



Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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December 11, 1918

Miss E. A. Batzer,
Royalton,
Minnesota

My dear Miss Batzer:-

Thank you for the petition from Royalton with signatures of 75 women and 50 men. We know this represents faithful work and are accordingly appreciative.

We have no record of the number of voters in your town but according to the population we figured that you ought to have about 115 voters. It may be that we have not calculated this properly, and possibly you can set us right. How many men's votes were cast at the last election? Did you succeed in getting a majority of voters' signatures?

We are also very much interested to know how the election for county superintendent of schools turned out. Mrs. Forrestal wrote us that you were running, and we have not found out so far who won.

If the signatures of 50 voters do not represent a majority of voters, will you not please get enough additional names to meet that number?

Thanking you for your co-operation,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Business Sec'y.

December 11, 1918

Mrs. H. O. Wagner,
Erdahl,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Wagner:-

Your letter to Miss Randall was turned over to me for attention. Thank you for the additional 13 names of women - this brings your petition within 7 of the required number to meet your quota of women's signatures.

If only we could get the signatures of more voters to back up and give weight to the women's petition; but only 12 out of 83 voters would not impress a politician that the men in that town were for woman suffrage.

The influenza epidemic has been the means of retarding our suffrage work everywhere. We don't want to be too insistent, but we are so anxious to get our full quotas wherever we have gone to the expense of sending an organizer, can we not ask you to finish the work in your community after the Holidays? By that time the influenza situation will undoubtedly be better and you will feel more like doing this canvassing. You only need 7 more women, and 33 more men to meet your quota of 45; which is just a little better than half your voters.

Thanking you for the time you have put on this work, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Business Sec'y.

December 11, 1918

Mrs. William Shepard,
Kenyon,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Shepard:--

Thank you for the petition from Kenyon. We appreciate that you have sent this to us in schedule time, and that you have almost met your quota of women.

Do not think we are not appreciative, but we are going to give you some extra time, and ask you to secure signatures of 18 more women and of 79 more men. This will bring your number up to the quota assigned. You undoubtedly will have no trouble in securing the additional women's signatures, but it is equally necessary to get the voters' signatures to give power and backing to the women's petition. Will you not therefore please do all you can to get at least your quota of men, and as many more as possible.

Thanking you for your co-operation, and looking forward to receiving the balance of your petitions, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

P.S. If you need any additional literature, etc., please let us know.

December 11, 1918

Mrs. W. A. Scott,
Chaska
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Scott:--

We have received the petition
which you have sent in.

We understand that with the in-
fluenza it is difficult to accomplish any
suffrage work.

Perhaps we neglected to tell you
that these petitions must personally be
signed by each individual. Possibly
after the Holidays you may be able to get
more helpers and to get a more complete
petition.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 11, 1918

Mrs. Stanley Mc Cormick,
Nat'l American Woman Suffrage Assn.,
171 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mrs. Mc Cormick:--

In reply to Bulletin No.40, about
the Memorial to President Wilson, I am
sending you a copy of the telegram which
was sent from our office the day President
Wilson addressed the Senate in regard to
Woman Suffrage.

We suggest that you may be willing
to use this on the page for Minnesota. We
do not feel very well satisfied with it but
do not seem to have any inspiration for
something better.

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 11, 1918

Mrs. H. H. Mathison,
Alden,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Mathison:--

Mrs. Searle just telephoned that you had written for accommodation at our State Annual Convention, and in order to keep you from making a trip in vain we sent you a telegram as follows:

"Sorry but State Suffrage Convention indefinitely postponed account influenza."

You probably have received our printed notice in the meantime, but we wired you to be absolutely certain.

Saturday, at noon, we found that the influenza ban on all state meetings was being enforced and that we could not hold our convention. We really had planned a very good program and it was with reluctance that we submitted, but of course there was no alternative. We shall probably have the convention early in spring; or some other sort of an affair to take its place.

Sincerely,

Business Sec'y.

December 11, 1918

Mrs. Warren Miller,
Verdi,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Miller:-

We understand very well the difficulties with the petition work at this time on account of the influenza.

Please keep your petition until you feel satisfied you have every possible name in your community.

If we have very good luck indeed and the United States votes favorably upon our amendment before Christmas, our petitions must be ready the second week in January. If not, we will have a longer time to work upon them, and I hope, can get a much more complete petition.

Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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[Dec. 11, 1918]

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Executive Secy.

Sorry, but State Suffrage Convention
indefinitely postponed, acct influenza

Main Woman Suffrage Assn

Prepared

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Dodge, Center, Minn.

Dec. 11, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Neband:- I find it impossible to get anyone to assist me with this at the present time as everyone is so busy just before Christmas, and as it is impossible for me to undertake it alone am returning same to you. I regret very much that I cannot be of assistance to you at this time. Resp. yours,

Mrs. C. E. Bigelow,

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November 30, 1918

Mrs. Charles Bigelow,
Dodge Center
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Bigelow:--

Our State Suffrage Association is circulating throughout the state of Minnesota a monster petition to the state legislature asking that they ratify the Federal Suffrage Amendment. We already have thousands of signatures, but want every county well represented.

We asked Mrs. Schwarg to look after Dodge County in this matter, and she has appointed a chairman in six towns, expecting to look after Dodge Center herself. Then the influenza came along, which interfered with the petition work everywhere, and then she had to leave Dodge Center before the work was finished. She recommended you and Mrs. Geo. Delzer as possible chairmen.

We only want about 175 names of men and 175 of women from Dodge Center, and if you could get about seven women to help you, you would be surprised to see the results of your canvass. We mail petition blanks, literature, etc., to the chairman, she assigns the work to the various members of her committee, and looks after the petitions in general. Some of the towns are sending in a large percentage of the names of all men and women of voting age.

May we ask you to assume this chairmanship in Dodge Center?

Sincerely yours,

Clara Ueland
State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Slayton, Minn.
Dec. 11, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Yeland:

I am returning the petitions from Slayton as you may have them to report on at the convention.

We have had so much sickness it has been impossible to do any more with the petitions. Even the country clubs and gatherings have been closed and are still.

We had hoped to do so much and are greatly disappointed.

Homestead we showed Mr. Bates

one petition before election - He
said he was sorry to go on record in
the cities as being against suffrage
and would do all he could for it
if elected.

You may know, both Mr. Baxter
and Mr. Dindley were elected and
both will work for suffrage - They
are on the loyal ticket too as
non-partisans were designated -

Yours Truly,

Harold D. Minder.
Chairman Clayton Comm.

(Mrs E. G.)

[Dec. 11, 1918]

WOMAN'S CLUB
LAKE CITY, MINN.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland. -
Your letter and separate - pkg
rec'd + will say that it
would be impossible to
send in signed petition
before Jan. some time
before the legislature
convenes as there are
so many cases of the
influenza in our town
that we are advised by

by the medical board to avoid
all getting together. So our
petition will have to be worked
out by calling & taking it with
us whenever we go as a house to
house canvass is not advisable
when about every other one has
an influenza, and on it.

However we will do our best
and try and have it in before
that time. Sorry there are none
of the Lake City women going
to Mpls. this week. Every one.

Being cautious about riding on trains
as much as possible. Let us
hope that this dreadful epidemic
will soon get side so that we may
take up all our good work and
give out

Yours Sincerely
Margaret Laughlin
(Mrs M J) Lake City - Sd
Dec 11-18

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
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MINNESOTA COMMISSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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The Efforts of the State and
of the United States to Cor-
relate and Unify the Work
of Women

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

SAUK CENTRE, MINN., Dec. 11, 1918.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland:

When your letter arrived the work
to procure the other twenty-five names
was well on its way. But I thought
I had better get the seventy-five to
you, as you named a certain date, and
if the other could follow later all well
and good. The two hundred names
have been very representative of
all classes and therefore a fine list.

Teaching is going splendidly, but I
shall be pleased to hand my work
over after the Xmas. holidays. I am so
busy as it is. Just last night I received
an appointment from the State Board
of Control, I am to be on the County
Child Welfare Board. Most sincerely,
Alice.

December 12, 1918

Mrs. V. A. Burgess,
Richville,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Burgess:--

I am sorry to tell you that your letter to us of November 18th has met with a lot of grief. In the first place it was miscarried in the mail - should not have been, for it was correctly addressed - but opened by the recipients and then finally turned over to us.

We thank you for the petition enclosed with names of 21 women. We understand thoroughly the difficulty everyone has, because of the influenza, in circulating this petition. You say in your letter that if you had more time, you believed you could get many more signatures. We will give you until January 10th - can you not send us names of 14 more women and the full quota (35) of men?

We are also in receipt of the resolution adopted by the Mary Prentice Oracle, for which we thank you.

I am wondering now whether we received all the petitions you sent us. Did you have any men's petition?

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Yours very truly,

Business Secretary

December 12, 1918

Mrs. Thomas Steele,
Lakeville,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Steele:--

You will probably remember Miss Grace Randall, one of our organizers, calling upon you and asking you to be a member of a committee in Lakeville. Since then Mrs. Roach, who was chairman, has written us that she cannot undertake this work.

We are having a petition circulated throughout the state of Minnesota, and we have thousands of signatures. I am sure you will want Lakeville to be represented with the other progressive towns in the state in this monster petition.

The representatives from Dakota County have heretofore voted against woman suffrage. They say their district is opposed to woman suffrage, so that we must convince them that the women of their county are progressive and do want to be represented. All the world is recognizing women in the new order of things, and the United States is lagging behind some of the older countries of Europe. However, the Federal Suffrage Amendment is sure to be sent through the Senate either before Christmas or early in the new year, and we want Minnesota to be one of the first states to ratify. Consequently this huge suffrage petition.

May we not send you the material and ask you to give the petition blanks to a group of your women, for them to se-

Mrs. Thomas Steele

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cure signatures? If six women would get signatures of 25 women and 25 men (not at all a difficult piece of work as we figure it here in Minneapolis where some of us start out to get names of 500 women and 500 men) in a single precinct) you would have the full quota, which is 136.

While this is a state-wide petition, we of course are not able to reach all the towns and villages, so that we are particularly anxious to get returns from those towns where we have gone to the expense of sending an organizer.

Enclosed you will find a self addressed envelope. Will you please advise us as soon as you can, as the time is drawing shorter, and we ought to have these petitions in not later than January 10th.

Yours very truly,

Business Secretary

Dec. 12, 1918

Mrs. J.E. Spencer,
Wayzata
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Spencer:--

Thank you for the petitions with signatures of fifty additional men's names. This now gives a total of 75 men and 100 women. Is our quota of 100 too high? You are credited with having 179 voters in Wayzata, using the records of the 1916 election; so that 100 would be a bare majority. If we are right in this assignment, can you not secure the signatures of from 15 to 25 more men?

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 12, 1913

Mrs. Lavinia E. Holmberg
North Branch
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Holmberg:--

Thank you for the petition, received this morning, with signatures of 88 women and 57 men. We knew this represents faithful work on the part of the North Branch committee.

You have more than met your quota of women's names, and it seems too bad to be within 23 signatures of meeting your full quota of men's signatures. I know we urged you to get these petitions in by December 12th, but as our convention has been postponed because of the influenza ban on state meetings, we will extend the time. May I ask you, therefore, to secure signatures of 23 more men, if possible?

I appreciate your cordial co-operation; I wish I might write to each member of your committee but that is impossible, for we have almost 500 committees and we find it practically impossible to write anyone beside the chairman. So will you please extend my thanks to your co-workers?

