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Darling,

I'm wiring you to wait. Have an overwhelming job on my hands and all too short a time to do it. Mrs. Hilles demands me and me only, It's really too funny. She telephones daily about it to A.P. and they just won't have anybody else. It makes me quite nervous. I want Betty Gram to go over the state with the men, but mrs. H. won't have her - wants me on Thursday - I'll probably go up Wed. afternoon late, to be on hand early for the fray. In the meantime have so many people to see here, enough to keep me busy for a week. I started at 10 a.m. today, lunched at the Capitol and got back at 5:30 - working every minute except 15 when I dropped in on Prohib. cases at Sup. Court a long line (60 or more) waiting outside all day, and I just trotted in and out any time I wanted through the Solicitor General's office (per his invite) and had the most polite clerks and people opening the side door and showing me to reposed off seat. I went in several times before it really came up. It was unusually late, 2:45 ordinarily would have been 12.30 but there were several long opinions to be read first. G.W.P. still ill they told me

West Va. is nerve racking - The absent man hasn't arrived yet now supposed to be arriving Wed.

Mr. Crabbe (anti-Saloon League Baltimore) has just told me over the teleph. that the Maryland legislature is sending those same horrid men to Delaware that they sent to W. Va. Isn't it the limit? I am to go over the poll at 9:30 at the Capitol tomorrow with Senator Bali - and with a Delaware Senator who is not for us, but will vote for us if he must! We'll let him off if he will get several to take his place, I'll tell him!

Amusing this aft. on Capitol steps. Pollitzer and I as lobbyists - and Senators and Representatives as lobbied

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March 9 Paper marked Department of State Office of the Under Secretary

Dearest Mother,

I've seen nearly every member of the Cabinet yesterday and today - and so far each one has written just the letter I wanted, to the Democratic State Chairman of Delaware asking him to line up the Democrats for suff. ratification by calling a caucus. I've just come from Secretary of War Baker and he was most cordial even before I told him about the man who is being brought from California to West Virginia in an air plane - a Republican and how the Republicans are taking great credit for this deed. Then I told him that an anti suffrage Democrat had been found in West Virginia who is a member of the senate, and he has been brought up to Charleston to defeat us. Secretary Baker was enraged and immediatly put in a telephone call (as I asked him to do) for Charlestown West Virginia to tell this man how disastrous it would be fore the Democratic Party if he voted against ratification.

Later - evening - I've just had Mitchell Palmer and Secretary Daniels on the telephone and they are both letting me send telegrams in their names to West Virginia - trusting me to make up just what they would be willing to say - aren't they nice?

Much love from your daughter, Dora

Feb. 2 no heading but post mark on envelope is Feb. 3, 1920 Philadelphia Fairhill Station which is near Lighthouse so probably mailed by LL when she got back to Phila. from Baltimore.

Dearest Mother,

.... Louise is with us and Helen returns tonight from her Bryn Mawr reunion. The baby has been lovely.... Louise is leaving tomorrow for Phila. and I for Annapolis. The legislature convenes tomorrow at 8

New Jersey will probably vote tomorrow on ratification, and if she votes right it will help her enormously, if she doesn't I think Maryland will be about as difficult to win as one could imagine. However it is looking better than it did 2 weeks ago and if we can get all the work done in the men's home districts that should be done, I think we have a chance.

Saturday Evening no heading

Darling Daughter,... I came up from A. on Thurs aft., and was taken out by Mrs. Hooker that eve in almost the only motor that dared venture out that night.... Esther and Diddie went home today - E. is expecting another babe in Aug. ... Olga had her tonsils out as you know I have suggested Florida.. this evening she has been talking over and 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... it will be quiet and peaceful - too late for the gay crowd..... Louise Hemingway is still here...she would like to go to tomorrow (Sunday_ and do so if travelling were possible, and if Mr. Evans did not feel so strongly about travelling on Sunday..... but got laid up Thurs night - tobacco at a men's meeting - and felt too rocky all day Friday.... Mississippi voted ratification down and N.J. looks pretty hopeless - M.d are 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 and in N. Jersey.... I did think of running up tomorrow just to look at you for 2 or 3 hours but think it wiser to conserve my strength for my legislature

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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 headtrs at Annapolis on T Tuesday; all the members and their wives are invited. 4 to 6:40. On Feb 4 we are giving a dinner at Carol Hall (Carvel probably) very expensive, but Mrs. Hooker has set her heart on it and thinks it may help - The men's committee of 1,000 are planning to spend 10,000 in 3 weeks on publicity - a ghastly sum is it not?....

