have just had a talk with Miss Paul, in which I have told her that I believe it would be an excellent thing to have an organizer in Wisconsin immediately. I think you know how I felt when I was there, that splendid material was at hand for good work for the Woman's Party. Would it be possible for you to raise the money to have the services of an organizer immediately? All of our organizers are paid \$100.00 a month. I believe a month's work would put Wisconsin in excellent shape for you to handle.

I have told Miss Paul of the fine work which you and several other women in Wisconsin are doing. I feel that the spirit shown there was about the best that I have met in any state on my trip. I cannot express my appreciation of the effort you made.

Please communicate with me immediately for this is the important time to have the organizer. We expect the vote on the Suffrage amendment to be taken in the house about January 7th and we are endeavoring to have as many meetings as possible during the few weeks thus given to us.

The Conference of the Advisory Council in Washington was most productive. All of the meetings were interesting and enthusiastic. The Mass Meeting on Sunday was unprecedented. I wish that you could have been here.

I forgot to mention that when I was in Milwaukee, Mrs. Berger and I went to see Mrs. Norris

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and she ^{practically} ~~particularly~~ promised us that she would give money a little later, if Mrs. Berger would ask her for it. This is undoubtedly the time. Maybe she would provide the \$100.00 needed for the organizer's salary. The organizer's expenses probably would not be so great as you seem most successful in procuring hospitality for workers. The railroad fare in Wisconsin will not be extravagant.

With my best wishes to you and great appreciation of all you are doing, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Malvill Vernon

P.S. The treasurer has just told me that you wired a pledge of \$50.00 for Wisconsin. I think it would be entirely proper to use that pledge for the expenses of the organizer whom we would like to send you.

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Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Friend:

Your very kind letter of December 8th I find on my desk upon my return to Washington. I assure you I read it with a great deal of pleasure and comfort. These trials serve at least one helpful purpose: They bring out in a most astonishing way expressions of friendship. A member of the Cabinet called me up the day after the indictment to assure me of his friendship and he is very active in my behalf. When I met the Speaker of the House on my return, he handed me a letter that he had sent a certain gentlemen protesting against the persecution. One of the ablest lawyers of New York City came to my office to tender his services. I had been on an impeachment committee and had assisted him in overwhelming a lot of crooks in high places in New York City. This act of his, therefore, was an expression of gratitude. I cannot tell you of all the kind expressions I have received from friends here and elsewhere.

The ladies of the National American Woman Suffrage Association were in my office yesterday to assure me of their indignation over the charge that had been

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brought against me and asked me to keep them informed on certain matters. They kindly stated that they would rather depend upon me than any other member of the Committee. This was praise that I hardly think I merited, but I am heartily and cordially for the cause.

Remember me kindly to all the immediate members of your family.

The persecution to which you refer is not disturbing us in the least, for we know the facts in the case and the law. I secured a speedy trial and the "show-down" is not far away. It is another case of dirty politics.

Cordially yours,



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Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

It is now practically certain that the Suffrage Amendment will be voted on in the House early in January. We have at present 242 favorable men on whom we can depend and about 63 who are hopeful. From these hopeful men and possibly from those opposed we must secure 48 votes to make up the two-thirds necessary to pass the amendment. In order to do this we must have all possible pressure brought on these men from their districts immediately.

I am enclosing a copy of the most recent poll of your State delegation. Men are already returning to their homes for the Christmas holidays and Congress will probably adjourn the middle of next week. Can you have deputations to all your men while they are at home, urging the non-committal and opposed members to vote for the amendment and urging those who are favorable to do all in their power to secure the support of their entire delegation and to be present without fail when the vote is taken?

In addition to this it is most vital to have telegrams sent at once to the President, Majority

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Will you please let us know what you are able to do so we can tell how much pressure is being brought from the States?

Very sincerely yours,

William A. Mosey

Legislative Secretary.

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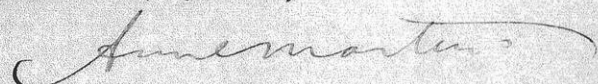
Miss Ada James,
 Richland Center,
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Dear Miss James:

I am sending you the latest poll of your state delegation to the House of Representatives. Besides sending delegations of women to those of your Congressmen who are at home during the holidays, urging them not only to vote but to work in every way possible for the passage of the amendment, and (when they are favorable) to secure the votes of other men in Congress for it, please have influential men of your state and district call upon them to make the same request. As Miss Morey wrote you last week, please have your representatives deluged with letters and telegrams at their offices in Washington, urging active support of the amendment in every way possible.

It is very probable that the vote will come on January 10. Intense and concentrated work upon your representatives up to the day of the vote is vital

Sincerely yours,



Chairman, Legislative Department.

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 SENTENCE BEGAN HUNGER STRIKE MONDAY NIGHT TO SECURE FOR COMRADES
 RIGHT TO BUY NECESSARY FOOD THIS RIGHT GRANTED OTHER PRISONERS
 PLEASE HAVE TELEGRAMS SENT TO PRESIDENT WILSON PROTESTING AGAINST
 BARBAROUS TREATMENT OF POLITICAL OFFENDERS

LUCY BURNS,

8:55 AM

100 Milwaukee

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Sunday Nov 4

Dear Miss James:-

Yesterday I asked
Nettie Brownthal to write
you about the introduction
of that suffrage resolution.
Today I cannot resist the
temptation of writing you
all about it myself.

As soon as I got your letter
& the copy of the letter from
Miss Armstrong, I hastened
to see Mr. T. Casewitz who as
you know was chairman

He at once told me that a lady from Richland Center had already been given 3 minutes on the evening program, whereupon I produced your letter delegating me to do that. "Very well, Mrs. Berger you shall have the 3 minutes." That was well enough but I also wanted to get the permission from Mr. C. Potter the presiding officer. I got that later in the afternoon while calling on Miss Rankin also securing her consent. So things looked well for our resolution. About 5 P.M. I understood Mrs. Eymann asked

Mr. Potter not to permit me to make the resolution in as much she feared it would not pass, at least that was her excuse. Potter at once rang up Miss Rankin to ask her opinion & she said "Why of course let Mrs. do it."

During the evening Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Rogers & Mrs. Warfield sat in the front row, & couldn't help but see me. All refused to greet me. One of the speakers ^{my P. H. Martineau Green Bay} took occasion to abuse Bergerism in the most bitter & abusive terms not realizing that I sat on the stage next to him. His abuse was so frightful & low that he over reached himself & the consequence was a boom bang. When I was introduced a moment later as Mrs. Victor L. Berger the big audience gave me a wonderful ovation of such length & duration that I finally put up my hands & stop it. I succeeded in getting the

resolution passed & every thing
was well except my suffrage friends
who were bitterly disappointed that
I, the socialist, suffragist, pacifist
etc etc had the chance.

Today I am told, they are saying
awful things about my underhanded
treatment of Mrs. Youmans who I
learned that afternoon had also
asked to have a resolution.

introduced in the regular way &
in the resolutions committee. These
women feel I did something
awful. Of course they knew nothing
of your letter nor that I did
not know of Mrs. Youmans' resolution
until my arrangements were
well under way. Min Jacobs feels
ought to apologize to Mrs. Youmans
but I can't see it - that way

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I feel very strongly that even if
I had had the courtesy
extended me by Mrs. Forman &
had been told she was going to
do this that I was the logical
person to do it, being an lifer
board of education & having
severed my connection from
the W.W.S.A. in order to be free
to act. She might have telephoned
me asking me to see to the
resolution business but she didn't
so I feel I had the right to
act upon your request & go
ahead & make my arrangements
even tho' I heard late that

day that she also had started to do the same work.

As it turned out the next day, I am told the business meeting of the teachers convention decided to eliminate all resolutions this year except a loyalty resolution in order not to confound the issues. So even if I hadn't done it, Mrs. Gorman's resolution would not have

been considered.

Now ada, what shall I do? Shall I write to the board ladies of the W.W.S.A. & explain the whole thing without offering anything like an apology or shall I ignore the women who from the very start have been unfair to me, catty in their treatment of me behind my back and always ^{it} misrepresing my

motives. I shall await
your reply before I move
& fortunately I have
saved the two letters, yours
& Miss Armstrongs showing
that the Women's Party had
secured the 3 minutes & not
the W. W. S. A.

What shall I do?

I want to do the right
thing by you by myself &
by the cause.

Sincerely

Maria B —

OCTOBER 31, 1917.

HE WHO READS.

Should Have Been Able to Understand the Why of Recent Address Here.

(To the Editor.)

Oshkosh, Wis., Oct. 30.—Perhaps you would like a few words in defense of your paper and the public would like their intelligence defended, due to the interview headed "Cold to Radicals" in Monday evening's Northwestern.

The writeups of Miss Vernon's appearing in Oshkosh, explaining who she was, under whose auspices she came, and her subject seemed so plain that any one who read would understand. All notices sent out gave no shadow of a doubt what was intended—to interpret the pickets.

If any were deceived, they must have thought suffrage is suffrage. They thought, it must be, that the principle of democracy is greater and more fundamental than any party or organization just as the members of the woman's party do. No one can gainsay they are fighting for democracy at home which does not require Red Cross work or Liberty bonds. Can one find a conservative adherent of the National who would do as much.

If we believe President Wilson, the pickets are doing nothing illegal or unconstitutional. But examine the constitutionality of the proceedings of the state suffrage association and the local suffrage league for examples, without mentioning the National, and you will find expediency and not the constitution their governing law. The Oshkosh league voted in September at an irregular meeting to do Red Cross work and the state association is actively pushing Liberty loans. No doubt this is translated suffrage. Fifty years ago the men friends of suffrage—

men like William Lloyd Garrison, Horace Greeley and Wendell Phillips—advised the women to do war work and the government would be generous with them at the close. If history repeats itself and if enough women can throw their energy into this war, the children and the grandchildren of this generation will be doing the same work that Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others started sixty years ago, unless President Wilson and Elihu Root succeed in getting democracy across in all the European countries before that time and public opinion has been sufficiently converted or if a national leader rises up who believes in democracy for our United States before that time.

It is evident to all that no one political party has all the bright and intellectual leaders. It is the same with women's organizations.

Mr. Editor, let me say, calling people names does not appeal to the intelligent class. I have always thought mud-slinging was used to get the ignorant man in line for his vote.

It seems so often true, as Byron says, "Man serves his time to every side, save censure, critics all are made."—Respectfully, Sarah

Wm. B. Radford and Jo
Nov. Oct. 29, 1917

COLD TO RADICALS.

County Woman Suffrage Association on Record as Opposed to Woman's Party.

The Winnebago County Woman Suffrage association has nothing in common with the National Woman's party, radical suffrage organization which has won notoriety for picketing the White house at Washington in an effort to gain publicity. In fact, the county organization of suffrage workers firmly condemns the methods of the Woman's party and likens that radical body to the I. W. W.

It has been discovered that a mistaken idea appears to be cherished by the public of Oshkosh and vicinity regarding the significance of the visit here recently of Miss Mabel Vernon, secretary of the National Woman's party. In order to correct this impression, the Winnebago County Woman Suffrage association, through its president, Mrs. Stephen C. Radford, of this city, went on record today as "absolutely apart" from the radical movement, together with the other recognized city and state units in Wisconsin that are working for the enfranchisement of women.