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 12, 1918

Mrs. H.A. Falk,
Mountain Lake,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Falk:--

We are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. H. P. Goertz, resigning as chairman, as she is about to move out of Mountain Lake, and enclosing a petition of 21 names, - signatures of 11 women and 10 men.

Mrs. Ueland wishes me to write you asking you to be Chairman of our Suffrage Ratification Committee in Mountain Lake. We have already written you as to just about what this work consists of, and we hope you will get a number of Mountain Lake women to help you.

Two years ago you had 255 voters in Mountain Lake, so that the signatures of 130 men and 130 women would be a bare majority. We are enclosing the two petition blanks herewith, so that you will not get duplicate signatures.

Mrs. Goertz seems to feel that because the citizens of Mountain Lake are so largely German that they are opposed to woman suffrage. If that is the case, it may be necessary to do a little educational work by means of fliers, etc. Isn't it possible that since the German government itself is recognizing women that German-Americans would be influenced? On the other hand, we find very often where the men are peculiarly "Kaiser-like" in their own homes, the women are at heart decidedly in favor of woman suffrage. It stands for freedom of thought, which they appreciate more than those who have always had that liberty. I happen to be of German descent myself and my acquaintance with some of the old families who came here half a century ago (and still hold opinions as ancient as that) has led me to arrive at the above conclusions. It is largely a matter of spreading the suffrage story; just telling them of the good that has been accomplished where women do vote. That is where the house to house

Mrs. H.A. Falk,

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canvass is of particular benefit.

Trusting that we may obtain a goodly representation of names from Mountain Lake, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary

P.S. If the Federal Amendment should pass Congress before Christmas, we will want to use the petitions the middle of January. If not, we can keep at work a bit longer. If you can, will it be possible to send in petitions around January 10th?

Wilmont Minn

Dec 12-18

Mrs. _____

State Woman's Suffrage H. B.

Please pardon for being so late as
Mrs Lewis the appointed Chairman
asked me to take the mens petition
and I went with it and she failed
to complet the woman and as
she moved to Texas asked me to
finish it and the Influenza
being quite bad here hindered ~~so~~
that I did not get as many Ladies
names as I might.

please excuse for the mens petition
being so badly soiled
yours resp

Mrs Desdemona Kelly

Quota 185

Wilmont Minn

Voters 97

Sign 54 women
61 men

Dec. 13, 1918

Hon. Leavitt Corning,
Angus Hotel,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Corning:--

We are just sending out a form letter to all the members of the legislature who are friendly to suffrage, explaining the stand that our association has taken in regard to a state suffrage amendment. I am sure you understand perfectly why we do not want to have this state amendment passed.

The fate of the prohibition amendment is another demonstration, if we needed one, that such a measure is not practicable. The same small group who were so active for a state amendment last session are working for it again. We want to ask your advice and help in making plans to prevent the introduction of this measure.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 13, 1918

Miss Ella Gatzow,
Wyoming,
Minnesota

My dear Miss Gatzow:--

The early part of November Miss Gatzow was in Wyoming to find some women to circulate our suffrage petition. Mrs. E. F. Lutheys was appointed as chairman. Since then Mrs. Lutheys has returned all the material, and we presume she feels she cannot do anything with this petition.

This petition to the state legislature is being circulated throughout the state, and we have thousands of signatures. We cannot, of course, reach every corner in the state as that is practically impossible, and so we are particularly anxious to get returns from those towns to which we have gone to the expense of sending Miss Randall, which you can readily understand.

Now then, we only want the signatures of 35 women and 35 men in Wyoming. Don't you think you can do this for us? We will send you some literature, which you can give out in advance, if you wish, or at the time you approach the people about signing the petition. Enclosed you will find a sample of the petitions. Miss Randall says you are in the post-office, so that you possibly know most of the people in your town, and it would be comparatively easy to get them to sign. I myself am in the suffrage office all day, busy as can be, and have undertaken to get something like 600 signatures in my precinct evenings. It is a big piece of work, but we all find it rather delightful.

Miss Ella Gatzow,

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Will you please reply to this letter as soon as possible? The time is getting short and we really should have these petitions in not later than January 10th; so you will not have to do anything before Christmas if you are very busy.

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary

December 13, 1918

Hon. Charles E. Hurlbert,
Eden Prairie
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Hurlbert:-

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BOARD MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE
WASHINGTON BUILDING, SOUTH BROADWAY

BRAINERD, MINN., Dec. 13th, 1918

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

I am sending the suffrage cause a Xmas present, from
the following women: Mesdames Webb, Gemmell, Johnson, Polk, Cobb, and Miss
Anne Mahlum. Each gave \$1.00.

Hastily,

Clara E. Cobb

December 14, 1918

Hon. Elmer E. Adams,
Fergus Falls
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Adams:-

We have just sent out form letters to all the members of the legislature who are friendly to suffrage, explaining the stand our State and National Associations have taken against a state suffrage amendment in Minnesota.

I hope you will agree with us in thinking this policy is wise.

I enclose a copy of a bulletin on this subject which we have circulated among our workers in this state; also a leaflet explaining the difficulties in amending the constitutions of the various states. I hope we may be assured of your help and co-operation in furthering the cause of the Federal Amendment.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President

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Sincerely yours,

State President

December 14, 1918

Mrs. M. J. O'Laughlin,
Lake City
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. O'Laughlin:-

I am sure you will do the best
you can with your petition, in spite of the
influenza.

The legislature meets the second
week in January so you will have some days af-
ter the holidays in which to work. Mrs.
Catt writes as late as December 13th that
they have good reason for hope and faith
that the amendment will pass the Senate be-
fore Christmas. If she is not too opti-
mistic our work may all be over within a few
weeks. But if she is mistaken, we will have
a good deal more time in which to roll up a
big petition.

Thanking you again for your co-
operation, I am,

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 14, 1918

Mrs. Desdemona Kelly,
Wilmont
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Kelly:--

Thank you for the petition from Wilmont with signatures of 61 men and 54 women. As the quota for Wilmont is 50, you have more than met your requirements. We think you have done very well - in spite of the influenza.

We gather, from reading your letter that you think there are still more women whom you could get to sign if we gave you more time. We are therefore enclosing another petition blank, for we do not want to miss anyone who is favorable to suffrage. We will give you until January 5th to sign.

The following women do not seem to have signed the petition, and we know they are in favor of suffrage: Miss Ethel Loeffert, Miss Celia Loeffert, Miss Katherine Dickman, Mrs. A. E. Densmore, Mrs. Thomas Cruik, Miss Elizabeth Becker, Bertha Phillips (unless she also signs herself "Bessie Phillips." It seems Mrs. Lewis did not get the petition blanks at first and so got some 16 signatures to a resolution, but that is not what we want. In fact, we send it to you for your reference. You can destroy it when you are through with it.

Thanking you for your efficient cooperation,

Yours very truly,

Business Sec'y.

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Andreas Ueland
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(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Haverly, Minn.
Dec. 18, 1918

Mrs. A. Ueland,
Mpls. Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland: I think your idea in
working for a Federal Amendment is alright,
and if the matter should come before the
Legislature for Adoption I should certainly
vote for it.

Resp
John Kelly.

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and will be grateful if you will write us in regard to
this matter.
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(Mrs. Andrew Ueland)
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Dec. 14, 1918

Woman's Suffrage Society

403, Essex Building, Minneapolis

I was appointed Chairman of finance
in our recent Suffrage campaign and
asked to raise \$20.00. I had so little
trouble securing it that I want to tell
you my plan. I called up 20 women
by phone, women I believed interested
in suffrage, and asked each one to con-
tribute twenty five cents and to ask four
of her friends to do the same. Each one
of the twenty, including myself, to be re-
sponsible for \$1.25. It worked fine and
please find enclosed check.

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IMPORTER
500 SOUTH LIBERTY STREET
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Dec 14 '18

Dear Miss Heckrich:

I've had the meetings
with the committee; to-day
fliers were distributed; we
were all ready to
cavass Monday. Articles
have been in the paper -
When to-day, just a few
moments ago the Watch
Officer phoned & said he
thought it would be wis-
er to make the drive as
the flu is worse at this
writing than it has been
yet. I've got to call it
off & if not now when?
I don't know what to do
about it. It was all in
good shape. I'm sorry

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but it said - be helped.
I've done everything possible.
I'll confess however to have
abandoned "Goose Town".

No use. What is your
advice - We paid out
225 for the slicers!

Very best wishes

Grace Bingham.

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Faribault, Minn.

Dec. 14, 1918.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland: -

I did not write to you earlier because the meeting I spoke of for Wednesday was not held until this afternoon. It seemed best to wait till after Thursday evening, to get the benefit of anything Mrs. Limer might say. We may thank you, may we not, for what she did say? I've no doubt it helped. It was, speaking of the need of making effective women's viewpoint, enlarged by recent war-work, "Power is needed by wisdom, and wisdom grows with power. That's why I am a suffragist." And she added the fact that ^{married} ~~stated~~ women, (for example) have had the control of their own bank accounts, since they had been called on for war-loans, but that things could never go back to

The status quo ante.

The meeting this afternoon was the climax of a state of things this fall which I trust will be unique in my experience; I feel utterly drained; but I would rather tell you about it some time than write. Only this that contrary to the judgment of the two advisors in whom I have the most confidence and who know Chris Fairbank better than I do, I did call together to-day a tentative ratification committee and presented the question of doing our petition work at once and completing it by January first. I used the article on 'Before Christmas' in the East Woman's Citizen as a lever; I hope they (and we) won't be disappointed.

There were twenty-seven women present, out of about fifty who were invited, and only one refused to work. On the whole, a very satisfactory meeting. One of the two advisors referred to, by the way, has quite come round to our point of view, and the other will work. They both are suffragists of the first water.

The ban on public meetings has just been lifted

this week, but it seems now impossible to get a public meeting before Christmas. We shall just have to do our utmost without it.

Yours most sincerely,

Madeline T. Stratton.

(Mrs. C. M. Stratton).

Monday morning.

I kept this to ponder over an idea which came to me yesterday. At Saturday's meeting I was impressed by the intensity of interest shown in some illustrations of laws concerning women and children, compared in suffrage and non-suffrage states; — I felt obliged to make, briefly, a regular suffrage talk, with apologies to the older suffragists present. It occurred to me that a meeting advertised, not at all as a suffrage meeting, but for an address on the laws concerning women and children in the home and in industry in Minnesota, as popular education preliminary to the session of our state legislature, might draw a good audience even at this time, and would greatly help the petition work.

So I thought I would ask you the chances of getting a speaker from the cities. Hasn't our association some such thing tabulated that any good speaker might use? Is Miss Josephine Shain in Minneapolis? To help much with the

festivities this would have to come before Christmas or within a day or two after (When, indeed, chances for the audience would be better, perhaps).

If you thought this of enough importance and found the speaker, could you send me a list of her (or his?). possible dates, so that we might know if a corresponding date could be found here? I've had no chance to discuss this with anyone but Miss Gowdy, who approves. All these Christmas celebrations, big and little, will prove stumbling-blocks, no doubt.

I shall be quite willing to drop this idea if you think best. Personally, I am carrying twice as much work "domestic" (literally) and foreign as I am able to stand up under.

Cordially,

Mabeline T. Stockton.

Please forgive this lengthy screed; I know how busy you must be.

This same letter to Leavitt Corning, St. Paul
W. I. Norton, Mpls.
Theo Christiason, Dawson
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Dec. 16, 1918

Hon. W. I. Norton,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Norton:-

We are just sending out a form letter to all the members of the legislature who are friendly to suffrage, explaining the stand that our suffrage association has taken in regard to a state suffrage amendment. I am sure you understand perfectly why we do not want to have this state amendment passed.