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Dearest Mother -

.... The legislature convened at 12 and only staid in session for an hour - then we all went off to lunch, and now we are back again waiting for the afternoon session. I am meeting many of the men here, met quite a number this past week of course and by tomorrow or the next day I'll

know them all. There are only 52 men in the State legislature so that's not many to know - the State house is lovely.... I had my picture taken this morning (per request of reporter) standing in front of it with Mrs. Hilles and pretty daughter Catherine and Alice Paul.

We have not enough votes in either house to pass our measure and are of course up against a difficult proposition. Yesterday we sent a wire to every state in the Union, to our Chairmen and to the National Committeemen of the Republican party asking them immediately to have people wire Will Hays, the Repub. Nat'l Chairman, to make him help us. We are doing a lot with the today a very important Democrat (the State Chairman) came all the way from Boston to help us with the Democrats. I met him in my car at the station and we drew up in a quiet place while I went over with him the situation with the democrats. Mr. O'Leary is like quick silver, and will do all he can with his fellow democrats. Then we have Mr. L Barr, for the Republicans, he joined us at the Depont Hotel last night and we told (next pages on Hotel Richardson, Dover, Del. paper) him all we know. There are so many factions in each party and one has to find out about them all. And we have to correct each item of information by information from different sources. For example it took us 3 days to find out whether A.I. Dupont in in their fight or not. One source of information finally proved utterly unreliable and our other opposite information proved true.

Evening

We have talked for hours all day long - Governor - his lieutenant - the senators representatives. etc. etc. I drove the governor's lieutenant back to Wilmington in my car and wrapped in my best motor coat - he staid with us until after the last train had gone, and is miserable with a cold. Miss Paul and I staid down because there will be a conference of the Republicans tomorrow morning early at ten o'clock.

Washington State has ratified - hurrah! Now we must roll up our sleeves. I know enough about politics to write a dictionary I think. It's quite funny the way the men take us into their secrets on first acquaintance - One, an ex-United States senator said to me today "You are intelligent people, or you wouldn't be here, just as I was more intelligent than the average, or I wouldn't have been United States Senator. So I tell you just what I know of this whole situation" and he did know a lot, and gave us helpful information, a great deal of it.

I am so interested in the church Grandpa had. I met my first warner yesterday - a very good looking man - and he brought his mother to see me in the evening - She is a very pretty and beautifully dressed woman. Mrs. A.H. or A.R. Warner the son is Irving Warner. She belongs to the other suffragist and says they are so disturbed lest we do something militant, they have heard that we plan to burn speeches!! She didn't know just whose speeches. I don't know whether I convinced her or not that our plans were peaceful.

I've been standing around these marble corridors for hours, and feel as if my legs would poke thro my hips, so I'm going to bed early now at 8:30 We've been getting to bed frightfully late, but I can't stand that for more than a few nights if I am working all day.

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Alice Paul is telephoning t Washington and New York, into a horrid pay telephone we have none in our room - and I'm afraid will be kept in the booth for a long time poor dear. She is splendid I am so glad she is here. She wanted to go back to Washington because she insisted she was not needed here. So I have just kept her on from day to day, by different persuasions. She has far more political sens than any of the politicians, and is is nice to see with what respect they

treat her and her opinion. She certainly deserves it. We haven't the votes yet but my get them tomorrow morning for the senate If we have, we'll put it through there, and then concentrate on the House.....

Dora

April 14, 1920 Dover, Del.