"It should be stated that the National American Woman Suffrage association is distinct and separate from the National Woman's party," said Mrs. Radford, explaining that many have taken the view that "suffrage is suffrage," and have classed all the supporters of the movement as one.

"The methods of the two groups are as divergent as can be. The Winnebago county association and the Oshkosh Equal Suffrage league, like the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage association, which is the state unit of the National American association, not only heartily disapprove of the pickets' activities and repudiate them, but support so far as possible the efforts of heads of the suffrage cause in the east to have this harmful work stop. They have begged and implored the leaders of the Woman's party to desist, because it is plain they are harming the movement. They constitute our I. W. W."

"This explanation is due every sympathizer in the work of enfranchising women, for there is no connection between their work and ours." The conservative organization is guided by the brainiest and most reliable women of the United States and all the members are charged to be of service in war work for women to the limit of their abilities."

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October 22, 1917

Miss Ada James,
 Richland Center, Wisconsin

My dear Miss James:

Six women were sentenced today to seven months' imprisonment for picketing. Please do everything possible in the interval before Congress opens to have protests sent to the President against this imprisonment and to your members of Congress with regard to it. In this way we will be able to make their imprisonment count as a lever in securing action in the coming session. These few weeks before Congress meets are most precious. Protests now will count for more than after Congress convenes, when the program for the year has been formulated. If we can make the President realize that the country considers his position untenable, he may be induced to end the situation in the only way he can, by the passage of the national amendment.

The pickets who were sentenced today for seven months are Miss Rose Winslow of New York City, Miss Minnie Hennesy of Hartford, Connecticut, Miss Maud Jamison of Norfolk, Virginia, Miss Kate Heffelfinger of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, Dr. Caroline Spencer of Colorado Springs, Colorado and myself.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul

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October 22, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
 Richland Center,
 Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:

On Sunday, November fourth, ten pickets will be released from Occoquan work-house, after serving a sentence of sixty days. They are Miss Lucy Burns, Miss Eleanor Calnan, Miss Lucy Branham, Mrs. W. J. Bartlett, Mrs. Annie Arneil, Miss Mary Winsor, Miss Maude Malone, Miss Margaret Fotheringham, Miss Edith Ainge, and Mrs. Pauline Adams.

We are arranging a supper to be given in their honor at half past seven o'clock that evening at national headquarters, Lafayette Square, 21 Madison Place. Each of the pickets will speak at this supper.

Will you not arrange to send a delegation from your state to participate in the welcome? We want to do everything possible to give a splendid welcome to the released prisoners and show that we appreciate all they have done for us.

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Tickets for the supper, at one dollar and fifty cents a plate, may be reserved by writing to Miss Virginia Arnold, our executive secretary. Please let her know as soon as possible how many may be counted upon from your state.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul
National Chairman.

AP/O

1617 Boyd Ave. Racine, Wis.
Oct. 14, 1917.

Dear Ada:

I heard Miss Vernon -
My! She is an inspiration to
me. Life truly altogether differ-
ently after hearing any real
live person talk in this dead and
dying world! She told us about
the picketing - spoke of the girls
as coming from many different
states - said she didn't believe there
was a picket from Wisconsin -
As I passed out I stopped to
get a paper she had for us and
I spoke thusly - "You said we
had no picket at Washington, D.C.
Miss Vernon - not from Wisconsin, if
one girl back in my home town
had been a free lance we
would have had a picket there.
Miss James of Richland Centre is
heart and soul with you." And
how her eyes shone when she
said - "You know Miss James?"
"Yes; we're going to send her to
Congress soon - My! I do admire
intelligent women. If only the

Janet then was an Ada James in my vicinity at all times -

cannot give up the "they" at least!

Teachers in their history work
would make things effective. Think
of the opportunities - Susan B-
Anthony should have remained
in the profession; one can work
wonder with the little ones -
One can train them exultingly
to kick out against things - A
mother came to see me about
her six-year-old boy. They are
moving to another part of this city
and he will then leave the
public schools and enter the Holy
Name School and I protested -
I said - "Why leave the public school
at such an early age? Every child
in the county should be compelled
to attend public schools from the
ages of six years until ten years."
She told me that the parochial
schools did, at one time, allow the
children to enter when older, but not
so now - "See Ada, they want
them young! And I want them in
the public schools young - Get
them "steeped" with the best that
our public schools give and then
if they have to go, let the parochial

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schools here them; the older child does kick out against just mere abject slavery. We have enough of mere abject slavery in our public schools but we are slowly learning, and here is one teacher that instills into the children's hearts a love of independence; a spirit of hands off, please; allow us to work out our own salvation. And they do so; of course, one can't spare the rod on all occasions when one has forty to deal with - but - I find that they learned that the rod is needed when there are many gathered together in one place. Do you think Ada James, that one good mouthful damn is worth fifty dollars? If so - I have paid the price. There is, in our schools here, a supervisor (first grade and kindergarten) that I would ^{like} to startle out of her set, pain, unbending conventionalism. She (probably backed by our eminent superintendent of schools) caused my salary for this

year & to be lacking of fifty dol-
lars. I have said nothing -
silence, you know, is golden -
Others have said things - Mr.
Harvey, Senin - my principal, Mr.
Wood, and now Miss Rendell,
one of our second grade teachers
who has the good fortune to
be teaching the unrepussibles
that I ~~at~~ taught last year! She
pronounces the class the best
she has ever received - and she
has been years in the second
grade work in Racine. So why
wasn't the fifty dollars due
me for this year? Simply be-
cause I wouldn't keep my
mouth shut as the other
teachers do and when I did
open my mouth (O we are allowed
to talk if we talk as our super-
intendent and supervisors wish
us to talk!) I said my say and
not the superintendent's say - nor
yet Miss Fernham's say. Say,
Ada, if everything is apropos don't
you think that I have earned a

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fifty dollar "damns"? Let
 me hear this month. Next
 month we have to boycott
 the new postal rates.

Believe in picketing in
 this conversative bug! Well, I
 think not! We're too nicey nice.
 We're lady like - & as the dear
 men would have us. Mind you,
 Ada James, the women have a
 right to believe as they please.
 I am not saying that they haven't.
 But what I marvel at is the
 criticism that they launch
 at the women who do picket
 and who thoroly believe in it.
 I heard my eminent Washington
 D. C. sister on the subject this
 summer. She had no use for
 the pickets - I told her that
 were I the men - I certainly would
 say a word about the picketing.
 Were I the men I'd keep my lips
 shut tight, not for millions of
 dollars nor millions of anything
 else would I allow myself to
 "give" a sentiment upon the women

Harriet Harney has her hand full - she is looking after Ruth Harney.

and their picketing.

Mrs. Willis is a dear - I think that I'd like to grow old in her way. There was a woman at the meeting that was in Washington, D. C. last April. She spoke of the innocent way in which the women picketed and also spoke about our newspapers back here and how these exaggerated and distorted the whole simple act. Blessed be the women who do! In this month's Roycroft (successor to The Era) is an article that tells of Susan B. Anthony and Belva A. Lockwood. It ends thus: - "Thirty days in jail, starvation or forceful feeding, \$100. fines and all the rest of the respectable and unimpressive legal trumpery, will not stop women of that temperament from picketing the gateways of the world, and creating a disturbance to gain a discussion of an answer to that imperative question, 'Is there any sane and just reason why women should not vote?'"

Seven o'clock, Ada; I must dress for breakfast. The entire household is up. God bless and keep the women - keep them thinking and on the alert. In this way only are the men helped - Amen! - Dona C. Fair

I conducted bridge this time - Ada brings on four hours.

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October 15, 1917.

Dear State Chairmen and Organizers:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which we have sent to a list of several thousand names. Will you not bend every effort toward securing some pickets for this demonstration?

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul
National Chairman.

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October 16, 1917.

Dear Suffragist:

Now that the special session of Congress has closed, we are working for action in the next session which opens the first week in December.

We are planning to continue the picketing of the White House, which has, we believe, been our most effective method of voicing to the Administration the protest of women against their disfranchisement. We are working for a particularly long picket line on Saturday, November tenth. This will probably be the last picket before Congress meets. At the head of the line will be a banner asking for action on suffrage upon the convening of Congress and urging the President to take up the matter in his message to Congress.

If we can go to the White House in large numbers on this day, we cannot fail to impress upon the President the seriousness with which women regard their continued disfranchisement. The success of the demonstration depends largely upon the numbers that take part. Will you help? We need you urgently.

All who picket must be prepared for imprisonment. The longest sentence that can be imposed is six months.

Hoping that we may have your help,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul

National Chairman.

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Women's City Club of New York

VANDERBILT SUITE

HOTEL VANDERBILT

dear Ala:-

I think your place is
fine to have a woman at
the work in Madison. - It
will mean far more than just
the record itself.

The one to do it is you.
You have the experience and
the knowledge. If for any
reason you are not able to
do it, and someone else is to

utterances on these issues &
Jones, compiled & compared?
Or did a good part of that?

From the Federation
standpoint she should be
accepted as a member of the
General Federation Civil
Committee.

Did you know that she
is collaborating with Sen.
McCarthy in a book to be
called "Democracy in
Education"?

All this, only if you can't
do it yourself, recommend her.
I wish you were here. My
mother and I are here for

be appointed, may I mention to
you that Mrs. Duckenbush is
earnestly hoping for some real
work in Madison or Milwaukee
or Chicago. - She is just now
acting for a few weeks as
secretary to Mr. Jones, in
Chicago.

You know the special sort of
work which she can do, quickly
& skilfully, is just this work -
of research, tabulating, summing
up. Did you see the splendid
Peace issue of Univ. with the
Wilson - Bernhardt - Roosevelt

a month, and the address
is just here, at this W.P.L.

Give my love to Miss Stearns,
in whose care I send this.

Affectingly yours, my
most dear A. A. James -
J. J. J.

November 9. -

Address all communications to The Milwaukee Leader

The Milwaukee Leader

VICTOR L. BERGER, Editor

DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAY  20 Phone Grand 5060

Brisbane Hall, 528-530 Chestnut St. Milwaukee, Wis.

Milwaukee, Wis.,
November 13, 1917.

Dear Ada,

Miss Mary Messer of Minomnie, is spending the week with me and incidently will be a guest at the W. W. S. A. Miss Messer, as you probably have heard, severed her connection with the W. W. S. A., and has joined the Woman's Party. She is most enthusiastic and anxious to do some real active work for the Woman's Party. We are wondering whether or not it would not be wise for you to visit Milwaukee and have a conference with us this week. I am asking all those people who visited my home the day Miss Vernon talked and who signed up as members in the Woman's Party, to come to my home Friday evening.