The fate of the prohibition amendment is another demonstration, if we needed one, that such a measure is not practicable. The same small group who were so active for a state amendment last session are working for it again. We want to ask your advice and help in making plans to prevent the introduction of this measure.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 26th 1918

Henriette Minn.

Clara M. Heckrick
Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Clara Heckrick

I would like to have you send
me a few more petition Blanks
as I have had real good luck
with the first one you sent,
have had to add to the bottom of it
to make room.

Have this far asked 61 men and only
4 refused and 38 ladies and 2 refused.
so will look for the petition blanks
by return mail if possible

Yours very Truly

Mrs. C. A. Peterson

M. B. CULLUM

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Mrs. Clara Ueland
403 Essex Building,
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Dear Madam,

I have been approached by several ladies representing woman suffrage associations. My replies have been favorable to their request. I have no way of knowing whether there are any conflicting controversies as to the best method of procedure. I doubt very much whether the state amendment would carry as thousands who may feel kindly towards the proposition would neglect to vote just as they did on the dry proposition. However, if the subject comes up in the legislature, I should vote in the affirmative rather than to appear antagonistic to the movement.

If that is not done, I should certainly support any measure upon which those who have the cause at heart and who are in the best position to judge care to propose.

Yours,

M B Cullum

OLIVER J. LEE
REPRESENTATIVE
1ST DISTRICT OF THE 19TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, GOODHUE COUNTY
ZUMBROTA, - MINNESOTA
R. F. D. NO. 1

Zumbrota, Minn., Dec. 16, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam, - Your letter of Dec. 14, at hand and contents noted.

It certainly looks difficult to pass an amendment to the constitution of this state and it has been proven by the last Election. The indifferent voter defeated the Dry amendment, still we see it clearly from the returns that a majority of this state would want it Dry. A suffrage bill would be very hard to pass here now.

My view on this may be wrong, but is my opinion at the present time. Hoping this will answer your inquiry, I am, Respectfully
O. J. Lee

OFFICE OF
A. L. WARD

FAIRMONT, MINN.. December 16, 1918

Mrs. Andres Ueland,
403 Essex Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

We have your circular letter of the 14th. The trouble with the Woman Suffrage movement is: first, it has not been in practical hands. Picketing and rioting does not help. Second, there are a lot of professional politicians, who are using the movement the same as they did the temperance, as an aid to them to get some official position or notoriety, while, in fact, they really are opposed. It is to be regretted that this very class have ~~been~~ defeated, if the result of the recounts shows its defeat, State Prohibition.

I can assure you that we shall heartily support the submitting of the question of Woman Suffrage to a vote of the people, who are the supreme rulers of this government.

Yours very truly,



ALW
B

George Wicker
Loyalty Candidate for Representative
FIFTH DISTRICT
DODGE COUNTY, MINN.

Kasson, Minn., Dec. 16, 1918.

Minnesota Woman Suffrage Assn.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

Dear Madame:-

Replying to yours of 14th it appears to me that if every effort was centered and directed toward securing the passage of the federal amendment that the work would be very much more effective and the purpose would be served by securing universal suffrage over the entire union.

Local and state organization would undoubtedly be able to secure the passage of an act to submit the proposition to the voters of this state for an amendment to the constitution of the state but as you suggest, even though the purpose of the amendment is good and that it may have a majority of the votes cast upon the subject it might be lost because of the absent vote of those who are indifferent to the proposition.

I will be very glad to co-operate with your organization and committees to accomplish your desires in the state legislature and hope to have the pleasure of making your acquaintance during the session.

Yours respectfully,

Geo. Wicker

*Fill out and mail to Woman's Party Headquarters, 14 Jackson Place,
Lafayette Square, Washington, D. C.*

I WILL TAKE PART IN THE MARCH TO THE SENATE TO
DEMAND ACTION ON SUFFRAGE, MONDAY, DEC. 16, 1918.

Name -----

Address -----

Telephone No.-----

MEET AT WOMAN'S PARTY HEADQUARTERS
AT 11:30, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

THE MARCH TO THE SENATE WILL START AT 12 O'CLOCK

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All Washington members and out-of-town members, when in Washington, are invited to make use of the drawing-rooms and tea-room. The rooms may also be rented by members for private dances, receptions, dinners, card-parties, lectures, and meetings.

December 17, 1918

Mrs. C. M. Stockton,
Faribault, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Stockton:--

I did talk with Mrs. Winter before she went to Faribault, and she promised to do what she could to change the point of view of your Council of Defense women. She said she would do what she could at the meeting and also privately to make them respond more cordially. When you consider that the Council of Defense came to the suffragists, both state and county, to get lists of names from which to get their material, and when you consider that Mrs. Winter's secretary has used our office and material freely (as we want her to) in her work of circularizing the state, it is trying to find some of these women unwilling to respond in any way.

I think your idea of having a talk on the laws for women and children in suffrage and non-suffrage states is a good one. I think Miss Florence Monahan, 3121 Emerson Ave S., would do that better than anyone else. She is working for the State Board of Control and travels in the interests of children. You might write her about your idea and find out when she can come.

I enclose a leaflet which illustrates your idea as well as anything I know of.

A bulleting from Mrs. Catt this morning, dated Dec. 13th, says "We have good reason for the hope and faith that the amendment will pass before January 1st, and be ready for ratification in the several legislatures." Of course this seems to me too good to be true. If it is true, we will not have very much more to do. If Mrs. Catt is too optimistic, we must keep on

working on the petitions and resolutions.

Sincerely yours,

STATE PRESIDENT

December 17th, 1918.

Mrs. L.D. Thayer,
Clarissa,
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Thayer:-

Our organizer, Mrs. Rene Stevens, who was in your town recently, writes me that you will take charge of our suffrage ratification work in Clarissa. I want to assure you of my appreciation of your willingness to help share the very great responsibility of getting suffrage through in Minnesota.

The suffrage situation since the election throughout the country is most encouraging. Three new States, South Dakota, Michigan and Oklahoma, have been added to the full suffrage states; and more important still, the United States senatorial situation is more favorable to suffrage since the recent election than it has ever been. So the prospects of the Federal Suffrage Amendment being passed within a few months are very bright.

Two years ago you had 84 voters in Clarissa. We are, therefore, asking that you secure the signatures of at least 45 men and 45 women. Many of the towns are sending in petitions containing names of almost every man and woman of voting age in the town. I am hoping for a fine petition from Clarissa.

If it is at all possible, we would like to have this petition work finished in your town by the end of the month.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State Agent.

Dec. 17, 1918

W
Mrs Lillian Wagenius
Gronigen,
Minnesota

My dear Miss Wagenius:-

I am sure you must be wondering why we did not send petition blanks, literature, etc., as we stated we would in our letter to you of Nov. 22d. The answer is that in sending you the package, our stenographer addressed it Sandstone, and it apparently was not sent out from that Post-office, for we are just in receipt of a notification that the package remains unclaimed.

It is so near Christmas now that we feel sure you will not want to put much time on the suffrage petition before then. We are only asking for say 25 signatures of men and 25 of women, and will it not be possible for you to start right after Christmas to get signatures, and send us the petitions by January 5th?

We are in receipt of a message from our National headquarters saying that the Federal Suffrage Amendment may be passed upon before January 1st. In that case, we will want to ask Minnesota to ratify in January, and will need all the petitions we can get by that time. Please do your best to help get suffrage through in Minnesota!

By the way, the new performance of the picketers in Washington may stand in the way of your getting some signatures. Please explain that our association is not behind that demonstration.

Sincerely yours,

Business Secy

Dec. 17, 1918

Mrs. C. A. Peterson,
Henriette
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Peterson:--

We are certainly pleased to hear
that you are meeting with such success in
having your petitions signed.

We are enclosing two more petitions
for men and two for women - that is enough
for 100 more signatures.

Thanking you for your help,

Sincerely yours,

Business Sec'y

December 17th, 1918.

Mrs. Frank Bassett,
Browerville,
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Bassett:-

Our organizer, Mrs. Rene Stevens, who was in your town recently, writes me that you will take charge of our suffrage ratification work in Browerville. I want to assure you of my appreciation of your willingness to help share the very great responsibility of getting suffrage through in Minnesota.

The suffrage situation since the election throughout the country is most encouraging. Three new States, South Dakota, Michigan and Oklahoma, have been added to the full suffrage states; and more important still, the United States senatorial situation is more favorable to suffrage since the recent election than it has ever been. So the prospects of the Federal Suffrage Amendment being passed within a few months are very bright.

Two years ago you had 122 voters in Browerville. We are, therefore, asking that you secure the signatures of at least 65 men and 65 women. Many of the towns are sending in petitions containing names of almost every man and woman of voting age in the town. I am hoping for a fine petition from Browerville.

If it is at all possible, we would like to have this petition work finished in your town by the end of the month.

Yours very truly, .

State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 17, 1918

Mrs. C. W. Cobb,
Brainerd,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Cobb:--

Thank you, and all of the
women who contributed, for the check
of \$6.00. We are very grateful
for any assistance of this kind.
This \$6.00 will be credited to Crow
Wing County.

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 17, 1918

Mrs. F. H. Peterson,
Moorhead,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Peterson:--

I want to thank you so much for two things: first, your kindness and help to our organizer, Mrs. Rene Stevens; and second, for the check for \$10.00.

Mrs. Catt is still hopeful that our amendment may pass the United States Senate before Christmas. In that case, all that our legislature will have to do is to ratify it. If it does not pass until after Christmas, we want to keep on working as long as we can with the petitions.

I hope you will get a fine petition from Clay County.

We are so glad Mr. Peterson is coming back to the Senate. I hope to see you this coming winter many times.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

DEC. 17, 1918

Mrs. Ida Christie,
Long Prairie
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Christie:-

Mrs. Rene Stevens, who was recently in your town, advises me that you will take charge of our suffrage ratification work in Long Prairie, and I want to assure you of my appreciation of your willingness to help share the very great responsibility of getting suffrage through in Minnesota.

We remember how well the work was done in Long Prairie a year ago last summer, when we were circulating a petition to our members in Congress, to vote for the Federal Suffrage Amendment. Undoubtedly our work at that time, which was just a part of the same work carried on in every state by the National Woman Suffrage Assn., helped put the suffrage amendment through the House. It surely helped to get a solid delegation of Minnesota members to vote favorably.

This petition work we are doing now is another thing entirely, petitioning our state legislature to ratify the Federal Amendment. Mrs. Catt writes us they have hope that the amendment may pass the U.S. Senate before Christmas. If so, we want our legislature to ratify in January. We know you will do all that is possible in Long Prairie to get this petition signed by as many as possible before January 5th.

Two years ago you had 293 voters in Long Prairie. We are therefore asking that you secure the signatures of 150 men and 150 women.

We are sure that the many fine suffragists you have in Long Prairie will help you to circulate this petition. If six or seven women each would be responsible for 25 men's signatures and 25 women's (being careful not to duplicate) you would have your quota.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 17, 1918

Miss Marion Lewis,
Long Prairie
Minnesota

My dear Miss Lewis:--

Thank you for your promise to Mrs. Stevens to help with the work we have in hand at the present time.

We have just written Mrs. Christie as to what we would like to have done in Long Prairie, and in order to facilitate matters send you a copy of our letter to her. This gives the quota and other information.

