

(Feb. 1920)

Saturday evening

Darling daughter,

I've just heard your voice over the telephone and wish so much that your face were as visible as your voice was clear. I was going to see about the [energy?] stand, but the weather (ice storm) has made getting about very difficult for 4 days - ever since Wed. morn. I came up from A. on Thurs. aft., and was taken on by Mrs Hooker that eve. in almost the only

motor that dared venture out that night. Everything was one vast glitter of ice. Bob has be going to the Sam. by trolley. It seems to be thawing now, and we think tomorrow walking may be more possible.

Esther + Diddie went home today. E. expecting another babe in Aug - too soon to be quite the thing she would most welcome I am pretty sure.

Olga had her tonsils taken out as you know - + arrived here w. Bob this

aft. on his + H's insistence to pick up a little. She has had several days at home since her time in the Sam., but still looks very very pale + peaky. I have suggested Florida + the sandy beach, and she at first thought she couldn't go on account of the Bryn Mawr drive wh. she is organizing - but this evening she has been talking over + planning the trip, and seems anxious to go. I could leave I think by the end of this month - Maryland will be decided by that time for better or

worse, and I shall not feel like tackling another legislature immediately on top of this and Kentucky - and think a fortnight at Miami would be very refreshing. Could you get off at that time too? Olga and I think the here of the [Bumba? Vaguar?] right to summon you. Do think it over, and do come if you can. It will be quiet - peaceful - too late for the gay crowd, therefore the best time.

Louise Hemmingway is still here - very nice and a charming addition to the household. She intended to return home last Thursday, but was not able to

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on account of the ice storm, and each day plans to go the next, and each day has to defer for the same reason - She would like to go tomorrow (Sunday) and would do so if travelling were possible, and if Mr Esaur did not feel so strongly about travelling on Sunday - as he does feel so she has to wait until Monday, whether travelling is possible or not. You see she has to take her new puppy (Bob's gift) in a big box, and can only get it to the trains per motor, which can't run yet. The Walkes

whom B. + I liked so much in Kyoto, were to have dined w. us tonight, but were unable to get here - I am so sorry for I have wanted to see them very much.

I wrote to Mother on Wed. or Thurs. + asked her to share w. you + Shippen, and expected to write to you both on Friday - but got laid up Thurs. Night (tobacco at a Miss meeting) and felt too rocky all day Fri. to do it. So this is my first chance [illegible]. Am very well now, all the smoke out of my system.

Mississippi voted ratif. down

and N.J. looks pretty hopeless - M'd too. We shall have 30 states by Feb. 15, but I can't see where the rest are coming from.

The Prohibition reaction is our great stumbling block here + in N. Jersey.

Good bye beloved. I think of you constantly and miss you without ceasing. I did think of running up tomorrow just to look at you for 2 or 3 hours, but think it wiser to conserve strength for my legislature. I have to see an important politician, a

man named Weller, a Repub. who could help, on Monday before I go to Annapolis - one of the senators from the E. Shore has promised to take me to him, and will help urge him to support ratif.

We are giving a reception at Suff. Hdqtrs at Annapolis on Tuesday; all the members + their wives are invited - 4 to 6.30 - on Feb. 4 we are giving a dinner at Cartel Hall - very expensive, but Mrs Hooker has set her heart on it + thinks it may help. The men's c'tt'e of 1,000 are planning to spend \$10,000 in 3 weeks on publicity - a ghastly sum is it not? Good bye and much much love my precious.

Mother.