Think this over and see whether or not a real active branch of the Woman's Party cannot now be established or organized in Wisconsin. I should like you to give me your advice in this matter. Write to me if it is impossible for you to come. With much love, I am faithfully yours,


Victor Berger

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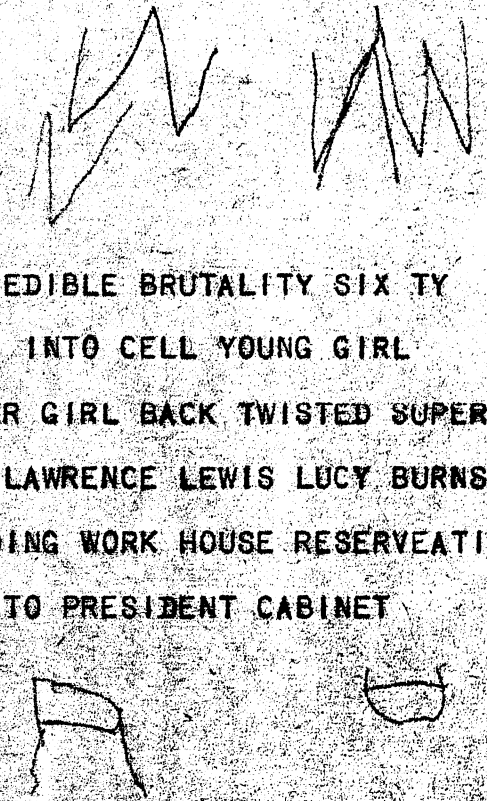
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 SEIZED BACK OF NECK THROWN OUT OF ROOM ANOTHER GIRL BACK TWISTED SUPERIN-
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 URGED SEND IMMEDIATELY TELEGRAMS PROTESTING TO PRESIDENT CABINET
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Information Bulletin
August 17, 1917

The police yesterday changed their tactics toward the suffrage pickets, and instead of permitting the mob to snatch banners and mistreat the women, they did the snatching and the mistreating themselves. A new banner was carried out, explaining the "Kaiser Wilson" expression, previously used. The banner read:

"A president is a duly elected representative
To 20,000,000 women Wilson is NOT a president.
A kaiser is an autocratic ruler.
To 20,000,000 women, Wilson is a kaiser.

As soon as this banner appeared on the street it was torn down by the police. For two days five policemen were the most that appeared during the mob riots. Yesterday, fifty one were actually counted on duty at one time, under the personal supervision of Major Pullman, the District chief of police, appointed by the President. The women held onto their property, because it was being taken by no process of law and without explanation. Sometimes three, four, or five policemen struggled with a single woman. Miss Virginia Arnold, Miss Elizabeth Stuyvesant, Mrs. Abby Scott Baker and others had their arms twisted, their shoulders wrenched, their wrists and fingers scratched and bruised by the officers of the law.

Miss Vivian Pierce, editor of the SUFFRAGIST, attempted to get a picture of the disorder. She was picked up by a policewoman and thrown bodily against three policemen, who tried to take away her Kodak. Newspapers have not been able to get pictures of the riots. It is not surprising that policemen do not wish to have photographs of the disgraceful scenes.

At five thirty a long line of purple, white and gold banners managed to reach the picket line, and received perfect police protection for about thirty minutes. During this time, the President left the White House by the west entrance. It took the police only a few seconds to make room for the car. As the pickets attempted to return to headquarters, the police stepped aside, and fifteen of the nineteen banners were destroyed.

Contrary to the course of the last two days, a few arrests were made. A large, middle aged man struck Miss Elizabeth Smith, the smallest person on the headquarters staff, with his clenched fist. A newspaper reporter knocked down her assailant, and was arrested for "disorderly conduct," because of his chivalry. A group of hoodlums pushed little Miss Ruth Crocker to the pavement, and tried to tear away her banner. A young army officer in uniform came to her rescue, ordered the crowd to move back, and pushed aside some of those who continued to mistreat Miss Crocker. The army officer was arrested for "assault".

Picketing will, of course, continue. It has not yet been determined what attitude the authorities intend to pursue. One day the mob is permitted to destroy the banners, the next day the police do it. If picketing is unlawful, it should be stopped. If it is lawful, the women and their property should be protected, from the mob and from the police.

Mrs. O.H.P. Belmont telegraphed the Washington headquarter from her summer home in Newport:

"I have just received a telegram stating the following facts: A mob of sailors, clerks, and hoodlums attacked the pickets yesterday and Tuesday. Our silent, dignified women were beaten down and injured. Forty nine banners, which were private property the display of which had not been suppressed, by authority, were totally destroyed. Five thousand people blocked the streets. No attempt was made by the police to disperse the crowd. Miss Paul was dragged along the street by a sailor and injured. No police protection was given her or the other members of the staff.

If it is unlawful for women of this Party to do what they are doing, they should be suppressed. But as their actions are constitutional, not to give them police protection is a violation of the law, evidently sanctioned by the administration, since the President appoints the police chief.

It is grievous to hear that sailors wearing the uniform of our nation, supposed at this very moment to be preparing for the fight for democracy, find nothing better to do than to knock down women likewise seeking democracy. The only solution of these civil difficulties is in the passage of the federal amendment. The President can accomplish this when he desires. As the world looks to him to aid in securing peace throughout all lands, American women look to him to secure peace based on democracy for them at home.

Alva E. Belmont

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Mr. John Milholland, father of Inez Milholland Boissevain, saw the riots in which the sailors took so prominent a part. He was so incensed by the treatment the women received while the police stood by and laughed, that he wrote to Secretary of the Navy Daniels in protest:

"It is not a question whether one agrees or disagrees with the young ladies who are conducting this suffrage propaganda, which involves picketing outside the White House gates; that is quite the matter entirely. The issue is squarely, shall American women of the highest character and unselfish motives, in the exercise of their political activities, standing clearly within their Constitutional rights, be insulted, knocked down, dragged through the streets, their clothing torn, their property taken from them, their homes invaded, at least one shot fired that might have had fatal effect, by a mob whose ringleaders are sailors and soldiers of the United States, whose sworn duty is to maintain order and to defend American citizens from attack whether at home or abroad? That is the issue, and the American people understand it fully.

A braver body of young American women never stood up for their country in the face of attacks so cowardly that you cannot parallel it on the American continent. This is no longer a question of suffragettes or suffragists, but of civilization and the ordinary decencies of life. The spectacle of gifted, cultured and patriotic American girls, whose only crime is their courage to stand up for the rights guaranteed them under the Constitution, to see them dragged through the streets by a lot of thugs in the uniforms of United States soldiers and sailors, is enough to make any American's blood boil, unless he be a cowardly cur, unfit for the society of sentient beings."

House Resolution #130

- WHEREAS, In the city of Washington, D. C., about 350 feet from the White House premises is a building known as the Cameron House, in which is located headquarters and main offices of a women's organization, at which is continually congregated women of character, courage, and intelligence, who come from various sections of the United States, and
- WHEREAS, On three successive days, to wit: the 14th, 15th and 16th days of August, 1917, on said days immediately following the closing of the day's work by the clerks and employees in the Executive Departments, hundreds of these clerks and employees, acting with sailors then and now in the service of the United States Navy and in uniform at the time; and soldiers then and now in the service of the United States Army, also in their uniforms at the time -- all these clerks, employees, sailors, and soldiers and others, formed themselves into mobs and did deliberately, unlawfully, and violently damage the said headquarters and offices of the said woman's organization by pelting rotten eggs through the doors and windows, shooting a bullet through a window, and otherwise damaging said Cameron House, and also violently and unlawfully did strike, choke, drag, and generally mistreat and injure and abuse the said women when they came defenseless upon the streets adjoining as well as when they were in the said building; and
- WHEREAS, the organized police of the City of Washington, D. C., made no attempt to properly safeguard the property and the persons of the said defenseless women, but, on the contrary, said police even seemed to encourage the lawless acts of the mob; and
- WHEREAS, Such lawlessness in the capital of the United States and within a few hundred feet of the Executive Mansion and Offices of the President of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, These attacks upon defenseless women are not only an outrage and crime in themselves, that prove the perpetrators and those lending aid to the same to be cowards, but in addition, create through the world contempt for the United States and set a vicious example to the people throughout the United States and the world at large, of lawlessness and violence; and encouraging designing cowards and manipulators everywhere to form mobs to molest the innocent and defenseless under any pretext whatever; and
- WHEREAS, There seems to be no activity or any attempt on the part of any one in authority in the City of Washington, D. C., nor by any Government officials to apprehend, arrest, or punish those perpetrating the violence, on account of which the same may occur indefinitely unless Congress acts in the premises; and
- WHEREAS, The legal status upon the premises stated would excuse the occupants of the Cameron House if they were so disposed in firing upon the mobs aforesaid, and thus create a state of greater violence and outlawry, to further injure the prestige and good name of the United States for maintaining law and order and the institutions of democracy;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Speaker appoint a committee of seven members to investigate into all the facts relating to the violence and unlawful acts aforesaid, and make the earliest possible report upon the conditions, with the purpose in view of purging the Army and the Navy of the United States and other official departments, of all lawless men who bring disgrace upon the American flag by participating in mob violence, and also to inquire regarding the conduct of all Government employees and the police of the City of Washington, D. C., with a view to maintaining law and order.

MRS. VICTOR L. BERGER

Member Milwaukee School Board

RESIDENCE
980 FIRST STREET



MILWAUKEE, WIS., Nov. 8, 1917.

Executive Board,

Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association.

Dear Friends:

Since the night Jeanette Rankin addressed the Teacher's Convention, and the Suffrage resolution was adopted, many rumors have reached me in criticism.

The enclosed copies of two letters sent me by Ada James will explain the introduction of my resolution. I have no apology or excuse to offer.

After making my arrangements with Mr. Bussewitz, the only thing which still remained to be done was to get the proper person to introduce the resolution. I appealed to Miss Josephine Murphy. I wanted her to have the honor, inasmuch as she is the president of the Milwaukee Teachers Association. This alone proves that I was not anxious to do it myself. Miss Murphy, however, had another engagement.

Nevertheless, this was the psychological and opportune time for the adoption of a suffrage resolution by this convention. Until late that day I was not aware that an attempt was being made by the president of the W. W. S. A. to introduce a resolution which was to be considered by the committee of the State Teachers Convention at its business meeting on the next day.

It was too late for me to change my plans. Please note that the ladies from the Woman's Party at Washington had secured the three minutes from Mr. Bussewitz days before hand. Under the

circumstances, the introduction of a resolution was the only thing left to me and I could not and would not evade this duty. Understand me well, when I resigned from your board, I stated in my letter that I resigned in order to be "free to act" for the benefit of the movement.

Now ladies - I have been closely associated with your board for three years. I have also been identified with school boards, state boards, pension boards and teachers associations for eight years. I have been a member of the Wisconsin State Teachers Association for many years. Had the president of the W. W. S. A. notified me a little earlier what she intended to do, some tender feelings now so hurt might have been spared.

In any event it seems to me even now, that since I am still a member of the W. W. S. A. the courtesy of introducing this resolution might have been extended to me, in consideration of the fact that I am closely connected with all educational institutions of the state of Wisconsin and the city of Milwaukee.

However, this is neither here nor there. We are not organized to boost any particular organization or any particular person. We are not organized to boost the W. W. S. A. or to boost its president. Nor are we organized to knock the Woman's Party or to discredit any of its members. We are organized to get suffrage to the people of Wisconsin. My resolution was a suffrage resolution pure and simple and hurt nobody.

The business meeting of the Teacher's Convention on Saturday (the day on which the suffrage resolution proposed by your president was to have been considered) decided that all resolutions were to be dispensed with except the one on loyalty. This was done

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MISS ADA JAMES,

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PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT CONGRESS WILL ADJOURN END OF THIS WEEK WE WILL THEREFORE PICKET FRIDAY OCTOBER FIFTH THIS WILL PROBABLY BE LAST PICKET WE WANT TO MAKE IT A LONG ONE WE NEED ALL PICKETS YOU CAN SECURE WIRE WHETHER YOU CAN SEND ANY.

