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Dearest Mother,

I have dictated so many letters the last few days that my brain feels positively dizzy. I have told in my letter the story of our fight in some of the recent states - Oklahoma + West Virginia are the 2 now where our fate trembles in the balance. I do not think that W. Va. will ratif. altho' before the legislature met it seemed sure, as we had a pledged majority in both Houses. However the

men have been won away from us in numbers, and then won back again by our workers - but they don't seem to stick.

Shippen's brief is a beauty. I am proud as proud can be of my child. I took one to the U.S. Solicitor General this morning, in Mr Whitehall Palmer's department. He looked at it and said "You couldn't

have gotten [page torn; better?] names in the whole United States" - Of course he probably meant Mr. Pepper + Wm Draper Lewis, as I do not believe Shippen's fame has yet reached him - but I thought the remark appropriate to Shippen just ~~them~~ ~~the~~ same.

I have a nice office - a big desk - a book keeper + a stenographer, all for me. We do work hard, all day and mostly all evening too. We have evening stenographers you see - and even then don't half get through.

Mrs. Hasemeyer has just sent us a thousand - and a lovely Ohio woman one hundred - and Mrs Kent, your friend, four hundred + fifty for rent. She collects the rent + makes up all she doesn't receive. We pay 905 per month.

Good bye + lots of love -

Your daughter Dora