We find a house to house canvass, with definite districts in charge of certain helpers, the most effective way of handling the petition work. Furthermore, it is the best way of sowing the "suffrage seed." It is excellent propaganda.

Yours very truly,

Business Secretary

December 17, 1918

Mrs. James A. Garrity,
Moorhead,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Garrity:--

Thank you so much for the check for
\$1.00.

It may be that all of our suffrage work will be over in a very few weeks, but if not, if the amendment is held up for some time in the United States Senate we will keep on working on our petitions until the last minute, so as to make the best possible showing.

We are sorry that you will not be able to take charge of the work in Moorhead, but hope you can assist Mrs. Gates in running up a good petition in Clay County.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 17, 1918

Mrs. J. H. Hardisty,
Thief River Falls
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hardisty:-

Thank you so much for the check
for \$25.00. It was indeed a pleasant
surprise.

Your plan of getting it is ad-
mirable, and we are going to talk about
that when we write to the committees in
other towns.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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 MOOREHEAD
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Wabasha Minn.
 Dec. 17, 1918

My dear Mrs. Heland, -

We are again closed up tight with
 the "flu". I am sending the names of those
 who agreed to help with the petition Mrs. A.

J. Wall ch. Miss Belle Anderson Mrs. Margaret
 Casseday, Mrs. J. B. Passe, Mrs. A. R. Spencer Mrs.
 L. A. Chamberlain Mrs. C. J. Stauff. Mrs. Wall
 has had flu in her house the past ^{two} weeks.

Yours very sincerely
 Lydia B. Murdoch

Hyomung, Minn.
Dec. 12th 18

Clara M. Hickrich, Sec'y.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Hickrich-

Yours of the
13th received and would like
very much to help you circulate
the suffrage petition. But I am
Assistant Postmaster here, and we
are not allowed to meddle with
Politics,

Sincerely Yours
Miss Ella Catzow.

State of Minnesota

SENATE CHAMBER

C. W. GILLAM
WINDOM, MINN.
SENATOR 10TH. DISTRICT

Windom December 17th. 1918.

Mrs Andreas Ueland,

Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Mrs Ueland:-

Yours of the 14th. in regard to the Suffrage question at hand and contents noted in reply will say that I think we senators ought to be governed largely in our actions by what your association thinks best, if your association feels that the better way is to put your efforts on the Federal Amendment and not attempt to pass a state amendment I for one feel that your wishes should be the rule to work by. Your association know how hard it is to amend the state constitution and you also know how near you are to victory with the National Amendment and I for one am willing to be governed by the method your association thinks best.

Very truly yours

C. W. Gillam

CLIFF & PURCELL
LAWYERS
ORTONVILLE, MINN.

December 17, 1918.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:-

Your favor of December 14th received. Answering your suggestion for an opinion as to program with reference to a state amendment to the constitution, I feel it rather presumptuous upon my part to advise, not being familiar with all the circumstances that confront your association; but as you make the request, I would answer, that judging the situation from the circumstances as I understand them, and confronted with the situation that you refer to, I would say, urge the state amendment, and pass it at the coming session, if possible. There will be several other state amendments to be presented, and will be before the people at the next election; and if a proper combination was made by those interested in the several amendments, instead of each standing independent, I think they can all be passed, unless in case of some to which there might be special objection in certain localities. Of course, I would not let up on an effort in support of the National amendment; but your work on the state amendment is not by any means lost, as it is an education in itself. Now that suffrage has been extended to women in a number of countries in Europe, it would be much easier to succeed here, especially if a change in plan is made for work throughout the State in support of this amendment.

With best wishes for your success, I remain

Respectfully,

F. L. CLIFF.

FLC-M.

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON
Lac qui Parle County.
Appropriations, Chairman
Judiciary
Elections
Education



Lawson, Minn., Dec. 17, 1918

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland:

I assure you that I am in sympathy with the views expressed in your letter of the 14th inst., and in your circular letter. Everything that can be done to further the cause of the National Amendment, I shall be pleased to do, so far as my influence goes. If you have any specific task allotted to me, let me know.

Yours sincerely,
Theodore Christianson



JOHN SWANSON
GRO CER

2400 EAST 25TH STREET

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 17, 1918.

Mrs. A. Ueland,
State President.

Dear Mrs. Ueland.

Your letter of Dec. 14. received, will say that I do agree, a constitutional amendment for women suffrage in the State, would stand very little chances of passing under the present circumstances, it seems almost impossible to get the voters interested.

I was very confident that the dry amendment of last election would surely pass, I have thought that when it did not pass, it would almost be certain that the amendment for suffrage also would lose, so I believe that it is wise to concentrate our efforts on the Federal amendment.

However if you should decide to try for a State amendment I will be with you and do what I can.

I am yours very truly.

John Swanson

Dec. 18, 1918

Miss Hattie Bordewich,
Olivia
Minnesota

My dear Miss Bordewich:-

Mrs. Ueland wishes me to thank you for the additional list of fifty men's signatures. We know we can bank on getting the additional 25.

We are in receipt of a Bulletin from Mrs. Catt dated the 13th saying "we have good reason for the hope and faith that the amendment will pass before January 1st." If that is right, we will want to have all petitions ready to present to the legislature about the middle of January. If not, and the passage of the amendment is up to the next session of Congress, we will have more time to devote to this work. At any rate, we know our work is not in vain.

Thanking you for your co-operation,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary

P.S. I came down in the car yesterday with Miss Merle Higley, and spoke of you.

December 18, 1918

Mrs. M. J. Horihan,
Lanesboro,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Horihan:--

Thank you so much for the additional list of 25 men's signatures. This brings your total up to 87 men and 112 women, which must be a majority of men and women of voting age in Lanesboro.

We were sorry to have to postpone our suffrage convention, but possibly later, when the influenza is not so bad, we will be able to get more out of town women to attend than we would have had at this time.

Thanking you for your hearty co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 18, 1918

Mr. S. R. Child,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Child:-

I enclose a copy of a form letter which we have sent to all the members of the legislature who are friendly to suffrage. We have decided that it is wise and necessary to come out and give as much publicity as possible to the fact that it is our state and national policy to work for the Federal Amendment rather than the state amendment.

Any suggestions you may give, or advice, on this subject we will value highly.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 18, 1918

Senator Lee S. Overman,
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Overman:--

The women of Minnesota wish to appeal to you to help their enfranchisement by voting for the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

By the Minnesota constitution, a state suffrage amendment must secure a majority of all the votes cast, not simply a majority of votes on the question. On this account no amendment on a controversial subject has been able to secure the necessary number of votes. The indifferent voter who does not mark the ballot, practically casts a vote against the measure. We see no way of obtaining the franchise in this state except through national action.

We appeal to your sense of justice and fair play to help the women of America to obtain what the civilized countries in the old world are so rapidly extending to their women.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 18, 1918

Senator George H. Moses,
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Moses:--

The women of Minnesota wish to appeal to you to help their enfranchisement by voting for the Federal Amendment.

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Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 18, 1918

Mrs. G. K. Bingham,
New Ulm,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Bingham:-

Well, it is just one blow on top of another what with the forest fires, the influenza and now the Woman's Party picketers. We might be discouraged here at the state office were it not for the fact that in spite of all, our cause is growing by leaps and bounds.

Your letter of the 14th is similar to a goodly number of others; in fact both Lake City and Wabasha write practically the same. It is just too bad; when you have made all preparation, have your newspaper articles and all ready. By the way, we think you had a fine write up in the paper, which was sent us via the clipping bureau. Enclosed you will find a check for \$2.25. That at least is money well spent, for the distribution of the fliers will undoubtedly help in the propaganda.

You ask what to do. The situation is this. We have a bulletin from Mrs. Catt (Dec. 13th) saying we had good reason for the hope and faith that the amendment will pass before January 1st. In that case we wanted the Minnesota Legislature to ratify in January, and would like to have had all petitions in by January 10th. If the influenza permits you to have your canvass before then, well and good. If not, then we will have to be satisfied with a later date, unless the matter comes up in our State House before we can finish. We already have some 60,000 signatures; but we want many more.

The influenza is certainly causing much worry and distress. We had to call off our annual convention after all arrangements had been completed. We are going right on with the petition work in the city, however. Of course, we do not go into the homes where influenza exists. People usually tell us at the door. Just as a matter of curiosity I am wondering on which side of the suffrage fence your health officer stands. I am enclosing a description of one of our latest "stunts," which you might use later on.

I think I feel as badly about your being held up in New Ulm as you do. In those towns where I have helped get a committee, I feel a personal responsibility; (just as I do about the 3d ward in which I live, one section of which is congested, one socialistic, one German and all wet, and out of which we must get 6,800 signatures.)

I know, however, that in the long run all will be well.

Wishing you a happy Christmas, I am,

Sincerely,

Dec. 18, 1918

Senator Carl L. Wallace,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota

My dear Senator Wallace:-

We have sent out a form letter to all the members of the legislature who are friendly to suffrage explaining the stand that our association has taken in regard to a state suffrage amendment.

We decided that under the circumstances it is wise to give as much publicity as possible to the fact that this is both a National and a State policy. We would consider it really a misfortune if a state suffrage amendment should be passed, and we want to do everything we possibly can to head off such a contingency. I am sure you will do all you can to help us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 18, 1918

Senator Park Trammel,
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Trammel:--

The women of Minnesota wish to appeal to you to help their enfranchisement by voting for the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

By the Minnesota constitution, a state suffrage amendment must secure a majority of all the votes cast, not simply a majority of votes on the question. On this account no amendment on a controversial subject has been able to secure the necessary number of votes. The indifferent voter who does not mark the amendment ballot practically casts a vote against the measure. We see no way of obtaining the franchise in this state except through national action.

We appeal to your sense of justice and fair play to help the women of America to obtain what the civilized countries in the old world are so rapidly extending to their women.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 18, 1918

Hon. John K. Shields,
United States Senate,
Washington , D.C.

My dear Senator Shields:-

The women of Minnesota wish to appeal to you to help their enfranchisement by voting for the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

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Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 18, 1918

Senator William Pollock,
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Pollock:--

The women of Minnesota wish to appeal to you to help their enfranchisement by voting for the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

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Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 18, 1918

Senator Edward J. Gray,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Gray:--

The women of Minnesota wish to appeal to you to help their enfranchisement by voting for the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

By the Minnesota constitution, a state suffrage amendment must secure a majority of all the votes cast, not simply a majority of votes on the question. On this account no amendment on a controversial subject has been able to secure the necessary number of votes. The indifferent voter who does not mark the amendment ballot practically casts a vote against the measure. We see no way of obtaining the franchise in this state except through national action.

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Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 18, 1918

Mr. Hilding Swanson,
Brainerd,
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Swanson:--

We have sent out a form letter to all the members of the legislature who are friendly to suffrage explaining the stand that our association has taken in regard to a state suffrage amendment.

I wrote you before about this matter and am pleased that you agree with us that it is wise not to try for a state amendment. We hope to be able to head off this measure if it comes up for a vote in either the House or the Senate, and I hope we may have your co-operation in this.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland) State President

Dec. 18, 1918

Hon. John Swanson,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Swanson:--

I am very glad indeed that you agree with us in our opinion that it would be unwise to try for a woman suffrage amendment in Minnesota.

We are particularly anxious to head off a movement for such a state amendment. A very small group of people tried to get such a measure passed in the 1917 legislature, and our friends were able to defeat it in the Senate. This same group of people are working to the same end in this present legislature and we are most anxious to prevent this being done, because it would mean that our association would have the very great responsibility and the very great expense of trying to get it passed when we would know that the chances are very much against its being successful.