Dearest Daughter,

I found after I telephoned to you last night that some very serious things were looming. 1) The Governor was in town and had told people that suffrage is dead in this session- 2) The Evening Journal which represents Coleman duPont's policies had a very bad anti article It has been heavily supporting us, and it is important to have it continue to do so as everyone knows that it represents "J.C.'s" views. J.C. being J. Coleman DuPont. He is Repub. Nat'l Chairman and our fear has been that when his cousin A.I. DuPont supported suff. that he would withdraw his support - on account of the rivalry that exists between them. Two of the Senators were worried over the article last night, because it told of strong anti sentiment in their district, and we have been endeavoring to show the world how much pro sentiment exists in Sussex County. Anyway this isn't half, but it means work on lots of people to get it all straightened out. I think it will be all right - The governor is anyway and is ready to all we need.

There is a suffrage meeting in a place ten miles from here tonight, at Smyrna - Mrs. Hilles and Mrs Victor duPont Sr. speaking - meeting gotten up by Miss Dubrow and Miss Riegel - at the New Century Club - Mrs. Hilles made the mistake of speaking to a colored audience in Wilmington the other night, passed resolutions and invited them as a club to join the NWP. I tried to tell her how we have always (with great difficulty) kept ourselves clear of the negro question, but she didn't like my saying anything that implied the least criticism of her action. I wouldn't have, only I was very anxious lest she do it again. We have just heard that the antis have gone all about in Smyrna seeing the negroes (and there are a great man they say) and telling them that Mrs, Hiles wants them all to come tonight. There is a rule of the Club, which we have rented for the meeting, that negroes are not allowed - I have just seen the two anti organizers and several anti ladies going off in the train to Smyrna, evidently for the purpose of carrying out their evil plan. The of the negro question could easily wreck all our hopes. I know that their personal skanders were about due, and find Miss Rowe (I suppose she did it, because it happens in every state we go into where she is also) has been spreading a story about a suffragist and one of the married senators. I have just sent my secretary back to Washington, she not knowing anything but that I think I can do without her and that Wash needs her - but in tracing it, she is evidently the victim this time - so I wanted her to get away. In West Va. they (the antis) told all the man that one of the suffragists slept in a certain corridor in the hotel and that she had a man in her room every night. The men used to point the corridor out to one another - you can imagine the impression such a story made. It was true but the man happened to be the suffragists husband. She was a Mrs. Yost, State President of Mrs. Catt's organization. This is only a sample, there was lots more of the same sort of stuff. The antis referendum resolution came up in the Senate today and was voted down. The suffragists are arranging a series of out door meetings on the Green next Tuesday when the Repub. State Convention meetis in the Opera House. The antis also are arranging the same

thing - each group has a band. The mayor has given Mrs. Ridgley (the Pres of the State Suff.) permission for the whole Green - but she has not got it in [underlined] writing [/underlined] and as the mayor is an anti, I'm sure there will be difficulties. I had a two hour conference with "Allen" our guardian angel this morning - He cheered me up greatly - I love talking with him - he tells me lots of things about

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everybody, all having bearing on our question and what I don't know about these men isn't much - Allen was a US Senator - his son Jim is a State Senator, and his father adores him and watches his activities in the Senate with the greatest pride - he himself (Allen Senior) had retired from politics, but is back again to help us. He told me the other day that it was the most interesting thing (this suffrage fight) that he had ever been in in his life - He has lots of sense, and knows the whole thing from top to bottom. But Mrs. Hilles is so under so difficult to manage that I don't know what the end will be. A. Paul can manage her better than I can, at least I hope she can - anyway I telephoned her to come back, not telling her why, but if something isn't done quickly the whole thing will be wrecked. There is a front page story now this minute from her meeting last night - the worst yet - can't stop to tell it - am starting for Smyrna an the negroes. Senate Chamber-Dover April 7

Daughter:

... Sen. Walker thinks he may be able to get the 9 votes in this body and if he does will report the resolution out of committee. I am almost sure he can't get the votes before Monday or Tuesday of next week... Moved to Smyrna this morn.... Delaware is such a nice state - so friendly in its littleness - I think it would be great fun if one were politically minded (wh. I am not) to live here. It would be so possible to gather up all the lines and to know intimately all the important people.