ALICE PAUL.

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The Wisconsin  State Journal
RICHARD LLOYD JONES, EDITOR

Madison, Wisconsin

October 2, 1917

Dear Ada:-

A thousands pardons. I know from experience how difficult it is to work when you don't get responses. I read your letter when it arrived and then laid it aside to attend to when a spare moment arrived, and having read it hurriedly I forgot it might be imperative.

First, let me give you the information you want. I have to be out of town a greater part of next week. I expect to be in Madison only Tuesday and Wednesday, if I can do that, for the meeting of the woman's committee of the State council of defense. I shall be away on and after the 12.

But to be perfectly frank, I could not do it anyway. I could not give it the time, and even if I tried hard to do that, I could not sponsor them now. I believe in bringing the suffrage issue to the front at this time. I think that the work women ~~rex~~ are doing should be coupled up in the minds of the men with the fact that they are demanding equal political rights along with equal war time responsibilities and work. But I cannot agree with the girls in Washington in their methods. I read the Suffragist and their press material and agree absolutely with every bit of it, and am awfully sorry I can't stand right with them in acts. But I can't. I have read and heard men like Charles Edward Russell, personally tell how Germany is using every such act, exaggerating it, and disrupting Russia with its diffusion. It isn't that it is only hampering the President, (I

get just as exasperated with him and his like who won't say the word) but it is endangering the whole course of the war, probably meaning the death of thousands more of the boys of all the countries. It may be doing it in large or small part, but I feel it is doing it to some degree, and because I feel that, no matter how much I agree with the logic of their arguments, I cannot endorse the acts in any degree.

However, the fact that I cannot be here at that time, makes it impossible to even consider it, or argue with myself. Awfully sorry.

Always just the same, yours for democracy for all, not only for the women.

Loyally

Amy Lovestock

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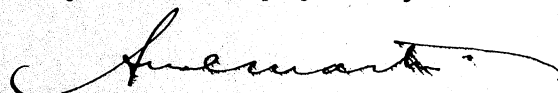
Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

I know you will wish to know the latest development about the Baer resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of seven by Speaker Clark to investigate the treatment of the pickets on August 14, 15 and 16, by the mobs of soldiers, sailors and government employees, while the police remained inactive. The resolution was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, of which Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky is chairman. The Committee has been lobbied, and we have had several interviews with the chairman, who has the authority to give or deny a hearing. At our last interview Mr. Johnson informed me he had consulted Mr. Kitchin, Democratic House leader, and that they had agreed no hearing would be given on the Baer resolution this session of Congress. They both agree that the Caucus rule adopted at the opening of Congress in April; providing that no committees should transact business except certain specified committees necessary for considering war legislation, must be observed. The denial of this Congressional Committee hearing on the treatment of the pickets comes, therefore, directly from the administration, through Mr. Kitchin, its spokesman in the House.

It is, of course, an outrage that this hearing should be denied. Will you not bring immediate pressure on Chairman Johnson by means of many telegrams and letters from representative people of your state?

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman, Legislative Committee.

Sept. 8, 1917.

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MRS. VICTOR L. BERGER
980 FIRST STREET
MILWAUKEE, WIS.



Dear Miss James, Thursday

Of course I'd be
glad to confer with you,
provided that I have any
mind left by that time.

As you probably have heard
by this time, you will know
that the second class
marching privilege was
denied the leader &
consequently we have trouble

• real troubles of our
own just now.

I have tried hard
to create an interest
in the coming of the
two ladies of the Woman's
Party.

I went to the City Club
of Mil & asked that club
to permit those ladies to
tell their story to Milwaukee
citizens. The committee

turned me down. I also
approached the Mil.
Teacher's Association.
Have had no reply &
really do not expect
to get a favorable reply.

At the best we can
do is to confer & see
just what develops
from a conference.

I am going to resign
at our next board meeting
as an officer of the M. W. S.
& am going to throw my
lot and energies into

organizing a radio
group. Whether we will
remain with the W. W. S.
or join the Women's Party
or even the Socialist group
remains to be seen in
the future.

Excuse this scrawl
It really is the best I'm
capable of this minute.
However my troubles
have not interfered with
my love for you. Here's hoping.
Truly
Wete Berger

National Woman's Party,
October 9, 1917.

INFORMATION BULLETIN.

A newspaper story has had wide circulation to the effect that Mrs. Abby Scott Baker and Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer, in a speech in Baltimore, urged women to boycott the Liberty Loan until suffrage is granted. Many newspapers have carried Mrs. Baker's denial that she even referred to the Liberty Loan in her speech, which was devoted entirely to the federal suffrage amendment, and her experience at Ocoquan workhouse. Few papers however, corrected the report of Mrs. Havemeyer's speech. Mrs. Havemeyer subscribed heavily to the first and to the second loan. She went out and spoke for the first loan and was one of the most active workers on the New York committee. Mentioning the second loan, Mrs. Havemeyer said that she had subscribed to it herself, and hoped that all loyal women would do so, but that she could not work for a war for democracy abroad with the same enthusiasm that she could if her government had established democracy at home by enfranchising women.

Mrs. Havemeyer, even in mentioning the loan, did not follow the usual custom of the Woman's Party. At the convention in March, it was unanimously voted to take no stand on the war question. The Woman's Party was organized to work for the federal suffrage amendment. Women of all shades of political faith are united on this one issue. For this reason, the Woman's Party cannot take any stand on any public question aside from the war.

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On Saturday afternoon, just as the war session of Congress adjourned, Alice Paul, National Chairman of the Woman's Party, led a line of suffrage pickets to the gates of the White House. Miss Paul carried a white banner, inscribed, "Mr. President, what will you do for woman suffrage." The other ten banners carried were the purple, white and gold tri-color of the Woman's Party. The pickets were arrested in about five minutes, on the charge of "obstructing traffic," though the crowd that gathered about them

was not a tenth the size of the one that thronged around the world series bulletin board a little farther down the Avenue.

A photographer was told by the police to "get out of here," we don't want no pictures of this."

Miss Paul's banner and three others were destroyed by sailors in uniform, in spite of Secretary Daniels' order that no sailor should take part in a street demonstration. A commander of the Navy was seen congratulating two sailors on their "brave deed."

The suffragists were released on \$25 collateral, furnished by Mrs. John Branham of Baltimore, whose daughter is serving a sixty day sentence in Occoquan.

The trial was held Monday morning and was the usual routine affair. Two police officers testified. The suffragists refused to speak in their own defense, because "we have explained this so often."

Judge Mallowney said that he found the suffragists guilty, but that he would not sentence them. They were to be "released" while he "took the sentence under advisement." They were not put under a promise of any kind. Their collateral was returned. They were told that they were "under personal bond to appear for sentence if called." Mrs. Daniels, who came down from Grafton, Vermont, to picket, was told to "leave her address and go home."

Miss Paul's comment on the unusual procedure of this judge, who has sent twenty women to Occoquan under exactly the same circumstances, was, "We are glad that the authorities are growing wary of imprisoning women who are arrested for petitioning for their political liberty. We shall use our unexpected freedom to press our campaign with ever-increasing vigor."

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The war session of Congress adjourned without passing the Susan B. Anthony amendment, and so doing its part toward establishing at home the principle for which we fight abroad. The 65th Congress, in a special session took such steps forward, however, that there is good reason to believe that the amendment will pass this winter. The House created a special suffrage committee. The Senate reported the measure out of Committee with favorable recommendation by a unanimous vote of those present and voting. A larger number of Senators and Representatives have pledged themselves to a favorable vote on suffrage than ever before in the history of the country. If the demand continues to grow there seems every reason to believe that suffrage will pass some time during the first regular session of the 65th Congress.

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National Woman's Party,

INFORMATION BULLETIN

October 16, 1917.

"Twenty-five dollars or six months." The government of the United States, represented by a District of Columbia Judge whom the President appointed decided to make an example of American women who dared petition for democracy at home. Without a thought of wavering, the four suffragists arrested yesterday afternoon, at the gates of the White House, chose to lose six months of their lives, rather than acknowledge wrong doing by paying a fine.

"We have seen officers of the law permit men to assault women, to destroy their property, to enter their residence. How, then can you ask us to have 'respect' for the law? We thought that by dismissing the suffragists without sentence, this court had finally decided to recognize our right to petition our government. We shall continue to picket, because it is our right. On the tenth of November there will be a long line of suffragists, who will march to the White House gates to ask for political liberty. You can send us to jail, but we have broken no law. We are guiltless."

Rose Winslow, who has stirred audiences from New York to Arizona with her impassioned plea for justice to women, spoke for the four suffrage pickets, at their farce of a trial in the District of Columbia police court this morning. As usual, the suffragists were found guilty of "obstructing traffic". Police Court Prosecutor Hart demanded that the maximum penalty be imposed on the suffragists, and that these released last Monday without sentence, be summoned and sentenced. Judge Mallowney Pronounced the heaviest sentence that it is within the jurisdiction of his court to impose, and directed that the suffragists whom he had released a week ago, including Miss Alice Paul be summoned to appear before him for sentence.

Onlookers at the trial seemed stunned by the procedure. The general opinion seemed to be that the authorities had decided to "frighten" the Woman's Party out of its picketing campaign, which will

not permit the public to forget the suffrage issue. The long picket line on November 10, which Mrs. John Winters Brannan of New York, Mrs. Sophie Meredith of Virginia and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis of Philadelphia will lead, will be the Party's answer to this policy of intimidation.

Rose Winslow, who came from Poland as a little child, because her parents yearned for political liberty, was arrested yesterday in the Capital of the United States, because she dared petition the government for political liberty. With her were Miss Minnie Hennessey of Hartford, Conn., Miss Kate Heffelfinger of Shamokin, Pa., and Miss Maude Jamison of Norfolk, Va., who has been arrested four previously for "Obstructing traffic," on Pennsylvania Avenue. Miss Jamieson, the assistant treasurer of the Woman's Party, is five feet tall, one of the smallest members of the headquarters staff.

Miss Winslow led the picket line, carrying a banner inscribed, "How long must women wait for liberty?" The other banners carried were the purple white and gold tri-color of the Woman's Party. They were arrested less than ten minutes after they had taken their position at the West gate of the White House. Before making the arrests, the police cleared the street without any difficulty.

The four suffragists will begin their long sentence at Occoquan either tonight or tomorrow morning. There are now twenty three American women in the workhouse for asking for justice. Sixteen cases are pending in the appellate court. Seven more suffragists will be sentenced this week.

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Mrs Frederick Wynne, Mrs Richard Wainwright, Mrs George T. Odell, and Mrs John Jay White will be the hostesses at a reception to be given in honor of four released pickets on the evening of October 24, at the Woman's Party headquarters in Lafayette Square. Mrs Harvey Wiley will preside. The four suffragists, in whose honor the affair will be given, are Mrs Margaret Woods Kessler of Colorado Springs, Miss Ernestine Hara and Miss Hilda Blumberg of New York and Mrs Peggy Baird Johns of St. Louis.

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Large audiences and fine enthusiasm are greeting the suffragists who have gone out to the streets, from the Woman's Party headquarters, to tell the country about the suffrage situation in Washington.