So I want to urge you to join with others of our friends in the legislature to prevent this measure from coming up for a vote, if you possibly can do so.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland) State President

December 18, 1918

Miss Ella Gatzow,
Wyoming,
Minnesota

My dear Miss Gatzow:-

Both Miss Randall and I are disappointed that you feel you cannot do this work for us because of your position in the post office. Miss Randall speaks so highly of you, I felt that if anyone could do this, it would be you. However, we will have to let Wyoming out of the suffrage map, I am afraid.

I trust I am not ungracious if I just say (so that you can repeat it to whoever believes woman suffrage to be politics) that Miss Gratia Countryman, our much honored and much loved Librarian, who has charge of the Minneapolis Public Library System, is constantly working for the advancement of suffrage for women both publicly and otherwise. Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau in Washington, puts woman suffrage into practically every speech regarding child welfare.

I fear that Wyoming is not very progressive along these lines; that is another reason for putting woman suffrage before the women.

Do you know of anyone else whom you could recommend for this work?

Thanking you for your willingness to do what you can, I am,
Sincerely yours,

December 18, 1918

Mrs. Halvor Halverson,
Sauk Center
Minnesota

Dear Alice:-

Thank you so much for the petition. I am afraid a mistake was made and that too small a quota was given for the city of Sauk Center. I guess we sent you the quota for the township of Sauk Center. The voting population, two years ago, of the city of Sauk Center was 525, so that you should have been given a quota of 270 men and 270 women. But never mind now.

It may be that our amendment may come up for ratification soon after the Holidays, and then our work will be done, but if it is postponed and we have several weeks more, perhaps you Sauk Center women will be willing to go out again and "mop up" all the signatures that are possible.

I am very glad that you have been appointed on the County Child Welfare Board. It pleases me very much to think of your filling such a very useful place in the work of our state.

Affectionately,

December 18, 1918

Mrs. E. Heck,
Watertown,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Heck:--

I am much disturbed about the enclosed article which came to the State Suffrage association through their clipping bureau.

There is a misunderstanding somewhere, for the article seems to be headed up "Lester Prairie News" and yet speaks of "several Watertown ladies." It seems to me that the Lester Prairie News copied it from the Watertown paper.

Will you please write me and tell me if you have seen this article in your local paper, and if so, whether any steps have been taken to set the townspeople right by way of another article of correction.

You had such a splendid committee of nine women in Watertown. How is the work progressing?

Sincerely yours,

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OLIVIA, MINNESOTA

Dec . 18th, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis, Minn.
My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Enclosed find fifty additional names to add to Olivia's suffrage petition. I still have twenty five to get. Have that list partly filled but will wait until it is all filled before sending in. Sorry to make it so detached.

Yours,

Hattie S. Bordewich

Lanesford Mass
Dec 18 1878

My dear Mrs Ueland

I am enclosing
petition filled
with voters signatures
this makes our quota
complete.

With sincere
wishes and thanking
you for the invitation to
the Lanesboro women to
the convention, I am

Sincerely
Mrs M J Hoshorn

Milaca, Minn. Dec. 18. 1918

Mrs. Andrews Ueland
Pres. Minn. Woman Suffrage Association
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Mrs Ueland:-

It gives me pleasure to assure you that the representative in the state senate from the 55th. District, in the coming session of the Legislature, will use his influence and vote in favor of the Woman Suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution. I share with you the wish and hope that the same will become a part of the Constitution

Yours very truly

Richard Harner

Sermantown, Minn., Dec. 18, 1918.

Minn. Woman's Suffrage Assoc.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam: Attention Mrs. Ueland.

Yours of the 14th. at hand and contents noted.

I quite agree with you that, at this time ~~at~~
~~this time~~ at least, it is very doubtful *if* equal suffrage
could be secured by constitutional amendment in this state.
The result of the fight on the prohibition amendment indicates
this. Fact of the matter is that ~~is~~ is very difficult
to secure any amendments in this state, until we have first
secured a more easy method of constitutional amendment.

However woman is entitled to the privilege
of suffrage, and I will be guided largely by your wishes
in the matter, and will support either state, or Federal
amendments to this effect. I am inclined *to* think that if
once we get the prohibition question out of the way ~~it~~ will
be easier to pass a suffrage amendment.

I shall be glad to talk this matter over with
you when I come to St Paul, and to give you such
assistance as I can to further the cause.

Yours very truly.

H. O. Bernal

F. H. PETERSON
LAWYER
MOORHEAD, - MINN.

December 18, 1918

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
405 Essux Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland:

I have yours of the 14th.

I am perfectly willing to be guided by your
thought with reference to the Suffrage Amend-
ment. You studied the matter and know more
about it than many of us.

Yours very truly,

F. H. Peterson



CHAS. E. YOUNG,
SUPERINTENDENT.



STAPLES MINN. Dec. 19, '18.

Equal Suffrage Headquarters,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Madams:-- Can you mail me for the use of this school and teacher of Civics any fresh material you may have at hand on the present status of the Suffrage question? It comes up in the classes of the Senior High School in Civics and Govt. and such matters as well as current history.

Yours truly,

C. E. Young

December 20, 1918

Hon. H. O. Berve,
Germantown,
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Berve:--

I am very glad indeed that you agree with us that it is not wise to try for a state suffrage amendment in Minnesota but rather to center our efforts on a Federal Amendment.

The truth is that an effort is being made by a very small group of people to get a state amendment through the next session of the state legislature. We think this is a very serious mistake and we want to head it off if we possibly can. As I explained to you before, it is both the National and State policy not to try to get state amendments through states with difficult constitutions, like Minnesota.

If the legislature should pass such a state amendment it would be our large and well organized association that would have to stand the responsibility and raise the money for such a campaign. So we want to do everything possible to head off such a movement before it gets to far under way. I am glad that you will co-operate with us in this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 20, 1918

Mr. C. E. Young, Supt.,
Board of Education,
Staples, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Young:-

In answer to your request for up to date material on suffrage, would say that things have moved so quickly of late that we are unable to send you pamphlets on the present situation.

I am sending under separate cover two copies of the Woman Citizen, marked, and will put you personally on the bulletin mailing list for the future. If any pamphlets of value come to us from the National Association in the near future, we will forward them to you.

Trusting this matter will be available and valuable.

Very cordially yours,

State Press Chairman

(Mrs. Walter Thorp)

Dec. 20, 1918

Mrs. N. H. Hermann
Tenstrike,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hermann:-

We wish to thank you for the petition you sent in from Tenstrike with signatures of 7 women and 9 men.

Do not think we fail to appreciate your efforts, but we are going to ask you, if possible, to secure the signatures of 23 more women and 21 more men. When you have obtained these, you will have met the quota automatically assigned to Tenstrike -- 30 -- a bare majority.

We aim to show our legislators that wherever a petition of this sort has been circulated, a majority of the men and women of voting age are in favor. As a matter of fact, we believe the majority is in favor, everywhere, but that it is merely a matter of reaching all those who are in favor. We cannot, of course, reach every village and city in the state, so that it is important that all towns where such a petition is circulated gets its quota of signatures. After all, 21 and 23 will not be so difficult, now that you have a start.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

~~To me,~~

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland

State President

1.
Watertown Minn.

Dec. 20-1918

Miss Grace Randall

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Miss Randall,

Your letter of 18 inst. - with enclosed clipping - came to me to day.

I must admit that the article appeared in our local paper - because nearly every lady named told the Editor that they had given no promise.

I talked with every lady on the committee and all - with exception of Mrs. Anderson - refused to have any thing to do

with the work.

Mrs. Anderson said maybe later she could work. I told her I did not care to act as chairman - but if the other women would work I would work with them.

I have simply let the matter drop for the present as the Flu is pretty bad round us.

I will talk later with them - and if they care to take up this work, I will help; if not I think we must

let it drop.

Mr. Teas, ^{editor} asked me if I had refused to work on the committee - and I told him exactly as I did you - That - I didn't care to act as chairman - but if the women would work - I would work, too.

In this case you will not find the editor at fault; as some of the ladies called him up as soon as the names of the son. appeared - and most emphatically denied having promised to work.

I am not, myself a very enthusiastic

suffrage matter. but
I believe in Women's
Suffrage.

I guess I'm rather
a drone, or am un-
ambitious or something.

Believe me -

Yours very truly
Hattie Heck.

Mrs Eugene Heck
Watertown
Maine.

*Please
Return*

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN

LESTER PRAIRIE (MINN.)...NEWS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1918,

he pitched in a game day and no other than the great Chief Meyers, formerly of the New York Giants, caught him, and that they won by a score of 3 to 0. George also poled out a three base hit. He likes the Marines fine.

X A representative of the State Women Suffrage League, was in town a couple of weeks ago, and called at our office with an item. She had several Watertown ladies connected with a local committee, and, we in good faith, published the item. We learned later that several of those ladies never gave the representative a promise, and that she took it on her own shoulders. And still they say give women the vote to clean politics.

Watertown and vicinity nicely baptised in blood with her patriotic dead, wounded and O. K's. The dead Victor Cornell, Eugene Earley, Mike V. Burns, Otto Shilling, William Patten, Thos. Kuka and Eddie Lindquist. The wounded: Alfred Baldus, Arthur Jones, Ossean Pierson, Kenneth McDonald, Fred Windorf, Herbert Cederstrom, Paul Kuka and Harry Milford. The above soldiers assisted the U. S. army with the Allies in the enforcement of world's democracy and justice, and doing away with plutocratic autocracy and will be remembered by their friends for a long long time.—News.

LAKE SHORE FARM

F. E. LINDSLEY, PROP.

R. F. D. No. 1, GARVIN, MINN. Dec. 20th 1918

Mrs. Andreas Ueland

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland:

Your letter of the 14th at hand will say that I am a little late in answering it, was not at home at the time it came.

Will say that I heartily agree with you in regard to the state amendment getting turned down as a majority of the voters that vote for the liquor traffic will vote against woman suffrage.

I think perhaps it is the thing to do to concentrate on the Federal Amendment.

Hoping this will be the answer you were looking for I remain.

Yours very Truly,

F. E. Lindsley

C. H. WARNER
52ND DISTRICT
AITKIN, MINN.



Aitkin, Minnesota, December 20th, 1918

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, State President,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs Ueland:-

Replying to your favor of the 14th inst in which you ask if I agree with you "That a state amendment to the constitution has small chance of success in this state?" permit me to say that while I realize it is difficult to amend the constitution and the negative to the proposed amendment always has an advantage, it is by no means impossible to over come and I am not prepared to say that it is not a wise provision. Personally I do not think it is best to have the State Constitution too easily amended and when there is a wide spread, general demand for any change and it is submitted to the people, I believe we may safely rely upon the people to act and act wisely.

You cite the "Dry Amendment" which on the face of the returns has been defeated. Much has been sacrificed in way of time, effort and money to carry the dry amendment. If it has been defeated, I cannot help but feel that it has been defeated, first because it was submitted too soon and

C. H. WARNER
52ND DISTRICT
AITKIN, MINN.



second because the drys asked for too much. After fighting for 18 years for county option we found that the bill had scarcely been approved by the Governor before the agitation for prohibition was taken up. County option was a long foreward step in temperance legislation. It made two-thirds of the state dry and wiped out some 2,500 saloons. The people, a good many of them, as I understand it, did not object to the use of a little beer or light wines in the homes and if that could have been permitted and every saloon in the state wiped out and the manufacture and sale of distilled liquors prohibited, I feel very sure that the amendment providing for that kind of prohibition would have been many thousand votes stronger. The friends of temperance in your own city will now admit that the over zealous friends had the county option election in Hennepin county too soon. Just so we had the prohibition amendment submitted too soon.