205 Ridgewood Ave. Jan 31

Dearest Mother:

... I went to Annapolis on Thursday and talked with about 15 men before the legislature opened, and then went on to Washington to see Mr. Daniels and Mitchell Palmer and Judge Covington - DeValera, the so called "President of the Irish Republic" dined with us (he and his secretary) with Miss Paul and me and another woman) and staid until nearly midnight telling us all about Ireland and their movement to secure an independent national existence. Mrs. Falconer came in the evening too, and was with us for a couple of hours. I was so glad to see her again, after these 2 or more years since my last opportunity to do so - I heard that she was in Wash for that day (she lives in New York now) so telephoned asking her to come see me. She is lovely I think. Is doing social hygiene, but we had no opportunity to talk about her work as we were interested to hear all that DeValera was telling us. He is a fine type of man - an idealist but has not the force, I should think of a great leader.

I came back here in the afternoon yesterday, after seeing my men, Mr. Daniels waas sweet - he iis a real peer (?) and promised to come to our meeting in Annapolis if the Senate hearing on Naval affairs, permitted his leaving Wash at that time.

Mr. Palmer was in New York,... Judge Covington became very friendly after unbosoming himself about some dire deed to the Woman's Party and also promised to come to our meeting "unless prevented"-.... he really is a peanut, but has influence with the Maryland men. He is a

Marylander you see and they are even smaller peanuts than he hence his influence. Bob and Helen were very welcoming when I returned..... We think New Jersey may vote on ratification next week. We have a majority pledged (a majority of 5 in the house a

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and two in the Senate) but of course the fear is that the men won't "stick". The liquor men (and the chief political bosses, Nugent and Baird are pro-liquor) and are using every possible device to kill our resolution. Do remind me to tell you and Father what they did the day the Governor made his inauguration speech.

Roland Park Sunday

... I return to Annap. Tomorrow, and may be all through with Maryland on Tuesday - unless we can get our question postponed a week we are lost - but we have put up a good fight and turned what looked a perfectly hopeless situation into one that would mean victory if we had another week to work. We have the opposition scared now and one of them (the Speaker of the House) said to us on Friday that our arguments were winning the men and that they couldn't afford to let us have any more time - adding "you'd win if you did"

I am mailing you a copy of the Suffrage News that you may read of methods employed against us. The Balto papers are all against us, so we can't get any publicity there.

If our question is voted on this Tues. our work will be over in this state. We are trying to get the special order for Tuesday postponed, and if we are successful we are pretty sure of winning - winning Maryland I mean. Mrs. Catt calmly says "we don't need Maryland" so the NAW suffragists have done no work at all - except one local woman in Annapolis. The Presidents of the other 2 suff. societies are both in Chicago and all their prominent suff workers with them. It has been a great relief not to have them to contend with too.

We are trying to get some of the members of the invisible Republican today, to persuade them to have the Repub. Caucus on our question.

Ash Wednesday Royal Poincians, Palm Beach, Fla.

Darling Daughter,

We arrived on time at 8:15 A.M.... and we thoroughly examined th whole place before deciding to settle here. It is an enormous hotel and has all the gaiety I should judge, likewise most of the people wh. make it suitable for us - the only hotel too that has a ball room where we can hold a meeting.... We observed a tiny shop that advertised printing and on comparing notes found we were mutually relieved, for we had each been wondering where we were going to get our handbills done. We'd like to have our meeting on the 22 or the 24 - Mr. Malone can speak for us then. He is going to have one in Jacksonville anyway; Miss Howe is getting up that one. Please send this on to Shippen and ask him to forward to Bob for me - The details are very dull, but you will wish to know where we have pitched our tent....

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Chicago June 10, 1920

Dearest Daughter,

I am sitting in our tiny crowded headquarters writing on my lap..... I saw Gov. Sproul again last eve - he has been trying to help us with Vermont. I said to him "can I come to see you when you