Miss Anne Martin spoke in Hutchinson, Topeka, and Whichita, Kansas. A new state shairman, Miss Ainslee Anthony of Topeka, was elected. The Colorado meetings were especially enthusiastic about the suffrage pickets, because Miss Natalie Gray of Colorado Springs, Mrs Margaret Woods Kessler, and Dr. Caroline Spencer have all come to stand on the picket line and to the workhouse for the same of suffrage. Miss Ida Ostrum has also given her services for suffrage, and is now Miss Paul's private secretary, at the Washington headquarters.

Miss Maud Younger and Mrs. Howard Gould who are touring the South, met with splendid response in Virginia and North Carolina and they are now in South Carolina. Chairman Webb, of the House Judiciary Committee attended the meeting which Miss Younger addressed in his home town, and at which his cousin, Mr. Paul Webb presided.

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OCTOBER 3, 1917.

The "investigation" of Occoquan workhouse, ordered by the District Commissioners a week ago, held its first session yesterday. Mr. Dudley Field Malone, who resigned his position as Collector of the Port of New York, came to Washington to represent the many people, both men and women, who brought charges against the present management of the District workhouse. Miss Paul had written Mr. John Joy Edson, President of the Board of Charities, requesting that the investigation committee, of which he is an ex officio member, hold public sessions, that witnesses be examined under oath, and that counsel be permitted to question them as well as members of the committee, and that immunity be extended to prisoners who might be called upon for testimony. Those who desired a full investigation felt this necessary because of the close relationship between the Superintendent and those who are inquiring into his work. Mr. Whittaker was appointed by the Commissioners, who are appointed by the President. The Board of Charities is an advisory body also appointed by the President, and under the authority of the Commissioners. So that in having the investigation conducted by this board, the investigation becomes a "family matter." Mr. Edson wrote Miss Paul that her suggestions were impractical, and could not be followed.

Mr. Malone, when he went into the session held in his hand a large bundle of affidavits, setting forth shocking conditions of cruelty, bad sanitation, bad food and petty

financial irregularities. Mr. Malone said that he represented persons who had information about Ocoquan, and that they would be glad to co-operate with a sincere investigation, by presenting this information. But, he said, they could not afford to take part in an investigation, the procedure of which would defeat any attempt to ascertain the truth of the situation. While the committee admitted that it was entirely optional with them how the investigation should be conducted, they refused to have public hearings. They insisted that no one should be present except the committee, and the witnesses as they were summoned, one by one, that counsel would not be admitted to the sessions, and that nothing should be made public, except the findings. Mr. Malone said that his clients must refuse to take any part in such a proceeding, and, as a matter of record, filed the following statement with the committee:

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October 2, 1917.

Hon. John Joy Edson,
President, Board of Charities,
District of Columbia,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am counsel for a large group of citizens, men and women, who have in the past been associated with Ocoquan Workhouse as officials or inmates, and who are ready to testify to unspeakable conditions of mismanagement, graft, sanitary depravity, indignity, and brutality at that institution.

It is splendid that you are to conduct this long needed inquiry, and I shall co-operate in every way to get at the truth of conditions in Ocoquan through your investigation, provided you make the hearings public, subpoena all available witnesses including men, and women now prisoners at Ocoquan, first granting them immunity, and provided you give counsel an opportunity to examine and cross-examine all witnesses so called.

I am confident your honorable board will see the justice and the wisdom of a public hearing. If charges so publicly made are untrue, the management of Ocoquan Workhouse is entitled to public vindication, and if these charges are true, the people of Washington and Virginia should publicly know what kind of a prison they have in their midst, and the people of the country should publicly know the frightful conditions in this institution supported by Congress and the government of the United States.

Our witnesses and affidavits are ready to aid your honorable board in every way possible, provided you meet the conditions above named. But if you insist on a hearing behind closed doors, I cannot submit these witnesses to a star-chamber proceeding, and shall readily find another forum in which to tell the American public the vivid story of Ocoquan Workhouse.

Respectfully yours,

DUDLEY FIELD MALONE.
J. K. N. NORTON.
SAMUEL G. BRENT.

The situation at Occoquan workhouse is causing real anxiety to the Woman's Party headquarters. Sunday Mrs. Lawrence Lewis brought back word, after her visit as counsel, that Mrs. Johns xx who was ill, was in severe pain, and feared an attack of appendicitis. Monday Dr. Cora Smith King, one of the most prominent women physicians in Washington, went down to Occoquan to see Mrs. Johns. She was refused admission by Acting-Supt. Tweedale. Mrs. Johns, it has since been learned, was suffering very much on Monday, and was unable to sleep that night. Tuesday, however she felt much better. On that day, a doctor, whom she had never seen, and of whom she knew nothing, came out from Washington and insisted on making a physical examination. Mrs. Johns protested. She asked to see a doctor known to her friends and whom she therefore had reason to trust. This was denied her. She then asked to see counsel, to find out whether she had a right to be visited by her own physician. This too was refused. Tuesday evening she felt very much better. That night a trained nurse appeared and sat up all night with Mrs. Johns. On the preceding night when she had been really ill, there had been no one even to hand her a glass of water.

Wednesday morning Mrs. Johns said she felt well enough to be up. She was told to stay in bed. At noon she was ordered to dress and go to the office. There Mr. Tweedale said to her, "I am going to take you away." "Where am I going?" she asked. "It's none of your business, I am going to take you away," was the reply. Mrs. Johns was much frightened, and protested. The other suffragists who heard her protests, and came into the room, surrounded her. Immediately Mr. Tweedale opened the door of his office. Guards and colored women rushed in, threw the women aside and bruised several of them. Mr. Tweedale lifted Mrs. Johns into his auto, severing bruising and twisting her arm as he did so. Mrs. Johns was brought to the District jail and placed in the hospital. Miss Paul saw her there Wednesday afternoon. She is feeling quite well again, but now that she needs no medical care she is kept in bed in a pleasant hospital room and waited on by trained nurses. She is still refused permission to see her own doctor or to see counsel.

For some days officers at the workhouse have been trying to create prejudice against the suffrage prisoners among the negro prisoners. This probably accounts for the rough treatment accorded the suffragists by the colored women whom Mr. Tweedale called on to held the male guards "quell the mutily", as he describes it. Formerly the colored women were very friendly toward the suffragists, who were able to do a number of little things to make their wretched lives easier. ~~They were often~~ The suffragists often wrote letters for the illiterate negro women, and played the piano or read aloud during the recreation hour.

so as not to confound the issues. That means that your president's resolution would have been shelved with all the others. The Teachers Convention would, therefore, not now be on record publicly in favor of suffrage. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Bradford never introduced that resolution at all on Saturday.

I have no apologies to make - and shall not again offer an explanation of my work for suffrage to you. This is done now as a courtesy to my friends in the W. W. S. A.

It seems to me that we might all agree to work for suffrage - not for personalities. I resigned because of these personalities, although I have always tried not to let the attitude of certain women creep into any of my activities.

And thus I shall continue to work for suffrage wherever and whenever I can. Here is hoping that it can be done in harmony and co-operation with you.

Faithfully yours,

Metal Sawyer

1917, Sept. 18

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Tuesday Sept-18/17

Dear Miss James

As you suggested, I sent the letter to Miss Jacobi, who in turn I knew would discuss the matter of holding a meeting for the Woman's Party, women with Maud McCreery. Not until today did I hear from Miss Jacobi. And now I am in a quandary! I do not know what to do!

In the first place, ^{some of} those ladies whose names you gave me as members of the Union, did not know they were members, and I did not know whether or not they approved of the tactics of the faction.

Miss Jacobi & I take it therefore that Mrs. McCreery agrees, thinks I have no right to organize a meeting for a rival organization while I am still a member of the W. W. S. A. board. Ethically speaking they are right and no end of condemnation

would fall to me if I did this thing.

So I have made up my mind to resign not from the association but from the Executive Board of the W. W. P. A. I did not however wish to do this until the board meeting prior to the convention, thus keeping faith with those good women who elected me.

Now it will be difficult in the face of the Maine defeat & the publicity given that event - due it is said to picketing & draw a large audience. In fact I am rather afraid to try it just now. I am afraid to get a hall & call a meeting without any backing what so ever.

How would a meeting in my home say of some 30 women suit you? That isn't just what you want, but I ~~was~~ ^{call} your attention to the fact that every one is war-mad, knitting-mad, cooking-mad etc etc etc. and that the ^{the} People's Council are especially in disrepute for a ^{very} little while. Any meeting I personally could call, probably couldn't muster a corporal's guard.

I am willing however to invite some women to my home for a conference with these ladies for discussion and possibly with the result of an organization that is real. What say you? The temper of the Milwaukee people just now is for war. Suffrage is not in it. Again I say I do not know what to do. I cannot work with Mrs. Youmans & Mrs. Hooper. They do not understand me & I don't like their tactics. So there I am.

Write me or if you are in the city look me up.

Mrs. Hefke won't have any thing to do with suffrage work for a while. She has often complained bitterly of shabby treatment she received.

Miss Gale & Mrs. Duabon Bush have not answered my letter. I cannot understand their silence either.

Dear Miss James I am writing just as I am feeling which you see is a mixture of doubt, discontentment and a desire to serve.

That's all I can say tonight with love to you
I am always yours cordially
Meta Benson

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Madison, Wis. Sept 29, 1917

Dear Miss James,

At the Federation meeting the conference came Thursday at 2:30. Will you talk on the Legislative Sec. Telling all about the way the work was done etc. It will get the matter before the women or at least a few of them. I am giving each speaker 5-7 minutes.

I may be able to say something about the Sec in my report but not as much as should be said.

Please let me know at once as the programme goes to press in a day or two. In your account of money paid Miss R. you did not credit \$5.00 from Mrs. Goddard and \$3.00 from Mrs. Briggs. Perhaps I have not written you. Yours sincerely
 William H. Hahlberg

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Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

Your letter of August twelfth reached me upon my return from a two weeks' vacation, which accounts for my delay in answering it.

You ask me in your letter if I sent duplicate telegrams to Stevens Point and to Sarah James, Oshkosh. We did not as telegrams are so expensive. We hope that you will keep them informed as to the next move after hearing from us. It would be splendid if you could induce Mrs. Berger to lead the organization conference for the formation of a Woman's Party branch in Wisconsin. We hope that you will keep us in touch with your efforts in this direction.

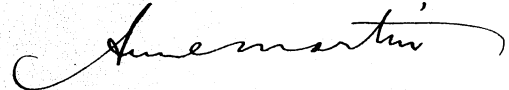
Miss Gale is in sympathy with our work and would be the greatest possible help in extending the organization with your or Mrs. Berger's assistance. Miss McCreery organized for us in Nevada for a few weeks in 1914 in our winning campaign there.

Could you not come on to Washington and talk over plans with us and help us picket? Please let me hear from you soon again. It is a great help to receive your letters and to know that you are doing everything you possibly can to secure pressure from

Wisconsin through your Senators and Representatives
and through your influential people.

Believe me, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Martin".

Chairman Legislative Department

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MISS ADA JAMES,



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WE PICKET WHITE HOUSE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER FIRST WILL YOU URGE
 WISCONSIN MEMBERS TO JOIN US WISCONSIN WOMEN ^{IN} PICKET LINE
 WOULD CARRY MESSAGE OF WOMANS PARTY DIRECT TO YOUR STATE PLACE CANVAS
 ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO VOLUNTER FOR THIS SERVICE
 YOUR ^{HELP} URGENT NEEDED

LUCY BURNS,

531 PM

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Miss Ada James
Aug. 27th, 1917.