As a member of the coming session of the Legislature I shall probably be guided in my attitude on Suffrage by what the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association decide upon for a program, if that decision is reached with any degree of unanimity. But Mrs. Ueland my personal judgement is

C. H. WARNER
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AITKIN, MINN.



that our constitution can be amended to give women suffrage and it seems to me that the noble work they have done through the various war activities, the manner in which they have been filling positions formerly held by men in various walks of life and the splendid contributions they have made to the winning of the war, should mean thousands and thousands of additional votes for the amendment. It seems to me that the 75,000 boys from Minnesota who are returning from service and have seen the work of the American Red Cross and realize that that work has been made possible by the women of America, will feel like casting almost a solid vote for the amendment. I believe the amendment is worth fighting for and I believe that we can win.

The danger in your suggestion is that it will give some weak-kneed members the excuse they are looking for, to be against it.

Now the foregoing are simply my opinions. Possibly I am wrong. At any rate you have my very best wishes for success in the program that you finally decide upon and you are at liberty to call upon me for any assistance that I can give.

Yours very truly,

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Dec. 20th, 1918

Mrs. Clara Ueland,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland,

Your letter asking my opinion on the question of the submission of a suffrage amendment is at hand. In reply I will state that I agree with in that an amendment to our state constitution would hardly carry.

I am also of the opinion that a good many would be opposed to repealing the law requiring a majority of of all votes cast to carry an amendment to our constitution,

I am most sincerely hoping that we shall be able to get womens suffrage in the near future and anything that I can do after I get down there will be a pleasure to me.

Have you checked up the present house and senate so that you know how they stand?

It will be a happy day to me when I can vote to ratify the Federal dry amendment this winter and I hope that you can get congress to submit to us the suffrage amendment also, we must leave nothing undone to accomplish this.

Thanking you for the priveledge of expressing my sentiments on this question I am

Yours very truly,

John L. Wold

[Dec. 21, 1918]
to see people or even go to their homes.
Hope other localities will send in
a fuller list - and so make up
for our deficiency -

Very truly

Ada L. Smith, Mrs. Andreas Meland, Pres.
Minn. apolo.
Minn.

(Mrs. W. W. Smith).

Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Dec. 21-1918

Dear Mrs. Meland. I am sending in
the list of names on the petition for
suffrage - It is not very satisfactory
to me, nor will it be to you - but
in and around Sleepy Eye we have
been pretty badly afflicted with the
flu - making it almost impossible

PARK TRAMMELL
CHAIRMAN

United States Senate,
COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 21st, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, State President,
403 Essex Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Your letter in favor of the
Suffrage Amendment received and in reply
I beg to advise that I shall be pleased
to give careful consideration to your
views upon this subject.

Most respectfully,

Park Trammell

Dec. 23, 1918

Mrs. J. Van Rossum,
Lismore,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Van Rossum:--

We thank you for the petition from
Lismore with signatures of eleven women.

Inasmuch as we asked that petitions
be sent in as soon as possible, we presume you
sent this in before you had really had time
to finish, but as our convention had to be
postponed because of the ban on state meetings,
we are asking our committees to put a little
more time on their petition work and send in
full quotas.

In checking in your petition, we
find we gave you too high a quota, as we in-
cluded the township of Lismore also. Your
quota is 40, i.e. signatures of forty men and
of forty women; which is a bare majority, as
the state record shows that you had at the
last election 79 voters.

We want to get just as many names
on this monster petition as we possibly can
by January 5th. Will you not therefore do
everything possible to bring your numbers up
to the quota? We suggest you get three or
four women together some evening about five
o'clock and canvass until 8, and you will then
have your full quota. Mrs. Helen Grieg and
possibly Mrs. E. W. Thompson will undoubtedly
help. If you each succeed in getting the names
of 15 men and 15 women, you would more than meet
your quota.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I
am,

Sincerely,

Business Sec'y.

December 23, 1918

Mrs. Norman H. Stadum,
Glyndon
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Stadum:--

We are in receipt of the petition you sent and appreciate deeply your co-operation in carrying out this necessary work for suffrage, so promptly.

You probably sent these in before completing the quota for your city - signatures of 45 women and of 45 men - realizing that we needed as full reports as possible for the state convention. The order of the state board of health made it necessary for us to postpone the convention, and since the United States Senate has taken no action upon our amendment as yet, we will continue the petition work for another ten days.

We also notice that you have done all this work yourself and wonder whether you cannot get some others to help you complete your quota.

Under these circumstances will you not rally your supporters and see if your full quota of signatures cannot be secured by the 7th of January when our legislature convenes? Your petition contains names of 25 women and 30 men, so that it would only mean signatures of 20 more women and of 15 more men.

With best wishes for Christmas and New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President

Dec.23,1918

Mrs. C. H. Hastings,
Verndale
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hastings:-

We are in receipt of your petition and appreciate deeply your co-operation in carrying out this necessary work for suffrage. We also appreciate the promptness with which you returned these to us.

We have met your full quota of women's signatures, and probably sent in the petition before completing the quota of men for your town, realizing that we needed as full reports as possible for the state convention. The order of the state board of health made it necessary for us to postpone the convention, and since the United States Senate has taken no action upon our amendment as yet, we will continue the petition work for another ten days.

Under these circumstances will you not please try to send us signatures of 23 more men? If possible, we would like to have these in by the 7th of January, when our state legislature convenes.

With best wishes for Christmas and New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 23, 1918

Mrs. A. L. Hanson,
Ada,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hanson:-

We are in receipt of the petitions you sent and appreciate deeply your co-operation in carrying out this necessary work for suffrage.

You probably sent these in before completing the quota for your city - signatures of 170 men and 170 women - realizing that we needed as full reports as possible for the state convention. The order of the state board of health made it necessary for us to postpone the convention, and since the United States Senate has taken no action upon our amendment as yet, we will continue the petition work for another ten days.

Under these circumstances will you not rally your supporters and see if your full quota of signatures cannot be secured by the 7th of January when our legislature convenes.

We shall miss Mr. Hanson very much in the Senate this year.

With best wishes for Christmas and New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Sent in signatures of 144 women & 20 men

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THE EFFORTS OF THE STATE AND OF
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Dec. 23, 1918.

My dear Miss Haeberich—

I am finding this chairmanship a great big undertaking or rather it would be if I were in a position to throw myself into the gaps left vacant by other people. Now to cap the climax one of my ward chairmen has left town and despite my many warnings as I find nothing practically has been done and 3 blank petitions for men & the same for women lost. Please mail the same to Mrs. Wm. Betts, 403. 3rd. Ave., N.E. or more if you can spare them it will help get it done quicker if we have a few more sheets. No we surely have to have them in by Jan 1!

Sincerely,

L. A. Lemmell,

Mrs. W. H.
423 Holly St.
Brainerd, Minn.



WILLIAM F. BROOKS

CANDIDATE FOR

STATE SENATOR

31ST DISTRICT

(COMPRISING 5TH AND 6TH WARDS)



RESIDENCE 1928 STEVENS AVENUE
PHONE NICOLLET 5563

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,

December
Twenty-third,
1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
President, Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association,
303 Essex Bldg., Minneapolis.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 14 and must apologize for not sooner having replied to same but press of important business has prevented.

I am not familiar enough with the legislative situation to offer an opinion as to the best manner of handling the matter in the coming Session of the State Legislature. As you are aware, I am in favor of Woman Suffrage and when the time comes to act on this matter by the Legislature, I shall do whatever I can to further the proposition.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

WFB-CB

Dec. 26, 1918

Mrs. W. E. Pearson,
Fosston,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Pearson:--

We are in receipt of the petition you sent and appreciate deeply your co-operation in carrying out this necessary work for suffrage.

You probably sent these in before completing the quota for your city - signatures of 105 men and 105 women - realizing that we needed as full reports as possible for the state convention. The order of the state board of health made it necessary for us to postpone the convention, and since the United States Senate has taken no action upon our amendment as yet, we will continue the petition work for another ten days.

We also notice that you have done all this work yourself and wonder whether you cannot get some others to help you complete the quota.

Under these circumstances will you not rally your supporters and see if your full quota of signatures cannot be secured by the 7th of January when our legislature convenes. Your petition contains names of 34 women and 28 men.

With best wishes for Christmas and New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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Clara M. Heckrich, 403 Essex Building
Telephone, Nicollet 6270

December 26, 1918.

Plans are being made by a small group of people to get a State suffrage Amendment through the legislature this winter. This is a very serious mistake, and we want your help in preventing such action. Our National as well as our State Association after the most careful study adopted the policy by which no state with a constitution difficult to amend will attempt a state amendment. You know the fate of the prohibition amendment. The temperance societies raised between one and two hundred thousand dollars for one year's campaign and we would have to try to do as well. To make a thorough campaign the suffragists in each county would have to raise at least one thousand dollars besides giving their time and strength to an effort that they know is apt to be defeated.

Will you and some of the other women in your town please write

BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR ST. PAUL, explaining to them that the women in your district are working for the FEDERAL Suffrage Amendment and DO NOT WANT A STATE amendment passed. Ask them to use their influence against a STATE amendment and if necessary vote against it, but by all means to vote for the ratification of the FEDERAL amendment when it is presented.

This is most important. Your legislators are influenced most by the opinions of people in your district. We rely on your help.

Sincerely yours,

Clara Ueland

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

STATE PRESIDENT

FORM LETTER FOR PRESS COLUMN TO SEND TO EDITORS

My dear Mr. Editor:

You probably know that the Federal Suffrage Amendment will come to vote in the United States Senate within a very short time, the exact date having not yet been set. I am writing to call your attention to the fact that there is really a great deal of interest, both among women and men, in the passage of this measure and I want to ask you to keep your columns open to discussion of the subject and to the news about it that is constantly maturing.

It is amazing how many editors of prominence have come out for the Amendment editorially. It is especially amazing to consider the number of such editors and such papers in the South.

I shall be able to send you from day to day some news items, interviews and special letters which I believe will be of interest to your readers. Will you not see to it that they are given space in the columns of your paper?

Sincerely yours,

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:
MRS. GEORGE W. REINECKE
WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS
1623 H STREET, N. W.

December 26th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

As you see by the letterhead, I am now engaged in organizing the Republican women, and I am writing to ask if you will be good enough to send me the names of the leading Republican women in your State.

I appeal to you as a suffragist, not knowing whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, because I assume that all of us who have been actively engaged in suffrage are equally interested in the political education of our sisters. We all know that the active suffragists are the best trained women politically, and it is for this reason that I am particularly anxious to have the information about the women in your State come from the suffrage headquarters.

Any information that you can give me will be most gratefully received, and if you can send it to me at an early date, I shall be most indebted to you.

Cordially yours,

Ruth McCormick
m.

(Mrs. Medill McCormick)

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Germantown, Minn., Dec. 26, 1918.

Minnesota Woman's Suffrage Assoc.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Attention Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

Yours of the 20th at hand and contents noted.

As I stated in my former letter, there is not much prospect of success for a suffrage amendment to the Minnesota constitution, judging by the prohibition amendment as well as other amendments that have been tried.

However I have always been a supporter of equal suffrage, and am pledged to this reform, and if there should be a strong demand for the submission of an amendment, I would not promise to vote against it. I have but scant faith in the success of such an amendment, but do not feel that I should care to be placed in a position of opposing equal suffrage, in case a bill for such an amendment should be introduced.

