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Miss Margaret K. Kelly,
323 South 17th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madge:

Many thanks for your wire. It was good of you to think of sending it. Our meeting came off last night with great beauty and splendor. Every one was there who ought to have been there excepting yourself and Mother and a few others. Tell Mother I thought of her all the time and would have given anything to have had her with me.

I am a little puzzled about Mrs. Stevenson. I wrote to her last week after having waited some days, hoping to receive from you the data about her, and begged her to send me a photograph for the press, and her various "titles". I also told her that I had engaged a room for her at the Bellevue, later I sent her a special letter to tell her that her room was at the New Willard and to ask her to let me know the hour she expected to arrive that I might meet her, if possible, at the station. Not hearing from her I telephone Louise yesterday morning asking her to find out whether she was coming. Louise called up and got her maid on the telephone who said she had gone to the Ledger office, and seemed surprised that there was any thought of her coming to Washington- said she knew she was not thinking of doing so yesterday. It is a little puzzling, is it not? I think she would regret not having been here, had she known how brilliant and

beautiful the meeting was. Thousands of people were unable to get in, and the entire reserve police force was Washington was unable to handle the crowd outside. A regiment of soldiers had to be sent for to open a lane to allow the people who had ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ~~handwritten~~ special ~~tickets?~~ ~~to~~ ~~handwritten~~ get into the building, ~~before~~ ~~the~~ ~~crowd~~, could ~~do~~ ~~so~~ ~~handwritten~~ to ~~handwritten~~ do so. I had to take my group in through a side door, or we would have never gotten in at all. There was a tremendous demand for seats from every kind of distinguished person- even the legations and embassies sent messengers with personal requests which we were unable to fill.

Louise and Esther are here for the convention, and we shall be immersed in that for the next few days. Give much love to the parents.

Your Affectionate Sister,
Dora