We would suggest that you have Mrs. Lewis and Miss Vernon cover several large cities in the state, instead of remaining only in Richland Center.

Please let us know at once whether this plan is satisfactory to your state branch and of any changes in it which you would consider advisable. We are writing to each of the state chairmen in the states which will be covered by this trip, making the same general suggestions to them that we have to you.

There is still time to change the plan in any way that seems desirable to you.

Hoping that you will consider this plan a helpful one and that we may have your co-operation in carrying it out, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul
National Chairman

Tower Hill, Wisconsin

August 21, 1917

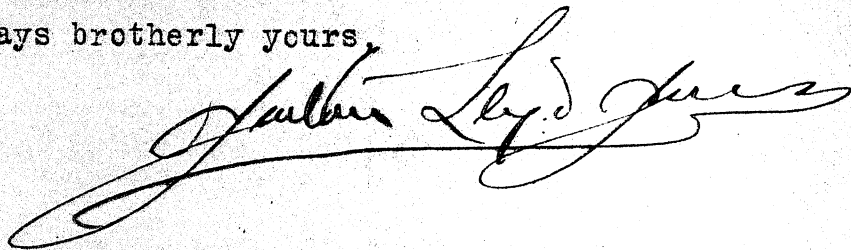
Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

Dear Ada James:

Your letter of August 12th. was a comforting one. I rest in the assurance that UNITY has a sure backing behind the bcistrous front of current journalism and aggressive militancy. Our time will come. Wars in the nature of things are but passing wpiisodes in the history of mankind; peace is the permanent condition of progress. Let us rest in that faith.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mrs. Quackenbush who is the ever reliable friend of suffrage and peace. She will be glad to touch elbows with you by the way of your letter to me. Let us keep up courage, nurse our sweetness and live up to our pacific pretensions.

Always brotherly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur Lloyd Jones". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Always brotherly yours,".

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POLICE BROKE UP TWO DEMONSTRATION S ATTEMPTED THIS AFTERNOON IN LAFAYETTS SQUARE WASHINGTON DC THIS AFTERNOON BY SUFFRAGETS 38 WOMEN ARRESTED AFTER FIRST DEMONSTRATION TAKEN TO POLICE COURT RELEASED ALTHOUGH THEY REFUSED TO GIVE BAIL OR TO PROMISE TO REAPPEAR FOR TRIAL AFTER RELEASE WOMEN HELD SECOND DEMONSTRATION AND 36 OF THEM WERE ARRESTED AGAIN BRUTALLY TREATED AND RELEASED POLICE ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE REGALIA TO PREVENT WOMEN HOLDING ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION IN BEING SO MANY WOMEN WERE INJURED MRS. GEORGE L. KONING OF HARTFORD WHOSE ARM WAS BADLY SPRAINED LAST WEEK BY POLICE AGAIN INJURED EDNA PURTELL OF HARTFORD RECEIVED SPRAINED WRIST AND FINGER MISS HAZEL SUCKINS BILLINGS MONTANA WHO CARRIED AMERICAN FLAG HAS BROKEN OR SPRAINED WRIST LUCKY BURNS BROOKLYN NEWYORK ELSIE HILL NORFOLK CONN JULIA EMORY BALTIMORE INJURED ALICE PAUL CHAIRMAN NATIONAL WOMENS PARTY SAYS WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PROTEST UNTIL WOMENS ENFRANCHISEMENT IS ACCOMPLISHED

PRESS DEPARTMENT NATIONAL WOMENS PARTY.

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WOMEN SENTENCED TODAY TO TEN AND FIFTEEN DAYS IN DISTRICT JAIL FOR HOLDING MEETING IN PARK AND FOR CLIMBING ON STATUE AUGUST SIXTH PERIOD WERE ARRESTED TWICE YESTERDAY AND RELEASED WITHOUT BAIL FOR SAME OFFENSE PAUL SENTENCED TO TEN DAYS DEMONSTRATIONS WILL CONTINUE GIVE STATEMENTS TO PRESS TELEGRAPH PRESIDENT AND SENATORS.

FLORENCE BOECKEL.

840 AM 16.

Miss James en way Portland Oregon

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ROCHLAND CENTER WIS.

SIX PICKETS JUST RECEIVED THIRTY DAYS SENTENCE IN OCCOQUAN
 WORK HOUSE PLEASE HAVE ALL POSSIBLE TELEGRAMS SENT IMMEDIATELY
 TO PRESIDENT PROTESTING SENTENCE AND DEMANDING PASSAGE OF
 AMENDMENT ALSO TO YOUR CONGRESSMEN ASKING THEM TO PROTEST
 TO PRESIDENT AND SPEAKING CONGRESS PROTESTING SENTENCE
 AND DEMANDING IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT.

KATHERINE MOREY.

802 PM.

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Jayette Mich Aug 12 1917

Dear Miss James,

Mrs Harry has just written me that we are to have a Conference at the Federations meeting I wish you would suggest some topics for discussion, Put the suggestions in the order of their importance, I must send Mrs Harry the program soon.

I sent Miss Ruel \$12 some a short time ago.

Miss J. B. Johnson \$3.00
 " Briggs "

" Goddard \$5.00

And the check for \$1.00 from Mrs Kuller that I had to send to Mrs Youmans first.

Yours sincerely

William N. Taklumberg
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 TRIAL SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY SENATOR CURTIS KANSAS MAKES STATEMENT
 TODAY QUOTE IT IS EVIDENT THAT ARRESTS OF SUFFRAGISTS ARE AN EFFORT
 TO SILENCE INDIGNATION OF WOMEN AT THE OPPOSITION TO THEIR ENFRANCHISEMENT
 BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY END VOTE GIVE THIS OUT TO LOCAL PAPERS
 TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT EXPRESSING INDIGNATION AT BREAKING UP
 OUR MEETING AND NECESSITY FOR FURTHER PROTECT AGAINST ADMINISTRATION
 SUFFRAGET ATTITUDE.

PRESS DEPARTMENT, NATIONAL WOMENS PARTY,
 910 AM 9.

Riley, Indiana
Aug. 8, 1917.

Dear Miss James,

I have completed the record and am sending it to you today. I am much better satisfied with the record of the assembly men than with that of the senators, as I followed the actions of the assembly more closely than I did those of the senate.

I found a note of the \$2.00 from Mrs. Houlton of which you spoke.

Mrs. Kahlenburg sent me the following checks yesterday.

Ella D. Goodyear.	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Houlton	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Johnson	3.00
Sophie M. Briggs	3.00

I hope you will be able to have this record printed for a reasonable sum. which I could be with you and see it thru together.

most cordially,

Bertie M. Roll.

copy of letter sent to Miss Gale
Mrs. Quakenbush.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 7, 1917.

Dear Miss Zona Gale :

Dear friends:

Dear Mrs. Quakenbush:

I saw by today's Sunday Sentinel that Miss Zona Gale and Mrs. Quakenbush were working hard at the plans of the Portage County fair to eliminate the "rough stuff" at the fair and to see that the patrons of the fair were going to be provided with refined and artistic amusements. Good! That's really good work but any reactionary church woman could do that. You who are capable of doing splendid constructive, aggressive, and progressive work should devote your talents along the line of the great opportunities awaiting you.

I suppose you don't know what I am driving at but I'll tell you in a minute. Last Friday, the Wisconsin State Suffrage Board met. There were ten of us present. Nothing was done. We sat from 10:30 A. M. to 5:15 P. M. and ^{the} only constructive and propoganda ideas emanated from myself. I proposed to post the bill boards of the city and state as far as the funds would permit with the new poster-"As a War Measure," which I believe is a fine poster. That was carried. The other idea was embodied in the following motion, "Moved that the Wisconsin State Suffragette Association ask the ^{National} Peoples Council in Convention assembled to include as one of its aims, the enfranchisement of Women."

I did this so that those suffragists who believe in Peace work could feel that the suffrage organization could recognize the Peoples Council as they had recognized the Defense Council. I furthermore pointed out to them that I was not asking them to endorse the aims of the People's Council but merely requesting them to ask for

for a Suffrage plank in their program as we have asked of Repub-
Democratic, Socialist Parties alike. Well to put it mildly, I
pricked a hornet's nest. The air bristled with opposition. The
President of the organization Mrs. Youmanns gave us her views on the
War, told me that the People's Council was ^{is} disloyal, unpatriotic body
giving aid and comfort to the enemy and that I would be betraying
the Suffrage movement by getting my motion passed. In the opinion
of one President, this is a "holy war" and ought to be fought to a
successful conclusion and anything we did to obstruct the Government
in its aims was treasonable, etc, etc, etc, etc. Mrs. Youmanns
furthermore declared that she would have to declare the motion out
of order. I threatened to appeal from the decision of the chair as
she had no right to arbitrarily rule a motion pertaining to Suffrage
propaganda out of order. She hesitated and did not put the motion
for the better part of an hour, in fact not until little Mrs. Turner ^{of Madison}
who had seconded the motion declared that she desired the motion put
but that she could see that possibly the fear that an ignorant pop-
ulace would affiliate us with an "unpatriotic alliance" and split the
Suffrage movement and would therefore move a reconsideration of the
motion in case the motion passed and upon the reconsidered motion
would vote to suit Mrs. Youmanns. There upon the President put the
question and the vote was a tie vote and therefore lost. Before closing
this incident I want to say that the question also arose as to submitting
the whole matter to the National Association and if that Association
approved why then these good ladies would permit me to make the motion.
I objected to this very much as I can never permit any National Assn-
ciation ^{to} dictate each and every motion I care to make regarding suffrage
activity. I did not care to set any such precedent. ^{That} is the history
of the last Board meeting of the Wisconsin Suffrage Association.

Now my purpose in writing to you is to tell you that in the first place I resent the idea that is charged against me of "betraying our movement." I need not tell you why, - you have intelligence enough to answer that yourself. Secondly: I feel that I am in the wrong camp. Each time I do anything really for suffrage through my labor or democratic or peace inclinations my motive seem to be impugned I have gradually come to think that possible an organization like a branch of the Congressional union could really be a very livestimulant for the Wisconsin Suffrage Association and would do very very much to put the Woman's club tactics used by that organization on the "bum" and would jarr them into a real political or quasi-political organization. Women have to learn by bumps and the Wisconsin Suffrage Association must get its bumps through a counter organization or it will never never amount to a ything real and influential. Now the point and purpose of this letter is to ask you as to the advisability of starting a branch of the Congressional Union and standing back of Ada James in her effort.

I can see a few women who might lend us their aid. There is Ada James, S. Quakenbush, Zona Gale, Meta Berger, E. Jacobi, Amy Comstock perhaps Maud McCreary, and I am sure upon a canvass we may find a good many more.

There is more I could tell, but not write. What

I am sending a copy of this letter to Ada

wise, consider this confidentially

ndially,

Berger
- thoroughly

[1917, Aug. 2]

[Postcard depicting a group of women with a banner "votes for women;" and "we are rudderless, we need the ballot;" removed to the photograph collection.]

