

Jan. 24.

Robert K. Thomas, Ky.

Non-committal. Is not
opposed to women's voting.
Will look into bill.

Business the time
not applied to any
business by me
about the point
discussed. Will con-
sider with you
a few more.

Jan. 24.

Martin, Sen. Progre-
ressive, that opposed
to suffrage, except
that his district
is opposed. Will
consider our bill.

Called on 8 Jan. 24 whom
we found not in, besides
4 we saw.

Mr. James, I
to encourage
Robt. Carter had
was defeated by voting
against amendment on
James

Mr. Davis. Will
support Bill. Several
influential persons
particularly in
several districts. Some
of protection among
Pres. & Baptists

Memorial Legal Right to the
Seaman's Minors, Journal
of December, 1886
Journal, of Dec., 1891
Citizenship & Suffrage

Vinton, of Ga. Open
minded. States - Rights
Is not opposed to suffrage
admits it is wrong

Barley Not very good
at all to suffer from
not pronounced
fever
Michael May as
thin in front as
early as possible

Kim's had a ...
to ...
not a ...
Chin ...
say he was a ...
frag ...
would ...
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he ...
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Money of the ...
to ...
... of the ...
... will
... bill
... to ...

Lee, of Ga. Cop
pound to suffrage
and his wife's

Mr. Stewart, Wash.
D.C. says he will
the suffrage bill and
think it is a very
good.

Mr. D. ...
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Houston? Jan. 24
Tenn.

Argued that Congress
could control qualifi-
cations. Seems to have
heard of Bill. Was
open-minded & courte-
ous, but interview was
interrupted by men
on business.

"Nobody seriously supposes that the United States needs fear an invasion of its own territory."—President Wilson, January 28, 1916

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Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill Street,
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My dear Miss Clay:-

We believe you will agree with us that the United States is in danger today, not so much from a foreign foe, as from the growing military hysteria at home, fostered by ignorance, prejudice and self-interest. The Press gives almost no hearing to our side of the case. We must get the truth to people in some other way. For this reason The Anti "Preparedness" Committee has been organized.

It is an emergency committee, dependent upon the contributions that come in day by day from thoughtful and truly patriotic citizens who want to save America for democracy. As a member of one of the older Peace Societies, we look to you for help. If you are in substantial sympathy with our Manifesto, will you not send us a contribution today?

Very truly yours,

Crystal Eastman

Executive Secretary.

E/B

"The militarist argument amounts to this: for two nations to keep the peace each must be stronger than the other."—Norman Angell

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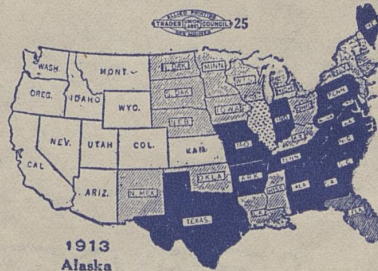
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The Hamilton,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Miss Clay:

Mrs. Peterson writes me that you are going to Minneapolis for the Mississippi Valley Conference in May.

Would it be possible for you to come into Iowa for a few days speaking engagements? Our vote, as you know, is to be taken June 5, and we are hoping that a good many of the Mississippi Valley Conference people will give us some time in Iowa. We shall be happy to pay your expenses while in the State, though we can not afford any salary, unhappily.

I hope you may be able to give us some time, and I shall be very glad if you could give me now the exact dates, as we are already arranging our schedules for the last month.

Cordially yours,

Flora Dunlap
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Lincoln, Neb. March 20, 1916

Miss Laura Clay,
The Hamilton,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your name has been mailed to me by Mrs. Peterson stating that she has written you in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Will you kindly write me by return mail stating whether it will be possible for you to be present? If you are to appear upon the program or take any definite part, send pictures and publicity material.

Very sincerely yours,

E. M. Barkley
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Chicago, Ill. March 22, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
The Hamilton,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Clay:--

Your letter of March 18th is received.

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your check for \$25.00 in behalf of The Kentucky Equal Rights Association. There was some money left from last year's convention to start the work this year, and I am not so sure but that the conference should use this check to ^{help} pay Miss Gordon's expenses.

If a collection is taken at the mass meeting at Minneapolis, I think there will be money to pay the expenses of some of our speakers. I put this matter before Mrs. Ueland last week. We must arrange in some way for Miss Gordon. I think she is a wonderful woman, and many of our suffragists who have come into the work recently should meet her and know what she has done for the women of the south. I will write you again.

Thanking you for your kindness in offering to help us in so many ways, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Florence Bennett Peterson

Chairman.

FBP-BT.

304 Indiana Ave. March 22, 1916

Miss Laura Clay,
The Hamilton Hotel, City.

Dear Miss Clay, I saw Judge Raker for a minute yesterday, and the matter is in statu quo. As he is to champion the bill not only as the introducer, but as an officer of the Association, I do not want to confuse him, ^{or} take his time needlessly. He thinks-as I do-that there is no real difference about the qualifications, and that if one is objectionable on account of any pre-conceived notion about State rights the other would be. We framed our bill on purpose to meet the States' right objection, and to show that we were willing to accept for women any qualifications they make for men, and you do not make any, or I should say state any. I prefer your wording and we can fix that another time, as it is well to avoid any point for a quibble, although I do not think it would make the slightest difference with any one, who by any possible concession, ^{could} be induced to favor the bill. But the most important thing with Judge Raker and myself is that this referance to qualifications is the smallest part of the bill or the argument for it, and does not touch the crux of the matter which is that we claim that women have the right to vote under the constitution as it originally was, and that Congress has the constitutional power to bring this right into activity as far as it relates to the vote for members of Congress. All the rest is merely incidental.