are in the White House?" he replied "[underlined] Can [/underlined]? You'll [underlined] have [/underlined] to, I shall come to you for advice!" It's boiling. I have a pale pink shiny dress and white shoes and stockings. I got \$1,000 from Mrs. Wood on Monday afternoon, \$1000 yesterday from a Denver woman and \$250 from John Patterson (Nat'l Cash R Register man) I asked Coleman duPont for a contribution just after Patterson had given me his cheque. P. came trotting over to be introduced to Coleman. C. said he wouldn't give anything now, not until end of week. I spose he hopes we'll all be in jail then he won't have to at all. He said "Patterson can give because he makes all those cash registers" I said "Well then you certainly can because you've got all the cash that goes into those cash registers." Doris and I lunched at 4:30 at the Blackstone for the purpose of seeing the politicians etc. as we could pick them up. I had chick salad and a glass of milk - Doris cold meat, bread and tea and our bill was 4.25 which Mr. Caldwell paid quickly before we could - He is on the platform committee and our long time friend, Said we would be justified in [underlined] shooting [/underlined] (or is the word shouting_ We'll have to do a little more to make the Repub uncomfortable I think. Our picket line is beautiful. I don't stand in it very long - I did the first day but yester only went out with them and staid a half hour or so, then went off to do other things got my \$1000 from Mrs. Reed etc. Please have the car painted and varnished. thank Jane Addams Dr, H. too but they [underlined] won't [/underlined] picket. I was at their house Sunday to supper and in the evening on Thursday.

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Wednesday morn June 30 1920 San Francisco
Palace Hotel

...then called up Sara Field who was most welcoming.. and then we had to go down to the Resolution Cte. hearing - in the big Convention. Sara spoke for lifting embargo on Russia. All day yest. I was in the C'tte listening to the hearings The antis were there (Miss Rowe that awful person whom we encounter in each state) and their president from New York, and Senator Frick of Maryland whom I had hoped never to look upon again. We have been successful in preventing a debate, for that is what it would have been had either side gotten a hearing. We had intended to have one, but decided best not when we found they were there- They told one of the members of the C'tte (who told us) that they had travelled all the way across the continent for the purpose of addressing the committee.

The Prohibition and anti-Pro. arguments were interesting. Dr. Wheeler was splendid - he spoke for 12 min (each side had ½ hr.) and made as good a speech as possibly could be made in so short a time. The liquor people ramped and raved ---- then we had a wild times with the Irish question....

...and my hostess a Mrs. Beaney.. she gave me 100 which was the reason I had gone to get a contrib. I mean. ..I also called on another lady who lived in a sweet little bungalow, she and her daughter each gave me \$10.... I found Mr. Bryan waiting in a chilly wind for a taxi, so took him in mine from the door of the Convention whither I had gone on my return from Saratoga as I had not used up all the taxi time due me. B. is a dear and we had a nice 15 minutes. I thanked him for that cable to Shippen 6 years ago and told him how grand S. felt to have himself announced as receiving one from the Sec'y of State. he liked hearing about it. Then we talked of candidates. He would like Owen or Meredith but says neither will have a chance to be

nominated - He is having a poll of Tennessee legislature taken by wire - if favorable is planning a big demonstration in the Convention, parading the aisles, the women delegates leading; and much noise I supposed.. tomorrow I hope to see Mitchell Palmer - and I will certainly see Mr. and Mrs. Clark Howell - he is a delegate (also Nat'l Committeeman) from Georgia who was so perfect to me last July in Atlanta - editor of Atlanta Constitution and supports Mr. Palmer.... tomorrow we go on a deputation to the Tennessee delegation and then to N. Carolina. The first at 9 a.m. which means early breakfast as the T. people are in another hotel There will be nearly 100 women in our deputation. We plan to have 2 minute speeches from a few of them. I breakfasted this morn w. Mrs. Daniel O'Day of N. York, a delegate to the Convention.

Going through the prairie in Wyoming and Nebraska July 8 (1920?0

Dearest daughter,

We are swaying like a ship in a storm - evidently making up for long delays this morning. ...I've wired Miss Paul to expect me in Wash on Sat. I found that Mrs. Baker was planning to stop in Chicago for the convention of the Cttie of 48 and do not think it necessary to have us both there- so I joyfully decided to go right on tomorrow I'll stay one night in Wash to go over things with Miss Paul then I'll go on to Belair, if Mother can have me, stopping to see Bob and Helen if they are in Baltimore. I'd go up to you ready to start on our lovely and much looked forward-to-by-me holiday any day you.....

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