[Addressed to Miss Ada James, 383 Hazeltine St., Richland Center, Aug. 2, 1917]

"Miss Hawkins letter July 30 rec'd this AM She says Miss Andrew's (?) trip east is uncertain and she would like me to keep in touch with her and make use of her help for a day or two. The R. R. fare would be quite an item for just _____. Not able to know what Mrs. King & Brooks could do on this 2nd notice and sure of an Auto. But the money for expenses I am not sure of even by collections.

S. J.

98 High St. Exeter
Aug. 1, 1917.

My dear friend,

Our carrier fears my letter
from you will be miscarried
should a put be put on while he
has his vacation - 25 is an import-
ant printing Co. with offices up
stairs.

Well, I wonder how much work
we did for nothing. I wish you could
get hold of Mrs. Adeline ~~King~~ King of
Wareham. Ed. of the Wareham Democrat.
She is quite in sympathy with the
Women's Party though she doubted the
wisdom ^{of their actions} at the time of the Russian
mission. Mrs. Jewell has written
asking her to organize in Wareham
but she has not time. She has
much influence there. A Mrs.
Roby wrote me. I thought this
might be an opening for you. I
could do nothing with the woman

I met in Ripon - They asked me
come again in the fall when
Club work began and they
were not quite so intent on
Red Cross. Mr. Fooks of Green Lake
(D. N. I think) agreed to arrange for a
meeting there, when I could not get
the Ripon women to take hold.
Mrs. Fooks is an energetic woman
a vice-pres. of the State Fed. of Women's
Clubs, a relative of Mrs. Morris of Berlin.

I have sent copies of the "Suppantist" to
the women above mentioned - not
Mrs. Morris - and several others. I
shall send to some of the Anti-Spicket
women of Ripon soon -

I had just about completed arrange-
ments for the meeting here when
your message came. I had a
letter from Miss Thubert saying Miss
Aukland was needed in Washington
but so long as we had arranged
meetings we might have her, and
to write Miss Aukland - your wife

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had been received and all meetings
cancelled. I wrote her to that effect
and also Miss Amida. I drop-
ped right back into house work
~~when~~ that was called off and
also taking vacation trips into
the country to my brother's cottage
spending the night there. Then
the heat has taken the man
out of work.

Was a copy of Mrs. Cott's + Mrs. Jumeau's
letter in your Richland Courier
paper? If not I will send it to you.
I feel like writing Mr. Cott. I
cannot understand the viewpoint
the Am. Supp.ists spent so much
time denouncing Mrs. Park-
hurst and see where she is
today. I am so sorry I lost out
on those Ripon women, but
I will try again sometime. Mrs.
Jumeau has written me of the
Club women of a club my friend
Mrs. L. G. Kellogg is a member of and

asks Mrs. Hester to arrange to have
Mrs. Hooper meet them to arrange
for a meeting to organize for suf-
frage. I wish you & I did not live
so far apart. I think I could then
help you more. I have to have some-
one to talk with to crystalize my
ideas. I think I have told
you the particulars. I write a
Mrs. Sullivan of Cross but the
women could do nothing there
on such short notice.

When you have time, I wish
you would write me what you
think would be well for me to
know about the suff. work in
Wis. and what you think I could
do. It is almost time for fall
work to begin. If you would like
Gladys Harvey's letter, telling
what they have tried to do in their
county and her suggestions about
a change in the next meeting of
the convention I will send it.
Much love from Frank James

Dear Ada: -

After my first involuntary no on this, I find that I think with you: I believe that it may be the thing to do. But would not the Industrial etc Committee make an acknowledgment in the pamphlet, saying that the material had been collected by your Committee? That seems only common honesty - and I will suggest it to the lady if you do not seriously object. As you say, our women will read the pamphlet anyway - and there are many who would not read it if it came from us - a prejudice which is eloquent. But your way of reigning on this I know is wise - and we all know is like you. - But perhaps you will get more light from ^{another source} ~~other~~ some

I'm so sorry - I cannot be at the
convention. Thank you so best for
your thought - I shall be east then -
and I wish that I might have
been with you. With love - Ana.

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 FROM ENTIRE COUNTRY URGENTLY IMPORTANT

ANNE MARTIN

9 AM

98 High St. Ashkosh
July 20, 1917.

My dearest Suffragist,

I hope you do not think I have gone to sleep. I am working this evening, getting busy me to co-operate.

Grand Wilson presided the Pickets. It looks very favorable for them.

It is after July 15, and I have only the following to report.

I am now in touch with a Wife friend who has invited me to Ripon Monday to talk before a group of Women who will meet at her home. This is to arrange a meeting there. The next day Mrs. Kellogg (S. G.) and I will go down to Waupaca to call upon Mrs. King - Ed. Waupaca Democrat, to secure her cooperation for a meeting in Waupaca.

We have no suffrage organization on the South side of Ash. and I do not know that there is one Wo-

man identified with the Ash. League. So I thought if it were possible to have the speaker in the Picture Theater there and announce the subject as the Federal or Susan B. Anthony Amendment, without the mention of the Woman's Party we would not be waving the "red rag". I am sure Mrs. Hooper is much opposed to the W.P. and Mrs. Radford is ashamed of the actions of the Picketts. Willing followers of the State and National. I believe emphatically in the W.P. and am trying now every day to fit myself more and more so that I can convince others.

I am preparing to meet some of the Women in the Welsh Settlement the last of next week and talk to them on the S. B. Amendment, & woman's service, and there are some at Fisk (a country station) who would like to hear a talk. I do not know if we could get enough people out to pass a Party Organizer there.

I will send you the letters I have

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received from those I have corresponded with to let you see how weak they are and that you will not be able to bank on them.

Mrs. Kellogg says Miss Mears of Ripon is a consumptive and would have no influence there.

Mrs. Allen (our Woman member on the Board of Ed.) says Prof. Wm. ~~Heber~~^{Kueckhafer} is a resident of Fond du Lac, and suggests he might help us there or direct us.

I am writing this Friday but if it is too late for me to continue with these plans would it be possible for you to get word to me before Monday morning? I leave at 7:00 A.M. for Ripon.

You realize there is so little organization that we cannot put our hand upon anyone who knows enough about what we want to even get up meetings. So, the only way it seems to me, is to go in person. The R.R. fare if I go to Waupun will be \$1.50 round trip, but I look forward to making that up when we have our meetings. I do not like to think of remuneration, don't you, Andrew, do

When I get into a thing, I go so deeply, it takes most of my time.

I understand you are looking after the organizer's salary and we are to look after the expenses while she is in our care.

This is the itinerary and times if it will carry with us, and ~~that~~ if she comes from the South on the St. Paul road.

1st Day { 1. Waupun - 12:00 on a Friday -
2. Green Lake 4:00 p.m.
3. Ripon 8:00 p.m. Stay over night.

2nd Day 1. So. Ash - 3:00 p.m. Star Theater
2. Fisk 8:00 .. Out of doors.

Do you have literature - Shall we try to sell the Suffragist?

Will there be conferences with women to secure membership and do any organizing?

This is all for now - For the Cause
Sarah James.

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July 26, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

The sending of the sixteen women to Occoquan on July 17th and their pardon by the President on July 19th has given a great push to our work for the passage of the national suffrage amendment this session. The President knew that there was strong and growing public sentiment against our unjust jailing for exercising our constitutional right of petition, and he will undoubtedly urge the passage of the amendment as a war measure this session, if he is assured that there are enough votes in both Senate and House to assure its passage, with the added votes his support will give it.

Will you not redouble pressure on your senators and representatives by publicity in your state newspapers, and by letters and telegrams from constituents, urging them to vote, speak and fight for its passage immediately? Every vote you win by pressure from home will make action from the President swifter and more certain.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman Legislative Committee.

AM:RA

New Halstein July 12, 1911,

Dear Miss James -

Am very sorry to write you that it is impossible for me to help you with a meeting in Halstein. My health will not allow me to make any extra efforts in any line of work.

Have spoken to several of the ladies here about the work and none of them feel as though they can take up the matter at all. This is the best I can do for you.

Sincerely

Helia Hipke.

Shawano, July 15-
1917.

Dear Miss James:

Yes, I know exactly
how you feel about the
whole terrible trolley,
but don't allow it to make
you ill. I do wish you
could get together with
people who think like
you do. Somehow I get a
good deal of inspiration &

some comfort too when
I see how courages those
people are who are
working night & day in
the face of public opinion
and the threat of federal
punishment. I have never
felt like working so
hard before as I do feel
when I think of this
People's Council. We expect

to turn our Mil. Peace
League over into a branch
of the Council at the
end of this month.

I also marvel at the
courage of the socialists.
I can't quite understand
why those socialist friends
of yours are who encourage
you to do war work. We
here in Milwaukee are
a solid unit in our
opposition to war. Gayle &
Simons simply lost their

heads & broke faith with
their comrades & had to
be expelled from our party

Dear Miss James, I feel
strongly that the thing for the
suffragist to do at this time
is to work for democracy at
this time. I believe our way
to the vote lies there &
not there "false war work"
Furthermore, I also believe
that this Congress will not
pass the federal amendment.
Our good suffrage sisters are
too sanguine about that too.

Keep up your courage dear &
you have a level head & a true
heart. Things are bound to come
our way & come right too. Lovingly
Meta Beth

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Madison, Wis. July 15, 1917.

Dear Miss James,

I am writing to all our committee to ask them to write the Industrial Commission commending them for their recent decision on night work for women. I hope you will do so at once.

As you have probably heard they have decided to not to allow factories and laundries to employ women at night and to call all labor between 6 P.M. and 6 A.M. night work. This is certainly good news. They will hear from those who object to their decision so it is our duty to let them know we appreciate their efforts.

I have received Mrs J. B. Johnson's \$3.00 St. Paul. Mrs. A. C. Anderson who had paid me. Hope to get more.

Sincerely
 Lillian H. Kahlburg

July 16

I held this until I heard Miss
Copp speak this morning. I find I should
have added, - my evening paper
work is covered - ~~at~~ foot stress

L. P.

600 Jefferson St.
Gary, Ind.
July 2 - 1917

Dear Miss James,

Your letter of June 27
was forwarded to me at Gary. I
shall not be in Wisconsin until
August 7 or 8 - If I can be of any
help after that time I shall be glad
to do what I can - It is possible
that Inez Noll - Marshfield - Wis.

might be able to do something. She is a 1917 graduate of the university and was a leader in student activities.

Sincerely

Ruth B. Glassow.

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Ashkosh July 6th 1917.

Dear good friend,

Yours received yesterday.
I have been busy with
a family of seven to
cook for and help me
entertain. I am alone
every one gone.

I have Miss Meas
word of regret and Miss
Jensen who is in Madison.
I have not heard from Miss
Hipke and am writing
again. I wrote the Editor
of the "Calumet Co. Reporter"
for names of supporters and
to put me the enclosed.
Now I am writing them.
I have had no favorite

reply so far. I telephoned
a few to come this p.m. and
talk over a little work.
Two came - Dr. Thomson I
find is not now over to the
"Picketing" & the picket-ban-
ners. So you see I have
no helpers so far, not ac-
ting as officers in the
Local League and per-
haps ~~not~~ ^{influence} with the
power behind the throne,
Mrs. Stephen Radford Jr.
I cannot get this proposition
before the League. Mrs. R. is
so opposed to their actions,
just as the June 30th Celebration
is. It looks as if it would
take more than a month
to prepare the ground and
sow the seed for this work.