As a suggestion, applying to this as well as other states, would it not be well to have the various Legislatures pass memorials asking Congress to submit the suffrage amendment? I just notice that several governors are reported to have taken action of this kind.

I shall be glad to do anything I can to further the cause of equal suffrage during the coming session.

Yours very truly.

H. O. Berve

December 27, 1918

Mrs. A. L. Searle,
Minneapolis,
Minn.

My dear Mrs. Searle:-

Enclosed herewith is the
\$5.00 bill which you gave us for
tickets to the luncheon.

Yours very truly

December 27, 1918

Mr. M. B. Cullum,
Providence Bldg.,
Duluth, Minn.

My dear Mr. Cullum:-

I want to tell you frankly that the great body of suffragists in the state, including those in St. Louis County, do not want a state suffrage amendment.

A very small group of people worked for such a measure in the last legislature and our friends in the Senate were successful in defeating it. They will probably try to have such an amendment passed this coming session, and I want you to be informed as to the attitude of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association which is against this measure.

As you probably know, ours is the long established association which has been carrying on work in the state since 1881. We have more than thirty thousand members and active committees in more than 450 towns.

I trust you will use your influence against a state suffrage amendment, as after the fate of the prohibition amendment we feel confident that a suffrage amendment would stand little chance of success and we would be very sorry indeed to have to take the responsibility of carrying on a state campaign and of raising the very large sum of money necessary for such a piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President

December 27, 1918

Mrs. Frank Kranz,
Rutledge,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Kranz:-

Your name has been given us as one of the progressive leaders in your town who is interested in woman suffrage.

We have representatives in over 450 towns in Minnesota who look after suffrage affairs, and I want to ask if you will not be willing to look after our interests in Rutledge.

At present we are circulating a petition to the state legislature asking that they vote in favor of the Federal Suffrage Amendment when it passes the United States Senate.

Enclosed you will find a return envelope, stamped and addressed, and I hope we may hear that you will help us to put suffrage through in Minnesota. We will send you complete directions for such work as we will ask of you.

Trusting we may have your co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 27, 1918

Mrs. J. W. Runquist,
Grasston,
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Runquist:-

Your name has been given us as one of the progressive leaders in your town, and one who is interested in woman suffrage.

We have representatives in over 450 towns in Minnesota who look after suffrage affairs, and I want to ask if you will not be willing to look after our interests in Grasston.

At present we are circulating a petition to the state legislature asking that they ratify our Federal Amendment when it passes the United States Senate.

Enclosed you will find a return envelope, stamped and addressed, and I hope we may hear that you will help us put suffrage through in Minnesota. We send complete directions for such work as we will ask of you.

Trusting we may have your co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 27, 1918

Miss Nora Helgeson,
Jordan,
Minnesota

My dear Miss Helgeson:--

Thank you for the petitions you sent us from Jordan, with signatures of 50 women and 10 men. We realize what hard work this is, especially as you apparently did this alone. Was it not possible to interest some of the other women sufficiently to help you?

So far our federal suffrage amendment has not yet passed the Senate, so that we will have additional time in which to get our petition work finished. We understand that all of Scott County is rather difficult to interest in woman suffrage. However, don't you think that it is possible that more than ten men out of 221 voters believe in suffrage for women? I wish you would write us frankly, telling us what the situation is.

My own experience here in Minneapolis has been that it is rather harder to find the men at home than it is to get them to sign our petition. (Our cause has surely grown popular within the last few years.) We also found that if a group of women worked in a certain district, each one taking a block or two, at the same time from about 5:30 until 8, they could get a goodly number of signatures. In a sparsely settled district, eight young women, most of them teachers, secured about 200 signatures in a single evening. The hours, 5:30 until 8, usually find the men at home.

If we could only get 65 more women's signatures and about 100 more men's, you would meet your quota, and would be able to show your legislators that the majority of men in Jordan believe in suffrage, and a majority of women want to vote. This is the ultimate idea of our petition work.

Please do not think we lack appreciation of your efforts. We do know how hard it is to make certain people see the "light" of the new day, and it is in just such districts that the work in the long run counts most.

Thanking you for your co-operation, and hoping to get an additional list by, probably, January 10th, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
10TH DISTRICT

CONSTANCE, MINN.

Dec 27th 1915.

Mrs Ueland.
 Mpls. Minn.

Dear Mrs Ueland:

I am very sorry that I did not get the petition blanks filled, but owing to a continual sickness in my home, it has been impossible for me to get around in the country as I would like to have done. I sent the petition around and got as many names as I could in the immediate community. The men whose name appear on the list are all farmers with the exception of one. We are sending a farmer, a splendid man, from our list (44th) to the legislature, this coming session and we are looking for big things to be done, by all the representatives, believing that the finest and biggest thing they will do, is to ratify the Federal Suffrage amendment.

Sincerely Yours,

Bertha L. Thompson.

(Mrs. Theo. A. Thompson)

Sickness has been a sorry handicap - our state -

But the fact that the U.S.S. has not yet put an end to this extends our time -

Everywhere the complete quota not reached work is continuing. You are so very near the goal don't you think it would be possible to get 3 more men and women -

December 28, 1918

Senator Frank E. Putnam,
Blue Earth,
Minnesota

My dear Senator Putnam:-

As you probably know, our Federal Amendment has not yet been passed by the United States Senate. It lacks just one vote and our National Committee, which is working in Washington, thinks they may get this one needed vote almost any time.

In the meantime, Mrs. Catt asks us to get our Minnesota Legislature to pass a resolution calling upon the Senate to pass the Federal Suffrage Amendment. She wants us to get this at the earliest possible moment. She believes that such resolutions will influence the Senate greatly.

We have asked Mr. S.R. Child to draw up this resolution and we have consulted Mr. W.I. Nolan and Lieut. Governor Frankson, who both believe that our legislature would pass such a resolution.

We want to ask you if you will be so kind as to present this in the Senate. Mrs. Catt advises us to send a copy of the resolution to each member of the legislature who is friendly to us. I should also like to tell them that you will present it.

We ought to get this letter out to the members before they come to St. Paul so may I ask for an immediate reply to this?

Thanking you for your many favors and kindnesses, I am,

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President

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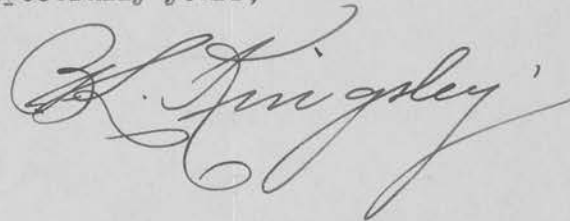
Dec 28, 1918.

Mrs Andrus Ueland,
403 Essex Bldg.,
City.

My dear Mrs. Ueland-

Replying to your letter of Dec 14th
please be advised that I have on several occasions
written favorably in behalf of your cause and can see
no reason why my attitude is not on record in your
files.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. L. Dingley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "C. L. Dingley".

BLK/H

Miss C. G. Miller
Teacher of Piano
RANDOLPH, MINN.

Dec. 28th 1918
20th
LD

Minn. Woman Suffrageless.
Mpls. Minn

Dear workers -

Four lovely names I send,
I was a victim of the flu
the next day Miss Randall
was here, just Sahin Ach.
lost two months work
then our public schools & church
services closed & people requested
to remain at home.
No telling when our Red Cross
etc. will reopen -
If I can be or may be of
further assistance when this
epidemic abates, will be glad
to do what I can -

Yours for woman suffrage
Cecilia Miller,
Randolph,
Minnesota.

12/28/18

WOMAN'S CLUB
LAKE CITY, MINN.

12/
24/
18

My dear Mrs. Ueland. -
Your letter of
December 26th received
and contents noted. -
Well say I will write our
Senator and Representative
(^{Mr} Carley and Leonard) also
fact with them and have
each member on the Cong.
mile - have also. Sorry that
so many things come up

all to detract from the
progress that has been
made. also the recent
attitude of the Women
at Washington is to be
regretted. I find it has
even caused some to hesitate
signing our petition—
nevertheless we hope to get
quite a number

Sincerely Yours
Margaret Laughlin
Secy

(Mrs M J Laughlin)

State of Minnesota

SENATE CHAMBER

A. L. HANSON
ADA, MINN.
SENATOR 64TH. DISTRICT

Ada, Minn., Dec. 29-1918

Mrs Andreas Meland.

403 Essex Building,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mrs Meland:-

I have your of Dec. 23. We did not understand from Mrs Stevens directions that there was a quota we had to reach. at any rate we canvassed the town and got all the signatures possible. We could not add another one on the petition should we try.

Mr Hanson and I leave for California soon after the new year, to be with Lucile + Afton who are attending Pomona College at Claremont.

I will ask some of the women to write Mr Nold + Mr Slake.

Sincerely yours
Mar T. Hanson

Crookston Mine
Dec 30th 1918-

Clara Ueland
Minneapolis
Minn.

My Dear Miss Ueland

Just to tell you how hard I have tried to fulfill your expectations of Crookston.

In one of your letters you advised to take until Jan, 1st to get the petitions signed. I have had them in our Library. Rest Room. and The Arts Craft Shop. where I thought many of our ladies would avail themselves. and every few days reminded them thru the column of our daily paper.

You will note some of the list are entirely male signers. I succeeded in getting three others with my self and we attended a banquet given at ~~the~~ Commercial Club rooms. getting all but four or five names. I hope the women have done as well. shall gather them up this afternoon and forward to you.

Wm Hodgson our President has not been able to help in any way.

I promised Wm Sterner that I would put each chairman to work in their respective hands being Crookston's chairman for the Nat. Council of Defense work. only two out of the eight

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responded: being near The Holiday season
few were sick and some not so yet in
sympathy with the cause.

I tried three different days to get some of
these ladies to meet Mrs Stennis but failed.

Hon. John Boyd lives on his farm and
was unable to see him personally. but
I had letters written to them and the other
two you mentioned. signed by Mrs A. D. Stennis
and two other prominent women. and hope
this will be of some value.

I am enclosing a draft for twenty eight
dollars. and am expecting Mrs Hodgson
to call a meeting very soon and see
what we can do to raise more.

Miss Ueland could I ask you. if it is
possible to send me all items and facts
up to date that I may weave into a paper
for the Current Event Club Jan 7th that
I can ^{put} this question before those who need
it - It being the political section - I would
be most grateful for all such.

Hoping for success.

I am Sincerely yours.

Mrs C. E. Evans.

330. Washington

NEW-YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

DARWIN P. KINGSLEY, President

Clarissa, Minn.

Dec. 30, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland:- I am enclosing the petitions which you sent me. I have secured the signatures of nearly every one, a very few I haven't seen, and three men refused to sign, also three women. All of the women were old and not interested in things of today.

I have also written the three letters you asked me to. There are some signers who do not live in the village but in the Town ship, and come in to town to vote, is that all right? I could have secured a number more of those but was not sure it would be best. Any thing more I can do let me know.

Sincerely,

Maudie A. Thayer

(Mrs. L. O.)

Dec. 30 - 1918.

[Dec. 30, 1918]

The Deputies I appointed to turn in
names for me failed to do so and
these few are some I gathered myself
but I had so many other duties to attend
to I didn't have the time to devote to
it that it needed. The people are
mostly Scandinavian and Swede and
German and still cling to their old
beliefs that women are inferior to
men and should be in the home and
not want such a thing as suffrage. I
was surprised to find what I considered some
of our best business men held that view
but they are of the Lutheran faith and the
Lutheran Minister holds the same view
so that accounts for part of it. Am sorry
I couldn't have got more signatures but
send what I have

Sincerely Yours
Mrs B. Simpson

Bellevue, Minn

THE WILCOX COMPANY

HOLSTEIN CATTLE



YORKSHIRE SWINE

SIX MILES NORTHEAST SOO AND N. P. RAILROADS
ROUTE No. 2

WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN.