I think I will, after taking further advice, see Mr. Owen and ask him to speak at the hearing. I invited him two years ago, and he told me our bill was constitutional, and he had the argument clearly in his mind, and would speak for us if he could get in. But he was not sure enough of being there to allow me to announce him, and he did not come.

I do not think the Committee will amend the bill, because that would be equivalent to making their bill their own. The most we could possibly get from them would be a report without recommendation, and this is what I am going to work for. Then we will be in shape to push the bill if the amendment is defeated, and you know it may not be long before it comes up in the House as the Judiciary Committee consider the amendment on March 28. If our bill gets on the calendar, then it can be amended in discussion if anybody thinks it would be any advantage to have it amended. If the amendment is submitted the Congress would of course do nothing with our bill. They are getting to the point where they feel they must do something on their own account, but they will not do more than they have to. But even if the amendment were submitted I should still work to keep this idea warm that women have the right to vote under the constitution, as this helps all forms of suffrage work, and gives dignity and force to all we ask for.

But if the amendment is defeated let us all push as hard as we can for this measure, and even if we should not get it it would be likely to so scare them that we would get the amendment more easily submitted in the future.

Will you please call up Mrs. Stoner, and ask her to phone to all the members of the Southern W.S.A. branch and urge them to come Monday, March 27, 10 A.M. sharp. I have not their addresses. Am doing everything I can to advertise the meeting.

Shall be very glad to hear from you and have any suggestions. I do not think I can make any appointment as I have so much letter-writing to do, and my own speech to prepare.

Cordially yours,

Clara Beink Leolly

*Am enclosing a document
with constitution of F.S.A. &
other matter relating to its
work. This was gotten out
two years ago. We will
have another soon. & the Federal Suffrage work will be more defused
as we are making that now on our own work while having a favorable
attitude to all.*

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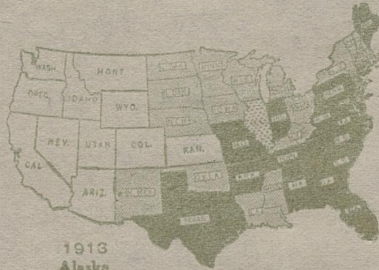
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My Dear Miss Clay:-

On account of the House going into session at eleven o'clock Monday, the hearing flattered out dismally.

Mr. Rucker explained to Mrs. Colby that there would only be one hour, to be divided between the suffragists and the antis.

Mr. Rakso, our California friend explained very minutely (using many of your very own points) reasons why the makers of our constitution intended that women as well as men should voice their needs at the polls, and that they undoubtedly are people.

Nothing new was said, and when

the anti representative began to read that lengthy old chestnut "Arguments by Hon Swager Shirley of Kentucky" we all wanted to groan.

The second hour was granted this morning, but on account of my having an engagement to meet several ladies at the hotel where we are to give our orical, I was unable to go to the hearing.

Mrs Jones will write you about it. She phones me that the anti woman resumed reading "Shirley" and took up almost her half hour that way. Rev. Olympia + Mrs Colby then each took up fifteen minutes.

The W. Va. supper of ham and waffles was a pleasant affair and netted \$6.50

I have just been thrilled by reading Mrs Breckenridge's open letter to Sen. James + Cong. Cantrell in the Norman Journal. It is flawless, and ought to be read by every body.

Sunday I wrote a cheerful letter to Miss Gordon, telling about our interesting new members from W. Va. + Okla. the orical, the prospective delegates to St Louis and never once mentioned the names of two disturbers of the peace -

No doubt Mrs Jones will be elected

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just U. Pres. She has consented to
be nominated.

Tonight Mrs. Amies will hold
a caucus of a dozen women, in
order to discuss future plans.

We miss you, and are wondering
when you will return.

I have started negotiations with
Cong. Neely of N. Va. to have palms +
flowering plants sent us from the
Botanic Gardens, for our decorations
Monday night.

The Misses Abercrombie of Ala. and the
Misses Clark of Florida will act as
ushers. We wish you could be
here. Hoping to have something
more interesting to say next time.
Very Truly Yours - Edith Owen Stoner

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Minneapolis, March 29, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
c/o The Hamilton,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Clay:-

We have received from Mrs. Florence Bennett Peterson a list of names appearing on the tentative program of the Mississippi Valley Conference to be held in this city May 7th--11th. We are most anxious to do full justice to this conference in the matter of advertising and must have pictures of those on the program and who will attend, at the very earliest possible date. Please send photographs of yourself--more than one if you possibly can--to be used in the newspapers of Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth.

We are also issuing a special plate page on the conference (to go out April 20th) and wish to use pictures and personal press material for this page. Will you please send with the pictures, general information concerning your past and present club, church or philanthropic affiliations, waiving your personal modesty. It is not a pleasant job to be one's own press agent but in this matter, please take an impersonal view and send as much material as you can muster for the occasion.

Do not put this letter aside for future consideration. Please attend to it now and help the Minnesota State Press Chairman who is in dire straits for pictures at the present moment. The advertising or lack of it will make or break this convention in the matter of attendance at least.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail.

Cordially and gratefully yours in advance,

Civian Stanley Sharp

(Mrs. Walter Thorp)

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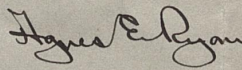
Dear Miss Clay:

Today I am mailing you a little story of the Woman's Journal called "The Torch Bearer". It is designed to bring intimately before suffragists a record of achievement which will make them proud of their paper.

The booklet is issued as a sort of experiment to see if those who receive it will not understand our position better and stand by us to the utmost.

"The Torch Bearer" is being sent only to stockholders and to a limited number of prominent suffragists. Will you, therefore, show it to as many friends of suffrage as possible, so that its influence may be far-reaching?

Yours sincerely,



Managing Editor

Miss Laura Clay,
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Late in signing