27 I cannot locate any sup-
ply rooms as yet, for this
month. That is what I shall
have to have in order to
make a success.

I thought we would not
try a meeting in Ark. or
Winnemago Co. unless it be
at one of the Moving Picture
Houses after the meeting
in Fond du Lac Co. I am
trying to reach people in
Bellevue, Waupun, Braun-
au and Fond du Lac
and in New Holstein.

I want you to know how
slow we are and not ex-
pect too much.

I had a letter from
Gladys Hawley to day in
answer to questions I

asked her about the work
in Dunn Co. At the 6th
Dist. Federation of Women
Clubs, I had a short visit
with Mrs. Harvey and
she recognized it was
disruption in camp
which caused our defeat,
though I do not know whom
she meant.

Mrs. Hooper has Miss Sweet
and Mrs. Gussner well
lined up against those
who voted for the Referendum
Mrs. Cooper of the State, one of
the locals two in particular.

I begin to realize ^{more fully} the oppo-
sition to the Pickets, there-
fore to the American Party -

I was born to work with
the Minority.

I have written the lead of
the Woman Citizen talking
exception to her Editorial of
June 30, on the Picketing.
Ever so many families

1917, July 6

The Wisconsin  State Journal
RICHARD LLOYD JONES, EDITOR

Madison, Wisconsin

July 6, 1917

Dear Ada James:-

Long as I have been in answering your letter, I have had it in mind these several weeks. To be frank, I have rather waited and watched to see the program of the girls in Washington. And I will say I cannot quite agree with them as to the best methods of securing what we all dearly seek and cherish. My country is too much first with me to be able to contemplate their course at this time. I do appreciate the exasperation which ardent suffragists have toward the President's refusal to lend his hand to the federal amendment. It is true, that we are not entirely without flaw when we talk of Russian democracy and can't see it at home. I see all that. But the fact remains, why risk our ~~whole~~ half democracy to get the whole, when after this war, democracy winning, the men can't much longer deny it, -especially when any number of them say we can't win this war without the women. I do not think women here are in a mood to contribute to suffrage propoganda right now, and I cannot quite bring myself to ask for it when I cannot endorse the work the Congressional Union is doing in Washington now. How aboutt you?

I'm awfully glad to hear of you. I don't believe in losing what we have gained, but I do think that putting our shoulders to the wheel for our country is much better patriotism right now than heckling the President. If we had the vote now, I can see where we could use it to good advantage in not letting the poor fight the battles and

also pay the bills. There may be lots of injustices worked along with the course of the war which we would like the opportunity to obviate. But heckling the President now is not going to give us the chance to do that. I say let's use that dinged old indirect influence for all we're worth and save all we can out of the horrors of war.

But Madison is simply alive with Red Cross, French Relief and other patriotic work right now.,-the women particularly. And I can't and won't ask for moeny to obstruct right now.,

Cordially yours,

Amy Lovestock



MILWAUKEE, WIS.

July 9 - 1917

Dear Miss James.

Upon returning home from Chicago where I had gone to attend the conference on Democracy & Peace I found your letter.

To answer your question - No I am not doing any suffrage work at all at present. I attended the last board meeting and was thoroughly disgusted with a lot of hypocritical suffragists who under the guise of doing some thing tactical and political are doing a lot of patriotic war work. The motion to help registration day & to deliver the President-war message I voted against - together with Miss Jacobson & Mrs. Andrae, all other ladies voting for it except Miss Baine who couldn't vote for it & wouldn't vote against it. I too think Mrs. Cart lost her head & I hear she is being criticized



for it all over the country.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., _____

I am opposed to the war, have worked against it before & after the declaration of war and am now devoting myself to helping organize "The People's Council". This Council is pledged to work for a speedy & fair & permanent Peace, and accepts practically The Russian Peace Programme. Can't you help us in this work? It is headed by David Starr Jordan, Jane Adams, Morris Hillquit - Mrs. ^{R. M. C. O'Connell} ^{Spelling} and ^{Ex} Senator John W. Weeks of Cal. & many others. The aim of the organization is to further democracy in the truest sense of the word. I shall send you some literature as soon as I get it.

Now as to the Woman's Party. - I am a subscriber to the Suffragist - but my subscription has run out. I shall renew it at once as I have always

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had a leaning towards them, not so much on account of their tactics but on account of their courage. I am not at all sure I approve of the tactics employed by them, but I am also sure I do not approve of the tactics used just now by the "National". I shall seriously consider any move to organize a branch of the Woman's party in Wis. I believe Mrs. Duabentzen who was at the conference with me in Chicago will help us, and I am sure we can get others also.

I am not in accord with either the Wis. or the Milwaukee County Suffrage activities at the present time, and have therefore temporarily at least stayed away from their meetings.

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Think about our ^{People's} Council work first -
now if you can. I believe that that
Council which embraces all of the
radical + liberal workingman's
organizations in the union will help
us when our turn comes for the
vote.

Write me again, I shall be at
Shawano Wis till July 29, at Madison
Wis Aug. first + back again at
Shawano again that until the
end of Aug. Please excuse this
penmanship. If I had to give you
a good specimen of writing you would
not have heard from me as I am
so busy + rushed for time. With love
to you I am as ever yours for the
cause of peace + democracy Melvin B.

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Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 28, which contains a report of work accomplished as legislative chairman.

I wish so much that you were able to get Mrs. Victor Berger to join. I note your suggestions about organizing the Wisconsin work. If we only had more organizers! There is so much work to be done and so few to do it. We are glad to know that you responded to our request to have letters and telegrams sent to the President and other administration leaders and your Wisconsin delegation in Congress.

Miss Paul is at present resting in a sanitarium, but I shall tell her about your letter at my first opportunity. I am so glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,



AM/VP

Chairman, Legislative Committee.

Dear Miss James:- Fond du Lac, July 10-1911
As I wrote you I would try to call on some of our leading Ladies to arrange for suffrage meetings. I surely tried very hard until finally today I found the Leader of the cause in, now she informs me they haven't fully organized as yet but have temporary Officers which at their last meeting was decided not to hold any more meetings until beginning of fall.

during all this time they are all very
much taken up with "Red Cross" work
and don't like to do anything else besides
during that time. I am sorry you will
be disappointed on your plans of coming
here, but sincerely hope you can some
time in the future.

Sincerely yours

I will write for Sophia A. Zinzoro
names & addresses.

Waupun, Wis. July 11/11

Dear Miss James: —

On reaching home after a few days vacation, I found your letter but as mother is very ill with the Grip and an aunt who raised me at the point of passing on, I can not give suffrage any that but if you will write to our lady editor Mrs. Adelaide Kier of the Waupun Democrat, I am sure she can give you any information you want.

Very truly Yours,
Mrs. E. W. Roby.

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Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Enclosed is a statement made yesterday to a committee of suffragists from the state of New York. I thought you would be interested in knowing our constitutional reasons for continuing to picket, and hope also the statement makes clear our grounds for our belief that the continuous picket is necessary and helpful at this time. Perhaps you may be able to use it in some way to soften the press.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Legislative Committee.

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Miss Sarah James
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Dear Madam:

In reply to yours of the 3rd inst.

Miss Cecelia Hipke
Mrs. Frederick Bullwinkel
Mrs. D. F. Kaiser
Mrs. A. T. Hipke
Mrs. Geo. L. Severenz
Miss Agatha Timm

We are interested in woman's suffrage
and no doubt will assist you.

Respectfully
B. A. Roate

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My dear Ada:-

Your letter of July 1 has long waited for an answer and now it must be a typewritten answer because I have so many things to say to you.

Let us first take up the question of the Woman's Party. As you know I was in thorough sympathy with them at the beginning of their work. I even supported the anti-party policy more consistently than did you yourself, which latter statement is proven, is it not, by the fact that you worked for Wilson last fall and told me that you could not ever bring yourself to work against our own Mr. Nelson. As time went on their policy met with less and less of my approval. However, I condoned certain points with which I was not in sympathy, realizing that perfection is never reached by any one group of women. Even the picketing I did not condemn unqualifiedly although I felt it futile and unnecessary. It is my nature to be very loyal to any woman or group of women to whom I have once given my confidence. It was therefore most difficult for me to absolutely break with the Woman's Party, but the moment has come when I feel that that is the only logical position for me to take. I still believe in their devotion and admire their pep but I think they have become so obsessed by the original program, which they first outlined, that they are losing a sense of proportion and versatility. The spreading of the banner for the Russian Mission I deeply deplore and the consequent arrests and imprisonments I believe absolutely unnecessary. Our politics are different from the English and we have met with less unbearable obstruction here than had the English women. With my waning faith in the Woman's Party a growing confidence in the National American Woman Suffrage Association has steadily increased. Mrs. Catt is a great executive and has the confidence of the United States. The construction program which they have laid out for the National Amendment work is most inclusive and carefully thought out. If you have not seen the outline write either to Mrs. Hooper or directly to Mrs. Maud Wood Park in Washington and ask for a copy. This program, if well carried out, I believe would see the national amendment passed before March 1, 1918, unless the work of the Woman's Party does us so much harm that narrow minded members of congress refuse us their support, because of their antipathy to the same. I hope the above will make you understand how I feel at present."

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May I add that in my opinion, it is a waste of time and money to try to interest Wisconsin women now in the Woman's Party. There is too great an antipathy to the picketing to meet with success so far away from Washington. Please give this your serious attention. The Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association needs you more than ever and if you are coming to Milwaukee won't you come to Kenosha and spend a night with me. I am housekeeping now and my "spare room" is longing for guests. I certainly would like to have a talk with you on this subject.

Now the question of the state association and the war work. There is other work being done and more is being planned. Perhaps the bulletin has given too much prominence to the ~~latter~~ ^{war work} but we all make mistakes and other branches of the work are going better than ever. Mrs. Hooper's congressional work is being efficiently planned and money and energy are to be spent on it at the right moment. Mrs. Andrae, our literature chairman is mailing thousands of pamphlets and leaflets and increasing her mailing list every day. Mrs. Witter, our organization chairman, has greatly increased her correspondence all over the state. Mrs. McDowell has formed many new organizations and a line of follow-up work will be carried out, money permitting. For the moment we felt it difficult to form new organizations so that Mrs. McDowell is now taking a summer vacation. My finance work has been somewhat interrupted but will be resumed the first of August and we are making every effort to fulfill our pledge to the National whose work you surely wish to see upheld.

The war question is a difficult one to discuss by letter. It has been most difficult for me to form my own opinion but I have grown to believe that because we are in war now, whether or not it might have been avoided, democracy must be upheld by this method for the present, never losing sight that during the struggle we must safeguard ground already won and not lose it during this critical period. I therefore believe that individuals and organizations must, in this emergency, assist as the government requests. It is a great source of comfort to me that the special work that our association has selected as its part- food conservation, Americanization, and the guarding of women in industry- is truly constructive work, which should be done in peace as well as war. This is as far as I can see in these dark times. If your vision is not just like mine, it does not in the least effect my deep affection and respect for you. Please come to see me.

Affectionately yours,

Harriet F. Bain

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MABLE VERNON.

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1. Hand the enclosed ballots to three of your friends and be sure that they are signed and sent in.
2. Send for as many more ballots as you can actually use. We dare not waste one.
3. Sign and send in a ballot yourself with whatever contribution you are able to make at this time.

Please let us know at once how many more of these blanks you can use.

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