Dec 30, 1918
Mrs. Andreas Heland.
403 Essex Bldg.
Minneapolis Minn

My dear Mrs Heland:—

I certainly agree with you
that it is preferable to concentrate
on the Federal amendment, for as you
say, the chances for success for a
state amendment under the conditions
of our present constitution is very slight.

I will be glad to do what I can &
wherever possible to forward your move-
ment.

Mother says to send you her regards.

Yours respectfully
W. Wilcox

mail.

With sincere regrets
for our failure, and hop-
ing your judgement may
not be too severe, I am,

Very truly yours,
Ellen F. Spooner.

Mrs L

Morris, Minn.
Dec. 30, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

I think
I am as disappointed as you
will be when this reaches
you and you will learn
that we have not been
able to prepare the petition
you requested to the Minne-
sota Legislature, for the
ratification of the "Federal
Suffrage Amendment."

Enc. to the foregoing

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epidemic, there has been a ban on all public activities for the past three months, excepting, of course, the necessary ones, and it has been impossible for the committee to make even a beginning.

Several on our committee have been ill, one has died, a few are absent, and altogether the situation has been unusual as well as, distressing.

While I have not had the influenza, I have not been at all well the past month, and have been taking a much needed rest from very strenuous year's work.

However, the ban has been lifted - the schools open today - and, if it isn't too late for this work, I will try to do something the first of the year.

Some of the ladies are still very nervous over the situation and want to continue the ban on club meetings; but it is doubtful if that sentiment will pre-

LAW OFFICES
S. R. CHILD AND SHERMAN CHILD
816 LUMBER EXCHANGE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dec. 30, 1918.

To the United States Senate:

Whereas, nearly a half century ago the progressive spirit of American Democracy decreed in the Federal Constitution that the rights of citizens of the United States to vote should not be denied by any state on account of race or color, and

Whereas, more than a half of the citizens of voting age of more than two-thirds of the states of our nation are denied the right to vote solely because they are women.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, *that* we earnestly and urgently petition your honorable body to join with the House of Representatives ^{in its action} in proposing an amendment to the Constitution, providing ^{that} the right of any woman to vote shall not be denied ~~precluded~~ by any state solely because she is a woman.] ①

That a copy of this resolution with the names of those who voted for the same be forwarded to the president of the Senate and to each Senator and Representative from Minnesota.

[That the right of ^{citizens} women to vote shall not be denied by any state because of sex]
An alternative of ① above

December 31, 1918

Mrs. M. J. O'Laughlin,
Lake City
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. O'Laughlin:-

Thank you so much for writing to
your Senator and representative from
Wabasha County.

The Woman's Party, which is responsible for the freakish doings at Washington, are a very great trial to us. We have sent out again and again through the newspapers the statement that we did not approve of their tactics but it seems to be very hard work to get this fact generally known. There are comparatively few members of the Woman's Party in Minnesota. The great body of suffragists in this state belong to the National American Woman Suffrage Association of which Mrs. Catt is president and we believe in following dignified and constructive methods.

All you can do is to make this entirely plain to people wherever you go.

Just recently we have sent some statement to the various papers in this state. You might ask your Lake City papers if they would not see that this was published, or if you think it would help your work in Lake City, we will send a special letter to the editors of your papers.

I do hope the influenza situation is improving in your county and I hope you are getting along nicely with your petition work.

The amendment has not been passed by the United States Senate. We are hoping that it may be before many weeks. At any rate this gives us a somewhat longer time for our petition work so we must do the very best we can with it.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

December 31, 1918

Mrs. F. C. Meier,
Eden Valley
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Meier:--

In reply to your letter of December 10th. I will say that it was all right for you to keep your petition a little longer. Our amendment has not yet been passed by the United States Senate but we are hoping that it may before very long, so please get your petition in as soon as you conveniently can. What we want is the largest possible number of names.

We appreciate your co-operation, and thank you for the time you have given to this work.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 31, 1918

Mrs. P. N. Gillham,
Luverne
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Gillham:-

We were very sorry indeed to have to give up our convention. It interfered with our work in more ways than one. That is the time we take in our pledges for money, and otherwise come in contact with our workers out in the state, but it could not be helped.

Hope the influenza situation is very much improved in your part of the state. I am wondering if the women in your district would be willing to work any longer on the petitions in order to get the largest possible number of names? You sent in a very fine petition of women's names but your quota of men was not reached. Do you suppose it would be possible for you to get the signatures of 125 more men?

As you probably know, the suffrage amendment in the United States Senate has not been passed so we want to keep on with our petition work, and also get the resolutions so as to make the best possible showing when we come to ask for ratification from our legislature.

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 31, 1918

Mrs. C. M. Graves,
330 Washington
Crookston, Minn

My dear Mrs. Graves:--

Thank you so much for the check for \$28.67. I think you have done very well to raise this during the Holiday season. We appreciate this very much and also your determination to try to raise more.

We are hoping too that now the Holidays are over and the influenza situation is improving, you will be able to go on with the petition work. We will write you more particularly about this soon.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Dec. 31, 1918

Mr. W. R. Hodges,
Herald-Dispatch,
Sleepy Eye, Minn.

My dear Mr. Hodges:--

A short paragraph in your issue of
Friday December 20th says:

"If some of the suffragettes had been as much
interested in Red Cross work or some other
Christian or philanthropic work as they were in
picketing the White House they would have prob-
ably won in Louisiana and Oklahoma."

It is regrettable that we should so con-
tinually need to disentangle our organization
from that of the National Woman's Party in the
public mind, but it is, I suppose, inevitable.

First of all, the National American
Woman Suffrage Association which forms the great
bulk and bulwark of the suffrage movement in this
country is in no way identified with the Woman's
Party, -an insurgent body much younger in years and
smaller numerically - so small in fact as to be
almost entirely negligible in many localities.
The National Woman's Party does not believe in
winning suffrage by States and would not have
cared to work for suffrage in Louisiana or Okla-
homa. The campaign in those two states was made
entirely by members of the National American Woman
Suffrage Association - of which the Minnesota
Woman Suffrage Association is a branch - and I am
glad to be able to correct your impression that it
lost in both these states. It lost in Louisiana
and WON by a large majority in Oklahoma. The
reason the Oklahoma vote was not announced at the
same time with that of Louisiana, Michigan, South
Dakota and the rest was because of the length of
time it took to count the scattered vote and for
the attempts of the anti-suffragists to queer it
in every possible way. The entire campaign in that
state was carried on under the direction of Mrs.

Frank J. Shuler of New York, under the direction of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

The losing of the Louisiana campaign was only by 2,000 votes - a remarkable record in such a state - and the amendment passed in all the rural districts of the state and was defeated only by the Democratic machine in New Orleans itself. Every paper but one in the entire state was pro-suffrage.

As for the Red Cross work of suffragists, the head of the Council of National Defense, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, is a leader of the suffrage movement and has been all her life. Suffragists everywhere were among the most enthusiastic war workers, no where more so than in Minnesota.

It is obviously unfair to speak loosely of Woman's Party people and their activities as typical of the great body of women working for political enfranchisement patiently through legitimate channels.

Will you not correct your little paragraph's impression with one "rendering unto Caesar, etc.?"

Cordially yours,

State Press Chairman

(Mrs. Walter Thorp)

December 31, 1918

Miss Rose Young,
The Woman Citizen
171 Madison Ave
New York City

My dear Miss Young:-

In reply to your letter of Dec. 20th asking if it would be possible to give you the list of the Minneapolis members for the Woman Citizen, I am afraid I shall have to tell you that I think we cannot do this. We have a very formidable list of names as ours is a non-dues paying membership and I am afraid the files are not kept up so that it would not be very valuable if we could send it to you.

I think it may be possible for the Hennepin County Association to send you a selected list of perhaps 500 names of the people to whom we sent special notices of luncheons, etc., I am wondering if this would help you. They are apt to be the people who would interest advertisers rather more than a blanket list of women taken in every kind of a haphazard way. I will see what we can do for you with such a list if you would like it.

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

DECEMBER 31, 1918

Mrs. A. L. Hanson,
Ada,
Minn.

My dear Mrs. Hanson:--

Since you are leaving for California so soon, will you please see the other members of your committee before you go and tell them that we hope they will continue with this petition work? Your quota of men and women, each, was 100. The voting strength of Ada is 332 and so we ask you to get a majority of voter's signatures and an equal number of women. Your petition contains the names of twenty men. I feel quite sure that your committee will be able to get more signatures of men. I believe that the Ada men believe in woman suffrage and would be willing to sign.

It is a question of getting enough women and make a systematic canvass. For example the town of Montevideo has sent in petitions signed by 500 men and 500 women, and quite a number of towns have sent in more than their quota of women's names and not so many have exceeded their quota of men.

I do hope your women will succeed in getting a larger petition because we have a little longer time now since the Senate has not passed our amendment, and we want to try to run up the biggest possible petition. Will you not persuade one of the women on your committee to take the chairmanship while you are away?

I hope you and Mr. Hanson will have a delightful time in California.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Bayley, Minn., Dec. 31 [1918]

I am sending the lists left with me
for signatures and will ^{pay} it has been very hard
for me to attend to this matter as Red Cross and
other war work has been very heavy and on ac-
count the epidemic forest fire &c. has fallen on
a few of us and of course that was the most
urgent of all work now.

A great many of the men are away and the list
does not represent all who favor Women Suffrage.

Respectfully,

Mrs L. H. Hansell

16 more men

W. Geo. Hammett
Lawyer

Hawley, Minnesota Dec 31st 1918

Mrs Andreas Ueland
403 Essex Building
Minneapolis

Dear Mrs Ueland: —

I am sending in the
names I have been able to get but
they do not represent our village
by any means. But on account
of the "Flu" every thing has been
closed, and the board of health

W. Geo. Hammelt
Lawyer

Hawley, Minnesota

asked us not to visit in homes
at all. so it did not seem wise
to go from home to home, asking for
signers. Every one seems not only
willing but anxious to sign. At another
time. you wish signers. I am sure
I can get a large list.

Yours sincerely

Thos Geo Hammelt

(Mrs W Geo Hammelt)

St. Charles, Minn.
Dec. 31, 1918

My dear Mrs. Ireland.

I have not been able in my absence from the district to follow your suggestion that we - a number of us, go to call upon our district representative, Hon. Geo. D. Reed, at Fairbault, but I have written to him urging him with what force I could to vote as we wish.

I agree with you that it would be worse than useless to attempt to get a State Amendment through the Legislature.

Hoping the Federal amend-
ment will be without diffi-
culty passed by our Legislature

Very Cordially yours

Margaret Evans Huntington

Canby Minn

Dec 31 1918

Mrs A Ireland Mpls Minn
Dear Madam

Yours of the 14 at hand I have
delayed answering same so long
because I hoped to be able to
post myself more on the ? before
I answered you but my time have
been so taken up that it have not
come. If the dry? was settled over
the nation they wets would not
so much resist the w. suffrage
and it may be wise to delay but
the sentiment is changing in
your favor from year to year
so it is only a ? of time
I do not believe it would do any harm
to try the money cost is only a small
part. If I can I will visit you
and talk it over if you wish
Yours very truly Lars Olson